



Birds New Zealand

NZ BIRD CONFERENCE & OSNZ AGM

Paihia, 2 June - 4 June 2018

(Queen's Birthday Weekend)

REGISTRATION FORM

A separate registration is required **for each person attending** and must be accompanied by the payment of specified costs.

Title/Name _____ Region _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Member Non member Phone () _____ Mobile () _____

A Registration and Meals

A1 Full Conference Registration - Incl. attendance at both scientific days, lunch, morning & afternoon tea

	Member	Non-member	
Standard registration			
<input type="radio"/> Earlybird - member (up to 31 March)	\$125		\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Late registration - member (from 1 April)	\$165		\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Non-member		\$195	\$ _____

Student registration			
<input type="radio"/> Earlybird - member (up to 31 March)	\$90		\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Late registration - member (from 1 April)	\$125		\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Non-member		\$150	\$ _____

A2 Daily Registration - Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

<input type="radio"/> Saturday 2 June (<i>presentations etc</i>)	\$90	\$140	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Sunday 3 June (<i>workshops & presentations</i>)	\$90	\$140	\$ _____

A3 Meals

<input type="radio"/> Saturday informal dinner (<i>cash bar avail.</i>)	\$50	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Saturday informal dinner - guest (<i>max. 1</i>)	\$50	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Sunday conference dinner (<i>cash bar avail.</i>)	\$55	\$55	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Sunday conference dinner - guest (<i>max. 1</i>)	\$55	\$55	\$ _____

Sub-Total A: Registration and Meals: \$ _____

Please specify any special dietary (GF/VEG/VEGAN) and/or access requirements:

B Field Trips Monday, 4 June

Choose ONE of the following – *all trip costs include transport and include a simple packed lunch*

	Member	Non-Member	
1. Tutukaka Pelagic	\$175	N/A	\$ _____
2. Urupukapuka Island	\$35	\$35	\$ _____
3. Puketi Forest Tour	\$50	\$60	\$ _____
4. Waitangi Estuary Kayak Tour	\$70	\$70	\$ _____
5. Ninety Mile Beach, Beach Patrol	\$325	N/A	\$ _____
6. Orongo Bay, Mist Netting & Banding	\$115	N/A	\$ _____

TOTAL for A and B:

Please pay this amount:

\$ _____

Payment Options

- 1) The preferred option is to register online and pay by direct deposit to account (ANZ 01-0338-0079633-01). Be sure to include your surname in the particulars / reference code.
- 2) Print this registration form, complete it and mail it to: *OSNZ Conference, 54 Oromahoe Road, Opuia 0200*. Either enclose a cheque - payable to "Ornithological Society of New Zealand, Far North Branch" - or deposit funds to ANZ 01-0338-0079633-01. For Direct Deposit be sure to include your surname in the particulars/ reference code. Given the uncertainty of mail delivery in Opuia, snail mail is not the preferred option.

I will be paying by:

- Direct Deposit to the Conference Committee
- Cheque

Confirmation of your registration will be made by e-mail, or by postal mail if an e-mail address is not provided. Our GST number is: 49-411-923. All prices are GST inclusive.

Refunds: Following registration, if you are unable to attend, a full refund will be made for cancellations advised up to **1 May 2018**. From **1 May 2018** no refunds will be made. In the event of cancellation and consequent re-selection of field trips, refund of price difference will be made after the conference.

Field Trips

All trip costs include transport, and the full-day field trips include a simple packed lunch, except where noted.

1. Tutukaka Pelagic (members only)

This is an exciting, stimulating field trip leaving at 5:30am for Tutukaka Harbour, south of the Bay of Islands, boarding a charter boat and travel out to approximately 20 kilometres offshore, past the famous and beautiful Poor Knights Islands. Lunch is included. Back at the dock at 5:00pm. Weather dependent. Species likely to be encountered include, Albatross, Petrels and Shearwaters - this field trip might afford wonderful photographic opportunities, identification clarification of similar size and coloured species and a chance to add to your "life list". Strictly limited to 12, members only, on a first come basis.

2. Urupukapuka Island - Half or full day

Urupukapuka Island is the biggest island in the Bay of Islands. It is a predator free and translocations include Saddleback, North Island Tomtit, North Island Robin, Australasian Pipit and Banded Rail have been seen. This will be a good place for a family field trip at your own pace. There are regular ferries that service the Island, so you can visit for a half day or a full day. There is a restaurant on the Island or you can self cater. Lunches are available from the Copthorne for \$20pp.

3. Puketi Forest Tour

This field trip will visit the Scudder's Beach, Stanner's Road, Puketi Forest, Lake Waiporohita, Dick Ulrich Road End and Lake Rotokawau to see species usually in these areas. It is expected to return by 4:00pm. Lunch is included.

4. Waitangi Estuary Kayak Tour

The coastline around the Waitangi area contains a variety of different habitats and therefore different species of birds. As many as 50 New Zealand Dotterel "flock up", VOC and SIPO frequent the beach and grassland, a Pied Shag colony is located on the coastal forest, Sacred Kingfishers, Pied Stilts, Royal Spoonbill, White-faced Heron and other shore birds are some of the species you will encounter during this paddle and walk field trip.

This is a half-day field trip, departing at 9am from the beach at the Paihia end of the Waitangi Bridge. You will walk through native bush, then on a board walk through mangrove forest up to the Haruru Falls. The walk is 5 km and requires a medium level of fitness. At the end of the walk you will climb into kayaks and a guide will lead the group to the base of the falls and then down the estuary, paddling through the mangrove forest to the mouth of the Waitangi River. If a strong easterly wind is blowing the field trip will be reversed – you will paddle up the Waitangi River so the wind is behind you and walk down the board walk and forest back to the Beach Base. Lunch is not included in the price.

5. Ninety Mile Beach, Beach Patrol (members only)

This is a two day field trip, set by tide times and weather dependent. Four SUV's leave Waitangi and travel to the largest winter Royal Spoonbills colony in New Zealand. Depart to Cape Reinga, stopping at another overwintering site for shore birds in the Parengarenga Harbour. After dinner at the hotel, Barn Owls are on the schedule. On Tuesday morning depart at 7:25am for 90 Mile Beach. Travel up 90 Mile Beach allowing 2-3 people to disembark at 3 Km intervals. Each group will walk the 3 kilometre stretch of beach recording, collecting species or specimens. Vehicles will return and collect everyone in time to exit the beach 2 hours before high tide. It is envisioned you will be back at Waitangi by 3:30 pm on Tuesday 5th June.

6. Orongo Bay, Mist Netting & Banding (members only)

This is a two day field trip conducted at the Russell Orongo Bay Holiday Park in Russell. The Park has bush and grassland areas with a significant bird population, incl. small Passerines, Kiwi, Weka, Brown Teal and Bittern. This trip will give each participant a hands on opportunity to do mist netting and banding, service the net, remove birds from the net and band birds, record moult, weight and sex. Those desiring certification and who demonstrate the required proficiency will be certified. The final cost is subject to change as the catering is still being agreed.

Workshops

Possible workshops we are considering running are listed below. Please tick any of these workshops that you would be interested in attending. This is to help in planning and does not commit you to attending at this stage (or us to offering this workshop).

NZBirdsOnline Workshop (Colin Miskelly)

This wonderful resource for birders was launched 5 years ago. Workshop participants will have a chance to discuss ways to make it even better. This is your chance to contribute ideas, plus learn how you can contribute to the website - including how to submit images (and which images are likely to be selected for publication).

Drone Workshop (Murray Dunn)

Drones have become more accessible and affordable. Ornithologists utilize drones to accurately record bird counts over the ridge, estuary, sandbank, or in difficult to access places. This workshop is a practical, hands-on opportunity to familiarize oneself with this technology. Limited attendance, outdoors.

Bird ID Workshop (Oscar Thomas)

Some birds are very distinctive and stand out from 'the crowd'. Others, however are very similar in size, colour and body shape – they blend into the mass. An expert will assist with the tell-tale recognition of similar looking species

eBird Workshop (Nikki McArthur)

As part of the Society's ongoing commitment to eBird in New Zealand, this workshop will be designed to look at advanced eBird issues, including finding species locations, extracting data, representations to Councils, and prompting eBird adoption among general public

Twitchers Workshop (Russell Cannings)

Best places to see species, best times and dates. Best places to record species seen. Keeping records. Solving logistics problems.

Moult Workshop (Gillian Vaughan)

This workshop is intended to brief participants on advances in recording moults in New Zealand birds, in particular how to use all those not quite perfect photos. We take a lot of photos these days, and many of the don't come out quiet the way we want - but there can be useful information in them anyway. Learn how to record wing moult from photos and contribute to the birds New Zealand moult scheme. If you've got photos with the birds wing outstretched bring the along on your a device, there will also be printed pictures to work from. What you learn will also be valuable for birds in the hand - so if you are an aspiring bander struggling with moult recording or you do beach patrol and want to get more out of your finds this will be for you.

Scientific presentations

Oral presentations will be spread across the first two days of the conference, and can cover any aspects of ornithology. Themed sessions are welcome, so if you feel inspired to venture a topic and potential speakers, then please contact Les Feasey at les.feasey@osnz.org.nz. Full details are available in the Call for Abstracts.

- I wish to make an oral presentation at the NZ Bird Conference 2018.
- I wish to display a poster at the NZ Bird Conference 2018.

Travel

Please book early for cheap flights to Kerikeri. There are taxis available from the airport to Pahia, and on most flights there will be others coming to the conference who could share costs, so look out for each other on arrival. A shuttle costs approximately \$35pp. Intercity, Mana and other bus lines run services from Auckland to Paihia.

Accommodation

The conference will be held at the Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi and we have arranged concessionary rates at the Hotel: <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/bay-of-islands/copthorne-hotel-and-resort-bay-of-islands>. Please make sure you ask for the NZ Birds Conference discounted rates (superior or economy), and a breakfast option is also offered.

There is also a range of alternative accommodation within a few minutes walk from the conference venue, eg:
Waitangi Holiday Park <http://waitangiholidaypark.co.nz>
Bay Of Islands Holiday Apartments <http://bayofislandsholidayapartments.co.nz>
Te Tiriti Resort <http://tetiritiresrtwaitangi.co.nz>

Reservations should be made with the accommodation of your choice. Location maps are shown on their websites.

Contacts

If you need to speak to someone regarding the conference, contact the Conference organisers on 027 225 7754 or les.feasey@osnz.org.nz

Notes

Privacy Act

The information on this form will be used solely for the purposes of organising and planning the Conference. If you do not wish to have your name published as part of this conference or made available to other delegates please advise us of this here.

- I wish to have my name removed from all conference publications.

Disclaimer

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