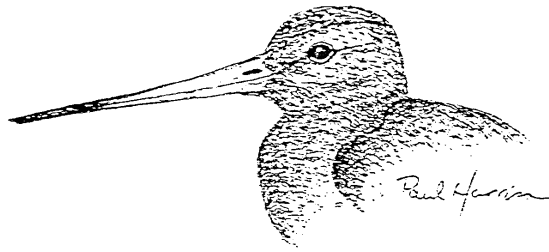


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Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
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Monthly Meetings: held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Papakura Croquet Club, 1 Chapel Street Papakura. Meetings start at 7:30. Visitors welcome. \$3.00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

July 12 th	Rachel Sagar	Seabirds as ocean sentinels: the case study of the Mottled Petrel
August 9 th	Hemi Whaanga	The Maori names of birds.
September 13 th	Dave Bryden	Kokako
October 11 th	Clinton Duffy	What lies beneath: the sharks and rays of the Manukau Harbour
November 8 th	Alice Baranyovits	Urban Kereru

Christmas barbeque December 4th: This year hosted at the Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre - arrive at the centre from 4.00 pm. BYO meat, drink and something to share. An excellent birding tide, 3.6m at 11.20, should take care of most of the morning and early afternoon. Contact Keith Woodley 09 2322781.

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

July 22 nd	September 22 th	November 24 th
August 25 th	October 20 th	December 15 th

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

Firth of Thames - November 20th

Manukau Harbour - November 13th

Field Trips

Bird Walks at the Auckland Botanic Gardens July 14th & 21st

More bird walks for the public. Help to locate birds and chat to people would be appreciated. Meet in the visitor's centre at 10.00 am. Contact Wendy Goad 092927838 or Ian Southey 092982500 iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.

Making Caspian Terns July 16th – Meet and work 10.00 am at David Lawrie's house, Pukekohe East carving Caspian Tern decoys out of polystyrene and painting them for the Port Waikato project. Contact David Lawrie 09 2388407 or Karen Opie 09 2329690

Port Waikato work day and Tuakau Sewage Ponds August 6th – Meet at Karen's house 10.00 am to help set up the dotterel fence, signs and maybe the decoy Caspian Terns at the port - Contact Karen Opie 09 2329690. In the afternoon at

3.00 pm meet at the end of Friedlander Rd, Tuakau to count the waterfowl on the sewage ponds – contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

Tiritiri Matangi overnight August 27th – Get to be there for the quiet times with a bit more leisure and the option to look for the night birds. Just 2 places left. Contact Carol Bates 0275627875 or les@pvs.co.nz. to book a place.

Awhitu Peninsula September 10th – Exploratory birding with a particular eye out for Fernbirds, bring lunch to eat at Lake Pokorua. Meet Waiuku 9a.m in the carpark behind the Kentish Hotel of Constable Rd. Contact Ian & Anna McNaughton 09 2350851 or kohekohestud@xtra.co.nz

Kidd's Shellbank, Karaka October 16th - See the newly arrived Godwits and other waders at one of New Zealand's best roosts. A good chance to learn these birds, practise counting them, look for bands and flags, fair chance of finding something rare or just enjoy the spectacle of the big flocks. Meet outside the driveway to New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd, on Hinau Road, Karaka Lakes at 8.30 am. High tide 11.25, 4.4m. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500.

Face book page: Thanks to Karen Opie the South Auckland branch of Birds New Zealand now has a presence on facebook and you can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/birdsnzsa> Please have a look at it, like it and contribute to it with local notes and pictures. We hope that this will allow us to interact more with the wider public.

National Black-billed Gull Survey: Another national survey of breeding birds for this season only requiring counts of breeding birds. They have been quietly expanding their range around the Auckland area so if you are aware of any colonies, especially in odd places (like the Coromandel area), please count the nests, or let me know and I will arrange to have it done. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500 or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.