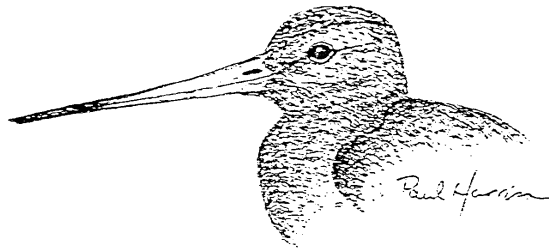


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**Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
Birds New Zealand**



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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.

February 10th	Members Evening	Your latest exploits, interests and achievements
March 10 th	Rob Shuckard	King Shags
April 14 th	Brian Gill	Moas – the big extinct birds of New Zealand.
May 12 th	John Perrott	Kookaburras in New Zealand
June 9 th	Matt Rayner	A curator on seabirds

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.

January 29th
February 26th

March 26th
April 23rd

May 28th
June 25th

Winter Wader Census: Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or aahabraken@gmail.com for details which will be given closer to the date.

Firth of Thames June 7th

Manukau Harbour June 21st

Field Trips

Bird walks, Auckland Botanic Gardens January 8th and 22nd Please come to help about 1.30pm by spotting birds for the group/or and talking to the people who turn up. Contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433 for details.

Spotted Shag count, inner gulf islands Feb 15th A joint trip with the Auckland region to repeat counts carried out in the 1970s to see if numbers have changed. We will charter a launch from Westhaven marina to survey the inner Hauraki Gulf islands. Cost \$100.00, minimum number of 10 people required. We need to know as soon as possible to confirm the booking so please contact Ian Southey 09 2982500; or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz to book a seat or to register interest.

Tuakau Sewage Ponds April 19th We go to the best places and expect to find a good variety of waterfowl. Meet at the end of Friedlander Rd, just north of Tuakau at 9.30 am. Contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

National Red-billed Gull Survey: It is recommended that all members holiday on the Coromandel this summer, have a good scan of the coast, visit the islands if they can and report any relevant gossip they hear so we can be well prepared for the comprehensive survey next year. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500; or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.

75th AGM and Conference May 30th to June 1st Celebrate a significant anniversary with a great social occasion, interesting presentations and great field trips. Registration now open on the website www.osnz.org.nz.