

The Wrybill

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To members on e-mail:

The latest Canterbury Region Newsletter is attached. It will also be sent by postal mail to members not having an e-mail address. If you would prefer a paper copy please ask. The newsletter will also be placed on the OSNZ website.

**What's on at OSNZ Canterbury:
August to December 2013**

Indoor Meetings

Evening Meetings take place at 7.30 pm on the last Monday of the month at Mahaanui Area DOC Office, 31 Nga Mahi Road, off Blenheim Road, Sockburn. Plenty of parking is available.

MONDAY 26th August: Paul Scofield will present recently digitised 1930's footage of albatross and penguin breeding in Otago taken by pioneer seabird researcher, Lance Richdale. His work on the Royal Albatrosses at Tairoa Head and then on nearby colonies of Yellow-eyed Penguins led to his persuading local organisations and individuals that the birds were worth protecting. The rest is history.

MONDAY 30th September: Tina Troup giving a presentation about her experiences with birds down south. Ocean wanderers and others.

** NOTE: No evening meeting in October as Labour Day is the last Monday. Instead:

MONDAY 4th November: Kerry Weston, an Otago student working on Rockwrens, has done a wealth of work sorting out their genetic variation along the alpine chain. She gave a fascinating talk at the Dunedin Bird Conference recently and will expand on this tonight.

MONDAY 25th November: In January 2013 Jan went to Burma for 2 weeks to find Spoon-billed Sandpipers on their wintering grounds. Only 3 were seen, but an awful lot more revealed itself as well.

Field Meetings

WEDNESDAY 14th August: BirdsNZ Ramble, Travis Wetland, 9.30 a.m. Meet at the car park by the information centre off Beach Road. Contact Bev if in doubt, Tel: 03 313 7009, email birdiebev@xtra.co.nz

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SATURDAY 17th August: Port Hills Reserves and bush remnants in the Port Hills suburbs. A short trip to look at areas where 5-minute bird counts are being taken. Contact Jan Tel: 322 7187, email shesagree@gmail.com

SATURDAY 14th September: A trip up the Okuku Valley Road north of Loburn. Meet 9 a.m. in pub car park at Belfast, last pub on the left before the northern motorway. Contact Jan as above.

TUESDAY 17th September: BirdsNZ Ramble, The Groynes, 9.30 a.m. Contact Bev for further information.

WEDNESDAY 16th October: BirdsNZ Ramble, Botanic Gardens, 9.30 a.m. Meet at the bridge near the old information centre. Contact Bev if in doubt as above.

SATURDAY 19th October: Banks Peninsula field trip, with opportunity to stay at Bev's brother's bach again. Hopefully a trip with Coastupclose to look at seabirds can be fitted in either Saturday or Sunday and some remnant bush survey work be carried out too. Contact Bev as above.

TUESDAY 12th November: BirdsNZ Ramble, Riccarton Bush, 9.30 a.m. Main Carpark. Contact Bev if in doubt.

SATURDAY 23rd November: Ashley Riverbed Bird Survey with Ashley/Rakahuri Rivercare Group. More details later. Contact Bev.

SATURDAY 7th December: Summer Wader Count Lake Ellesmere and end of year BBQ at Colin and Cherry's. Counts start 9am. Contact Jan as above. More details later.

Down South in Spring in the Allens' Birding Caravan

Part#2

27th October

We move to Queenstown, the highlights being the reasonable numbers of Black-billed Gulls and Black-fronted Terns around Mossburn and Lumsden associated with the Oreti River. At Queenstown a Falcon calls from the bottom end of Man Street as we walk to the gondola in the early evening.

28th October

A day spent doing mostly non-birdy things with Olivia, though popped into Lake Hayes, getting distant views of a Crested Grebe, and closer ones of a family of Paradise Shelducks from near the domain. The evening Queenstown Falcon makes another vocal non-appearance from lower Man Street at 6pm.

29th October

As early as I can with Olivia in tow I tear up the tarmac to the Routeburn Track end to try out

the Routeburn Nature Walk. Yellowhead song and trills are one of the first sounds I hear at the car park. There are four birds and I get good views of one as it feeds in a forest-edge beech. In comparison to the car park it is rather quiet along the track, with only Rifleman being numerous, and two or three Robins in song. Only one other Yellowhead is heard, singing near the southern end of the nature walk loop. Yellow-crowned Parakeets are notable by their absence. Being mixed beech there should be many more individual forest birds than are present and I have to conclude the predator control regime being used in this area may be stopping local extinctions, but isn't really benefitting bird populations as much as it could or should – it's merely maintaining a low ebb.

Hyeza has been on a boat safari up the Dart River and we meet for lunch in Glenorchy, before going back to the Dart River. A wee while ago I read the write-up of a weekend trip made by Otago OSNZ to the Glenorchy/Routeburn area that found an interesting array of birds on the Dart River near Paradise. We travel along a gravel road (disliked in general by Hyeza) which gets very narrow

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Photo: Nick Allen
Dart River near Paradise

(disliked even more) and then through a soft ford (disliked and mistrusted) past the small collection of dwellings called Paradise (which it can't be or more people would live there) to a gate on a bend in the road. Hyeza says "you can't go through there on that private track". I know for a fact that it's a paper road though, having looked it up, and despite the lack of any helpful signage off I go to the river, quickly finding Banded Dotterels and Pied Oystercatchers in the baking early afternoon sun, and a few Black-fronted Terns commuting betwixt river and paddocks. I don't find any Wrybills, but the habitat looks right and I take OSNZ Otago's word for it that they are there in small numbers, if you look harder than I did.

Back in Queenstown it's Falcon feeding time at 6pm again. This time I get a reasonable look as it flies over Lakeview Holiday Park, where we are staying.

30th October

We cross the Haast Pass (where we don't stop for Yellowheads due to roadworks) and onto the West Coast for a few days of rain. A last bit of sun and warmth is gained at Makarora, where we stop for lunch, with Brown Creeper and Shining Cuckoo joining Bellbird and Bellbird-mimicking Tui in the bush next to the DoC centre.

In the evening I take Hyeza and Olivia to experience the reflective delights of the swamp forest at Ship Creek where kahikateas soar over the boardwalk and the water looks more like beer. Demonstrating that most of their range is a predator-caused aberration, a couple of Kea fly over as we leave. Haast is one of the easiest

places to see this sea-level contradiction to the accepted norm by this adaptable forest parrot.

31st October

As usual when staying at Haast I'm woken in the early morning by the nocturnal goings on of Kea. I guess most of the others in the camp ground are used to strange menacing noises in the night, with most of them being whitebaiters down for a more extended stay than us.

With only a few spots of rain in the air I make an early morning visit to the Hapuka Estuary Walk, where I first saw Fernbirds in '94. Not hearing any calls I play some tape and get distant replies from four birds. I don't see any, however. This is an improvement on my past two visits, both of which were Fernbirdless. New Zealand Pigeons are a regular sight, and Tui and Tomtit are present in the adjacent bush.

It is raining steadily when we head south for Jackson Bay mid-morning, and keeps raining most of the day. For those who can be bothered to make the drive this is the easiest place to see Fiordland Crested Penguins, and not disturb the birds in the process. Monro Beach north of Haast is becoming a very hit-and-miss site due to disturbance (why hasn't a hide been built here, and a gate put across access to the beach, to be closed when penguins are likely to be returning to the colonies?). Other sites near Haast are kept quiet about by locals that care, to prevent disturbance. Milford Sound views are usually fleeting and distant, if at all, and Stewart Island ones are more luck than anything off a pelagic trip. Anyway, back to Jackson Bay. It's a real end of the road place. The restaurant is closed until lunchtime, the café that sometimes opened a few years ago is gone, and there are no shops. There is perhaps one other tourist, also not enjoying the liquid sunshine. At least the sandflies have been put off too. I spy a distant Fiordland Crested Penguin amid the cray buoys in the outer harbour from the end of the deserted wharf. Better views are had of a couple of Spotted Shags of the darker 'blue' form. Walking through Moccasin Gap (which now has a large swanky new car park at the start of the track, carved out of the scrub) I find two more penguins on the rocky shore just west of the Ocean Beach.

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Sick of the rain and the relative lack of shops and other amenities we forfeit one night's camp fees and head north to a temporarily drier Fox Glacier after lunch. Olivia plays in the camp playground. I'm distracted by the unmistakable kekking of a Falcon. It's a male seeing off a Harrier that has cruised too close. Despite all the racket I'm always amazed that civilians take no notice of Falcons. Nobody else at the camp ground bats an eyelid. A short while later there is more kekking and the camp Starlings are kicking up a real fuss sitting atop a tall tree making 'spink, spink, spink...' calls. I see the same Falcon chasing after a Starling, which eventually makes a getaway, obviously being able to fly faster for longer in level flight; the New Zealand equivalent of a Cheetah versus a gazelle. After dark I drive into the forest along the road to Gillespies Beach. I hear a few distant Moreporks. This forest at least used to be the control area with which predator control at Okarito was compared. I discover no shortage of predators, seeing possums, a couple of rats and a stoat on my short drive.

1st November

The Minnehaha Walk just south of the township has always been a favourite short walk of mine and I decide to visit soon after dawn. I find the walk has completely changed its route, with the addition of a cycleway paralleling the highway too. The walk has lost some of its character, but the usual birds are present, with the addition of an unseen Shining Cuckoo and a pair of Paradise Shelducks calling from high in the trees. As I leave the bush a heavy drizzle is falling, which remains for the rest of the day, even as we move to a bush-enclosed camp on the edge of Franz Josef township. Olivia and I visit the relatively new West Coast Wildlife Centre, which has an adult and two immature Okarito Brown Kiwi on display. The two youngsters are a bit skittish in comparison to the very laid back adult. Moreporks can be seen flying around in the red lighting provided too. It's a worthwhile attraction if a bit pricy.

2nd November

I sneak out in the early morning again to go up the glacier road and walk to the top of Sentinel Rock. Brown Creepers and Tomtits are present as usual, but no Long-tailed Cuckoo, though it is a little early in the season for them. The glacier is more distant than a few years ago, starting to

disappear around a corner, and is getting more dirty and less spectacular. It's a sorry sight in comparison to my memories of it just a few short years ago. I don't know if I'll bother to return.

Later in the morning we leave to travel further north, first stopping at Okarito on the way. The Fernbirds are calling at the Pakihi Walk end as drizzle showers pass through, but the walk I do is through the swamp behind the township and up the hill on the other side to a viewpoint. It's not the best view, and the first couple of minutes through the swamp are definitely the most interesting. A Fernbird calls distantly from the rushes and a Falcon perches atop an emergent tree in the overshadowing bush.

Hyeza asks me to stop at a little old craft shop in Harihari. Immediately on getting out of the car 'kek kek kek kek...' as yet another Falcon flies from the bush west over the adjacent farmland. Lunch is taken at Ross in the heritage precinct. Tourists are almost outnumbered by the flock of six New Zealand Pigeons hanging out in the low trees.

Our destination is Punakaiki, but with the wind picking up it's getting a bit interesting rounding the bluffs on the coast road, with the caravan swaying about a bit in the swirling gusts. Finally reaching the relative shelter of the camp ground we make an early evening visit to the Pancake Rocks. Not many birds are on offer, and the antics of the Tui on the Pohutukawa trees just coming into bloom at the camp ground is more interesting. At some stage in the night the rain beating on the northern side of the caravan changes to the southern side, and the wind gusts buffeting us start to abate.

3rd November

My early morning walk is to the deserted beach, then bridging the mucky brown and swollen Pororari River and Bullock Creek, to walk a short way up Bullock Creek Road. Little in the way of birdlife is on offer, though a Shining Cuckoo is singing on my return to the camp ground. We leave and tow the caravan through the Buller Gorge and Lewis Pass to overnight in Hanmer Springs. The plan had been to stay another night on the West Coast, but the forecast was more rain and we were all over it.

4th November

After one of the more comfortable nights of the trip I sally forth again just after dawn to sample the Woodland Walk on the edge of town. The highlights are brief songs from Shining Cuckoo and Tomtit. Finches and thrushes are in noisy abundance as usual, but it is an enjoyable if rather chilly walk, drawing the birding part of the holiday to a close.

Nick Allen

BirdsNZ Rambles

In May 9 people enjoyed a very pleasant walk around the excellent Styx Mill Conservation Reserve. A good mix of bird species were observed and the lakes and bush provided the opportunity to see at close hand the difference between the sexes of several species – Shoveler, Mallard, Paradise Shelduck and Blackbird. We saw both Black and Pied Fantails with a total of 30 species seen altogether.

June's trip to Halswell Quarry attracted a similar number of people. It was very foggy at first and cold in the shade but cleared to a sunny day. The Quarry and the restoration of the wetland area with the very successful planting of native species is an attractive area to visit. A walk to the lookout and around the wetland area produced 23 species.

Bev Alexander



Photo: Ann Sherlock
Halswell Quarry

Arthur's Pass Field Trip 8-10 March, 2013

During the Friday afternoon Bev Alexander and Jan Walker arrived at The Sanctuary, our accommodation for two nights in Arthur's Pass. Keith and Maeve Harrison, who visited Bealey Spur en route and found Weka and Rifleman, arrived later. I went up Scott's track where I saw two groups of Brown Creeper moving rapidly through the forest. I was told later that the speed at which the groups were traveling was indicative of the impacts of drought on food sources. The drought effect was a feature encountered several times during the weekend.

We had The Sanctuary largely to ourselves until the owner arrived to warn us that we should park our cars securely as this was Wild Foods Weekend on the West Coast and to expect heavy traffic through the village. The road was very busy until well into the night. Apart from being kept awake we had no trouble. Our accommodation was certainly warm, comfortable (and very reasonably priced).

Otira Valley - in search of Rock Wren

On Saturday we were joined by Colleen Philips. We had another clear day for the visit to the upper Otira Valley in search of Rock Wren. This valley contains an impressive variety of sub alpine and alpine vegetation and the track is a relatively gentle climb of about an hour up towards the head of the valley. High up, above 1500 metres on the true right of the Otira River, we heard Weka calling. We also heard and saw good numbers of Silvereyes, Dunnock, Chaffinch, New Zealand Pipit but no Rock Wren. We were searching in the rockfall area within a 10 minute walking radius from the bridge. Subsequent discussion revealed that the Rock Wren are usually seen about 15 minutes further up on the true left of the stream. The following weekend six were seen in that locality.

After a pleasant lunch we returned to Arthur's Pass township and walked the nearby tracks. Grey Warbler, Tomtit, Fantail, Chaffinch, Brown Creeper, Kea and Bellbird were seen.

That evening we searched unsuccessfully for Morepork, although we did hear one much later

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that night. A local motelier told us that he had heard Great Spotted Kiwi in the area and that they were coming down quite low on the slope on the true left of the Bealey River opposite the village. He said that the forest was very dry and that the kiwi were coming down lower into the more moist areas. We saw three Kea in the village, including a young one.

Hawdon Valley - in search of Orange-fronted Parakeets

The following morning dawned bright and clear again and we set off to the Hawdon Valley to meet up with the rest of the group, Nick Allen, Jane Chen and DOC Ranger, John Kearvell, who had kindly agreed to be our guide. It was a very warm day as five of us walked up the Hawdon Valley to view an Orange-fronted Parakeet nest with young. After about 7 km of pleasant river-bed walking and a few shallow crossings we clambered up several river terraces to the well protected nest site. The site was surrounded by an array of DOC 250 traps and neighbouring trees had sheet metal bands around them to prevent predator attack from below. The adults were not present when we arrived. After about 20 minutes the male arrived and perched on a nearby branch to watch for sometime before finally approaching the nest hole. It then proceeded to feed the by now quite noisy chicks.

The male's feathers were in a poor state as a result of a mite infestation. This was clearly visible and shown in the photos despite the low light conditions. John noted that it was only the male birds that exhibit this condition. There are only about 200 OFPs in the wild. There was some discussion as to whether the propensity for



Photo: Patrick Aldwell
Male Orange-fronted Parakeet at nest



Photo: John Kearvell
Orange-fronted Parakeet

male OFPs to incur mite infestation is a function of the small gene pool.

About 15 minutes later the male flew off and shortly afterwards the female arrived. She was in much better condition and seemed less wary. She fed the chicks for a shorter time than the male before she too flew off. A very patient Nick Allen recorded the chicks calls which we could hear quite clearly from our position further up the terrace.

We would like to thank John Kearvell who gave up his Sunday to guide us to the OFP nest site. It was a very successful day made possible by John's knowledge, expertise and people management.

Sudden Valley - in search of large groups of Fantails

Three members of the party remained in the lower Hawdon Valley, exploring the forest at the entrance to Sudden Valley. They did not see the large groups of Fantails John had told them about but did see 5 birds, one of them a Black Fantail, as well as 7 Tomtits, a South Island Robin, 2 Riflemen, 2 Brown Creepers and 3 Pipits.

In all the areas we visited there was widespread evidence of the prolonged drought. Mountain beech exhibited extensive leaf stress and underfoot the soil and vegetation were very dry. We were informed that the late nesting, by two months, of the Orange-fronted Parakeets was because of the drought impact on food sources.

Patrick Aldwell

OSNZ CONFERENCE – DUNEDIN Queen's Birthday Weekend 2013

We left Jan's home at 10 a.m. on the Thursday before the Conference and headed south with a brief stop to check out the recently established wetland/stormwater area near Lincoln, and then on towards SHW1. Along Selwyn Road we noticed a possible Spur-winged Plover nest. On checking I found 4 eggs. I was left wondering whether this was a late nester or a new season one! We also called into Lake Hood (Ashburton) but didn't see the Crested Grebe that Peter Howden had seen earlier in the day.

We arrived at Oamaru Top 10 Holiday Park in time to unpack and have a hot drink before heading to Bushy Beach in the hope of seeing Yellow-eyed Penguins coming ashore. We were in luck. One was on the beach ready to head up the steep bank for the night. In the short period of 30 minutes we then saw another 8 birds. Great! And this was in spite of being disappointed to see 3 people walking along the beach, even though there was a sign saying no-one should go on the beach after 3pm.

We then went to the harbour to see the Little Blue Penguins come in but we were too early. However, we did see lots of Stewart Island Shags and hundreds of Spotted Shags settling down for the night on one of the piers.

The next day we left for Dunedin early so Jan could attend the meeting of Regional Representatives at 11 a.m. Ann and I headed to Tomahawk Lagoon where there had been a report of a Little Egret seen with some White Herons. After searching for a couple of hours, we saw 6 White Herons among 30 other species, but no Little Egret. This is a attractive area for birding, a mixture of coastal, wetland and farmland.

Our next stop that day was the Dunedin Botanic Gardens in the hope of seeing some NZ Natives. We were in luck - NZ Pigeon, Bellbird, Tui and Fantail, as well as 2 Eastern Rosella (a small population can be seen around Dunedin).

The Conference was very well organised, right down to the recorded NZ Falcon call which



Photo: Craig McKenzie
Three of the White Herons recently seen at Tomahawk Lagoon, Dunedin

summoned us back to our places after the delicious meal breaks. The facilities at Otago Museum were excellent. All participants (including about 10 from our region) were given a canvas goodies bag which included information about each of the talks given at the conference and a little Yellow-Eyed penguin, which the less technologically minded of us thought was a key ring but alas it was a USB pen! The 28 scientific papers presented by professionals, students and experienced birders were very interesting. A selection of workshops held on Sunday morning were well attended and enjoyed by participants who felt the 1 1/2 hours was not long enough and would like more time for these hands-on activities. (For more information on the Conference, see the O.S.N.Z. web site).



Photo: David Lawrie
Cody Fraser from the Otago Museum speaking at the Conference on the National Science Collections and their role in research

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Day trips on Monday gave people the opportunity see more of the Otago bird life. Heavy rain during Sunday afternoon and night had cleared, which must have been a great relief to the organisers. We chose to go to Orokanui Eco-reserve, about 20 minutes north of Dunedin and on our way home. Again we saw a good selection of bird species including Takahe (2 in an enclosure), Kaka, Tui, Bellbird, Tomtit, Fernbird, Brown Creeper, and Rifleman to name a few. The reserve is a great place to visit with excellent facilities and good tracks. Some folk had the opportunity to walk to the bottom of the reserve (which Ann did in the hope of seeing Saddleback, which were sadly lacking) or do their own thing (which Jan and I did).

After lunch we headed for home, making a quick stop in Oamaru to pick up my radio which I had left under my pillow on the way down. It wasn't long before we struck a change in weather and it started to rain very heavily. Ann and Jan did a magnificent job driving and got us home safely.

I enjoyed the weekend, meeting other people with a common interest in birds and looking around Dunedin. The 2014 conference is to be held in Palmeston North and I encourage you all to think about attending.

Bev Alexander

Special thanks to Craig McKenzie for allowing us to use his beautiful image of White Herons. More of Craig's photographs can be seen on his website www.flickr.com/photos/craigmckenzie Ed

Recent Sightings

May: Mid-march, Amberley – WEKA photographed on a local's porch. 18th, reported by Laura Molles, seen by Kitt at Leithfield, - Tui with bands identifying it as "The Bishop," banded in Akaroa July 2012 and last seen in August 2012 in Governor's Bay. 20th, Bev, Waikuku, Taranki Creek – 1 Mute Swan; Ashley Estuary – 3 Turnstones. 21st Bev, Ashley Estuary – 3 Lesser Knots, 3 Godwits, 2 Juv Bl Stilts with colour bands. 22nd Bev, Pegasus – 1 White Heron on small lake. 23rd, Jan, Ahuriri Lagoon – 5 Mute Swans, 3 ads, 2 juvs. 25th,

Peter, Kaipoi Lakes – 1 Cirl Bunting; Beach Road, Kaipoi - possible Bittern booming. 26th, Bev, Harts Creek - 1 White Heron. 30th, Niall, Avon Heathcote Estuary – LITTLE EGRET, feeding with W/F Herons on saturated pasture and shallow ponding.

June: 4th, Marieke, Sumner Beach near Shag Rock – NZ Falcon being harassed by other birds. 8th, Stevex2, Glentui - NZ Falcon. 10th, Andrew, Victoria Square, Chch CBD – report of underweight White-headed Petrel brought in to wildlife rehab centre in Christchurch. Bev, Rushbrooks Road – 16 Cattle Egret. 13th, Colin and Steve, Embankment – 2 Bandies, 1 B-f Dotterel, ~1300 NZ Shoveler, 27 Stilts, 2 Caspian Terns, 2 NZ Pipits. 26th, Niall, farmland between Lake Forsyth and Little River – 1 Little Egret; Bev, Rushbrooks Road – 16 Cattle Egrets and 4 White Herons in a group; 30th, Jan, Little River end of Lake Forsyth – 2 White Herons; Ataahua, Lake Ellesmere – 1 White Heron. 30th, John, Isaacs Wildlife Trust Site – 1 Canary! 26th, Andrew, Henderson's



Photo: John Kearvell
Canary at Isaacs Wildlife Trust Site

Basin, Hoon Hay – 128 Stilts, 1 Spoonbill (a first record for this area, probably because of flooding around Lake Ellesmere and movement of wetland birds to ephemeral stormwater ponding areas in Christchurch area).

July: 15th, David, Kaituna Lagoon, 5 White Herons.

Franklin's Gull

On 5th July, whilst visiting family in Blenheim, I was travelling on Pembers Road, Taumarina searching for Cattle Egrets, when I saw a small group of Black-billed gulls in a paddock. As I drove past I saw that one bird in the group was obviously different. I returned for a better look and through my binoculars saw what I felt sure was a Franklin's Gull. But as I was reaching for my camera my grandson told me the gulls had taken off. Without a photo I could not confirm and report this unusual sighting - no-one would believe me!

I rushed home and telephoned Mike Bell, who returned after lunch, found the Franklin's Gull and alerted other birders from the Marlborough area. I understand about 8 people visited the site and saw the bird. I was delighted that others were able to confirm my sighting..

Bev Alexander



Photo: Will Parsons
Franklin's Gull found by Bev at Taumarina

Crested Grebe – Kaikoura

Kaikoura member, Ailsa Howard, has sent to me this photograph of a Crested Grebe, taken on 8th July, showing the bird in salt water – an unusual sight in New Zealand.

Coincidentally she has caught on camera a Variable Oystercatcher banded by another member, Linsay Rowe.

Jan Walker

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Photo: Ailsa Howard
Crested Grebe and, at the front of the group, the banded Variable Oystercatcher, Kaikoura

Ashburton Lakes Wetland Bird Census 20 July 2013

	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Emily</i>	<i>E Maori</i>	<i>W Maori</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>Denny</i>	<i>Emma</i>	<i>Roundabout</i>	<i>Spider/Donne</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Camp</i>	<i>Clearwater</i>	<i>Lambies</i>	<i>Barrosa paddocks</i>	<i>Totals</i>
%Ice	0	40	0	25	50	2	20	0	75			15			
Crested grebe	4										1	1			6
Black shag	17					1	1				2				21
Little shag	10		2	1			12					21			46
White-faced heron	1														1
Bittern															0
White heron															0
Black swan	106	4	20	1	2	4	20	1			2	4	3		167
Canada goose	384		231		10		59					152			836
Paradise shelduck	134	26	32						2			8			202
Mallard	39	24	14		50	35							4		166
Grey duck					2	2	10								14
NZ shoveler	11		3				50					9			73
Duck spp	483											5			488
NZ scaup	623			37		9	66					218			953
Grey teal	32						4								36
Pukeko															0
Coot															0
Pied oystercatcher	6					1			1					2	10
Pied stilt															0
Black stilt															0
Spur-winger plover	11					3			2					2	18
Banded dotterel															0
Black-fronted tern	1						3								4
White-fronted tern															0
Black-billed gull															0
Back-backed gull	10						1					3			14
Falcon															0
Harrier	3														3
Kingfisher															0
Swallow															0
NZ pipit															0
Totals	1875	54	302	39	64	55	226	1	5	0	5	421	7	4	3058

Weather: Fine, light NW