

SHOREBIRDS 2020 / WINTER 2010 SHOREBIRD COUNT AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The threats to shorebirds and evidence of their declines are growing, but we will need data carefully collected in the same way each year if we are going to show conclusively how much trouble some of these species are in and what factors are driving their declines.

This will only be possible if more people can help out with data collection happening throughout the country. Please, contact the people listed below if you are able to help out, or if you want to put your hand up to coordinate / be a contact for one of the areas where no-one is yet listed. Also, there are random areas spread throughout the country that we need surveys done at, and we always welcome any shorebird count data you might collect. If you are new to shorebirds, come along to one of our workshops, help scribe data on a count, and join up with locals in your area to learn about this fascinating and increasingly threatened group of birds.

To learn more about the Shorebirds 2020 program and to find all kinds of information on shorebirds visit www.shorebirds.org.au. You will find tips on how to identify shorebirds, quizzes on shorebird identification, modules, power point presentations, maps of shorebird habitat, and background materials ranging from technical reports to examples of public signs designed to limit the impact to shorebirds or inform on their conservation.

Enter, store, and edit any of your shorebird counts at <http://data.shorebirds.org.au> just ask for a username and password to get started: shorebirds@birdsaustralia.com.au.

NEW SOUTH WALES (listed from North to South)

Shorebird area	Count date(s)	Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count
Tweed Estuary		Laurel Allsopp	londen14@bigpond.com 07 5590 9254	Come see Beach Stone-curlew, and enjoy the beauty of the Tweed Estuary on these monthly shorebird counts.
Brunswick River Estuary		Jan Olley	janolley@people.net.au 02 6680 3279	Come along to see a variety of waterbirds, godwits eastern curlew, jacanas, and might see Beach Stone-curlew. This regular count provides a good chance to meet new people, and to learn waterbird ID
Richmond River Estuary	26 June, 8am at all roosts	Hans Lutter	hans.lutter@bigpond.com 02 6628 8859	At least 5 teams will be doing simultaneous counts at the roosts here.
Clarence River	3 July	Simon Clayton & Sharon Lehman	shorebirds@cvcia.org.au	Space is limited.
The Broadwater		TBA		
Hastings River		Bryce Taylor	brycejane@bigpond.com 02 6584 5158	People are welcome to come along, there is a hide to observe from, and the birds are close so excellent chance to learn your shorebird ID, Osprey, Eastern Curlews, Plovers, Whimbrels, Tatters are some of the birds you might get onto, and Beach Stone-curlew is a possibility. Come join us on these monthly counts; we leave from marina boat launch, on Hastings River.
Manning River Estuary / Farquhar	TBA	Win Filewood	winfilewood@yahoo.com 02 6553 4294	

NEW SOUTH WALES (listed from North to South) Continued

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Wallis Lake	TBA	TBA		(Pelican Island)
Port Stephens		Alan Stuart	almarosa@bigpond.com 02 4952 8569	
Hunter Estuary		Liz & Chris Herbert	chrisliz@tpg.com.au 02 4959 3663	Hunter Bird Observers Club runs monthly counts in the Hunter Estuary which supports some of the largest concentrations of shorebirds in NSW. Details of future survey dates are available on our website: www.hboc.org.au You are welcome to join us!
Lake Macquarie entrance		Jack Adams	02 4971 5334	Hunter Bird Observers Club runs monthly shorebird surveys in the vicinity of Swansea Channel, which links Lake Macquarie to the sea. Please contact Jack Adams for more information.
Tuggerah Lakes		Alan Morris	amorris@ceinternet.com.au	02 4334 2776
Brisbane Water		Paul Shelly	pgshelley@bigpond.com.au 02 4324 7888	Come see Eastern Curlews, Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwits and if you're lucky Grey-tailed Tattlers.
Parramatta River	26-Jun 8.30am 1.30m 24-Jul 7.30am 1.24m Same as Botany Bay below	Judy Harrington	judy.harrington@sopa.nsw.gov.au 0403 026 660	One of the few places in Sydney to get onto a diverse array of migratory shorebirds. It's a good chance to learn shorebird ID and meet some birders.
Botany Bay	15-May 9.00am 1.39m 26-Jun 8.30am 1.30m 24-Jul 7.30am 1.24m 28-Aug 10.00am 1.47m 25-Sep 9.00am 1.57m 23-Oct 9.00am 1.64m 20-Nov 8.00am 1.66m 18-Dec 7.00am 1.59m	Phil Straw	PhilStraw@avifaunaresearch.com 02 9597 7765	
Bellambi Point	TBA	Phil Straw	PhilStraw@avifaunaresearch.com 02 9597 7765	
Lake Illawarra	TBA	Phil Straw	PhilStraw@avifaunaresearch.com 02 9597 7765	
Shoalhaven Estuary		Phil Craven	Phil.Craven@environment.nsw.gov.au 02 4422 2345	
Batemans Bay / Moruya Estuary		No one yet		
Parkes Sewage Farm		Cill Kinross	CKinross@csu.edu.au	
Dubbo Sewage Ponds		Janice Hosking	glossyblack@crt.net.au	

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Barren Box & Tuckerbill Swamp		No one yet		
Tulakool Saltworks		Tom Wheller	thomas.wheller@bigpond.com 03 5881 4228	Unfortunately this shorebird area is currently dry.
Yantabulla Swamp, Yantara & Menindee Lake		No one yet		
Fletcher & Gol Gol Lakes, Lowbidgee Floodplain		No one yet		

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Shorebird area	Count date(s)	Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count
North Darwin		Gavin O'Brien or Arthur and Sheryl Keates	gavinandmegobrien@bigpond.com 08 8927 9284 or tattlers@tpg.com.au	Come join us on these regular counts in what is an incredible part of the country for shorebirds as well as other birds.
Darwin Harbour		No one yet		
Bynoe Harbour		No one yet		
Fog Bay		No one yet		
Hastings River		No one yet		
Anson Bay, Daly & Reynolds River		No one yet		

QUEENSLAND

(The QWSG accepts all data from Queensland and all of it is then passed on to us, they also help coordinate most QLD counts, contact Dawn Beck)

Shorebird area	Count date(s)	Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count
Moreton Bay, Great Sandy Straight, Bowen, Camila Beach, Mackay, Blakey's Crossing, Cooktown, and Maroochy River	<u>Moreton Bay:</u> 17 July 14 August 25 Sep <u>Brisbane Port:</u> 20 June 18 July 15 August 26 Sept	Dawn Beck (QWSG)	alphabec@powerup.com.au 07 3378 8598	The QWSG coordinates monthly counts at some of the larger shorebird areas in Queensland with opportunities to attend shorebird identification workshops, and a variety of shorebird conservation work. More help in some areas is really needed especially the Mackay area. http://birdsqueensland.org.au/shore_birds_waders.php
Gladstone; Charon		Alan Briggs	abriggs@irock.com.au	Surveys in Broadsound extend over four days, you will get onto good

Point, Bar Plain Beach, Hoogly River (Broadsound); Yarrowonga Point, Armstrong Beach, Kinka Beach			07 4935 4645	numbers of shorebirds, especially good for Great Knot, Red Knot, Red-necked Stints, Godwits, Sandpipers. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a really wild un-spoiled coast with lots of interesting beach scrub and woodland species, Painted Snipe, and Capricornia Yellow Chats are possible. Gladstone counts will be somewhat exploratory.
Townsville (Ross River), Cleveland Bay, Bushland Beach, Alva Beach, Bowen,		George & Teresa Baker	cgbretired@hotmail.com 0415 607 432	A large number of shorebirds, on beautiful coastline, opportunity to meet other birders, a workshop on the 23rd a chance at Beach Stone Curlew, good range of coastal birds, Terns, Osprey.
Lucinda Beach	Thurs 24 th June	Ivor Preston	banq@birdsaustralia.com.au or 0439 062 640	
Burdekin River Delta (Wunjunga Beach), Haughton River, Cape Bowling Green		George & Teresa Baker	cgbretired@hotmail.com 0415 607 432	Excellent areas, with important numbers of shorebirds, but will need significant boat support in order to count these areas.
Cairns Esplanade		Alan Gillanders	alan@alanswildlifetours.com.au 07 4095 3784 or 0408 953 786	A great place to get a close look at many shorebirds with a chance at rarities such as Asian Dowitchers, or Broad-billed Sandpipers on a one day count.
Lake Moondarra		TBA		

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (From west to east)

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Eyre Peninsula – including: Avoid Bay, Baird Bay, Eyre Islands, Lake Newland Conservation Park, Coffin Bay, Murat Bay, Sceale Bay (Seagull Lake), St Peter Island, Streaky Bay, Tourville Bay, Franklin Harbour, Sleaford Bay, Gunyah Beach, Big	Various dates over winter. Sites that will definitely be counted include: Streaky Bay, Baird Bay, Sceale Bay, Lake Newland Conservation Park, Gunyah Beach and Sleaford Bay.	Jane Cooper	gerygone43@bigpond.com 08 8626 1123	The striking thing about shorebird counts in this area is the incredible diversity of shorebirds you can see while in relatively pristine coastal areas. Jane welcomes all those with an interest, but could really use the help of some experienced shorebird counters to cover this vast area.

& Little Swamps, Venus Bay.				
BHP Salt fields	TBA	TBA		
Port Pirie Coast (includes Ward Spit),	TBA	Travis Hague	travvy@hotmail.com	An amazing wild coastline with many shorebirds, and due to the size of the area more counters are always welcome.
Munderoo Bay to Tickera Bay	TBA	Travis Hague	travvy@hotmail.com	An amazing wild coastline with many shorebirds, and due to the size of the area more counters are always welcome.
Goldsmith Beach to Wattle Point, Troubridge Island / Shoal		Jo Oldland	j.oldland@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 234	
Port Victoria, Stansbury / Oyster Point, Coobowie Inlet,		Kent Treloar Trevor Cowie (Birds SA).	wkandmtreloar@internode.on.net birdos_sa@bigpond.com 08 8263 2531	Birds SA are active throughout South Australia, and happy to help coordinate counts and data as possible. If you are interested in birds, there is bound to be a field trip or get together to join in on: http://www.birdssa.asn.au/ .
Black / Pine Point		Margie Tiller & Trevor Cowie (Birds SA).	margietiller@tpg.com.au birdos_sa@bigpond.com 08 8263 2531	Birds SA are active throughout South Australia, and happy to help coordinate counts and data as possible. If you are interested in birds, there is bound to be a field trip or get together to join in on: http://www.birdssa.asn.au/ .
Gulf St Vincent, Wardang Island, Second Creek, and numerous areas in South Australia	24 th July	Trevor Cowie (Birds SA). & Chris Purnell	birdos_sa@bigpond.com 08 8263 2531 & c.purnell@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9247 0757	Birds SA are active throughout South Australia, and happy to help coordinate counts and data as possible. If you are interested in birds, there is bound to be a field trip or get together to join in on: http://www.birdssa.asn.au/ .
Kangaroo Island	By end of June	Mel Berris	melberris@hotmail.com	3 sites completed to date & 3 sites still to be counted, 2 coastal and one lagoon – all welcome.
Coorong		Paul Wainwright	paul.wainwright@sa.gov.au 08 8124 4739	One of the most interesting areas for shorebirds in SA, and help is needed to continue to document the effects that lower fresh water in-flows are having on the shorebirds found there.
Lake George		Maureen Christie	twinpeppers@icisp.net.au 08 8738 0014	
SE Lakes region: Rivoli Bay, Canunda National Park, Lake Eliza, Lake St Clair, Guichen Bay,		Maureen Christie Trevor Cowie (Birds SA)	twinpeppers@icisp.net.au 08 8738 0014 birdos_sa@bigpond.com 08 8263 2531	Birds SA are active throughout South Australia, and happy to help coordinate counts and data as possible. If you are interested in birds, there is bound to be a field trip or get together to join in on: http://www.birdssa.asn.au/ . Maureen Christie covered these as well as at least seven other areas in this region last year, but more counters are needed if these areas are to be repeated this year.
Bool Lagoon		TBA		
Carpenter Rocks & Port MacDonnell		Jeff Campbell	jeff@mountgambier.net 08 8725 1202	Come help out on these counts, an area that includes some of the longest term shorebird data for South Australia. A great spot for Ruddy Turnstone.

TASMANIA

Shorebird area	Count date(s)	Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count
Derwent region		Denis Charlesworth	kdcharlesworth@internode.on.net 03 6245 1921; 0405 065 805	Come out and see the shorebirds and help us document the part of the country that shows the earliest declines of migratory shorebirds. This is a great place to learn about shorebirds as you can get relatively close to them, and many experts are available to help you learn. It also represents an area of the country where shorebird surveys have been going on the longest.
Marion Bay & Blackmans Bay		Denis Charlesworth	kdcharlesworth@internode.on.net 03 6245 1921; 0405 065 805	
Sandspit Point, Little Swanport		Eric Woehler (Birds Tasmania)	eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	
Lake Dulverton		Shirley Fish	shirley.fish@lizzy.com.au	
Moulting Lagoon		Stewart Blackhall	Stewart.Blackhall@dpiwe.tas.gov.au	Come out to this Ramsar site and help establish the health of the lagoon. It's the best spot for waterfowl in the state notably Black Swan, eagles, and possibly Great Crested Grebe.
Scamander, Maurouard Beach, Georges Bay, Policeman's Point, Great Musselroe Bay		Liz Znidersic or Eric Woehler	lizzie_z@hotmail.com 0409 123 322 eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	
Flinders Island lagoons & beaches		Eric Woehler	eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	
Cape Portland, Kelso / Tamar Estuary, George Town Reserve	Will be counted	Ralph Cooper		
Lades Beach		Peter Duckworth	pduck@southcom.com.au 03 6356 1583	
Narantapu National Park, Moorland Point		Eric Woehler (Birds Tasmania)	eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	These areas will be counted by various people associated with Birds Tasmania. Check out what else the group gets up to on-line: http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/the-organisation/tasmania.html
Robbins Passage / Boullanger Bay		Hazel Britton	hazpet@keypoint.com.au 03 6425 2785	Any wader enthusiasts who may be in Tasmania should phone Hazel to enquire if there is an opportunity to participate, space on transport is limited. This location supports the most shorebirds in Tasmania.
King Island		Mavis Burgess or Eric Woehler	eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	
Ocean Beach		Eric Woehler (Birds Tasmania)	eric_woe@iprimus.com.au 03 6223 1980	

VICTORIA (from west to east)

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Discovery Bay to Glenelg River		Rob Farnes	farnes.robert@yahoo.com.au 03 5593 2434	
Fitzroy River mouth	11 July??	Rob Farnes	farnes.robert@yahoo.com.au 03 5593 2434	
Port Fairy	11 July	Rob Clemens	r.clemens@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 241	Will be interesting to see how many Double-banded Plover and Hooded Plover are around this winter.
Hamilton	TBA	Jane Hayes	jayes5@bigpond.com	Some water about, and large numbers reported here a couple of years ago.
Douglas area	Will be counted	Euan Moore	calamanthus@netspace.net.au	
Lake Wyn Wyn area	Not needed	No one confirmed yet		
Lake Hindmarsh, Lake Albacutya	Not needed	Ken Harris	harriskv@optusnet.com.au	
Lake Buloke	Not needed	No one confirmed yet		
Mildura area & Lake Hattah	Not needed	Pauline Bartels & Sunraysia BOCA	03 5025 3773 georgekerridge@bigpond.com.au 03 5023 3278	
Swan Hill	TBA	Roger Standen	rogang@bendigo.net.au 03 5442 7535	Over 100 Banded Lapwing were seen last year at the Sewage Plant, come and see what else may turn up in this area where water is becoming scarce.
Kerang Lakes	TBA – currently dry	Simon Starr	sandastarr@bigpond.com 03 5455 7116	The main areas important for shorebirds in this Ramsar wetland are currently dry.
Bendigo Sewerage Farm	TBA	Roger Standen & Jane Cleary	rogang@bendigo.net.au 03 5448 7535	

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Lake Corangamite	17 July	Rob Clemens	r.clemens@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 241	We'll leave from Melbourne at 7:00am for what should be an all day count, but others can meet us out there, or pick up areas on their own. A very interesting region, with results dependent on how much water is still around; has been a great area for Double-banded Plover in the past.
Bellarine Peninsula: Swan Bay / Mud Is., St Leonards Salt Lake	19 June Lake Connewarre	Ash Herrod & John Newman	a.herrod@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 251 littlehouse@iprimus.com.au	The best shorebird area in Port Phillip to see Eastern Curlews, the biggest of the migratory waders found in Australia.
Bellarine Peninsula: Moolap Saltworks,	June 21 Moolap	Ash Herrod & John Newman	a.herrod@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 251	These are great spots to watch shorebirds as well as other birds, and surveys in addition to those listed will also be happening throughout the

Belmont Common			littlehouse@iprimus.com.au	summer.
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Bellarine Peninsula: Lake Connewarre area, Begola, Black Rocks / Breamlea, Lake Lorne, Point Richards	June 20 Swan Bay	Ash Herrod & John Newman	a.herrod@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 251 littlehouse@iprimus.com.au	The Lake Connewarre shorebird area is great for thousands of waders at the Lake delta and at Hospital Swamps. Also a good area for Australasian Bitterns, Brolgas and Magpie Geese which often show up during counts.
Werribee / Avalon		Danny Rogers	drogers@melbpc.org.au	A good spot for Great Knot and Red Knot, also Pectoral Sandpiper.
Laverton / Altona		Ash Herrod Ken Gosbell	a.herrod@birdsaustralia.com.au ken@gosbell.id.au	A good spot for Pacific Golden Plover close to Melbourne, and Common Sandpiper also possible in Laverton Creek.
East Port Phillip	TBA	Mike Carter	pterodroma@bigpond.com 03 9787 7136	Call if you would like to join in on one of the regular surveys being done in this area.
Western Port		Jenny Lau	conservationprojects@boca.org.au	http://www.birdobservers.org.au/
Anderson Inlet		Jim & Anthea Whitelaw	birds3996@bigpond.com	
Shallow Inlet	15 July	Rob Clemens	r.clemens@birdsaustralia.com.au 03 9347 0757 ext. 241	Meet at 10:30am at the Sandy Point General Store & continue till 17:30 or 18:00. Be prepared for any kind of weather, but a good chance to get onto large numbers of Double-banded Plover. Unlikely to use a boat in winter.
Corner Inlet	Complete	Clive Minton & Peter Dann		
Gippsland Lakes, & Jack Smith Lake	TBA	TBA		
Mallacoota		Bob Semmens	03 5158 0758	A beautiful part of the country, and often where Vic vagrant spp. show up.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (from north to south)

Shorebird area	Count date(s)	Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count
80-mile Beach, Roebuck Bay, Bush Point, Roebuck Plains Lakes, Broome, Dampier Peninsula	Opportunistic counts in this region are encouraged, contact BBO if interested	Broom Bird observatory	broomebirds@westnet.com.au	Professional teams of observers led by Chris Hassell undertake the huge task of monitoring the large populations of shorebirds found in this region.
Kununurra irrigation area &		TBA		

Lake Argyle				
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (from north to south) Continued				
Contact name	Contact details	Notes on count		
Port Headland, Dampier Saltworks, Lake MacLeod		TBA		
Shark Bay		Les George	legeo02@westnet.com.au	Mostly Carnarvon this winter.
Hutt Lagoon		Col Heap	koljen@inet.net.au 08 9525 1114	
Swan River		Toni Webster	gtweb@conceptual.net.au	
Rottnest Island	18 June	Sue Mather	suzannemather@bigpond.com 08 9389 6416	
Forrestdale Lake		David James	08 9397 0276	
Bibra Lake	10 July 8am	Marion Shaw	wahsm2002@yahoo.com	
Kogolup Lake		Robyn Pickering	pickyang@smartchat.net.au	
Thomson's Lake		Robyn Pickering	pickyang@smartchat.net.au	Needs counters but has some experienced counter friends that could assist
Yangebup Lake		No one yet		
Herdsman Lake		John Blyth	jadb@inet.net.au	
Lake Cooloongup		Mark Newman	mark_newman@skippers.com.au	
Woodman Point		Robyn Pickering		
Swan Coastal Plain		Kim Onton	kimberlyonton@yahoo.com.au 08 9725 5945	
Garden Island		Boyd Wykes		
Peel & Yalgorup Lakes		Dick Rule	randjrul@westnet.com.au 08 9581 1894	
Vasse-Wonnerup Estuary		Kim Onton	kimberlyonton@yahoo.com.au 08 9725 5945	
Owingup Swamp		David Edmonds	epickett@comswest.net.au	
Wilson Inlet		Anne Bondin	albanybirds@hotmail.com 08 9844 1793	
Albany		Anne Bondin	albanybirds@hotmail.com 08 9844 1793	
Lake Gore		Ken Read	keje3@bigpond.net.au 08 9071 2280	
Esperance region		Ken Read	keje3@bigpond.net.au 08 9071 2280	Lake Warden, Lake Bannitup, Lake Benje, Helms Lake, Harry Davies Lakes, Barkers Inlet, Monjinup Lake, Possibly...
Eyre Bird Observatory	regular ongoing counts	Eyre Bird Observatory via	p.a.dereb@efel.net.au ; eyrebirdobs@bigpond.com	

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