



BIRDS
NEW ZEALAND
Te Kāhui Mātai Manu o Aotearoa

New Zealand Bird Conference and 80th Annual General Meeting, Wellington 1st to 3rd June 2019 (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

The Wellington Region of **Birds New Zealand** is pleased to host the **New Zealand Bird Conference** and **80th Annual General Meeting** at the Brentwood Hotel and Conference Centre, 16-20 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington.

Outline of the Conference Programme:

Friday 31st May: Council, Regional Representative & Scientific Committee meetings.
Conference registration 4 pm - 6 pm.

Saturday 1st June: **Scientific Day – 1.** 9 am – 4.15 pm. 80th Annual General Meeting of 'The Ornithological Society of New Zealand', 4.20 pm - 6 pm. Young Birders Group, 4.20 pm – 6 pm. Informal dinner at 7.30 pm. Registration 8 am – 9 am.

Sunday, 2nd June: **Scientific Day – 2.** 8.30 am – 5.30 pm. Conference Dinner at 7.30 pm, including presentation of Awards and an entertaining after-dinner quiz. Registration 8 am – 8.30 am.

Monday 3rd June – Post-conference Field Visits: Field visit options are: (i) National Bird Monitoring Scheme Field Trip, Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, (ii) Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve, Porirua & Waikanae Estuary Scientific Reserve, Kapiti Coast District, (iii) Zealandia – Karori Sanctuary, Wellington City, (iv) Bird collections at Te Papa Tongarewa – National Museum of New Zealand (four, 2-hour visits; members only) and (v) a Pelagic cruise into Cook Strait (weather permitting; members only). A half-day visit to the Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve at Porirua can be arranged if there is a demand for it.

Accommodation at a concessionary rate is offered at the Brentwood Hotel in Kilbirnie. Many alternative hotels and motels are available in Wellington and Lower Hutt.

Competitions for bird photography and T-shirts/sweat shirts will be held.

The preferred option is to register online for the **New Zealand Bird Conference 2019** using the Birds New Zealand website www.osnz.org.nz.

NZ Bird Conference & 80th Annual General Meeting of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand, Wellington, 1st to 3rd June 2019

Registration Form

A separate **Registration Form** *must be completed for each person* and must be accompanied by the payment of registration fee, meals and field trip costs as set out in this form.

Title/Name: _____

Region: _____

Postal address: _____ Postcode: _____

E-mail address: _____

Landline phone: () _____ Mobile phone: () _____

Member of Birds New Zealand [] (mark Y) Non-member [] (mark Y)

The registration fees shown are payable by all persons attending, including students. An 'early-bird' discount is offered for registrations by members, excluding student members, received up to Friday 1st March (midnight) 2019. A late registration fee will be applied to registrations received from 1 May 2019. No discounts are offered to non-members of Birds New Zealand.

A. Registration Fees

A1: Members: Full Conference Registration, per person – includes attendance at two scientific days, lunch, morning & afternoon teas

Standard Registration

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| 1 'Early-bird' registration – for members only (up to midnight 1 March 2019) | \$145 per person | \$_____ |
| 2 Normal registration (2 March to midnight 30 April) | \$185 per person | \$_____ |
| 3 Late registration (from 1 May) | \$250 per person | \$_____ |

Student Registration, including members of "Young Birders" group

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| 1 Normal registration (no 'Early-bird' registration) | \$105 per person | \$_____ |
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A2: Daily Registration for scientific days, per person - includes lunch, morning & afternoon teas and late registration fee.

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| 1 Members: Saturday, 1 st June | \$135 per person | \$_____ |
| 2 Members: Sunday, 2 nd June | \$135 per person | \$_____ |
| 3 Students: Saturday, 1 st June | \$80 per person | \$_____ |
| 4 Students: Sunday, 2 nd June | \$80 per person | \$_____ |

A3: Non-Members: Registration, per person – includes lunch, morning & afternoon teas

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| 1 Attendance at two scientific days | \$285 per person | \$_____ |
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| 2 Saturday, 1 st June only | \$205 per person | \$ _____ |
| 3 Sunday, 2 nd June only | \$205 per person | \$ _____ |

A4: Meals, per person (excluding liquor)

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| 1 Saturday (1 st June) Informal Dinner | \$47.50 per person | \$ _____ |
| 2 Sunday (2 nd June) Conference Dinner | \$47.50 per person | \$ _____ |

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

All fees and costs shown are inclusive of GST.

Dietary Preferences: Members having special dietary preferences may like to specify your requirements here to assist with catering:

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B. Field Trips

Field trips are proposed on Monday 3rd June to several interesting localities in the Wellington Region. Please indicate your choice below (only one choice can be made).

Option 1. Training for the National Bird Monitoring Scheme

A half-day training exercise will provide hands-on experience in field practices for applying the National Bird Monitoring Scheme to be launched at the conference. It will be held in the Wainuiomata Valley, near Lower Hutt. The focus will be training in the use of the eBird smartphone app to record bird observations in the field. Participants can expect to see various forest birds including red-crowned parakeet, tomtit, NZ pigeon, whitehead, and possibly rifleman and NZ falcon. Participation will be capped at 25 persons; members only. Costs will be borne by Council (free to members). Transport will be by private cars. A packed lunch will be provided.

If you wish to attend this field workshop **please tick here** (no costs) []

Option 2. Zealandia - Karori Sanctuary

A visit to Zealandia – Karori Sanctuary will enable visitors to see the award-winning ecological exhibition (at the entrance), and to view several bird species that have been transferred to this inner city mainland island, including North Island saddleback, brown teal, North Island robin, whitehead, stitchbird, kaka and red-crowned parakeet. Visits are self-guided in the valley, moving about individually, or as family groups, or groups of friends. Lunches can be purchased at the Rāta Café at Zealandia.

Websites: www.visitzealandia.com/site/zealandia_home and <https://www.visitzealandia.com/Visit#Tours>

Entry: Zealandia (exhibition & valley

Adults, \$19.50. Concession for seniors and students, \$16.50

Payment should be made directly to Zealandia at the time of entry.

Bus transport, if required; please tick here: [], \$25.00 \$ _____

Option 3. Kapiti Coast, Waikanae and Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve, Porirua

The Waikanae River Estuary, the adjacent Waimanu Lagoon and Pharazyn Reserve are well-known localities for waders, ducks and other birds on the Kapiti Coast. The Pauatahanui Wildlife Management Reserve at the eastern end of Porirua Harbour enables visitors to view several wetland bird species, also fernbirds, from hides and walkways. Wellington members will provide guiding services. A packed lunch will be provided.

Websites: www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/wellington/kapiti/waikanae-estuary-scientific-reserve and www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/wellington/kapiti/pauatahanui-inlet

Bus transport, if required; please tick here: [], \$55.00 \$ _____

Website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/kapiti-island-nature-reserve/>

4. Te Papa Tongarewa – National Museum of New Zealand

A new natural history exhibition is expected to be open at the Te Papa Tongarewa – National Museum of New Zealand by Queen's Birthday weekend. Members may like to make their own arrangements to view this new exhibition. There is no entry charge.

Website: <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/exhibitions>

5. Pukaha/Mt. Bruce Wildlife Centre

A visit to the fascinating Pukaha/Mt. Bruce Wildlife Centre located 30 km north of Masterton in the Wairarapa (about 2 hours' drive from Wellington) provides opportunities to view various species of birds, including kokako, kiwi and takahe. Lunches are available at the Pukaha Café. Refer to Dept of Conservation and Pukaha websites for details.

Websites: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wairarapa/places/pukaha-mount-bruce-wildlife-centre/>

<https://pukaha.org.nz/>

C. Accommodation

Accommodation has been reserved at a concessionary rate at **Brentwood Hotel**, 16 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, Wellington for Councillors and others who wish to stay here. Contacts at the **Brentwood Hotel** are website: www.brentwoodhotel.co.nz Reservations should be made directly with the Brentwood Hotel Reception quoting '**Birds New Zealand Conference**' and quoting **GROUP NUMBER 79204**. Write to reservations@brentwoodhotel.co.nz to book rooms, or phone 04 920-0400 and ask for reservations. **Remember to quote the GROUP NUMBER 79204**. The rate is \$147.50 per night, inc. GST. Meals are additional costs.

Refer to the Brentwood Hotel website for driving directions and a map. Off-road parking is provided at the hotel. Wellington City and the Airport Flyer buses stop at the nearby Kilbirnie shopping centre.

Alternative accommodation options within 5 – 15 minutes driving from Brentwood Hotel are listed below. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel or motel of your choice. Hotel/motel location maps are shown on accommodation websites. Participants should pay their own accommodation costs directly to hotels, motels, or hostels of your choice.

747 Motel & Car Hire. 80 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie, Wellington. Ph: 04 939-1747.

Bella Vista Motel Wellington. 302-304 Evans Bay Parade, Wellington. Ph: 04 939-4430.

Airport Motel. 142 Tirangi Rd, Rongotai, Wellington. Ph: 04 939-7999.

Adelaide Motel. 209-211 Adelaide Rd, Newtown, Wellington. Ph: 04 389-8138.

Base Backpackers Wellington. 21/23 Cambridge Terrace, Mount Victoria, Wellington. Ph: 04 801-5666.

D. Payment Options

We recommend using internet banking for the payment of fees to the **Birds New Zealand 2019 Conference** account No. **02-0500-0174998-001**. Please include your **FAMILY name and INITIALS** in the particulars / reference code.

OR

Print and complete this registration form and mail it to: *OSNZ 2019 Conference, 244 Blue Mountains Rd, RD1, Upper Hutt 5371*. Either enclose a cheque payable to *Birds New Zealand 2019 Conference account*, or make a manual payment through your bank, to the **OSNZ 2019 Conference** account.

I will be paying by:

- [] Internet transfer, or payment at my bank, to the **OSNZ 2019 Conference** account.
[] Cheque.

Confirmation of your registration and payment of fees will be acknowledged by e-mail, or by postal mail if an e-mail address is not provided. The 'Birds New Zealand' GST number is: 49-411-923. All fees and costs are inclusive of GST.

Refunds: If following registration you are unable to attend a full refund will be made for cancellations advised up to 30th April 2019. From 1st May 2019, a refund of 50% of the value of the registration will be made, including meals and field trips. Refunds will be arranged after the conference has concluded.

E. Scientific Days

Scientific days will be on 1st and 2nd of June where the results of research on birds will be presented orally, or as posters. Expressions of interest from members and non-members who wish to present a paper or a poster are welcomed. Parallel sessions for presentations are not being arranged. There are several invited plenary talks, each of 40 minutes. Proffered talks will be of 12 minutes long with an additional 3 minutes for questions (total, 15 minutes). A poster session will be arranged that enables presenters to make mini-talks, each of 3 minutes (without questions). Abstracts of talks and posters should be submitted to the Conference Manager not later than 19th April 2019.

The conference will be divided into several themes; presenters may nominate the theme for their talk.

Birds New Zealand projects and programmes	Wellington Region birds
Conservation management	Old Bones and Ancient DNA
Auckland Islands	Genetics and taxonomy
Physiology and reproduction	Seabirds – Northern and Southern
Birds of forests, riverbeds, wetlands and shorelines.	
Presentations and posters on other ornithological topics are welcome.	

I wish to present a paper or poster at the 2019 Conference.

Paper	Yes / No
Poster	Yes / No

Instructions for presenters of talks and posters, including Abstract format, are in Annex 1.

Scientific Days Contact:

Geoff de Lisle, conference@osnz.org.nz

Phones, (04) 527 0929, 027 211 0029.

F. Photograph Display and Competition

Members are invited to submit photographs of New Zealand or overseas birds for display and to be entered into a competition to judge the best three photographs. Each photographer may enter up to three photographs, to be handed in at the registration desk not later than 9 am Saturday, 1st June. Judging will be by popular vote by conference participants. The winners will be announced at the Conference Dinner and prizes awarded to the winning entries. Instructions are in Annex 1.

I wish to submit up to three photographs of birds at the 2019 Conference. **Yes / No**

G. Bird T-shirt / Sweat shirt Competition

During the conference, we will be keeping an eye out for the "best bird shirt" worn by any person attending the conference. A "shirt" is defined as any kind of T-shirt, sweat shirt or other short or long-

sleeved shirt. Judges may approach you to ask if you wish to enter and photographs of you and your shirt may be requested. Small prizes will be awarded at the Conference Dinner. There may be an opportunity for a “team photo” with attendees wearing their bird shirts, subject the weather and conference timetable going to plan. Correction: shirts are not to be handed into the registration desk.

H. Contacts for the 2019 Wellington Conference

Regional Representative: Geoff de Lisle. Ph: (027) 211-0029 E-mail: conference@osnz.org.nz
Postal address: OSNZ 2019 Conference, 244 Blue Mountains Road, RD1, Upper Hutt 5371.

Conference Manager: Ian Armitage. Mobile Ph: 027 230-8454. E-mail: ian.armitage@xtra.co.nz

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### **Annex 1:**

#### **Instructions for Oral Presentations, Posters, the Submission of Abstracts and Photographs**

1. **Oral presentations.** Preference may be given to selecting oral presentations from Birds New Zealand members. These should describe achievements and the results of research activities rather than proposals or planned future work. Proffered talks will be strictly limited to a length of 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for questions.

Talks will be presented using MS ‘PowerPoint’ on PC-based projection equipment. If you are a Mac user, you must ensure that your presentation is fully functional on a PC; if your Mac presentation does not work the talk will be dropped out and won’t be presented. Please bring talks on a USB stick and hand these to the Conference Manager, preferably at the start of the conference.

2. **Posters.** A poster session will enable presenters to make mini-talks, each of 3 minutes, and without questions. Posters will be attached to the walls of the Kauri Room (the main hall conference hall) for the duration of the conference and may cover any aspects of ornithology. Posters will be attached to walls using ‘blu-tak’.

Each poster presentation should should comprise no more than three slides. Posters should be prepared in size A0 (841 mm x 1189 mm) in portrait orientation. Advice concerning the presentation of posters is at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1876493/> “10 Simple Rules for a Good Poster Presentation”.

3. **Abstracts.** Abstracts of accepted papers will be printed in the conference abstract booklet and will later be published in ‘Notornis’. Only the abstracts of registered participants will be included in the conference proceedings.

Please submit abstracts by **19 April 2019** as an email attachment to [conference@osnz.org.nz](mailto:conference@osnz.org.nz) Print ‘abstract-FIRST AUTHOR LAST NAME’ in the subject line of your email. The organising committee reserves the right to determine the suitability of abstracts for presentations.

Please use Arial bold 14 point for the title, Arial 11 point for the text of the abstract, single line spacing, single space between sentences and fully justified. Title, Do no use scientific names, no period at end, 20 words maximum. Authors, First author in bold; use superscript numbers to indicate each author’s address. Addresses, Physical address followed by email address for all authors. Body of abstract, 250 words maximum for the body of text. Please indicate if the first author is a student. Abstracts will be edited to ensure that formatting follows these guidelines. An example of an acceptable abstract follows (from the 2018 conference).

## **The temperature characteristics of occupied fairy prion nest boxes in summer heat**

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This last summer, 2017-18, has been extraordinarily warm. Temperature data loggers inside fairy prion nest boxes, primarily used to reveal box visitation, have revealed temperatures higher than 30 degrees on several occasions as the mid-afternoon sun is reflected off the cliff wall onto boxes already in direct sunshine. Despite this there were no obvious consequences for the prion chicks. These chicks were weighed most afternoons in January so their condition can be quantified and compared with data from many years. While maintaining a stable environment is assumed to be one of the reasons for burrowing by seabirds, perhaps shelter from heat in temperate regions is not a critical factor.

Refer also to the Birds New Zealand website (publications/conference abstracts/2018-Waitangi) for other examples of abstracts.

4. **Photographs.** Photographs can be submitted in either colour, or black and white. Each photograph must be submitted in A4 size, mounted on light card and preferably in landscape orientation. The name and contact details of the photographer must not appear on the photograph. Each photograph will be numbered when it is submitted and displayed.

Please contact the organizers' if you have specific questions.