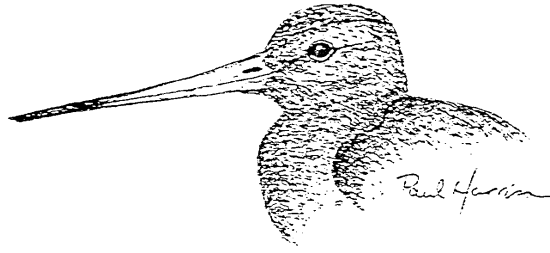


# KUAKA

**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 14th	Members Evening	Your latest exploits, interests and achievements
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	James Russell	Predator free New Zealand
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gillian Vaughan	The moult scheme and a workshop (bring a tablet if you have one)
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Borelle	At sea impacts on seabirds.
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Paris	Bats

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**Beach Patrols:** If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433.

March 16 <sup>th</sup>	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	July 27 <sup>th</sup>
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	

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

**Firth of Thames, June 18th**

**Manukau Harbour, June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## Field Trips

**Muir's Wetland, Waikato River, April 29th.** Sounds like a really good swamp with Bitterns and Fernbirds etc. We pay our way by making a bird list for the owners so come prepared. Meet at Waiuku in the carpark near the Kentish Hotel on the corner of King St and Constable Rd at 8.30 am. 4WD access only from the road. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500 or [iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz).

## Notices

**AGM** This year the Birds NZ AGM and conference is at Te Anau June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. A good chance to catch up with people and their projects. Earlybird registrations close on March 31<sup>st</sup> and you can find the registration forms on the Birds NZ website or follow this link <http://www.osnz.org.nz/sites/osnz.org.nz/files/Conference%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

**Shore Plovers** On January 31<sup>st</sup> 16 juvenile Shore Plovers were released by the Department of Conservation on Motutapu Island. They were captive reared and information on where about any sightings is being sought, especially on the mainland. Being young they don't have the obvious black masks but will have short orange legs and a big white eyebrow (pictures here <http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/shore-plover>). Please report any sightings to Alex Wilson [alwilson@doc.govt.nz](mailto:alwilson@doc.govt.nz) or to me and I'll pass them on.