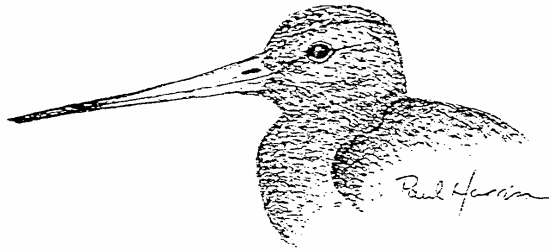


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Newsletter of
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Monthly Meetings: held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Papakura Croquet Club, 1 Chapel Street Papakura. Meetings start at 7:30. Visitors welcome. \$3.00 donation to cover costs.

July 8th	Graeme Taylor	Remote tracking and monitoring of seabirds.
August 12 th	John Innes	Urban Wildlife
September 9 th	Rob Shuckard	King Shags
October 14 th	Bartek Wypych	The Kingfishers at Puhinui
November 11 th	Andrew Styche	Flood control, agriculture and the Whangamarino wetland.

Christmas barbeque December 13th: This year hosted by Wim Houtman, 249 Seagrove Rd., Waiiau Pa. For birding arrive at 1.30 pm to check out the high tide roost (high tide 2.43pm) at Clark's Bay, otherwise, arrive from 5.30pm. BYO meat, drink and something to share. Contact Wim 09 2321623.

Beach Patrols: If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433. Meet at the car park on the corner of King Street and Queen Street near the Kentish Hotel, Waiuku at 9 am.

July 24th
August 21st

September 25th
October 23rd

November 27th
December 18th

Summer Wader Census: Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or aahabraken@gmail.com for details.

Firth of Thames November 9th

Manukau Harbour November 23rd

Field Trips

Bird Walks at the Auckland Botanic Gardens July 10th and 17th We are trialling bird walks to raise the profile of the society and perhaps gain new members. Help to locate birds and talk to people would be appreciated. Meet in the foyer of the visitor's centre at 9.00 am. Contact Wendy Goad 092927838.

Port Waikato September 13th– Look for Banded Dotterel territories in the dunes and bird the surrounding area. Carrot cake to follow (highly recommended). Contact Karen Opie 09 2329690.

Kidd's October 11th – See the newly arrived Godwits and other waders at one of New Zealand's best roosts. Meet outside the driveway to New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd, on Hinau Road, Karaka Lakes at 9 am. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500.

National Red-billed Gull Survey: The last full survey of Red-billed Gull colonies was carried out 50 years ago and this will be re-done over the next two years. This summer we hope to locate as many colonies as possible from past records and searching, to check if they are still active and count the number of breeding birds if we can. In the 2015-16 season a concerted effort will be made to visit and count every colony. If you know any places where Red-billed Gulls have bred, or might have bred, even by rumour, please let me know and, if possible, check to see if they are still active this summer. Ian Southey 09 2982500; or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.