

## Forthcoming talks:

06/12/2016 Wigan RSPB local group. 19.45 St. Anne's Parish Hall, Church Lane, Shevington, Wigan. WN6 8BD

14/12/2016 Watford RSPB local group 20.00 Stanborough Centre, 609 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts. WD25 9JL

09/01/2017 Stockport RSPB local group 19.30 Stockport Masonic Guildhall 169-171 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA

11/01/2017 Worcester and Malvern RSPB local group. Powick Parish Hall, Powick, Worcester, Worcs. WR2 4RT (Plover Lover's World of Delights)

18/01/2017 Leeds RSPB local group. 19.30 Friends Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX

22/02/2017 Friends of Linford Lakes Nature Reserve. Linford Lakes Nature Reserve, Wolverton Rd, Milton Keynes MK14 5AH

03/03/2017 West Midlands Bird Club (Solihull). 19.30 Guild House, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 0LN

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**1st Prize in Worldwide  
Draw  
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## Wader Conservation World Watch Special

Well here we are then in our third year of this global jamboree of waders with WCWW3. It has been another interesting year with new species and missed species a round up of which can be found on pages 10-13.

You would expect to see a strong growth in participants year on year with those that have done so before coming back and new contributors coming on board, but there has been only a



moderate growth in the number of people taking part and this is probably down to the lack of preparation that we were able to put in; this year has been non stop since August.

Starting with the British Bird Fair there seems to have been something happening the whole time. As each event passed we found ourselves preparing for the next and so when the WCWW3 event came up we were too late to really make the impact we had hoped. So what you see is pretty much a natural organic uptake this year with very little input from Elis and me. Given all of that, taking everything into consideration we are satisfied with how it all went and hope to be able to do better next year, with your help of course.

We have more or less followed the same format as last year's WCWW event newsletter

special although the tables of birds seen in which country has been changed to a simple list of species on page. The increased number of countries has meant that we couldn't neatly fit all of them into the table this year. The country and region for each species can now be found starting on page 6. The Roll of Honour remains the same on pages 2 to 4 with the world distribution maps showing the spread of contributors is on page 5. Our own personal weekend can be found summed up on pages 174 and 15.

This year we had a prize draw once more. The worldwide event had, as first prize, a pair of Opticron Explorer WA 8x42 binoculars which were



Beatriz Blauth birding in her back yard with her current bins — Beatriz Blauth

It is with sadness that we learn of the tragically early demise of one of the contributors to this event. Just three days after on the 9th of November Pete Antrobus, known to friends and colleagues as 'Tripod' died in his sleep.

Pete reported to us that he had seen 101 Eurasian Curlews at Neumann's Flash, Cheshire, UK which is a good number together in these times when Eurasian Curlews are struggling to survive.

Although we did not know Pete personally we often shared tweets and comments and our sincerest condolences go to his family.

won by Beatriz Blauth in Brazil; second prize was a signed Lars Jonsson poster of a Common Gull won by Natalie Forsdick in New Zealand, and third prize was a copy of the *Eury The Spoon-billed Sandpiper* book signed by the authors Rick and Elis Simpson and the artist Megan Tadden and was won by Alexia Fishwick. (These lucky contributors have been informed).

There was also a special prize being offered by Milly Formby for entrants in Australia where she is offering a print of her Pied Oystercatcher painting (below).



This was won by Tiffanie Pearse who sent in a list from Darwin in the Northern Territories where she went birding with Amanda Lilleyman at East Point Reserve.



Tiffanie Pearse — photo supplied by Tiffanie

## Wader Conservation World Watch Special — Species list

1	Comb-crested Jacana	43	Semipalmated Plover	85	Common Redshank
2	Northern Jacana	44	Little Ringed Plover	86	Marsh Sandpiper
3	Wattled Jacana	45	Wilson's Plover	87	Common Greenshank
4	Magellanic Oystercatcher	46	Killdeer	88	Greater Yellowlegs
5	American Black Oystercatcher	47	Piping Plover	89	Lesser Yellowlegs
6	American Oystercatcher	48	Kittlitz's Plover	90	Green Sandpiper
7	African Black Oystercatcher	49	Three-banded Plover	91	Wood Sandpiper
8	Eurasian Oystercatcher	50	White-fronted Plover	92	Terek Sandpiper
9	South Island Oystercatcher	51	Kentish Plover	93	Common Sandpiper
10	Pied Oystercatcher	52	Snowy Plover	94	Spotted Sandpiper
11	Variable Oystercatcher	53	Red-capped Plover	95	Grey-tailed Tattler
12	Sooty Oystercatcher	54	Collared Plover	96	Wandering Tattler
13	Ibisbill	55	Two-banded Plover	97	Eastern Willet
14	Black-winged Stilt	56	Double-banded Plover	98	Western Willet
15	White-headed Stilt	57	Mongolian Plover	99	Ruddy Turnstone
16	Black-necked Stilt	58	Lesser Sandplover	100	Black Turnstone
17	White-backed Stilt	59	Greater Sandplover	101	Surfbird
18	Black Stilt	60	Oriental Plover	102	Great Knot
19	Pied Avocet	61	Hooded Dotterel	103	Red Knot
20	American Avocet	62	Black-fronted Dotterel	104	Sanderling
21	Red-necked Avocet	63	Wrybill	105	Semipalmated Sandpiper
22	Eurasian Stone-curlew	64	Magellanic Plover	106	Western Sandpiper
23	Water Thick-knee	65	Eurasian Woodcock	107	Red-necked Stint
24	Spotted Thick-knee	66	Jack Snipe	108	Little Stint
25	Australian Pratincole	67	Latham's Snipe	109	Temminck's Stint
26	Oriental Pratincole	68	African Snipe	110	Least Sandpiper
27	Collared Pratincole	69	Common Snipe	111	White-rumped Sandpiper
28	Northern Lapwing	70	Wilson's Snipe	112	Baird's Sandpiper
29	Blacksmith Lapwing	71	South American Snipe	113	Pectoral Sandpiper
30	Spur-winged Lapwing	72	Giant Snipe	114	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
31	Black-winged Lapwing	73	Short-billed Dowitcher	115	Curlew Sandpiper
32	Crowned Lapwing	74	Long-billed Dowitcher	116	Purple Sandpiper
33	African Wattled Lapwing	75	Black-tailed Godwit	117	Dunlin
34	Red-wattled Lapwing	76	Hudsonian Godwit	118	Broad-billed Sandpiper
35	Masked Lapwing	77	Bar-tailed Godwit	119	Stilt Sandpiper
36	Southern Lapwing	78	Marbled Godwit	120	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
37	European Golden Plover	79	Little Curlew	121	Ruff
38	Pacific Golden Plover	80	Eurasian Whimbrel	122	Red-necked Phalarope
39	American Golden Plover	81	Hudsonian Whimbrel	123	Grey Phalarope
40	Grey Plover	82	Eurasian Curlew	124	Least Seedsnipe
41	Northern Red-breasted Plover	83	Eastern Curlew		
42	Common Ringed Plover	84	Spotted Redshank		

## Roll of Honour — Those that stood up to be counted and said “We care!”

### AFRICA

#### Mozambique

Maputo

- Gary Allport

#### South Africa

Gauteng

- Christo Kente (20) see page 6
- Daphne Lee (20)
- David Stimbles (20)
- Eddie Lee (20)
- Edwina McKowen (20)

- Gisela Ortner (20)
- Graham Warne (20)
- Ineke Huggins (20)
- Jean Wilson (20)
- Lance Robinson (20)
- Martin McKowen (20)
- Peter Huggins (20)
- Peter Sharland (11)(20)(12)
- Rodney Haworth (20)
- Sean Byrne (20)

- William Grobbelaar (20)
- Western Cape
- Brittany Arendse (2)
- Bruce Ward-Smith (1)
- Dawn Pearce (1)
- Mark Brown (2)
- Mike Bridgeford (1)
- Mike Pearce (1)
- Rob May (1)
- Selena Flores (2)

## Roll of Honour — Those that stood up to be counted and said “We care!”

### Mauritius

- Aurelie Hector (18)
- Constance Traggett (18)
- Harriet Clark (18)
- Harry Brown (18)
- Jamie Dunlop (18)
- Monica Griffiths (18)
- Sian Liversage (18)
- Veronique Coutee (18)

### THE AMERICAS

#### Argentina

Patagonia

- Mirta Carbajal (22)
- Salta
- Muriel Cadwallender
  - Tom Cadwallender (12)
- Santa Cruz
- Michael Webster (23)
  - Paula Webster (23)

#### Brazil

Rio Grande do Sul

- Beatriz Blauth

Rio de Janeiro

- Cirilo Vieira (16)

São Paulo

- Andrew Simpson (12)
- Bruno Neri
- Fábio Barata
- Thiago Malphigi

#### Canada

Ontario

- Aubrey Ferguson
- Cheryl Ferguson

#### Chile

Magallanes y Antártica Chilena

- Olivia Blank

Valparaíso

- Alvaro Jaramillo

#### Colombia

Córdoba

- Carlos Ruiz

#### Ecuador

Galapagos

- Jon Mercer

#### Guyana

Demerara-Mahaica

- David Thomforde
- Kathryn Hunter

#### Honduras

Cortes/Santa Barbara/ Copán

- Annette Cuniffe + eleven (15)

#### Mexico

Chihuahua

- Bruno Lima
- Karina Avila

#### Panama

Panama

- Rosabel Miró

- Venicio Wilson

#### Paraguay

Asunción

- Rob Clay (24)(12)

#### USA

California

- Becky Bowen (21)

Florida

- Lorraine Margeson
- Meg Rousher

Massachusetts

- Devin Griffiths (12)

New York

- Russ Ogden

#### CARIBBEAN

##### Anguilla

- Jackie Cestero (25)(12)
- Molly Nutting

#### ASIA

##### India

Maharashtra

- Amit Rai
- Brodie Lewis
- Ritesh Dighe

Uttarakhand

- Steve Race

##### Indonesia

East Java

- Alfa Hardjoko

##### Japan

Chiba

- Tomomi Kawasumi

##### Malaysia

Johor

- Chiang Lai Peng

Sabah

- Davisthon Soitoh 29)
- Mohd Nurazmeel Bin Mokhtar (29)

Selangor

- Zaim Hazim Onn

##### Philippines

Manila

- Angel Villamor (4)
- Annalyn Castalla (4)
- April L. Enriquez (4)
- Casey Lumagbas (4)
- Chris Angelo O. Rivero (4)
- Clarena E. Gamilla (4)
- Desiree Charm T. Lombos (4)
- Djanvi A. Abiog (4)
- Dominic Andrada (4)
- Elmer Pedrezuela (4)
- Emmanuelle S. Angeles (4)
- Erika Macapagal (4)
- Erina Molina (4)
- Gleeza Manulat (4)
- Heavenly Joy Garcia (4)
- Jean Christine G. Dee (4)

- John Borja (4)
- Karl Lorenzo San Jose Estuart (4)
- Kiara Nicole D. Rodriguez (4)
- Kim Adriano (4)
- Liselle Santos (4)
- Mikael Yari A. Abiog (4)
- Oyet Dolon (4)
- Princess Del Castillo (4)
- Roxanne Angelie San Jose (4)
- Josiah David Quimpo (4)
- Albert Balbutin (4)
- Carla Zapanta (4)

#### Thailand

Phetchaburi

- Mike Rose

#### Australia

New South Wales

- Fernando Mendoca Fernandez
- Jean Tucker

Northern Territory

- Amanda Lilleyman (12)
- Tiffanie Pearse

Queensland

- Arthur Keates
- Erik Sandvig (12)
- Renate Hottmann-Schaefer (18)

South Australia

- Debra Prestwood

Victoria

- Andrea Dennett
- Barry Lingham
- Craig Morley
- David Tytherleigh
- Mike Clear (12)
- Katherine Leung
- Rose Clear (12)

Western Australia

- Milly Formby
- Jill Rowbottom
- Tony ?
- Helen ?
- Chris Hassell (26)
- Diane Bennett
- Grace Maglio
- Ken Glasson

#### New Zealand

Canterbury

- Ailsa Howard
- Cody Thyne
- Liz Brown + twenty (13)(31)
- Stephanie Galla

Manawatu-Wanganui

- Angela Parody

Northland

- Ria Migaloo

Otago

- Natalie Forsdick

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### Waikato

- Andrew Styche
- Bruce Postill
- David Lawrie
- Michael Lellman
- Russell Cannings

### EUROPE

#### Czech Republic

##### Plzen

- Libor Schröpfer

#### Cyprus

##### Nicosia

- Chris Lamsdell (12)
- Denise Lamsdell (12)

#### England

##### Buckinghamshire

- Rob Norris

##### Cambridgeshire

- Doug Radford (8)

##### Cheshire

- Colin Gould (12)
- Jo Gould (12)
- Pete Antrobus RIP

##### County Durham

- Christopher Bill

##### Cumbria

- Amy Hopely (6)
- David Stonehouse (6)
- Elis Simpson (12)
- Georgina Blow (6)
- Hayden Hurst (6)
- Inge Bristow (12)(6)
- Jade Chenery (6)
- Margaret Bonham (6)
- Mari-Ann Park (6)
- Rebecca Gledhill (6)
- Rick Simpson (12)
- Roger Neale (6)
- Sarah Dalrymple (6)
- Trevor Bonham (6)

##### Devon

- Kevin Rylands (12)
- Penny Insole (12)

##### East Sussex

- Barry Yates (5)
- Stephen Harris

##### East Yorkshire

- Andy Hood

##### Essex

- Louis Lawler
- Julia Lashly (12)
- Sally Parfitt

##### Gloucestershire

- Roberta Goodall (12)

##### Hertfordshire

- Barry Reed

##### Isle of Wight

- Alexia Fishwick (12)

- Ian Haigh

- Margaret Haigh

##### Kent

- Sue Healey (9, 12)

##### Lancashire

- Geraldine Stockdale (12)
- Howard Stockdale (12)
- Richard Moriarty

##### Lincolnshire

- Jon Drakes (12)
- Mike Wilson

##### London

- James Hudson (12)

##### Merseyside

- Ariadne Heath
- Cecily Heath
- Gail Pickett (12)
- Hazel Watson (17)
- Knox Heath
- Laura Heath
- Phil Pickett (12)
- Ric Else (17)
- Sheila Ryde (14)(12)

##### Norfolk

- Allan Archer (12)
- Jenny Mason
- Maureen Irvine
- Rachel Warren (12)
- Ross Mason

##### North Yorkshire

- Tom Orde-Powlett

##### Somerset

- Chris Craig
- Mya-Rose Craig

##### Suffolk

- Jenny Mason (also Norfolk)
- Ross Mason (also Norfolk)

##### Surrey

- Carey Lodge
- Lee Dingain (12)

##### West Sussex

- Jill Black

##### Worcestershire

- John Belsey

#### France

##### Languedoc

- Alan McBride

#### Greece

##### Central Macedonia

- Paul Roberts (15)
- Anna Marett (3)
- Anne Sampson (3)
- David Calder (3)
- David Evans (3)
- Ian Bryant (3)
- Jenny Hill (3)
- John Fisher (3)(12)

- Stephen Bowen (3)

##### Peloponnese

- Nick Gaskill (9)
- Susan Gulati (9)

#### Iceland

##### Reykjavík

- Dave Leeming (14)(12)
- Karen Leeming (14)(12)

#### Malta

- James Aquilina (28)

#### The Netherlands

##### Zeeland

- Astrid Kant
- Ronald Messemaker

#### Northern Ireland

##### County Donegal/Fermanagh/Sligo

- Michael Stinson (27)

##### County Down

- Jennifer Lynch
- Neal Warnock
- Rasmus Pedersen

#### Portugal

##### Norte

- Paulo Paes de Faria (30)

#### Scotland

##### Angus

- Alison O'Hara (10)
- Andy Lovie (10)
- Andy Wakelin (10)
- Graeme Smith (10)
- Iain Bennie (10)
- Joyce Cooper (10)
- Paul Fraser (10)

##### Highland

- Scott O'Hara (10)
- Marcia Rae (10)

##### Islay

- Gary Turnbull (12)

##### Moray

- Andrew Whitelee (12)

#### Spain

##### Alicante

- Martin Griffiths

##### Andalucia

- Peter Jones

##### Navarra

- Haritz Sarasa Zabala

#### Sweden

##### Skåne

- Honor Prentice (12)
- Oskar Löfgren

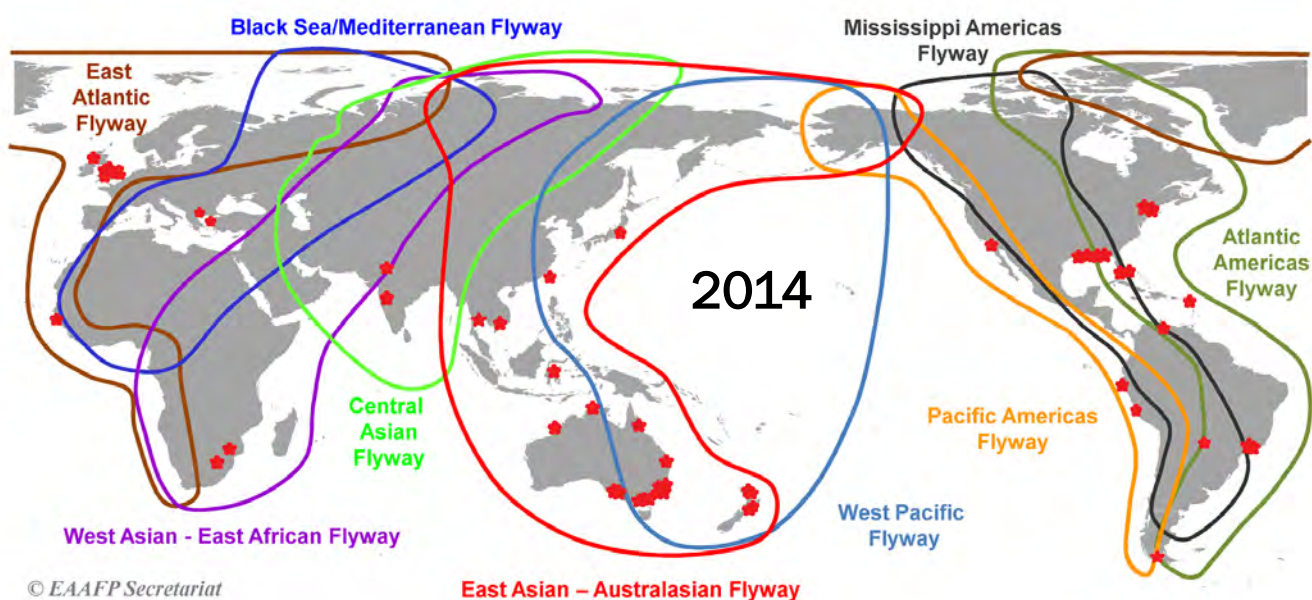
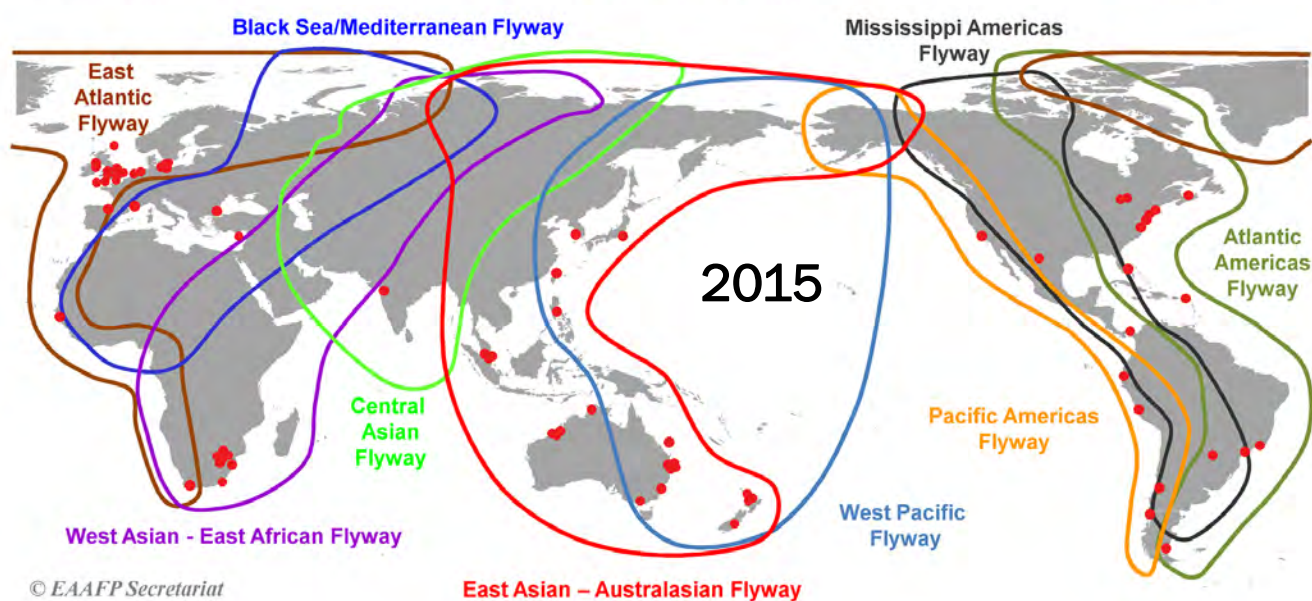
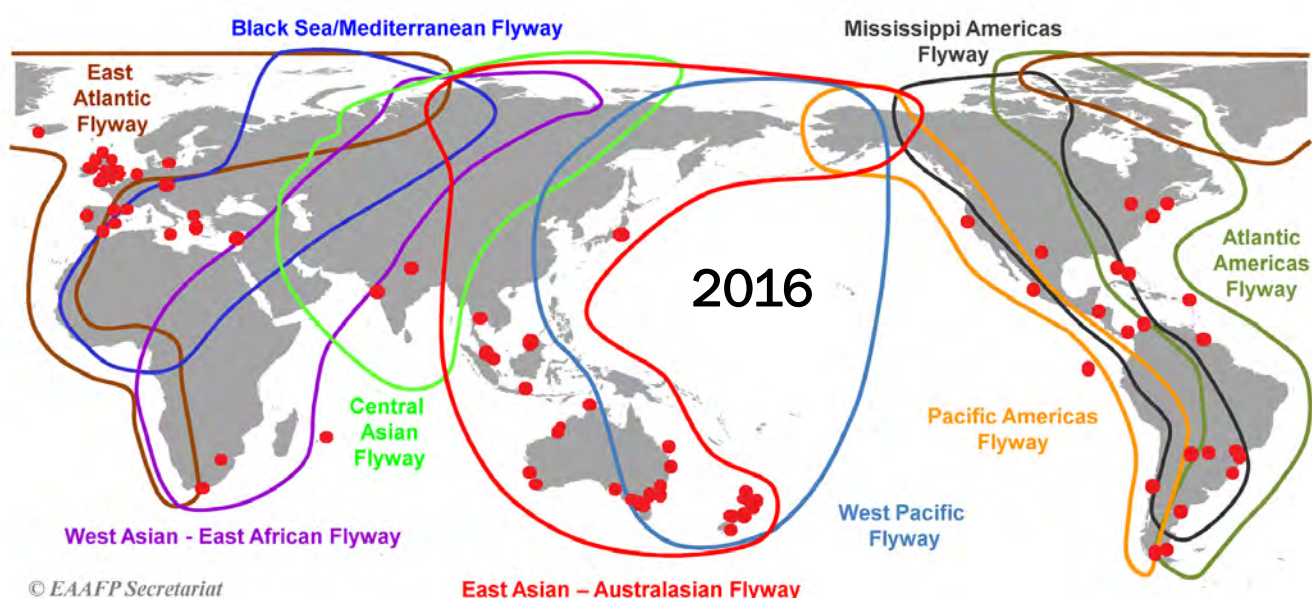
#### Wales

##### Glamorganshire

- Dan Rouse (12)



## Wader Conservation World Watch participant distribution



## Participating organisations from Roll of Honour

A number of organisations got involved in the event, some where members took part in the name of the organisation and others where they organised special events:

- (1) BirdLife Plettenberg Bay
- (2) Nature's Valley Trust
- (3) Watford RSPB local group
- (4) Haribon Foundation - Philippines
- (5) Sussex Wildlife Trust (Rye Harbour)
- (6) Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- (7) Protect the Sandgate Waders
- (8) RSPB Fowlmere

- (9) Gravesend RSPB local group
- (10) Scottish Wildlife Trust: Montrose Basin
- (11) Wader Quest South Africa
- (12) Wader Quest
- (13) Kaki Recovery Programme DOC
- (14) Dee Estuary Voluntary Wardens
- (15) Oriole Birding
- (16) Reserva Ecológica Guapiacu (REGUA)
- (17) Stickybeak
- (18) Mauritius Wildlife Foundation
- (19) Honduras Birding for Conservation Tour
- (20) Wits Bird Club

- (21) Save our Shorebirds
- (22) Fundación Inalafquen
- (23) Living Wild in South America
- (24) Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network
- (25) Nature Explorers Anguilla
- (26) Global Flyway Partnership
- (27) Lough Erne Wildfowling Council
- (28) BirdLife Malta
- (29) Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society
- (30) Douro Estuary Nature Reserve
- (31) Forest and Bird New Zealand

## Statistics for Wader Conservation World Watch 2014, 2015 & 2016

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Participants:	70	182	241
Species:	117	124	124
Countries:	19	33	38
Continents:	6	6	6
Flyways:	9	9	9

## Species with state and country locations, plus numbers where counted - 1

### JACANIDAE

1. **COMB-CRESTED JACANA** *Irediparra gallinacea*: (3) Queensland, **Australia**.
2. **NORTHERN JACANA** *Jacana spinosa*: Cortes, **Honduras**.
3. **WATTLED JACANA** *Jacana jacana*: São Paulo, **Brazil**; Demerara-Mahaica, **Guyana**; Asunción, **Paraguay**.



Wattle-necked Jacana — Kathryn Hunter



American Oystercatcher — Fabio Barata

- (20) Essex, Isle of Wight, Lancashire, (50+1400+2000) Merseyside (20) Norfolk, (50) West Sussex, **England**; (150) Chiba, **Japan**; (80) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; (260) Co. Down, Co. Fermanagh, **Northern Ireland**; (75+24+2+15) Angus, (200) Highland, Islay, Moray, **Scotland**; Glamorganshire, **Wales**.

8. **SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus finschi*: (1) Canterbury, Otago, (256+107) Waikato, **New Zealand**.

9. **MAGELLANIC OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus leucopodus*: Magallanes y Antártica Chilena, **Chile**.

10. **PIED OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus longirostris*: (2) New South Wales, (1+40) Queensland, (1) South Australia, (6) Victoria, (35+1) Western Australia, **Australia**.

11. **VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus unicolor*: (8) Canterbury, (33) Northland, Otago, (31+8) Waikato, **New Zealand**.

12. **SOOTY OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus fuliginosus*: (1) New South Wales, (3) South Australia, (10) Victoria, Western Australia, **Australia**.

### IDIDORHYNCHIDAE

13. **IBISBILL** *Ibidorhynchus struthersii* Uttarakhand, **India**.



Ibisbill — Steve Race

### RECURVIROSTRIDAE

14. **BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus*: Maharashtra, **India**; Manila, **Philippines**; Gauteng, Western Cape **South Africa**; (41) Alicante, Andalusia, **Spain**.

15. **WHITE-HEADED STILT** *Himantopus leucocephalus*: (4) Victoria, Western Australia, **Australia**; Canterbury, (51) Waikato, **New Zealand**., Otago, **New Zealand**.



## Species with state and country locations, plus numbers where counted - 2

16. **BLACK-NECKED STILT** *Himantopus mexicanus*: **Anguilla**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; Galapagos, **Ecuador**; Cortes, **Honduras**; (21) Chihuahua, **Mexico**; (5+7) Panama, **Panama**.

17. **WHITE-BACKED STILT** *Himantopus melanurus*; Rio Grande do Sul, São Paulo, **Brazil**.



White-backed Stilt — Elis Simpson

18. **BLACK STILT** *Himantopus novaeseelandiae*: Canterbury, **New Zealand**.

19. **PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*: Central Macedonia, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; (60) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**; (23) Alicante, **Spain**; Skåne, **Sweden**; (100) Lincolnshire, London, Norfolk, **England**.

20. **AMERICAN AVOCET** *Recurvirostra americana*: (116) California, Florida, **USA**.

21. **RED-NECKED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*: (9) South Australia, Western Australia, **Australia**.

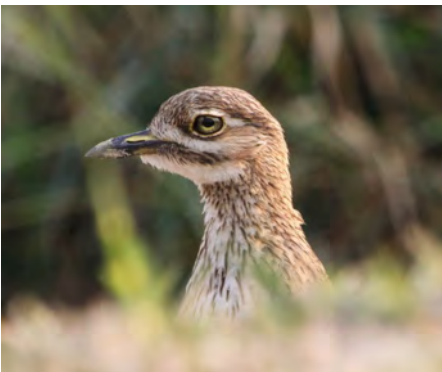


Red-necked Avocet — Debra Prestwood

### BURHINIDAE

22. **Eurasian Stone-Curlew** *Burhinus oedicnemus*: (5) Andalusia, **Spain**.

23. **Water Thick-knee** *Burhinus vermiculatus*: Western Cape, **South Africa**.



Water Thick-knee — Elis Simpson

24. **Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus capensis*:

Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**.

### PLUVIONIDAE

#### GLAREOLIDAE

25. **Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia isabella*: Western Australia, **Australia**.

26. **Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*: Western Australia, **Australia**; Phetchaburi, **Thailand**.



Oriental Pratincole — Mike Rose

27. **Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola*: Maputo, **Mozambique**.

### CHARADRIIDAE

28. **NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*: Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Devon, East Sussex, (10) Essex, Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire, (100s) London, (300) Merseyside, Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey, (30) West Sussex, (165) Worcestershire, **England**; (2) Central Macedonia, Peloponnese, **Greece**; Chiba, **Japan**; (848) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; Co. Down, **Northern Ireland**; (32+5+5+4) Angus, Highland, **Scotland**; Skåne, **Sweden**;

29. **BLACKSMITH LAPWING** *Vanellus armatus*: Western Cape, **South Africa**.

30. **SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus spinosus*: Paphos, **Cyprus**.

31. **BLACK-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus melanopterus*: Gauteng, **South Africa**.

32. **CROWNED LAPWING** *Vanellus coronatus*: Gauteng, **South Africa**.

33. **AFRICAN WATTLED LAPWING** *Vanellus senegallus*: (2) Maputo, **Mozambique**; Gauteng, **South Africa**.

34. **RED-WATTLED LAPWING** *Vanellus indicus*: Maharashtra, **India**; (17) Selangor, **Malaysia**.

35. **MASKED LAPWING** *Vanellus miles*: (4) New South Wales, (2) Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, **Australia**; Manawatu-Wanganui, (4) Northland, Otago, (2) Waikato, **New Zealand**.

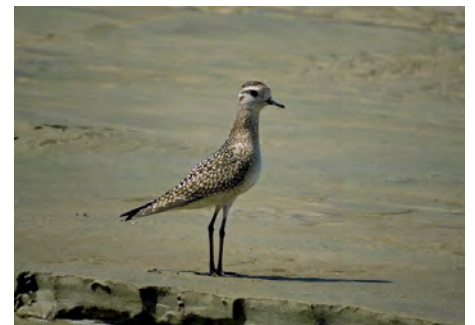
36. **SOUTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus chilensis*: Patagonia, Salta, **Argentina**; Rio de Janeiro,

Rio Grande do Sul, São Paulo, **Brazil**; (4) Valparaíso, **Chile**; (2+4) Panama, **Panama**; Asunción, **Paraguay**.

37. **EUROPEAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*: (570) Zeeland, Netherlands; Cambridgeshire, (3) Devon, East Sussex, Isle of Wight, Lancashire, (995) Merseyside, North Yorkshire, **England**; (10) Peloponnese, **Greece**; (300) Islay, **Scotland**.

38. **PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva*: Northern Territory; (14) New South Wales, (5+10) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; Maharashtra, **India**; (25) Chiba, **Japan**; (1) Sabah, **Malaysia**; Manila, **Philippines**.

39. **AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis dominica*: (20) Rio Grande do Sul, (5) São Paulo, **Brazil**; Asunción, **Paraguay**; Massachusetts **USA**.



American Golden Plover — Fabio Barata

40. **GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*:

(8) Western Australia, **Australia**; (1) São Paulo, **Brazil**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; (77) Cumbria, Devon, East Sussex, (10) Essex, Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire, Norfolk, (25) Merseyside, (60) West Sussex, **England**; (2) Peloponnese, **Greece**; (20) Chiba, **Japan**; Mauritius; (85) Maputo, **Mozambique**; (18) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; (5) Co. Down, **Northern Ireland**; (50+1) Panama, **Panama**; Manila, **Philippines**; (120) Angus, (11) Islay, **Scotland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**; Alicante, **Spain**; Skåne, **Sweden**; (114+35) California, (25) Florida, Massachusetts, **USA**.

41. **NORTHERN RED-BREASTED PLOVER** *Charadrius aquilonius*: (6+13) Northland, (10+3) Waikato, **New Zealand**.

42. **COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*: Cumbria, (4) Devon, East Sussex, Isle of Wight, Lancashire, Merseyside, Norfolk, **England**; (13) Co. Down, Co. Fermanagh, **Northern Ireland**; (40) Maputo, **Mozambique**; Highland, (130) Islay, Moray, **Scotland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**; Andalusia, **Spain**.

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43. **SEMIPALMATED PLOVER** *Charadrius semipalmatus*: Anguilla; São Paulo, Brazil; Córdoba, Colombia; Galapagos, Ecuador; (1+1) Panama, Panama; (36) California, (101) Florida, Massachusetts, USA.



Semipalmated Plover — Fabio Barata

44. **LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius*: Central Macedonia, (20) Peloponnese, Greece; Maharashtra, India; Manila, Philippines; (1) Alicante, Spain.

45. **WILSON'S PLOVER** *Charadrius wilsoni*: Anguilla; Córdoba, Colombia; (20) Florida, USA.

46. **KILLDEER** *Charadrius vociferus*: Anguilla; Copán, Honduras; (5) Chihuahua, Mexico; (20) California, Massachusetts, USA.

47. **PIPING PLOVER** *Charadrius melodus*: (10) Florida, USA.

48. **KITTLITZ'S PLOVER** *Charadrius pecuarius*: (2) Maputo, Mozambique; Western Cape, South Africa.

49. **THREE-BANDED PLOVER** *Charadrius tricollaris*: Gauteng, Western Cape, South Africa.



Three-banded Plover — Mike Bridgeford

50. **KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrinus*: (6) Languedoc, France; (10) Peloponnese, Greece; Maharashtra, India; Johor, Malaysia; Manila, Philippines; (12) Chiba, Japan.

51. **WHITE-FRONTED PLOVER** *Charadrius marginatus*: (15) Maputo, Mozambique; Western Cape, South Africa.

52. **SNOWY PLOVER** *Charadrius nivosus*: (100) California, (1) Florida, USA.

53. **RED-CAPPED PLOVER** *Charadrius ruficapillus*: (6) Queensland, (6) South Australia, Western Australia, Australia.

54. **COLLARED PLOVER** *Charadrius collaris*: São

Paulo, Brazil; Córdoba, Colombia; Asunción, Paraguay.

55. **TWO-BANDED PLOVER** *Charadrius falklandicus*: Patagonia, Argentina; (13) Magallanes y Antártica Chilena, Chile.



Red-capped Plover — Debra Prestwood

56. **DOUBLE-BANDED PLOVER** *Charadrius bicinctus*: (2) Canterbury, Waikato, New Zealand.

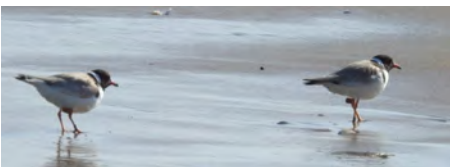
57. **MONGOLIAN PLOVER** *Charadrius mongolus*: Northern Territory; Western Australia, Australia; Surabaya, Indonesia.

58. **LESSER SANDPLOVER** *Charadrius atrifrons*: Maharashtra, India; Johor, Malaysia.

59. **GREATER SANDPLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii*: Northern Territory, Western Australia, Australia; Maharashtra, India; Mauritius.

60. **ORIENTAL PLOVER** *Charadrius veredus*: Western Australia, Australia.

61. **HOODED PLOVER** *Thinornis rubricollis*: (6) South Australia, Victoria, Australia.



Hooded Plover — Debra Prestwood

62. **BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL** *Elsayornis melanops*: Victoria, Australia.

63. **WRYBILL** *Anarhynchus frontalis*: Canterbury, Waikato, New Zealand.

### PLUVIANELLIDAE

64. **MAGELLANIC PLOVER** *Pluvianellus socialis*: Magallanes y Antártica Chileno, Chile.

### SCOLPACIDAE

65. **EURASIAN WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*: Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.; Moray, Scotland

66. **JACK SNIBE** *Limnocyrtus minimus*: Paphos, Cyprus; East Sussex, Merseyside, Somerset, Surrey, England; Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland; Navarra, Spain.

67. **LATHAM'S SNIBE** *Gallinago hardwickii*: Queensland, Australia.

68. **AFRICAN SNIBE** *Gallinago nigripennis*: Gauteng, South Africa.

69. **COMMON SNIBE** *Gallinago gallinago*: Paphos, Cyprus; Plzen, Czech Republic; Cheshire, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Kent, Lancashire, London, Merseyside, Norfolk, Somerset, Surrey, (6) Worcestershire, England; Western Macedonia, Greece; Co. Down, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland; Norte Portugal; Angus, Scotland; (1) Alicante Navarra, Spain; Skåne Sweden.

70. **WILSON'S SNIBE** *Gallinago delicata*: New York, USA.

71. **SOUTH AMERICAN SNIBE** *Gallinago paraguaiiae*: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



South American Snipe — Elis Simpson

72. **GIANT SNIBE** *Gallinago undulata*: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

73. **SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER** *Limnodromus griseus*: Anguilla; Córdoba, Colombia; (200+301) Panama, Panama; (9) California, (37) Florida, Massachusetts, USA.

74. **LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*: New York, USA.



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### 75. BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*:

(2) Queensland, (1) Western Australia, **Australia**; (2) Zeeland, **Netherlands**, Cheshire, Cumbria, (8) Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Kent, (5) Lincolnshire, (1) London, Lancashire, (1106) Merseyside, Norfolk, Suffolk, **England**; Maharashtra, **India**; Co. Down, **Northern Ireland**; (46+36+20) Angus, Highland, **Scotland**; Skåne, **Sweden**.

### 76. BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*:

(4) New South Wales, Northern Territory, (1530+8) Queensland, Victoria, (2) Western Australia, **Australia**; (4) Devon, East Sussex, Merseyside, (21) Norfolk, West Sussex, **England**; Manuwatu-Wanganui, (34) Northland, (2080) Waikato, **New Zealand**; (3) Chiba, **Japan**; Co. Down, **Northern Ireland**; Norte, **Portugal**; Highland, (2) Angus, (210) Islay, **Scotland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**.



Bar-tailed Godwit — Mike Bridgeford

### 77. HUDSONIAN GODWIT *Limosa haemastica*:

(40) Santa Cruz, **Argentina**; Asuncion, **Paraguay**.

### 78. MARBLED GODWIT *Limosa fedoa*: (130) Panama, **Panama**; (18) Florida, **USA**.

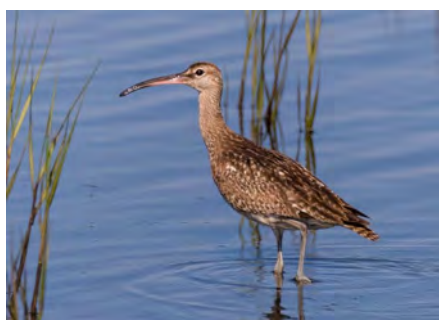
### 79. LITTLE CURLEW *Numenius minutus*: Western Australia, **Australia**.

80. **EURASIAN WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*: (2) New South Wales, Northern Territory, (1+20) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; Devon, Isle of Wight, **England**; Surabaya, **Indonesia**, Johor, (3) Sabah, **Malaysia**; **Mauritius**; (40) Moputo, **Mozambique**; Manila, **Philippines**.

81. **HUDSONIAN WHIMBREL** *Numenius hudsonicus*: São Paulo, **Brazil**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; Galapagos, **Ecuador**; (45+10) Panama, **Panama**.

### 82. EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*:

(300) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; (101) Cheshire, Cumbria, (111) Devon, East Sussex, (5) Essex, Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire, (9) Lincolnshire, (2) London,



Eurasian Whimbrel — Mike Bridgeford

(8+25) Merseyside, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Suffolk, (35) West Sussex, Worcestershire, **England**; (14) Langeudoc, **France**; (223) Co. Down, Co. Sligo, **Northern Ireland**; Norte, **Portugal**; (3+60+15+2) Angus, Highland, (175) Islay, Moray, **Scotland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**; Skåne, **Sweden**.

83. **EASTERN CURLEW** *Numenius madagascarensis*: (50) New South Wales, (1+50) Queensland, Victoria, (2) Western Australia, **Australia**; Johor, **Malaysia**.

84. **SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*: Gloucestershire, Lancashire, **England**; (1) Peloponnese, Western Macedonia, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; (12) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; (1) New South Wales, **Australia**.

85. **COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*: Western Australia, **Australia**; (20) Peloponnese, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; (80) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; Cheshire, Cumbria, (100) Devon, East Sussex, (30) Essex, Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Kent, (5) Lancashire, (37) Lincolnshire, London, (5+5+500) Merseyside, Norfolk, Suffolk, (40) West Sussex, **England**; (296) Co. Down, Co. Sligo, **Northern Ireland**; Manila, **Philippines**; (64+300+125+21) Angus, Highland, (43) Islay, Moray, **Scotland**.

86. **MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*: Maharashtra, **India**; Waikato, **New Zealand**;



Common Greenshank — Mike Bridgeford

Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**.

### 87. COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*:

(2) Queensland, (2) Victoria, (9+6) Western Australia, **Australia**; Cumbria, (13) Devon, Cumbria, Isle of Wight, Lancashire, **England**; Maharashtra, **India**; **Mauritius**; (24) Co. Down, **Northern Ireland**; Manila, **Philippines**; (1+22) Angus, **Scotland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**; Andalucia, **Spain**.

88. **GREATER YELLOWLEGS** *Tringa melanoleuca*: **Anguilla**; Patagonia, **Argentina**; São Paulo, **Brazil**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; Demerara-Mahaica, **Guyana**; (1) Panama, **Panama**; (10) California, Florida, New York, **USA**.

### 89. LESSER YELLOWLEGS *Tringa flavipes*:

**Anguilla**; Patagonia, **Argentina**; (2) São Paulo, **Brazil**; (10) Valparaíso, **Chile**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; (35) California, (1) Florida, Massachusetts, **USA**.



Lesser Yellowlegs — Fabio Barata

### 90. GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*:

Maharashtra, **India**; Cheshire, London, Surrey, (4) Worcestershire, **England**; Western Macedonia, **Greece**; Alicante, Andalucia, **Spain**.

### 91. WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*:

(1) Peloponnese, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; Surabaya, **Indonesia**, Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**.

92. **TEREK SANDPIPER** *Xenus cinereus*: (1) New South Wales, Northern Territory, (2) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; Johor, **Malaysia**; **Mauritius**; (12) Maputo, **Mozambique**; Western Cape **South Africa**.

### 93. COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*:

Northern Territory, Western Australia, **Australia**; Maharashtra, **India**; (2) Sabah, Selangor, **Malaysia**; **Mauritius**; Manila, **Philippines**; Norte, **Portugal**; Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**; Andalucia, **Spain**;

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Wood Sandpiper — Mike Bridgeford

94. **SPOTTED SANDPIPER** *Actitis macularia*: Anguilla; (1) São Paulo, **Brazil**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; Demerara-Mahaica, **Guyana**; Cortes, **Honduras**; (3) Panama, **Panama**; (1) Florida, **USA**.

95. **GREY-TAILED TATTLER** *Heteroscelus brevipes*: (14) New South Wales, Northern Territory, (400+3) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; (4) Sabah, **Malaysia**; Manila, **Philippines**.

96. **WANDERING TATTLER** *Tringa incanus*: Galapagos, **Ecuador**.

97. **WESTERN WILLET** *Tringa inornata*: Córdoba, **Colombia**; (24+1) Panama, **Panama**; (14) California, Florida, **USA**.

98. **EASTERN WILLET** *Tringa semipalmata*: Córdoba, **Colombia**.

99. **RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*: Anguilla; Northern Territory, (5) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; São Paulo, **Brazil**; Galapagos, **Ecuador**; Cumbria, (34) Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Lancashire, (1+1) Merseyside, Norfolk, (5) West Sussex, **England**; Western Macedonia, **Greece**; (1) Chiba, **Japan**; Johor, **Malaysia**; Mauritius; (10) Maputo, **Mozambique**; (11) Co. Down, Co. Sligo, **Northern Ireland**; Northland, (4) Waikato, **New Zealand**; (1) Panama, **Panama**; Norte, **Portugal**; (15) Islay, Moray, **Scotland**; (1) California, (13) Florida, **USA**.



Ruddy Turnstone — Elis Simpson

100. **BLACK TURNSTONE** *Arenaria melanocephala*: (44) California, **USA**.

101. **SURFBIRD** *Aphriza virgata*: (16) California, **USA**.

102. **GREAT KNOT** *Calidris tenuirostris*:

Northern Territory, (80) Queensland, (3) Western Australia, **Australia**;

103. **RED KNOT** *Calidris canutus*: (20) Queensland, (1) Western Australia, **Australia**; São Paulo, **Brazil**; Cumbria, (15) Devon, (5) Essex, Isle of Wight, Lancashire, Merseyside, Norfolk, **England**; (6) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; Canterbury, Waikato, **New Zealand**; (8) Panama, **Panama**; (45) Angus, **Scotland**; (57) Florida, **USA**.



Red Knot — Fabio Barata

104. **SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*: Anguilla; Patagonia, **Argentina**; Western Australia, **Australia**; (1) São Paulo, **Brazil**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; Galapagos, **Ecuador**; Cheshire, (7) Devon, East Sussex, East Yorkshire, (80) Merseyside, Norfolk, **England**; Chiba, **Japan**, (125) Maputo, **Mozambique**; Co. Sligo, **Northern Ireland**; Western Cape, **South Africa**; (200) California, (29) Florida, Massachusetts, **USA**.



Sanderling — Fabio Barata

105. **SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER** *Calidris pusilla*: Anguilla; (4) Valparaíso, **Chile**; Córdoba, **Colombia**; (1+1) Panama, **Panama**.

106. **WESTERN SANDPIPER** *Calidris mauri*: (1+1) Panama, **Panama**; (2+7) California, (37) Florida, **USA**.

107. **RED-NECKED STINT** *Calidris ruficollis*: Northern Territory, (300) Queensland,

Victoria, (11) Western Australia, **Australia**; (3) Chiba, **Japan**.



Red-necked Stints — Debra Prestwood

108. **LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*: Lancashire, **England**; Western Macedonia, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; (25) Maputo, **Mozambique**; Gauteng, Western Cape, **South Africa**; (53) Alicante, **Spain**.



Little Stint — Mike Bridgeford

109. **TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*: Maharashtra, **India**; (2) Alicante, **Spain**.

110. **LEAST SANDPIPER** *Calidris minutilla*: Anguilla; Córdoba, **Colombia**, Galapagos, **Ecuador**; Chihuahua, **Mexico**; (5+65) California, (40) Florida, **USA**.

111. **WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER** *Calidris fuscicollis*: Patagonia, **Argentina**; São Paulo, **Brazil**; Asunción, **Paraguay**.



White-rumped Sandpiper — Fabio Barata

112. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** *Calidris bairdii*: (28) Valparaíso, **Chile**; Asuncion, **Paraguay**.

113. **PECTORAL SANDPIPER** *Calidris melanotos*: Waikato, **New Zealand**; Asunción, **Paraguay**.



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114. **SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER** *Calidris acuminata*: (20) Queensland, Western Australia, **Australia**; (1) Waikato, **New Zealand**.
115. **CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*: (50) Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, **Australia**; Lancashire, **England**; **Mauritius**; (250) Maputo, **Mozambique**; , Western Cape, **South Africa**;
116. **PURPLE SANDPIPER** *Calidris maritima*: Co. Durham, East Yorkshire, **England**; Reykjavik, **Iceland**; C. Sligo, **Northern Ireland**; Skåne **Sweden**.
- Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire, (200) Lincolnshire , (200+150) (151) Merseyside, Norfolk, Suffolk, (200) West Sussex, , **England**; (18) Peloponnese, **Greece**; Maharashtra, **India**; (800) Chiba, **Japan**; (5) Zeeland, **Netherlands**; (198) Co.Down, **Northern Ireland**; (300) Angus, (85) Islay, **Scotland**; (29) Alicante, **Spain**; Skåne **Sweden**; (24) Florida, Massachusetts, **USA**.
122. **RED-NECKED PHALAROPE**: *Phalaropus lobatus*: Galapagos, **Ecuador**.
123. **GREY PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus fulicarius*: Hertfordshire, **England**.
124. **LEAST SEEDSNIPE** *Thinocorus rumicivorus*: Patagonia, **Argentina**.



Purple Sandpiper — Elis Simpson



Dunlins — Tomomi Kawasumi

117. **DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*: Cumbria, (1210) Devon, East Sussex, (20) Essex, Lancashire, (1) Lincolnshire, Merseyside,

118. **BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER**, *Calidris falcinellus*: Western Australia, **Australia**;
119. **STILT SANDPIPER** *Calidris himantopus*: **Anguilla**;

120. **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** *Calidris subruficollis*: Asunción, **Paraguay**.

121. **RUFF** *Calidris pugnax*: Cheshire, Lancashire, (1) Lincolnshire, Merseyside,



Least Seedsnipe — Elis Simpson

## Summary — Rick Simpson

A big thanks again to everyone who took part in this years Wader Conservation World Watch it was an enjoyable occasion for us (see page 14) and we were pleased once more with the involvement of various organisations. The most prolific of these again this year being the Haribon team in the Philippines who had a total of twenty eight observers.

As far as the birds are concerned there are a couple of interesting facts and features. The first being that we got exactly the same total as last year. Obviously we were hoping to improve on last year's total especially as we got some cracking new species for the list. Northern Jacana was a real treat (not least because Elis and I have never seen one ourselves) and was sent to us by our old friend Annette Cuniffe from the USA who was on a birding trip in Honduras; one of a number of lucky travelling birder hits for us.

Next on the new species list was American Black Oystercatcher. With so many



Dunlins — Tomomi Kawasumi

birders in California we are a little surprised that we haven't had this before now but the uptake in the US has still been slow but we'll keep plugging away; I'm sure they won't want to be beaten by the rest of the world!

The second travelling birder scenario happened with what has to be bird of the event this year, the amazing Ibisbill which was seen and photographed by Steve Race along the Kosi River where Elis and I



## Summary — cont'd

saw our pair what seems like a lifetime ago now although it was only 2014. We used Steve's photo earlier, but I can't resist reprinting it larger here.

Eurasian Stone-Curlew has eluded us until now, although rather expected the lack of observers in southern Europe has made us wait for this one. This year Peter Jones came up with the goods, he said in his email when he sent the list that it would make me smile, and it did.

Another overseas birder came up trumps with the Collared Pratincole in Mozambique sent to us by Gary Allport. This is perhaps another which we might have expected to have had by now, along with Small Pratincole from India which is fairly widespread. There are many birders in India that have not taken up the WCWW challenge yet. We still have time to work on that of course for next year.

Another species that Elis and I have yet to see and one we hadn't really counted on was found by our friends in the Wits Birders Club down in South Africa when they clocked up Black-winged Lapwing; where were they when we visited eh?

The next new bird gives us something to discuss; the Eastern Willet. I always ask the observers who send in Willet as a single species which they have seen. We split them for no other reason than it would be good to get records of these two forms as their non-breeding range is uncertain. The only observer who saw both was Carlos Ruiz in Colombia and he sent us the photo you see below left.

Telling the two forms apart is notoriously difficult, especially as the Western is quite variable and overlaps occur. This photo proves the point. Here are the features:



Eastern and Western Willet? — Carlos Ruiz



Undoubtedly species of the event; Ibisbill along the Kosi River in India — Steve Race

- 1) Western is more godwit like and larger .
- 2) Western has a longer and more slender neck.
- 3) Western has a longer and more slender bill the eastern being more dagger-like and thicker to the point.
- 4) Western has a steeper angle between the bill and the forehead.
- 5) Westerns are longer legged than Easterns.
- 6) Western birds are greyer with Eastern birds being a warmer brown.

So there you have it, do we have an Eastern and a Western Willet here? Answers please on a postcard...

Moving swiftly on. There is no doubting the identity of the next two new species that we were sent in this year for the first time. They are Black Turnstone and Surfbird.



Surfbird (left) and Black Turnstone — Elis Simpson

These two together with Rock Sandpiper are collectively known as 'Rock Pipers' as they are invariably seen in small groups together foraging around the rocks at the water's edge in the same way that Purple Sandpipers do elsewhere. These two are the most widespread of the three on the

western coasts of the Americas. The Rock Sandpiper could be some time in joining the party unless we recruit a participant in Washington

Washington State or further north as the they are not regularly seen much further south than this.

The last two 'new kids on the block' are both phalaropes, Red-necked and Grey Phalarope. The former was yet another birding trip scoop, this one from, of all places, the Galapagos and it was Jon Mercer who sent it in. Following the revelations a short time ago that our own breeding Red-necked Phalaropes in the Shetland Isles, or some at least, spend their winter in the Pacific and not the Arabian Gulf as previously thought, then the bird Jon saw could be 'one of ours'! The Grey Phalarope was in a less exotic location albeit a bit of a rarity occasioning a local twitch in Hertfordshire and the observer was long time friend Barry Reed.

So what of the missing species? Funnily enough one of them was a phalarope too and no prizes for guessing which since there is only one remaining species, the Wilson's Phalarope. At this time of year they should be in their southern wintering quarters with some possibly still be on the move which would theoretically make the easier to find be rather more readily found and it has occurred in both previous events.

Also down at the bottom end of the wader list and of the world the Snowy Sheathbill didn't make it this year, not altogether a great surprise however.

Working our way back up the



## Summary — cont'd

wader list the next is a real disappointment, our beloved Spoon-billed Sandpiper. We had no-one in Thailand able to go out for us on the weekend. The frustrating thing is our friend Nick Upton was busy but on the Friday he saw not just the Spoonies (four of them) but also Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher plus Malaysian and White-faced Plover, four more species we missed. In addition to these Thai rarities some more regular birds were missed too such as Long-toed Stint, Pin-tailed Snipe and Grey-headed Lapwing. If we had secured a list from there we would have scorched last year's total... Sigh!

Africa too was less well covered this year, we had our Cape and Johannesburg areas covered but the spread was not there so we missed out on a couple of coursers; Temminck's and Two-banded, along with Black-winged Pratincole, Caspian Plover, plus Senegal and White-crowned Lapwings.

Elsewhere in Africa our friend Modu Saidy in The Gambia was away. This meant we didn't get our Black-headed Lapwings this year nor a more generally distributed and therefore more surprising species, the African Jacana.

In Australia the Red-kneed Dotterel and both Banded Lapwing and Banded Stilt gave us the slip along with the two Thick-knees, Bush and Beach.

The remainder of the missing birds were from the Americas. In the south our normally enthusiastic observer in Peru Renzo Zeppilli was sent up the jungle where few waders are to be expected, so he is excused. The result was the loss of perhaps Peruvian Thick-knee, (we really didn't do well with thick-knees this year, good job we got the Eurasian Stone-Curlew to compensate) and Blackish Oystercatcher.

Also South America bound would have been Upland Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpiper and at the end of the world Tawny-throated Dotterel should be breeding.

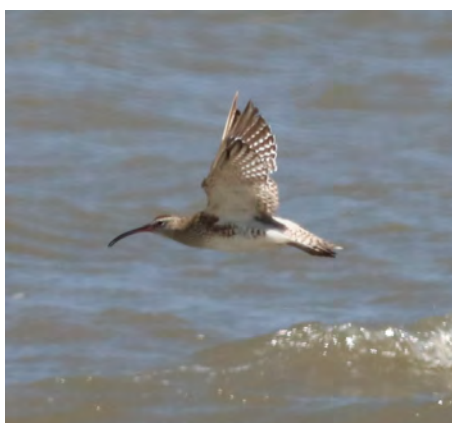
Not surprising is the lack of American Woodcock, the fact that we lucked into one is someone's garden the first year is not likely to be repeated too often, although we have had Eurasian the last two years.

That just leaves us with Long-billed Curlew which should not be that hard to find if we can get some more watchers on the west coast next year.

As far as rare birds are concerned, apart from the Ibisbill mentioned we were happy to have the involvement of Liz Brown of the New Zealand Department of Conservation Kaki Recovery programme making Black Stilt almost a certainty. Elsewhere in New Zealand a hybrid Black /

White-headed Stilt was seen by Stephanie Galla at the Ashley River Estuary on South Island.

Probably the rarest of the birds to be seen over the weekend represented a subspecies, that at one stage was thought to have become extinct and is still incredibly rare. It is the 'Steppe' Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus alboaxillaris* a subspecies of Eurasian Whimbrel. This gem, or should I say these gems as there was more than one, were found at Moputo in Mozambique by Gary Allport and this is the photo he sent to us of one of them; note the incredible white underwings and axillaries (below).



'Steppe' Eurasian Whimbrel — Gary Allport

Apart from the rarities and birds Elis and I have yet to see, the spectacle that we'd most like to have witnessed was an inspiration of around three thousand 'peeps' in Panama that Rosabel Miró reported. The inspiration comprised Western and Semipalmated Sandpipers and Semipalmated Plovers; that must have been quite a sight to behold when they all got up together.

It was good to see people of all age groups represented from the old codgers like us to younger members of the wader loving clan like the Heath children of Shore Cottage

in the Wirral, all three of them Knox (10), Cecily (7) and Ariadne (5) were out looking for waders along the tideline right outside their front door, lucky things.



'Knox, Cecily and Ariadne looking through the waders at the shoreline — Laura Heath

Also a special mention must be made for those who trudged around with the best of intentions but did not come across any waders at all like Cheryl and Aubrey Ferguson in Canada and James Aquilina in Malta.

Finally to sum the whole thing up the important thing really we feel is to get people out to look at waders to heighten their profile, in this WCWW3 was a success as we increased the number of participants considerably. The bird list is the fun bit and not the reason for holding the event, but it was encouraging to see us maintain the number of species seen. As last year, we can see great potential for the future looking at the birds missed that we have had reported previously and those that surely must be easy to see if we can get enough people in the right places out and supporting wader conservation.

Once more a huge thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble, not just to go out and see waders but also to then send us the details of what you have seen. A great group effort by wader lovers the world over, congratulations to one and all.



A mixed aggregation of waders in the Wirral — Sheila Ryde

## Trip report from Mauritius — Jamie Dunlop

Sunday 6th November started with a beautiful clear day in Mauritius as my group set out on the road north to carry out our Wader Conservation World Watch for Wader Quest at Rivulet Terre Rouge bird sanctuary.

Rivulet Terre Rouge is one of two Ramsar sites in Mauritius that provide key habitat for migratory and resident waders. Many of the birds come from the West Asian – East African Flyway that, one presumes, fancy a spot away from the crowds of the main flyway stop-overs. The sanctuary is the largest estuary in Mauritius and has been protected by the Mauritian Government and the National Parks and Conservation Service since 1997.

Reaching the sanctuary in good time for low tide in the estuary we set up camp in the wooden bird hide available to visitors. At first glance looking out it looked like slim pickings, just a handful of Eurasian Whimbrels and a couple of Grey Plovers pottering around. But, after a few minutes of acclimatising our eyes to spotting birds against the grey mud we were happy to see our first thoughts were incorrect. Most common were the Curlew Sandpipers, busily probing the glistening mud for food. In amongst them, a flash of colour marked the colourful legs of Terek Sandpipers. Eurasian Whimbrels provided a tuneful musical backdrop, and Grey Plovers stood tall, sentinels along the shoreline. Back from the shoreline stooped several Greater Sandpipers, and Ruddy Turnstones ambled amongst the flotsam. A loner Common



(Top Centre) Veronique Couttee, Constance Traggett, Monica Griffiths, Sian Liversage and Jamie Dunlop  
- Jamie Dunlop & (Lower right) Aurelie Hector and Harry Brown - Harriet Clark

Greenshank followed behind the main flock.

After an hour or so we thought this was our lot, but as we were packing up to leave a darker shape flew along the length of the exposed shoreline. Landing smartly on the far eastern end of the mud, a quick up-down tail waggle confirmed our last species for the day, Common Sandpiper.

We did try some counts but it proved difficult as there was a fair amount of disturbance to the birds from a group of locals harvesting a plant that was growing on the estuary floodplain in between us in hide and the shoreline.

Special thanks go to the warden team on Round Island nature reserve, who

went out to find a few of the resident Ruddy Turnstones. Round Island is a closed nature reserve off the North-east of Mauritius and is the site of one of the world's most successful habitat restoration projects, home to many species endemic to Mauritius that are now extinct on the mainland.

### Final list:

Eurasian Whimbrel  
Grey Plover  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Greater Sandplover  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Common Sandpiper

## Our Wader Conservation World Watch Weekend — Rick and Elis Simpson



Wader Quest team—Jack Delabye

Last year we visited two great wader locations in Kent and Lincolnshire. We were undecided what to do this year until out of the blue we got an offer we couldn't refuse.

"We're running a wader festival at South Walney Reserve in Cumbria, called the *Walney Wader Festival* and we'd love it if you could come along and run your Wader Conservation World Watch from there." This was Hayden Hurst, whose brainchild the event was. So following a meeting for the

*Wirral Wader Festival* we stayed overnight in Lancashire at our favourite B&B and then headed for Cumbria on the 4th of November arriving in time to have a walk along the track by the marsh and encountering a group of young trainees from the reserve hunkered down out of the cold wind watching the waders on the falling tide.



Young wader watchers at south Walney Reserve  
— Elis Simpson

There are extensive mud flats as you'd expect being next to Morecambe Bay, but it is difficult to get close to the birds

which is not too helpful for the photographers among us. However for out-and-out birders who just enjoy the pleasure of the birds it is a wonderful place.



Dunlins chasing the tide—Elis Simpson

The event was a well conceived and, considering the remoteness of the reserve, it was very well attended. Run on a different basis to the Wirral event there was a day for children and families on the Saturday and the Sunday was given over to talks and workshops for wader lovers.



## Our Wader Conservation World Watch Weekend — cont'd

In addition to the talk we gave about British Waders the RSPB were there and gave a talk about what they are doing to protect the UK's waders. There was also a terrific identification workshop by Hayden himself which was the best attended event of them all and this was followed up by a practical session in the field.

Those that attended the festival were given a recording sheet and were urged to keep a list of all the waders they saw as they walked around the reserve. When they left they handed the sheets in to us where we had set up our Wader Quest HQ in the reserve office. We were lucky that many of them did as and in fact we got out very little over the weekend so our own effort was pretty dismal in the end.



What of the birds then? One of the most conspicuous species was the Eurasian Curlew of which there were quite a few. At high tide they could be encountered on the fields and on the saltmarsh including an aberrant bird that was nearly all white.



Aberrant Eurasian Curlew on the saltmarsh  
— Elis Simpson



View from the reserve toward Piel Castle — Elis Simpson

At low tide of course the curlews were spread very thinly across the mud flats. A few Grey Plovers could be found and at high tide they would fly around in a small squadron. Another common wader was the Common Redshank which would mix with a few Dunlins paddling around at the water's edge as the tide pushed in.



Common Redshanks, Ruddy Turnstones and Dunlins — Elis Simpson

The Wader Quest HQ was set up in the office building where most of the activity took place including the kids' painting and the talks. HQ consisted of Elis and me sitting at the computer checking the emails and other social media messages as they came in from around the world. We had a white board on which we updated the list and a map was kindly provided so we could stick a red dot on it to show the distribution of participants.



Kids hard at work with their wader paintings  
— Elis Simpson

Obviously the first lists that we received had come in overnight from New Zealand and Australia as well as parts of Asia, but as the day went on more and more came in from closer at hand.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend all in all with plenty of talking about waders to anyone who'd listen, hot tea on tap and half decent weather (although it was cold and quite windy).

On the Friday and Saturday night we stayed at the local pub which was pretty basic but had all you needed including an old gent who sat at the piano playing tunes which, after a couple of the local brews, I found myself along, often alone, in particularly the old cockney music hall type songs I noted.

We met a great number of wonderful people, most of whom had come along especially for the event and some even especially to see us which was pretty humbling. It was good to see some old friends among the new faces just to make us feel at home.

This festival was planned as a one off event, but when we left there was talk about doing something similar next year and we hope they do decide to do a second *Walney Wader Festival* and, if invited, we would surely love to come along and visit this glorious location again.

As for Wader Conservation World Watch 2017, where will we end up? One thing is for sure, after the last two years when it has been bitterly cold (what did we expect in November after all) we sincerely hope we'll be able to report from somewhere considerably warmer and with some exciting species to add to the list.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's event .

We hope you'll be able to join us again next year for

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Curlew Sandpiper — Elis Simpson

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