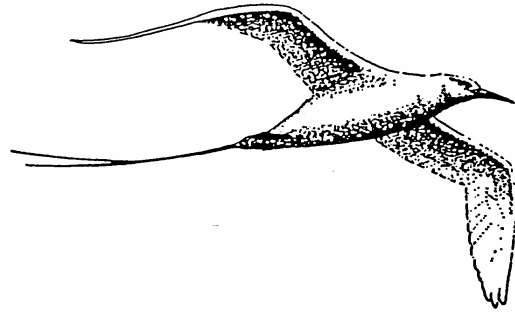


# AMOKURA



*Newsletter  
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## RECENT EVENTS

We have managed to carry out our usual birding activities in spite of some periods of inclement weather. Beach patrols have yielded below average numbers for the time of year on the west coast with no unusual finds except for two Grey Petrel.

Murray Tapp spoke on the creation and conservation of wetland areas from his viewpoint as a farmer with many years experience. His main points were that the water table in New Zealand has dropped over time, and that pine trees in particular draw large amounts of water from their immediate area. The developers of new subdivisions need to direct water flow away more appropriately than is often done at present. Dams need to be constructed with a down-flow pipe to enable them to be emptied efficiently if necessary. Waterfowl rapidly colonise any suitable environment, and he has observed Shags actively hunting and eating ducklings.

Audrey Williams talked about the workshop she had been to on how to deal with birds caught in oil spills. If this happened in our area, some difficult decisions would have to be made on which species to concentrate the limited resources available locally at present. It takes a surprising amount of resources and time to clean just one bird.

We had discussions on the concerns regarding the proposed Te Arai development plans at Mangawhai and how this will affect the Fairy Tern breeding areas. We also discussed the need to find a new permanent meeting place for monthly meetings. Then everyone enjoyed watching an excellent programme on bird behaviour from 'The Life of Birds' series.

Congratulations are due to Jean Hawken who was awarded a Conservation award for her many years of hard work eliminating weeds and noxious animals from her property at Maunu.

Early August the astonishing news arrived via email that there was a mounted specimen of a Taiko, or Magenta Petrel, which had been in the Canterbury museum since at least 1910, incorrectly identified and labelled as having been obtained in the Pacific Ocean. The museum will advise how it was obtained when the records are searched.

*Happy Birding*

Lorna Simpkin (Amokura Co-ordinator)



## Greetings from the OSNZ Executive Officer!

Dear OSNZ Regional Representatives and Members!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I was born in Germany, but decided 16 years ago that New Zealand is a much nicer place to live. My passion for nature led to a BSc in Biological Science through Massey University, several years of monitoring endangered birds and threatened plants for the Department of Conservation, and an active membership with OSNZ. I love the outdoors and spend most of my (non-working) time bird watching, tramping, kayaking, and sailing.

The main objective of my role as the Executive Officer is to enhance the efficient running of the Society by providing support, reports, feedback, and by reminding everyone about important actions ☺. Above all, my aim is to make your birding life more rewarding.

I am looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

Kind regards and happy birding!

Ingrid Hutzler ☺  
Executive Officer  
Ornithological Society of New Zealand, Inc.



## RECENT OBSERVATIONS FROM THE NORTHLAND REGION

### Observations for April – August 2007

- 32 spoonbills seen on the mud-flats along Beach Rd, Onerahi (David Crockett)
- 1 pipit seen at Mountain Rd, Whananaki (Janet Snell)
- 5 cattle egrets seen on paddocks near Dargaville freezing works (Barry Stevens)
- 1 cattle egret on the 'pig paddock' on Waipu Cove Road (Janet Snell, Prue Cozens)
- 1 white heron seen during Kaipara Harbour count at Simpson Road, Dargaville (Janet Snell)
- 1 sooty shearwater was found on Hatea Drive following the July storm and was taken to the Bird Recovery Centre (Prue Cozens)
- Jean Hawken found 3 dead kereru on her property at Maunu Rd, which had possibly died after feeding on poisonous weeds in the cemetery near-by
- Little black shags seen at Ngunguru (Janet Snell)
- Young harrier seen feeding on road kill on main road to Dargaville (Barry Stevens)

## SOUTH ISLAND SIGHTINGS

By Claire Burt

In February four friends stayed in a simple bach that looked out onto the wide bed of the Hopkins River at the top of Lake Ohau, having come over 12 cattle stops, 5 one way bridges and 1 ford. On 21<sup>st</sup> February we walked a short track through the bush at Temple Stream and on coming out of the beech trees onto a grassy open patch saw a dark long-tailed bird fly across – very close. A Falcon – near enough to clearly see its colour and markings as it roosted in a tree, it remained for about 15 seconds and then off and away into the trees – What a treat!

Our second viewing on 24<sup>th</sup> February was not at close quarters. We were on the Mt Somers track, a clear sky, and soaring and floating up near the rocky outcrops we saw another. These two sightings and having lunch on the edge of the bush with Riflemen feeding on the tree trunks within a metre were highlights for this group of Northerners. Oh yes – and Hector's Dolphins in Flea Bay, Banks Peninsula, and elusive Brown Creepers in Kakahu Bush, Geraldine.

### Reminder...

#### Fourth Biennial Australasian Ornithological Conference

The Fourth Biennial Australasian Ornithological Conference will be held in Perth, Western Australia on 3rd to 5th of December 2007. This conference provides a regular forum for the exchange of information and ideas between avian researchers and conservationists throughout the Australasian region. The venue will be the University of Western Australia, and the Western Australian group of Birds Australia (RAOU) will host the conference. A post-conference field excursion will be available. **If you are interested in attending this conference, visit [www.birdswa.com.au/aoc2007](http://www.birdswa.com.au/aoc2007)**

Advice from Margaret Dowdell-Hutchinson.....

Do you need a need a break from the hustle and bustle around you?

WELL book a visit to Chatham Island and possibly Pitt Island as well! Go with Seymours and you will “see more” than on other organised tours. The bird life is extremely interesting and there are walks, fishing, diving, and just enjoying the beauty and history of the area. The hospitality is renowned and you will not be disappointed in your decision to have a relaxed breakaway.

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## Colour Flags combinations “in use” in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway (May 2005)

Examples of some of the major flagging locations within regions

Region	Colour	Flagging Region
1	dark green (left tibia)	Alaska, United States of America
	dark blue/dark green (alphanumeric engraved green flag)	Alaska, United States of America
	light blue	Northern Chukotka, Russian Far East
	light green	Southern Chukotka, Russian Far East
2	yellow/black	Kamchatka Peninsula, Russian Far East Flagging location: Moroshechnaya Estuary
3	yellow/white	Sakhalin Island, Russian Far East
4	blue, blue/blue	Northern Japan Furen Lake (1 flag); Lake Komuke (2 flags)
5	blue/white	Central Japan Tokyo Bay
6	blue/orange	Southern Japan Kyushu
7	white/orange*	Korean Peninsula
8	green/orange	Dandong-Tangshan, China (the northern part of the yellow Sea) Yalu Jiang
11	white/black	Shanghai-Zhejiang, China (the mouth of the Yangtse River) Chongming Dao
12	white/blue	Taipei-Kaohsiung (Taiwan), China Tatu River Estuary; Szu-tso area
13	white/yellow	Hong Kong SRA & Guangdong, China Mai Po Marshes
16	black/blue	North Philippines
20	green/white	Singapore Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
23	yellow/orange	South-west Western Australia Swan River Estuary; Albany
24	yellow	North-west Western Australia Roebuck Bay; 80 Mile Beach; Port Hedland Saltworks
28	green (right tibia)	South-east Queensland, Australia Moreton Bay
29	orange/green	New South Wales, Australia Stockton; Penrhyn Inlet
30	orange	Victoria (South-east Australia) Port Philip Bay, Westernport, Inverloch, Corner Inlet
32	orange/yellow*	South Australia Port MacDonnell-Canunda NP-Beachport
33	white	North Island, New Zealand Flagging locations are all near Auckland
34	white/green	South Island, New Zealand Various locations, many but not all near Nelson

\* Prior to 1999, a few birds caught in South Korea were flagged orange/white, and waders in South Australia were flagged with a single orange flag on the *tarsus*.



## NORTHLAND REGIONAL OFFICERS

### Northland OSNZ

Regional Representative – Katrina Hansen  
 Treasurer – Den Carter  
 Regional Recorder – vacant  
 Amokura Co-ordinator – Lorna Simpkin

### Convenors

Whangarei Harbour Surveys – Tony Beauchamp  
 North Kaipara Harbour Surveys - David Crockett  
 East Coast Beach Patrols – Claire Burt  
 West Coast Beach Patrols – Prue Cozens  
 Black-backed Gull Banding – Lorna Simpkin  
 NZ Fairy Tern Volunteer Co-ordinator – Audrey Williams  
 Oiled Birds – Audrey Williams  
 Pouto Lakes Survey – David Crockett  
 Limestone Island Co-ordinator – Gerry Brackenbury

## REGIONAL ACTIVITIES 2007

MEETING DATES AND FIELD EVENTS	
8 <sup>th</sup> September	West Coast Beach Patrol: contact Prue Cozens
11 <sup>th</sup> September	East Coast Beach Patrol: contact Claire Burt
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> October	West Coast Beach Patrol: contact Prue Cozens
9 <sup>th</sup> October	East Coast Beach Patrol: contact Claire Burt
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	West Coast Beach Patrol: contact Prue Cozens
6 <sup>th</sup> November	East Coast Beach Patrol: contact Claire Burt
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Kaipara Harbour Count:</b> contact David (Ph 435 0954). High tide: 10:50am
November – date tbc	<b>Whangarei Harbour Count:</b> contact Tony
1 <sup>st</sup> December	West Coast Beach Patrol: contact Prue Cozens
4 <sup>th</sup> December	East Coast Beach Patrol: contact Claire Burt
December – date tbc	End-of-year dinner

## EAST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JANUARY TO JUNE 2007

Compiled by Pauline Smith

MONTH – 2007	January	February	March	April	May	June	
FROM	Marsden Pt	Mair Road	Ruakaka R	Mair Road	Kauri Mt	Kauri Mt	
TO	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Waipu Rv	Waipu R	Waipu R	
DISTANCE (km)	31	30.5	21	14	21.5	21.5	Total
Wandering albatross							
Black-browed mollymawk							
White-capped (shy) mollymawk							
Grey-headed mollymawk							
Buller's mollymawk							
Light-mantled sooty albatross							
Flesh-footed shearwater	3	9	3		5	4	24
Buller's shearwater		6		6	1	6	19
Sooty shearwater		8	3	2			13
Short-tailed shearwater		1					1
Fluttering shearwater	4	17	5	4		6	36
Shearwater Sp.						1	1
Little shearwater	3	1	2				6
Common diving petrel	2	5		1	8	1	17
Kerguelen petrel	1						1
Cape pigeon							
Black petrel	1	5	1			1	8
Westland black petrel							
Antarctic fulmer							
Northern giant petrel							
Fairy prion	1	3					4
Thin-billed prion							
Broad-billed prion							
Lesser broad-billed prion	1						1
Antarctic prion							
Prion sp.		1			1		2
Blue petrel							
Pycroft's petrel							
Cook's petrel		8	3	2	1		14
Black-winged petrel							
Mottled petrel							
Grey-faced petrel	3	6			1	1	11
White-headed petrel							
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin	2	258	18	1	9	42	330
Australasian gannet	4	8	1	6	3	3	25
Pied shag	2	3		4	1	1	11
Black Shag	2						2
Southern black-backed gull	2	6	4		3		15
Red-billed gull		1	1		1	1	4
Caspian tern	1						1
White-fronted tern		8					8
Variable oystercatcher	2				1		3
NZ dotterel							
Australian magpie							
Morepork							
Kereru				1			1
Mallard							
Duck Sp						1	1
Myna	1						1
Shag Sp						1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>561</b>

**Patrollers:** C. Burt, D. Carter, P. Cozens, , P. Cozens, A. Cumming, M. Dowdell-Hutchinson, J. Hawken, P. Hutchinson, C. Parkes, S. Plowman, L. Simpkin, M. Smith. L. & J. Snell.

## WEST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JANUARY TO JUNE 2007

Compiled by Prue Cozens

DATE – 2007	January	February	March	April	May	June	
FROM	Bayley's	Bayley's	Omamari	Bayley's	Bayley's	Bayley's	
TO	Glinks	Glinks	Glinks	Tikinui	Sth of Glinks	Glinks	
DISTANCE (km)	23	23	34	30	24	20	Total
Wandering albatross						1	1
Black-browed mollymawk				1			1
White-capped mollymawk		1				1	2
Grey-headed mollymawk	1	1					2
Buller's mollymawk				4		1	5
Light-mantled sooty albatross							
Flesh-footed Shearwater							
Buller's shearwater	2	1	3				6
Sooty shearwater	5		1		3		9
Short-tailed shearwater	1				10		11
Fluttering shearwater		3	4	3	3		13
Little shearwater							
Shearwater sp.						3	3
Common diving petrel							
Black petrel			1	1			2
White-chinned petrel			1				1
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon							
Antarctic fulmar							
Northern giant petrel							
Fairy prion							
Broad-billed prion	1			1			2
Lesser broad-billed prion	1						1
Thin-billed prion							
Antarctic prion			2			1	3
Fulmar-billed prion							
Prion sp.						2	2
Blue petrel							
Cook's petrel	1		2				3
Mottled petrel			2		1		3
Grey-faced petrel			1		1		2
White-headed petrel							
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin			11	9		1	21
Australasian gannet	5	1	10	4	1	1	22
Black shag							
Pied shag							
Little shag							
Southern black-backed gull	4	15	7	3	1	2	32
Red-billed Gull					1		1
Caspian tern			1				1
Goldfinch				3			3
Blackbird				2			2
Magpie	1						1
Brown Teal		1					1
Pukeko			1				1
Grey Petrel			1			1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	22	23	48	31	21	14	159

Patrollers :A. Bremner, C. Burt, P. Cozens, K. Hayes, L. & A. Howell, C.Parkes, L. Simpkin, M. Smith , P. Smith.

## EAST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JANUARY TO JUNE 2005

Compiled by Pauline Smith

MONTH – 2005	January	February	March	April	May	June	
FROM	Kauri Mt	Marsden Pt	Marsden Pt	Kauri Mt	Marsden Pt		
TO	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Waipu C.	Waipu C.	Waipu tip	Not	
DISTANCE (km)	37.5	24	18	19	12.5	Done	Total
Wandering albatross							
Black-browed mollymawk							
White-capped (shy) mollymawk							
Grey-headed mollymawk							
Buller's mollymawk							
Light-mantled sooty albatross							
Flesh-footed shearwater	3	2	3	7			15
Buller's shearwater		4			3		7
Sooty shearwater	2			2	1		5
Short-tailed shearwater							
Fluttering shearwater	9	12	1	5	4		31
Hutton's shearwater							
Little shearwater							
Common diving petrel							
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon							
Black petrel			1				1
Westland black petrel							
Antarctic fulmer							
Northern giant petrel							
Fairy prion							
Thin-billed prion					1		1
Broad-billed prion							
Lesser broad-billed prion							
Antarctic prion							
Prion sp.							
Blue petrel							
Pycroft's petrel							
Cook's petrel			1				1
Black-winged petrel							
Mottled petrel							
Grey-faced petrel	6	1	1	2			10
White-headed petrel							
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin	7	3	2	1			13
Australasian gannet	1	1	3				5
Pied shag		1		1			2
Little black shag							
Southern black-backed gull	1	2	6	7	1		17
Red-billed gull	4	2	1				7
Caspian tern							
White-fronted tern							
Variable oystercatcher							
NZ dotterel							
Little Shag	1						1
Harrier	2						2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>118</b>

**Patrollers:** C. Burt, D. Carter, P. Cozens, D. Dombroski, M. Dowdell-Hutchinson, P. Hutchinson, L. Simpkin, M. Smith, P. Smith, J. Snell, A. Williams.



## EAST COAST BEACH PATROL – JULY TO DECEMBER 2005

Compiled by Pauline Smith

MONTH – 2005	July	August	September	October	November	December	
FROM	Kauri Mt	Uretiti	Kauri Mt	Ruakaka R	Kauri Mt	Kauri Mt	
TO	Waipu R	Waipu C	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Mangawhai	Total
<b>DISTANCE (km)</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>161.5</b>
Wandering albatross							
Black-browed mollymawk							
White-capped (shy) mollymawk							
Grey-headed mollymawk							
Buller's mollymawk							
Light-mantled sooty albatross							
Flesh-footed shearwater				2	27	11	40
Buller's shearwater			2	1	14	2	19
Sooty shearwater	1				5	11	17
Short-tailed shearwater							
Fluttering shearwater		3	1	2	6	7	19
Hutton's shearwater							
Little shearwater	3		4	2			9
Common diving petrel			2		1	3	6
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon							
Black petrel				1			1
Westland black petrel							
Antarctic fulmer							
Northern giant petrel							
Fairy prion		1			1		2
Thin-billed prion							
Broad-billed prion							
Lesser broad-billed prion							
Antarctic prion							
Prion sp.							
Blue petrel							
Pycroft's petrel							
Cook's petrel							
Black-winged petrel							
Mottled petrel							
Grey-faced petrel				1	1		2
White-headed petrel			3	1	4		8
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin	16	16	15	11	16	4	78
Australasian gannet			4	2	8	3	17
Pied shag	1		1			3	5
Little black shag							
Southern black-backed gull			2				2
Red-billed gull	1					1	2
Caspian tern							
White-fronted tern			1				1
Variable oystercatcher							
NZ dotterel							
Australian magpie		1		1	3		5
Morepork							
Kereru							
Mallard			1				1
Grey Petrel			1				1
Eastern Rosella						1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>236</b>

**Patrollers:** C. Burt, D. Carter, P. Cozens, D. & R. Crockett, P. Cozens, D. Dombroski, M. Dowdell-Hutchinson, J. Hawken, P. Hutchinson, L. Simpkin, M. Smith, P. Smith, J. & L. Snell, A. Williams.

## WEST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JANUARY TO JUNE 2005

Compiled by Prue Cozens

DATE – 2005	22-01-05	February-05	19-03-05	23-04-05	May-05	18-06-05	
FROM	Bayley's	No	Mangonui Bluff	MangonuiB	No	Bayley's	
TO	Tikinui	Patrol	Glinks	Glinks	Patrol	Tikinui	
DISTANCE (km)	30		46	46		33	Total
Wandering albatross							
Black-browed mollymawk	1		1				2
White-capped mollymawk	1		2	1			4
Grey-headed mollymawk							
Buller's mollymawk							
Light-mantled sooty albatross				1			1
Flesh-footed shearwater			1				1
Buller's shearwater	4		1	1		1	7
Sooty shearwater	2			1			3
Short-tailed shearwater	1		2				3
Fluttering shearwater	8			5		1	14
Little shearwater							
Shearwater sp.	1						1
Common diving petrel							
Black petrel							
White-chinned petrel							
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon							
Antarctic fulmar							
Northern giant petrel	1					1	2
Fairy prion							
Broad-billed prion				1			1
Lesser broad-billed prion							
Thin-billed prion				1			1
Antarctic prion							
Fulmar-billed prion							
Prion sp.	1						1
Blue petrel							
Cook's petrel	1			1			2
Mottled petrel	1		1				2
Grey-faced petrel	2			1			3
White-headed petrel	1						1
White-faced storm petrel				1			1
Blue penguin	4		2	2		1	9
Australasian gannet	4		3	1		3	11
Black shag							
Pied shag							
Little Shag							
Southern black-backed gull	2		6	3		3	14
Red-billed gull							
Caspian tern							
White-fronted tern							
Pied stilt							
SIPO	3						3
Thrush				1			1
Goldfinch				1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>89</b>

**Patrollers:** C. Burt, D. Butz, P. Cozens, K. Crocombe, M. Dowdell-Hutchinson, L. Honnor, S. Gardiner, L. & A. Howell, J. & M. Nicole, L. Simpkin, R. Simpkin, M. Smith, P. Smith, J. Snell.

## WEST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JULY TO DECEMBER 2005

Compiled by Prue Cozens

DATE – 2005	16-07-05	14-08-05	17-09-05	October-05	12-11-05	10-12-05	
FROM	Bayley's	Bayley's	Bayley's	No	Bayley's	Bayley's	
TO	Glinks	Tikinui	Glinks	Patrol	Tikinui	Glinks	
DISTANCE (km)	20	33	22		33	23	Total
Wandering albatross							
Black-browed mollymawk							
White-capped mollymawk					1		1
Grey-headed mollymawk					1		1
Buller's mollymawk							
Light-mantled sooty albatross		2	1				3
Flesh-footed shearwater							
Buller's shearwater					12	5	17
Sooty shearwater	1				26	17	44
Short-tailed shearwater					1	1	2
Fluttering shearwater	2	4			7	1	14
Little shearwater					1		1
Shearwater sp.							
Common diving petrel							
Black petrel							
White-chinned petrel							
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon		2					2
Antarctic fulmar					1		1
Northern giant petrel		1			1		2
Fairy prion	1	2			5	1	9
Broad-billed prion							
Lesser broad-billed prion							
Thin-billed prion							
Antarctic prion							
Fulmar-billed prion							
Prion sp.	1	2			5	1	9
Blue petrel						1	1
Cook's petrel							
Mottled petrel					1		1
Grey-faced petrel						2	2
White-headed petrel		1			54	2	57
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin	2	82	1		1		86
Australasian gannet		8			9	7	24
Black shag							
Pied shag							
Little shag							
Southern black-backed gull	2	1	1		1	1	6
Red-billed gull							
Caspian tern							
White-fronted tern							
Blackbird		1					1
Grey Petrel	1						1
Yellow-nosed Albatross		1					1
Harrier						1	1
SIPO	1						1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>288</b>

**Patrollers:** C. Burt, P. Cozens, D. Crockett, L. & A. Howell, M. Dowdell-Hutchinson, L. Simpkin, M. Smith, P. Smith, J. Snell.

## WEST COAST BEACH PATROL SUMMARY – JULY TO DECEMBER 2004

Compiled by Prue Cozens

DATE – 2004	July	August	September	October	November	December	
FROM	Bayley's	Omamari	Bayleys	Glinks	Bayley's	Bayley's	
TO	glinks	Glinks	Sth of Glinks	Sth Tikinui	Glinks	Sth of Glinks	
DISTANCE (km)	21	34	21	19	22	21	Total
Wandering albatross							
Mollymawk Sp						1	1
White-capped mollymawk		1					1
Grey-headed mollymawk			3				3
Buller's mollymawk	1						1
Light-mantled sooty albatross		3					3
Flesh-footed shearwater						1	1
Buller's shearwater				4	1	5	10
Sooty shearwater					5	12	17
Short-tailed shearwater							
Fluttering shearwater						1	1
Little shearwater						3	3
Shearwater sp.							
Common diving petrel							
Black petrel							
White-chinned petrel							
Kerguelen petrel							
Cape pigeon	1		3	1			5
Antarctic fulmar							
Northern giant petrel		1					1
Fairy prion		7	9	2		3	21
Broad-billed prion	1						1
Lesser broad-billed prion							
Thin-billed prion		2					2
Antarctic prion							
Fulmar-billed prion							
Prion sp.		4	1				5
Blue petrel			1				1
Cook's petrel							
Mottled petrel						1	1
Grey-faced petrel		2	3				5
White-headed petrel			1			2	3
White-faced storm petrel							
Blue penguin		1				2	3
Australasian gannet	2	1	3	2	2	1	11
Black shag							
Pied shag							
Little shag							
Southern black-backed gull	2	2	4			2	10
Red-billed gull							
Caspian tern							
White-fronted tern		1					1
Pied stilt							
Domestic Rooster	1						1
Skylark				1			1
Goldfinch				1			1
Magpie				1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>115</b>

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**NATIONAL WADER CENSUS – WHANGAREI HARBOUR, JUNE 2007**

Compiled by Tony Beauchamp

Date: 16-18 June 2007 Tide Height: 2.9m

	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Marsden</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>Ruakaka</b>	<b>Skull Creek</b>	<b>Takahiwai</b>	<b>Port Whangarei</b>	<b>Waipu</b>	<b>Total</b>
Date	Not Counted	18-06-07	17-06-07	17-06-07	17-06-07	18-06-07	17-06-07	17-06-07	
Black shag									
Pied shag		5		3			1	6	15
Little black shag									
Little shag		4						1	5
White-faced heron		2						1	3
White heron									
Reef heron		1							1
Royal spoonbill									
SI pied oystercatcher		546		231	117			60	954
Variable oystercatcher		32		52	8			222	314
Pied stilt					51	2	1		54
NZ dotterel				8	34				42
Banded dotterel					2			1	3
Wrybill					57				57
Pacific golden plover									
Spur-winged plover					2				2
Turnstone									
Lesser knot					2				2
Far-eastern curlew									
Asiatic whimbrel									
Bar-tailed godwit		3	84		180			12	279
Black-backed gull		79			1				80
Red-billed gull		67			120				187
Caspian tern		1		7	1			4	13
White-fronted tern				3				5	8
NZ fairy tern									
<b>TOTAL</b>		740	84	304	575	2	2	312	2019

**Participants:** T. Beauchamp, C. Burt, D. Carter, P. Cozens, M. Dowdell, P. Hutchinson, G. Pilon, P. Smith, J. Snell.

NATIONAL WADER CENSUS – NORTH KAIPARA, JUNE 2007

Compiled by D E Crockett

Date: 17 June 2007

Tide Height: 3.3 m

Time: 12.10 am

Weather: Cold Overcast Strong SW wind

	Borcks	Oneriri	Ngamotu	Batley-Tanoa	Tinopai	Pahi-Whakapirau	Ruawai	Taingahae-Kellys Bay	Okaro Creek	TOTAL	
Black shag	Not Counted		6	1						7	
Pied shag			2	4		20	1			27	
Little black shag									10	10	
Little shag											
White-faced heron			19	10	2		10	113			154
White heron								1			1
Reef heron											
Royal spoonbill											
SI pied oystercatcher			29		404	45	302	3185	760	300	5025
Variable oystercatcher					3				?		3?*
Pied stilt				100	220			499	75	40	934
NZ dotterel					2					15	17
Banded dotterel					23						23
Wrybill											
Pacific golden plover											
Spur-winged plover			26	9	18		6	8		30	97
Turnstone											
Lesser knot											
Far-eastern curlew											
Asiatic whimbrel											
Bar-tailed godwit								81	8	50	139
Black-backed gull					3		10		2		15
Red-billed gull							55	291	24		370
Caspian tern					5		6	60	3	7	81
White-fronted tern					3		20	225	7		255
Fairy tern											
Cattle egret								2			2
Black swan					2						2
<b>TOTAL</b>		74	127	690	45	429	4466	879	452	7162	

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**OSNZ SOUTH KAIPARA CENSUS**

Tide 3.9m - 11:19 Fine very sunny light cool southerly breeze

Compiled By  
Adrian Riegen

Many thanks to all  
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16-Jun-07 WINTER 2007	SPECIES TOTALS V	Wairarapa														Lemon Tree Bay	Mclean Farm	Taporā South	Taporā North	
		Papa- kanui Spit	Pararaha Point	Waio- neke School	Hedley	Maire- tahi	Rat Is Shelly Beach	Haranui Rd etc	Parakai Park- hurst	Oyster Point	Jordan Farm	Kakanui To Arap'	Mataia Omau- mau	Hotoe River to Farm	Tauhoa from LT Bay					Walker Island
<b>SITE TOTALS &gt;</b>		1697	0	594	728	1186	366	67	0	4	4024	372	2767	82	3642	444	36	250	7113	1403
<b>SPECIES</b>	24776	AMH	(NC)	GRV	GRV	JB/GRV	JB	JB	(NB)	MG	MG	ACR	ACR	ACR	GAP	GAP	GAP	GAP	JC	BC
Pied Oystercatcher	17085	1201		580		1000	300				2500	280	1320	40	2900	258	14	250	5392	1050
Variable Oystercatcher	68	42					10				4					3			4	5
Pied Stilt	2307	5			528	79	3				277		610		300	90			300	115
Black Stilt	1				1															
Stilt "Smudgies"	14				8						3					3				
New Zealand Dotterel	97	24			1						16								49	7
Banded Dotterel	591	65										70							345	111
Wrybill	180										21								158	1
Pacific Golden Plover																				
Spur-winged Plover	41	6		9		6		8		2			2	2		6				
Turnstone	18	14																		4
Lesser Knot	62	7																		55
Curlew Sandpiper																				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper																				
Red-necked Stint	17																			17
Far-eastern Curlew																				
Whimbrel	4										4									
Bar-tailed Godwit	2363	118			93						1120		10		400	2			595	25
Grey-tailed Tattler																				
Mongolian Dotterel																				
Grey Plover																				
Black-backed Gull	474	127				61	14						260		7	2			2	1
Red-billed Gull	55	2					30													23
Black-billed Gull	80	12			14						44					2			3	5
Caspian Tern	201	46			2						4		3		35	7			72	32
White-fronted Tern	76																		75	1
Fairy Tern	6	4																		2
Little Tern																				
Black Shag	15				7	3							4			1				
Pied Shag	74	14									50						1			9
Little Pied Shag	6	4			1	1														
Little Black Shag	27				27															
White-faced Heron	367	2			4	47	36	1	5		27	2	190			32	21			
Cattle Egret	0										32*									
Kotuku																				
Bittern																				
Royal Spoonbill	0					26*														
Black Swan	340							2		2		290							5	41
Paradise Duck	184	4						2		2	2	20	76	40		38				
Mallard	22						8						2							12
Grey Teal																				
Grey Duck																				
Shoveller																				
Cape Barren Goose																				
Canada Goose																				
Sooty Tern																				
Gannet																				
Mute Swan	1									1										

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Mairetahi included birds on inland paddocks (NC) = not counted  
32 Cattle Egret and 26 Spoonbills seen on 9 June  
\* Observation on 9/06/07

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