

Forthcoming talks:

07/12/2015 Hemel Hempstead
RSPB local group. 20.00
The Cavendish School, Warners
End Road, Hemel Hempstead.
HP1 3DW.

07/01/2016 Woodbridge RSPB
local Group. 19.30 Woodbridge
Community Hall, Station Road,
Woodbridge, Suffolk. IP12 4AU.

16/02/2016 Milton Keynes
Natural History Society.
(Waders of Milton Keynes)
20.00 Cruck Barn Alston Dr,
Milton Keynes MK13 9AP

19/03/2016 Walsall RSPB local
group. 19.30 St. Mary's Primary
School, Jessica Road, Walsall,
WS1 3AY

14/04/2016 Gravesend RSPB
local group. 19.30 North Fleet
School for Girls, Hall Road,
Gravesend, DA11 8AQ.

17/05/2016 York RSPB local
group. 19.30 Temple Hall,
York St John University,
Lord Mayors Walk,
York. YO31 7EL

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**Wader Conservation
World Watch 3
5th & 6th Nov. 2016**
Make a note in your diary now.

Wader Conservation World Watch Special

In 2013 Elis and I started planning an event that we hoped would bring the plight of waders to a worldwide audience, we were aware that although the threats to waders had never been greater, awareness of those threats, even among birders, was not growing in proportion, in short, the crisis was unfolding almost unnoticed.

We decided that it would be appropriate to have the event coincide with the anniversary of the first day of the travelling we undertook in search of the world's waders, when we set out to raise money for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper at the beginning of November 2012. We were a bit late to get organised for 2013, after all we were still travelling at that time and so it was decided our big world event would happen in November 2014.

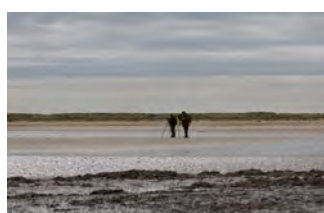
The event, considering the limited reach and marketing and publicity experience we had, was pretty successful although I confess there was a certain amount of after the event list chasing. The result was that we had seen, between us, half of the world's waders, a reasonable result for a first attempt.

However, we did not think that we had quite achieved what we had set out to do, the event had been rather more list orientated than it should have been. We really wanted the event to be much more about conservation than listing, so we changed the title from Wader Quest World Watch to Wader Conser-

vation World Watch. This we felt fitted the bill much better.

What is it then are we trying to achieve? Rainforest destruction is a widely known and chronic problem for environmentalists and there can hardly be a person alive who is not aware, to some extent, of the wholesale destruction of these magnificent tracts of natural heritage. But, what of the relatively new and under recognised tragedy that is befalling our wetlands, especially the intertidal zone which appears to be in the sights of every developer on earth?

This acute problem it seemed to us was not sufficiently well appreciated. The plight of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper has gone a long way to highlighting the problems waders in general are facing, but we found that still too many people were not cognisant of the fact that millions of waders were facing unprecedented threats, all of which are caused by human activity of one sort or another.



Wader Conservation World Watch then was to become that beacon of hope for anyone connected with wader conservation, as a professional or volunteer, to draw more attention to the work that is going on and that still needs to be done. Raising awareness about these problems is crucial to the success that we may achieve in dealing with them. Change happens when enough people care sufficiently for it to happen.

The idea then was that people would go out to see waders because they still can. In this way they are signing what amounts to an informal petition to say "I Care!"



So that was the theme we followed this year and with a strict refusal to chase birds and lists after the fact simply to add them to the list. That said we did accept lists from people who had not heard about the event but had seen waders that weekend and then contacted us subsequently saying they would have joined had they known. We also followed up on people who had expressed an interest to join us before the event but had not sent in their results; we did not however go looking for anyone, they all came to us.

Although we had said from the outset that it was not necessary to count the waders seen to take part in Wader Conservation World Watch many people do so as part of their normal birding routine and those we encouraged to send their lists to a citizen science project like eBird or BirdTrack as all observations are of value.

So what you see in the results this year is not a demonstration of how many people we can tap up for their list, but a demonstration of the number of people we have reached around the world with our message and who felt strongly enough to stand up with us and be counted and to say that they too care about what is happening.



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Country		USA	UK	Taiwan	Sweden	Spain	South Korea	South Africa	Philippines	Peru	Paraguay	Panama	Northern Ireland	New Zealand	Netherlands	Mexico	Malaysia	Japan	India	The Gambia	France	Ecuador	Denmark	Cyprus	Chile	Canada	Bulgaria	Brazil	Belgium	Argentina	Australia	Anguilla	2015	
Species																																		
Burchell's Courser																																		
Indian Courser																																		
Temminck's Courser	✓							✓																									✓	
Australian Pratincole	✓																														✓		✓	
Collared Pratincole																																		
Oriental Pratincole	✓																														✓		✓	
Black-winged Pratincole	✓							✓																									✓	
Madagascar Pratincole																																		
Rock Pratincole																																		
Grey Pratincole																																		
Small Pratincole																																		
Northern Lapwing	✓						✓						✓			✓												✓					✓	
Long-toed Lapwing																																		
Blacksmith Lapwing	✓							✓																									✓	
Spur-winged Lapwing	✓																			✓													✓	
River Lapwing																																		
Black-headed Lapwing																																		
Yellow-wattled Lapwing																																		
White-crowned Lapwing																																		
Senegal Lapwing																																		
Black-winged Lapwing																																		
Crowned Lapwing	✓																																✓	
African Wattled Lapwing	✓									✓																							✓	
Spot-breasted Lapwing																																		
Brown-chested Lapwing																																		
Grey-headed Lapwing																																		
Red-wattled Lapwing	✓																		✓														✓	
Javan Lapwing																																		
Banded Lapwing	✓		✓																														✓	
Masked Lapwing	✓		✓												✓																		✓	
Sociable Lapwing																																		
White-tailed Lapwing																																		
Pied Lapwing																																		
Southern Lapwing	✓			✓		✓			✓																				✓					✓
Andean Lapwing																																		
Red-kneed Dotterel																																		
European Golden Plover	✓									✓						✓																	✓	
Pacific Golden Plover	✓		✓												✓			✓																
American Golden Plover	✓					✓																						✓						
Grey Plover	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			✓		✓						✓										✓	✓			✓	
Northern Red-breasted Plover	✓													✓																				
Southern Red-breasted Plover																																		
Common Ringed Plover	✓									✓																							✓	
Semipalmated Plover	✓					✓					✓												✓										✓	
Long-billed Plover																																		
Little Ringed Plover	✓																✓																	
Wilson's Plover																																		
Killdeer	✓															✓																		

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Species in blue indicate they were seen in 2014 and/or 2015	Piping Plover	✓																															✓		
	Madagascar Plover																																		
	Kittlitz's Plover							✓																									✓		
	St. Helena Plover																																		
	Three-banded Plover							✓																									✓		
	Forbes's Plover																																		
	White-fronted Plover							✓																									✓		
	Kentish Plover			✓														✓															✓		
	Snowy Plover																					✓											✓		
	White-faced Plover																																		
	Javan Plover																																		
	Red-capped Plover																														✓		✓		
	Malaysian Plover																																		
	Chestnut-banded Plover																																		
	Collared Plover											✓																✓					✓		
	Puna Plover																																		
	Two-banded Plover						✓																											✓	
	Double-banded Plover														✓																			✓	
	Mongolian Sandplover							✓										✓																	✓
	Lesser Sandplover																																		
	Greater Sand Plover																	✓																✓	
	Caspian Plover								✓																									✓	
	Oriental Plover																															✓		✓	
	Eurasian Dotterel																																		
	Rufous-chested Plover																																		
	Mountain Plover																																		
	Hooded Dotterel							✓																										✓	
	Shore Dotterel																																		
	Black-fronted Dotterel							✓																										✓	
	Inland Dotterel																																		
	Wrybill														✓																			✓	
	Diademed Plover																																		
	Tawny-throated Dotterel							✓																										✓	
	Magellanic Plover																																		
	Eurasian Woodcock																																	✓	
	Amami Woodcock																																		
	New Guinea Woodcock																																		
	Bukidnon Woodcock																																		
	Sulawesi Woodcock																																		
	Moluccan Woodcock																																		
American Woodcock																																			
Chatham Snipe																																			
South Island Snipe																																			
Snares Snipe																																			
Subantarctic Snipe																																			
Jack Snipe																																	✓		
Solitary Snipe																																			

Country	2015	Anguilla	Australia	Argentina	Belgium	Brazil	Bulgaria	Canada	Chile	Cyprus	Denmark	Ecuador	France	The Gambia	India	Japan	Malaysia	Mexico	Netherlands	New Zealand	Northern Ireland	Panama	Paraguay	Peru	Philippines	South Africa	South Korea	Spain	Sweden	Taiwan	UK	USA	
Pin-tailed Snipe																	?																
Swinhoe's Snipe																	?																
African Snipe	✓																								✓								
Madagascar Snipe																																	
Great Snipe																																	
Common Snipe	✓				✓		✓												✓		✓								✓	✓	✓		
Wilson's Snipe	✓																	✓														✓	
South American Snipe	✓								✓																								
Puna Snipe																																	
Noble Snipe																																	
Giant Snipe	✓				✓																												
Fuegian Snipe																																	
Andean Snipe																																	
Imperial Snipe																																	
Short-billed Dowitcher	✓																					✓										✓	
Long-billed Dowitcher	✓																	✓														✓	
Asian Dowitcher	✓		✓																														
Black-tailed Godwit	✓		✓												✓				✓							✓	✓					✓	
Hudsonian Godwit	✓				✓				✓																								
Bar-tailed Godwit	✓		✓																✓	✓							✓					✓	
Marbled Godwit	✓																					✓										✓	
Little Curlew	✓		✓																														
Eurasian Whimbrel	✓		✓		✓									✓			✓									✓							
Hudsonian Whimbrel	✓								✓			✓						✓				✓		✓									
Bristle-thighed Curlew																																	
Eurasian Curlew	✓																✓		✓						✓		✓		✓			✓	
Eastern Curlew	✓		✓																								✓						
Long-billed Curlew	✓																															✓	
Upland Sandpiper	✓																						✓										
Spotted Redshank	✓																												✓	✓			
Common Redshank	✓				✓					✓				✓			✓		✓										✓	✓	✓		
Marsh Sandpiper	✓		✓														✓			✓						✓							
Common Greenshank	✓		✓											✓												✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Nordmann's Greenshank																																	
Greater Yellowlegs	✓	✓						✓	✓				✓					✓														✓	
Lesser Yellowlegs	✓	✓				✓			✓				✓					✓														✓	
Green Sandpiper	✓						✓							✓	✓																✓		
Solitary Sandpiper	✓																						✓										
Wood Sandpiper	✓		✓											✓	✓		✓									✓					✓		
Terek Sandpiper	✓		✓														✓									✓							
Common Sandpiper	✓		✓										✓	✓			✓									✓					✓		
Spotted Sandpiper	✓	✓				✓												✓				✓										✓	
Grey-tailed Tattler	✓		✓																						✓								
Wandering Tattler																																	
Eastern Willet																																	
Western Willet	✓								✓				✓					✓				✓										✓	
Tuamotu Sandpiper																																	
Ruddy Turnstone	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓					✓			✓			✓									✓	

Country																																		
Species																																		
Surfbird																																		
Great Knot	✓		✓																			✓												
Red Knot	✓		✓			✓														✓											✓			
Sanderling	✓		✓					✓	✓			✓				✓	✓						✓		✓						✓	✓		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	✓								✓			✓										✓		✓										
Western Sandpiper	✓											✓										✓		✓										
Red-necked Stint	✓		✓													✓								✓										
Little Stint	✓									✓																✓								
Temminck's Stint																																		
Long-toed Stint																																		
Least Sandpiper	✓	✓										✓						✓					✓										✓	
White-rumped Sandpiper	✓			✓		✓																✓												
Baird's Sandpiper	✓			✓					✓																									
Pectoral Sandpiper	✓	✓																		✓			✓											
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	✓		✓																	✓														
Curlew Sandpiper	✓		✓																	✓					✓	✓								
Purple Sandpiper	✓																																✓	
Rock Sandpiper																																		
Dunlin	✓							✓		✓						✓			✓		✓					✓				✓	✓	✓		
Spoon-billed Sandpiper																																		
Broad-billed Sandpiper	✓																									✓								
Stilt Sandpiper	✓	✓										✓																						
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	✓		✓																				✓											
Ruff	✓									✓																✓						✓		
Wilson's Phalarope	✓											✓																						
Red-necked Phalarope																																		
Red Phalarope																																		
Plains Wanderer																																		
Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe																																		
White-bellied Seedsnipe																																		
Grey-breasted seedsnipe																																		
Least Seedsnipe	✓			✓																														
Snowy Sheathbill	✓			✓																														
Black-faced Sheathbill																																		
Total	124	8	40	10	7	12	3	4	13	8	1	17	1	10	5	7	15	10	9	16	3	11	8	8	4	29	13	1	7	9	24	21		

For the purposes of the table above the countries of England, Wales and Scotland have been amalgamated into the UK for space saving reasons. A late entry from the Falkland Islands has not been included as it added no new species or countries but the observer was added to the Roll of Honour.

All the species written in blue have been seen in either 2014 or 2015 or both. If a species is written in blue but no tick appears in the 2015 column it is a species that was seen last year but not this year.



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

AFRICA

South Africa

Eastern Cape

- Michael Booth

Gauteng

- Jenny Sharland (11)
- Michal Groenewald
- Owen Oertli (11)
- Peter Sharland (11)
- Robert Geddes
- Sue Oertli (11)
- Toni Geddes

Kwa-Zulu Natal

- Richard Johnstone

Limpopo

- Lance Robinson

Western Cape

- Bruce Ward-Smith (1)
- Dr. Mark Brown (2)
- Selena Flores (3)

The Gambia

Western Division

- Modou Saïdy

AMERICA NORTH

Canada

Prince Edward Island

- Anne Arvidson
- Ron Arvidson

Ontario

- Charmaine Anderson
- Dave Rooke

USA

California

- Darlene Luckins
- Michael Prather

Connecticut

- Annette Cunniffe
- Meredith Sampson

Florida

- Caity Reiland-Smith
- Meg Rousher

Massachusetts

- Aidan Griffiths
- Devin Griffiths

New Jersey

- Dominic Garcia-Hall

New York

- Mike Bergin

AMERICA CENTRAL

Mexico

Chihuahua

- Bruno Lima
- Fernando Mondaca
- Jaime Robles Morales
- Karina Avila

Panama

Panama

- Michele Caballero
- Rosabel Miró
- Stephany Carty

AMERICA SOUTH

Argentina

Santa Cruz

- Emanuel Tiberi

Brazil

Rio de Janeiro

- Allan Martin (16)
- Amanda Martin (16)
- Beatriz Blauth
- Nicholas Locke (16)
- Raquel Locke (16)

São Paulo

- Bruno Neri

Chile

Los Lagos

- Raffaele Di Biase

Valparaíso

- Ricardo Matus

Ecuador

Santa Elena

- Ana Agreda de la Paz
- Ruth A. Borbor Suaáñez

Falkland Islands

- Janet Avery

Paraguay

Asunción

- Rob Clay

Peru

Lima

- Renzo Zeppilli

ASIA

India

Maharashtra

- Abhay Patne

Japan

Chiba

- Tomomi Kawasumi

Malaysia

Johor

- Lim Seik Ni

Sabah

- Zaim Hazim Onn

Selangor

- Choong Liung, Chin
- Hwee Mien, Tan

Philippines

Manila

- Laarni C. Jocson (4)
- Princess del Castillo
- Juan Anselmo Enriquez
- Angela Del Rosario
- Harlan Red Arias
- Sheanne Eric Cabantac
- Guia Ysobel D. Casanova
- Daryll Panes
- Victor Nepomuceno

- Niel Gabriel Saplagio
- Erica Yu
- Mariel Guevara
- Gabriel Piñon
- Ingrid Saplagio
- April Enriquez
- Heavenly Joy Garcia
- Zoy Pagalilauan
- Clarissa Que
- Patricia Que
- Rodrigo Sale II
- Mikaela Sarol
- Bryan Ocampo
- Gaby Garcia
- Laarni C. Jocson
- Erina Pauline V. Molina
- Maria Belinda E. de la Paz
- Gary de la Paz
- Josiah David G. Quimpo
- Ana Dominique A. Almazar

South Korea

Seocheon

- Yung-Ki Ju

Taiwan

Llan

- Lisa Chou

AUSTRALASIA

Australia

New South Wales

- Mike Clear
- Rose Clear
- Sue Tolley
- Wendy Clear

Northern Territory

- Gavin O'Brian

Queensland

- Erik Sandvig
- Greg Nye
- Marie Tarrant
- Renate Hofmann-Schaefer (18)
- Zorica Komac

Victoria

- Jenny Stephens
- John Newman

Western Australia

- Arthur Keates
- Chris Hassell
- Connie Grohmann
- Craig Williams
- Danny Rogers
- Diane Bennett
- Franky O'Connor
- Grace Maglio
- Greg Kerr
- Jaime Jackett
- Kerry Hadley

Roll of Honour cont'd

AUSTRALASIA

Australia

Western Australia cont'd

- Liz Rozenberg
- Margot Oorebeek
- Maurice O'Connor
- Nigel Jackett
- Ray Turnbull
- Rob Bush
- Stuart Ford

New Zealand

Canterbury

- Ailsa Howard
- Berndt
- Casandra
- Colin Gould
- Hazel Watson (17)
- Jo Gould
- Larry
- Ric Else (17)
- Ted Howard

Northland

- Ria Migaloo

Waikato

- Brent Stephenson (10)
- Ernst Albegger
- Sav Saville (10)

CARIBBEAN

Angüilla

- Jackie Cestero

EUROPE

Belgium

West Vlaanderen

- Alicia Mottur
- Esfandiar Vahida
- Shahrzade Vahida

Bulgaria

Sofiya

- Rosen Kostadinov

Cyprus

Larnaca

- June Neal

Denmark

Storstrøm

- Chris Lamsdell (12)

- Denise Lamsdell

England

Buckinghamshire

- Rob Norris

Cambridgeshire

- Doug Radford (8)

Cheshire

- Dan Trotman (6)

Derbyshire

- Oliver Simms (12)

Devon

- Dave Easter (7)

- Doug Herdson (7)

- John Lloyd (7)

- Liz Harris (7)

East Sussex

- Jill Black

- Barry Yates (5)

Essex

- Julia Lashly

Gloucestershire

- Jon Mercer

- Roberta Goodall

Hampshire

- Carey Lodge

Isles of Scilly

- Martin Goodey

Kent

- Jack Delabye

Lancashire

- Howard Stockdale

Lincolnshire

- Elis Simpson (12)

- Rick Simpson (12)

London

- Joe Beale

Merseyside

- Gail Pickett

- Matt Thomas (14)

- Phil Pickett

Norfolk

- Allan Archer (12)

- Ian Dearing

- Jenny Mason

- Ross Mason

- Sue Healey (9, 12)

North Yorkshire

- Andy Hood

Somerset

- Chris Craig

- Mya-Rose Craig

Suffolk

- Joe Meyers

Warwickshire

- Matt Merritt (13)

France

Languedoc

- Alan McBride

The Netherlands

Zeeland

- Astrid Kant

- Ronald Messemaker

Northern Ireland

County Antrim

- Neal Warnock

Scotland

Islay

- Gary Turnbull

Shetland

- Hugh Harrop (15)

Spain

Navarra

- Haritz Sarasa Zabala

Sweden

Skåne

- Anna Carter

- Eva Hjärne

- P. G. Bentz

Wales

Bridgend

- Graham Powell

Carmarthenshire

- Dan Rouse

Flintshire

- Glenn Morris

Participating organisations

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) Percy FitzPatrick Institute
- (4) Haribon Foundation - Philippines
- (5) Sussex Wildlife Trust (Rye Harbour)
- (6) RSPB Burton Mere wetlands
- (7) Devon Birds
- (8) RSPB Fowlmere
- (9) Gravesend RSPB local group
- (10) Wrybill Birding Tours

- (11) Wader Quest South Africa
- (12) Wader Quest
- (13) Birdwatching Magazine
- (14) Wirral Rangers
- (15) Shetland Wildlife
- (16) Reserva Ecológica Guapiaçu (REGUA)
- (17) Stickybeak
- (18) Protect the Sandgate Waders

We were also pleased to have support from organisations that didn't actually participate as such, but that helped us to spread the news to a greater number of people. The EAAFP put the event on their calendar some time ago, which is

reflected in the number of contributions from that area. We suggested to WHSRN that they might like to do the same, however it turns out they didn't have a calendar of events so they decided perhaps they should have, created one and promptly added this event to it!



Wader Conservation World Watch results — Rick Simpson

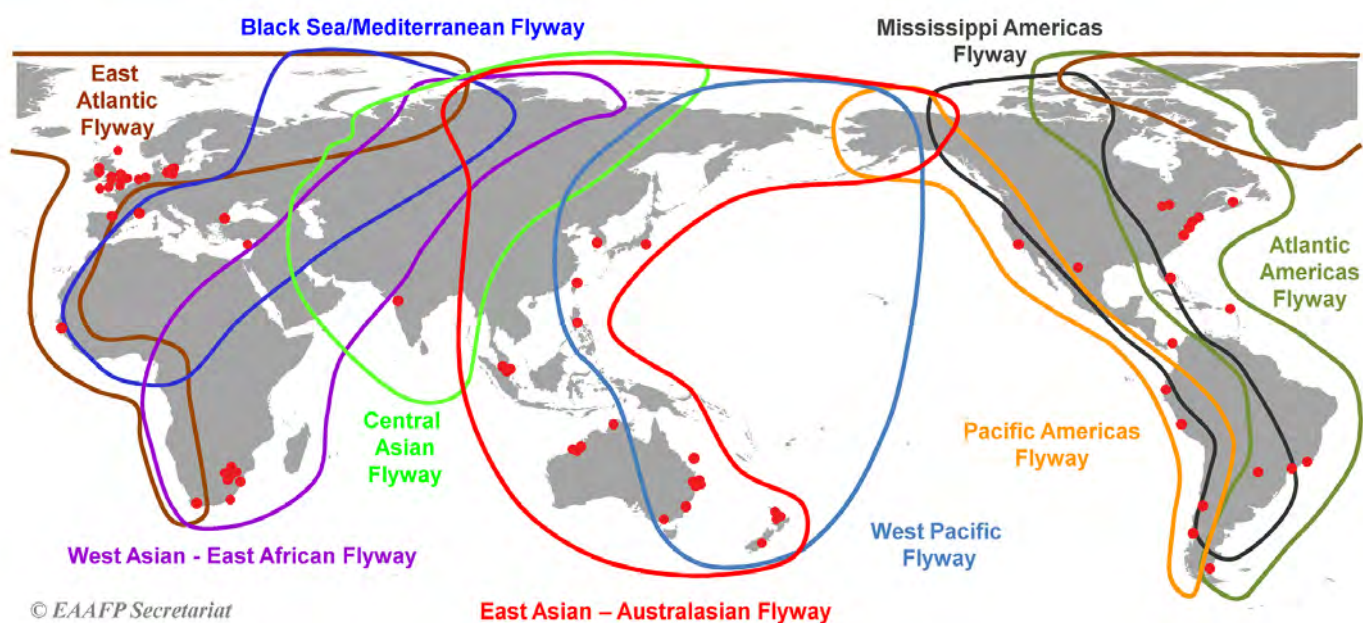
STATISTICS FOR WADER CONSERVATION WORLD WATCH 2014 & 2015

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

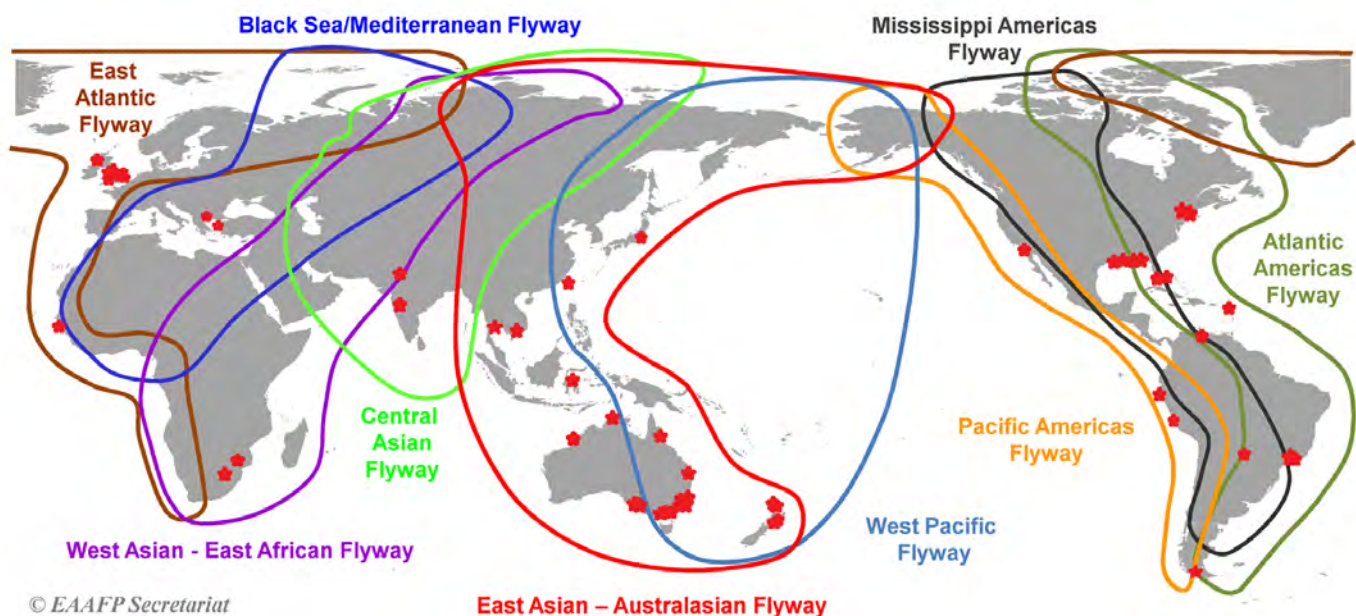
Astrid Kant counting waders in the Netherlands for Wader Conservation World Watch 2015 — Ronald Messemaker.



Map showing where the contributions were sent from for 2015



Map showing where the contributions were sent from for 2014



Summary — Rick Simpson

This year we had a number of organisations get involved and a couple of them set up specific events for that weekend. One of them was the Haribon Foundation in the Philippines which attracted 29 people to look for waders all of whom were presented with a certificate to say they had taken part.



Haribon Foundation group. 07/11/2015



When Elis and I were in Australia, looking for waders in Broome, Western Australia we met Hazel Watson and Ric Else who were acting as guides there at the time. Indeed they were instrumental in helping us find some of the birds we were after particularly oriental Plover. The pair have since moved to New Zealand and are in Kaikoura on the South Island, a place that is famous for its pelagic trips that Elis and I also took advantage of during our trip to that part of the world. In order to take part in Wader Conservation November Hazel and Ric set up a walk along the beach at Kaikoura under the name Sticky-

beak, the logo of which is an oystercatcher with a muddy bill with a worm trailing from it.

Free Come on a Kaikoura Wader Quest! All welcome

Help us represent Kaikoura's waders in the 2015 Wader Conservation World Watch

Join us for a stroll along the shoreline (2km) as we look for as many species of wader as we can find (and other birds too). We'll have binoculars and a telescope for close views.

Meet Armer's Beach, 5pm Saturday 7th November

Contact Hazel or Ric 027 382 0954



The Stickybeak crew at Kaikoura — Ric Else

So what about the resulting list then?

With the total of species seen this year being higher you'd have thought that almost all of last year's species would have been seen again, but 17 were not repeated this time around. This means we got 25 new species this time which shows the potential to see over 140 species with some ease and, if we had people making special expeditions to seek out some of the more difficult to find species, we could easily reach 150; indeed it is entirely possible we could beat our own score of 175 from our travels.

There were a couple of major disappointments in that we didn't get Spoon-billed Sandpiper nor Magellanic Plover (although getting Black Stilt went a long way to assuaging that disappointment) both of which are close to our hearts of course. Last year we received two reports of the Spoonies, one from Vietnam and the other from Thailand but this year we didn't get anything from either of these places which was particularly

disappointing in terms of Thailand as it meant not just a lack of Spoon-billed Sandpiper, but also a slew of other great birds that can be found there such as; Grey-headed Lapwing, Nordmann's Greenshank, Long-toed and Temminck's Stint, Malaysian and White-faced Plover for example. But these glaring misses only go to highlight the potential for our list to reach even greater heights having seen 124 species, some 55% of the world's extant and 'gettable' waders, by mostly casual observers.

Last year's Magellanic Plovers were seen by Ricardo Matus who is carrying out the ringing and flagging of this species in Chile for the Wader Quest project. This year though he was leading a tour elsewhere but his sighting of South American Snipe on that tour brought us our only record of that species this year.

Oystercatchers were well represented in this year's list, we added four species that we didn't get last year; Magellanic was courtesy of our first Argentinian contribution from Emanuel Tiberi along with Blackish and American Oystercatchers also from him and also Ricardo Matus; the American Oystercatcher being a surprise miss last year. We continue to be thwarted by American Black Oystercatcher which we are surprised has not cropped up yet, still, there's always next year! (Anyone fancy taking this as their personal challenge for 2016?)



Magellanic Oystercatcher — Elis Simpson

This year too we had the support of a great number of people in South Africa in the Western Cape as well as our usual strong support from Gauteng. The individuals from the Western Cape have not been included in the number of observers as there were so many, from three organisations, that it was impossible to know exactly how many were involved (estimate around 50 individuals), so we only included one from each organisation. One of

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those was Selena Flores who collated the contributions, and through this effort added another new oystercatcher, African Black Oystercatcher. Selena is also participating in a project for which Wader Quest has supplied some optics with the help of Opticron.

The number of stilts was maintained in terms of species numbers but we lost White-backed form South America gaining instead Banded Stilt in Australia which was seen at the Sewage Treatment Plant in Victoria by Jenny Stevens and Steve Merrett.

One piece of immense good fortune for us was having Colin and Jo Gould, both Friends of Wader Quest, on a trip with a tour company in New Zealand and the trip itinerary just happened to be going to look for Black Stilts that weekend! We can't count on this sort of good fortune every year, but it was great to get the world's rarest wader (that you can make a planned trip to see) on the list.

Another bird that we got this year, but missed twelve months ago, was Peruvian Thick-knee. Our friend Renzo Zeppilli supported us last year and did so again this year. He went and looked for waders in the Lima area and was determined not to miss the thick-knees, this time searching until he was eventually successful; and that was after arriving late the previous night exhausted from a prolonged Amazonian adventure!



Renzo Zeppilli on the beach in Lima
— Renzo Zeppilli.

Whilst on the subject of Thick-knees, we missed out this year on Senegal Thick-knee which was a shame considering we added Spotted for the first time. This was reported to us last year by Modou Saidy who, although going out again this year, was unsuccessful in finding them. The mere fact that Modou was out at all was a testament to his willingness to help and be involved. Things have not been good for him as a bird guide recently, the Ebola crisis hit The Gambia hard with people not travelling to Africa despite the country not seeing one case of the disease, and then to compound matters, Mo-

dou had a bout of Malaria from which he was not completely recovered when *Wader Conservation World Watch* took place. Modou was kind enough to volunteer his services to Wader Quest when we visited during our travels, so, if you are going to The Gambia, we can recommend him to you as a guide and I'm sure he would appreciate the work.

We got our first coursers this year. One, the Double-banded Courser, from another organization that is very dear to us, Wader Quest South Africa, the group of four people who really helped us to get the most out of our stay in the country; Peter and Jenny Sharland and Sue and Owen Oertli. They came across this courser when they ventured into Orange Free State and it was also they that added the Spotted Thick-knee earlier mentioned, in Gauteng.



Wader Quest South Africa team; Jenny and Peter Sharland and Sue Oertli. (Owen Oertli not present). — Elis Simpson.

In addition to the Grey-headed Lapwing that we missed this time in Thailand we also didn't get Black-headed Lapwing, White-crowned and Senegal Lapwing, but we did get Crowned Lapwing, which was a real surprise miss last year given that it is so common in South Africa, and Banded Lapwing in Australia.

When it comes to the *Charadrius* plovers and their close allies, last year gave us Red-kneed Dotterel in Australia and Wilson's Plover in North America, perhaps surprisingly both, especially the latter were not seen in 2015. In contrast new plovers included Kittlitz's, White-fronted and Caspian in South Africa and Collared in South America, which again was a bit of a surprise miss last year. In addition to this we received our first report of Tawny-throated Dotterel another South American plover.

Woodcocks are notoriously difficult to pin

down, so their paucity on the list is not surprising. In 2014 we were lucky that friends in Louisiana had an American Woodcock in their garden and this year that was swapped for a Eurasian Woodcock photographed in plain view by Hugh Harrop of Shetland Wildlife. It seems unlikely that we will ever get a good collection of these birds in this particular event.

The closely related snipes have also been hit and miss. An unidentified Swinhoe's/Pin-tailed Snipe from Malaysia we could do nothing about although we did consider counting it as an 'either/or' so increasing the list by one. In the end though we felt this was not what we wanted to do, especially as the list was not the focus of our endeavours. We did get Pin-tailed last year from Thailand, demonstrating still further what a blow to the list it was not having anyone in that country looking on our behalf; surely next year we will have better luck? One small, literally, compensation was the addition of Jack Snipe found at Rye Harbour on the south coast of England.

Of the Scolopacidae or sandpipers, along with Nordmann's Greenshank, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Long-toed and Temminck's Stint we also missed Wandering Tattler which was seen on the west coast of the USA last year, maybe if we can get someone out for American Black Oystercatcher next year they might come across the tattler too, after all it was a flying tattler that led us to our first American Black Oystercatcher during Wader Quest's visit. On the other hand some rather good plusses came in the shape of Hudsonian Godwit and Upland and Buff-breasted Sandpipers, all of which are good birds to have on any list.

Finally we come to the odd-ball waders, Least Seedsnipe and Snowy Sheathbill, both added thanks again to Emanuel Tiberi in Argentina.



Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus*
— Elis Simpson

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JACANIDAE

1. **African Jacana** *Actophilornis africana*: Gauteng, South Africa
2. **Comb-crested Jacana** *Irediparra gallinacea*: Queensland (2 + 2 eggs) Australia.
3. **Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*: Asunción, Paraguay.

PLUVIANELLIDAE

HAEMATOPODIDAE

4. **Magellanic Oystercatcher** *Haematopus leucopodus*: Santa Cruz, Argentina.
5. **Blackish Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ater*: Santa Cruz, Argentina; Los Lagos, Chile. (2)
6. **American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*: Anguilla; Santa Cruz, Argentina; Los Lagos (30 - 12 juvs.) & Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Lima, Peru (2); Florida(2) & Connecticut (3), USA.
7. **African Black Oystercatcher** *Haematopus moquini*: Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa.
8. **Eurasian Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*: West Vlaanderen, Belgium (12); Chiba (100) Japan; Seochon, South Korea; Skåne Sweden; Bridgend, Devon, East Sussex, Flintshire (500), Hampshire (28), Islay, Isles of Scilly (18), Lincolnshire, Merseyside & Norfolk, UK.
9. **South Island Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus finschi*: Canterbury, Waikato, New Zealand.
10. **Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*: New South Wales (2 + 2 chicks), Northern Territory, Queensland (4), Victoria,



Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris* - Sue Tolley; Australia.

Western Australia, Australia.

11. **Variable Oystercatcher** *Haematopus unicolor*: Canterbury & Northland, New



Variable Oystercatcher *Haematopus unicolor* — Ric Else; New Zealand.

Zealand.

12. **Sooty Oystercatcher** *Haematopus fuliginosus*: Western Australia, Australia.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

13. **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*: Western Division, The Gambia (21); Maharashtra, India; Sabah, Malaysia; Manila, Philippines; Gauteng & Western



Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* - Peter Sharland; South Africa.

Cape South Africa; Taipei, Taiwan.

14. **White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*: Queensland (33) & Victoria, Australia; Canterbury, Northland & Waikato, New Zealand.
15. **Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*: Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico (8); Panama, Panama (14); California, USA.
16. **Black Stilt** *Himantopus novaezelandiae*: Canterbury, New Zealand.
17. **Banded Stilt** *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*: Victoria, Australia.



Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* - Jackie Cestero; Anguilla.

18. **Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*: Zealand, Netherlands (48); Gauteng, South Africa; Essex, Kent, Lincolnshire & Norfolk, UK;
19. **American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*: California (236), Massachusetts & Montana, USA.
20. **Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*: Victoria, Australia.

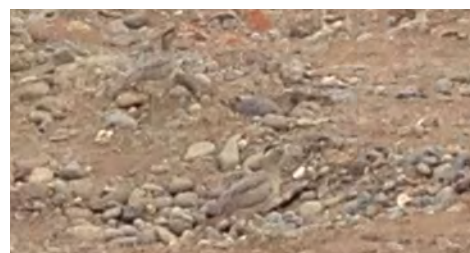
BURHINIDAE

21. **Water Thick-knee** *Burhinus vermiculatus*: Eastern Cape & Western Cape, South Africa.



Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*; — Sue Oertli; South Africa.

22. **Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus capensis*: Gauteng, South Africa.
23. **Peruvian Thick-knee** *Burhinus superciliosus*: Lima, Peru.



Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliosus*; there are two in there if you can find them! — Renzo Zeppilli; Peru.

24. **Bush Stone-Curlew** *Burhinus grallarius*: Western Australia, Australia.
25. **Beach Stone-Curlew** *Esacus giganteus*: Western Australia, Australia.

GLAREOLIDAE

26. **Double-banded Courser** *Rhinoptilus africanus*: Orange Free State, South Africa.
27. **Temminck's Courser** *Cursorius temminckii*: Gauteng, South Africa.
28. **Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia isabella*: Western Australia, Australia.
29. **Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*: Western Australia, Australia.
30. **Black-winged Pratincole** *Glareola nordmanni*: Gauteng, South Africa.

CHARADRIIDAE

31. **Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*: West Vlaanderen, Belgium (300); Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria; Larnaca, Cyprus (15); Zealand, Netherlands (1,250); County Antrim, Northern Ireland (49); Navarra, Spain (2); Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Flintshire (2,000), Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Islay, Kent (1,000), Lincolnshire (90), Merseyside, Norfolk, Suffolk & Warwickshire, UK.

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CHARADRIIDAE cont'd

32. **Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus*: Gauteng, Kwa Zulu—Natal, Limpopo, Orange Free State, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa.



Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*
— Sue Oertli; South Africa.

33. **Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus*: Larnaca, Cyprus (47), Western Division, The Gambia (110).

34. **Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus*: Gauteng, Limpopo, Orange Free State & Western Cape, South Africa.

35. **African Wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus senegallus*: Western Division, The Gambia (11): Gauteng, Limpopo, Orange Free State & Western Cape, South Africa.

36. **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus*: Maharashtra, India.

37. **Banded Lapwing** *Vanellus tricolor*: Victoria, Australia.

38. **Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles*: Queensland (7), Victoria & Western Australia, Australia; Canterbury & Northland, New Zealand.

39. **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*: Santa Cruz, Argentina; Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo, Brazil; Valparaíso, Chile; Panama, Panama (12); Asunción, Paraguay.

40. **European Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*: Zeeland, Netherlands (3,500); Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Denmark, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Islay, Kent (10), Lincolnshire (60), Norfolk & Warwickshire, UK.

41. **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*: Queensland (2), Victoria & Western Australia, Australia; Chiba, Japan; Waikato, New Zealand.

42. **American Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica*: São Paulo, Brazil.

43. **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*: Northern Territory & Western Australia, Australia; West Vlaanderen, Belgium (1); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Prince Edward Island,

Canada; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Western Division, The Gambia; Chiba, Japan; Panama, Panama (106); Kwa Zulu-Natal, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa; Seocheon, South Korea; Skåne, Sweden; Connecticut (47), Florida (6) & New Jersey (9), USA; East Sussex, Essex, Islay & Norfolk, UK.



Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
— Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

44. **Northern Red-breasted Plover** *Charadrius aquilonius*: Northland (7) & Waikato, New Zealand.

45. **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*: Larnaca, Cyprus (5); Gauteng, Kwa Zulu—Natal, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa; Taipei, Taiwan; East Sussex, Isles of Scilly (11) & Norfolk, UK.

46. **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*: Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo, Brazil; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Panama, Panama (330); Lima, Peru (18); Florida (3) & Massachusetts, USA.

47. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*: Sabah, Malaysia; Taipet, Taiwan.

48. **Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*: Chihuahua, Mexico (6); California (13), Connecticut (1), New Jersey (1), USA.

49. **Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus*: Florida, USA (5).

50. **Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius*: Gauteng & Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa.

51. **Three-banded Plover** *Charadrius tricollaris*: Gauteng, Kwa Zulu-Natal, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa.



Juvenile Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris* — Sue Oertli; South Africa.

52. **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*: Seocheon, South Korea; Taipei, Taiwan;

Chiba, Japan (20).



Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*
— Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

53. **White-fronted Plover** *Charadrius marginatus*: Gauteng, Kwa Zulu-Natal, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa.

54. **Snowy Plover** *Charadrius nivosus*: Santa Elena, Ecuador; Florida, USA (7).

55. **Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillus*: Queensland (1) Victoria & Western Australia, Australia.

56. **Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*: São Paulo, Brazil.

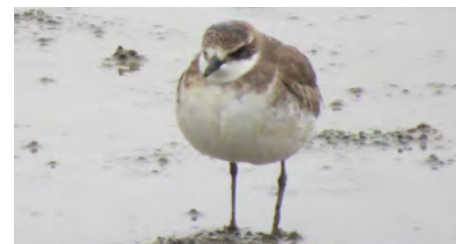
57. **Two-banded Plover** *Charadrius falklandicus*: Santa Cruz, Argentina.

58. **Double-banded Plover** *Charadrius bicinctus*: Canterbury & Waikato, New Zealand.



Two-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*
— Ailsa Howard; New Zealand.

59. **Mongolian Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*: Western Australia, Australia; Selangor, Malaysia; Seocheon, South Korea.



Mongolian Plover *Charadrius mongolus* Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

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CHARADRIIDAE cont'd

60. **Greater Sandplover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*: Northern Territory, Queensland, & Western Australia, Australia; Selangor, Malaysia.

61. **Caspian Plover** *Charadrius asiaticus*: Gauteng, South Africa.

62. **Oriental Plover** *Charadrius veredus*: Western Australia, Australia.

63. **Hooded Plover** *Thinornis rubricollis*: New South Wales, Australia (2 + chicks).



Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis* (front facing away) with Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris* - Sue Tolley; Australia.

64. **Black-fronted Dotterel** *Elseya melanops*: Queensland (2) & Western Australia, Australia.

65. **Wrybill** *Anarhynchus frontalis*: Canterbury & Waikato, New Zealand.

66. **Tawny-throated Dotterel** *Oreopholus ruficollis*: Santa Cruz, Argentina.

SCOLPACIDAE

67. **Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*: Shetland, UK.

68. **Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyrtus minimus*: East Sussex, UK.

69. **African Snipe** *Gallinago nigripennis*: Gauteng & Limpopo, South Africa.



African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis* — Sue Oertli; South Africa.

70. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*: West Vlaanderen, Belgium (1); Blagoevgrad,

Bulgaria (3); Zeeland, Netherlands (1); County Antrim, Northern Ireland (21); Skåne Sweden; Taipei, Taiwan; Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Isles of Scilly (6), Kent (20), Lincolnshire (2), Merseyside, Norfolk, North Yorkshire & Warwickshire, UK.

71. **Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata*: Florida, USA.

72. **South American Snipe** *Gallinago paraguaiensis*: Valparaíso, Chile.

73. **Giant Snipe** *Gallinago undulata*: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

74. **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*: Panama, Panama (415); California, USA (2), USA.

75. **Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*: Chihuahua, Mexico; California (7), New York, USA.

76. **Asian Dowitcher** *Limnodromus semipalmatus*: Western Australia, Australia.

77. **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*: Queensland (2), Western Australia, Australia; Maharashtra, India; Zeeland, Netherlands (160); Gauteng, South Africa; Seochon, South Korea; Cambridgeshire, Carmarthenshire (249), Cheshire, Devon, Essex, Flintshire (1,600), Gloucestershire, Hampshire (30), Kent (120), Lincolnshire (120), Merseyside & Norfolk, UK.

78. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*: Northern Territory, Queensland (1,478), Western Australia, Australia; Zeeland, Netherlands; Waikato, New Zealand; Seochon, South Korea; East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Islay, Isles of Scilly, Norfolk, Merseyside, UK.



Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* (right) & Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* — Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

79. **Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica*: São Paulo, Brazil; Valparaíso, Chile.

80. **Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa*: Panama, Panama (2); California, USA (23).

81. **Little Curlew** *Numenius minutus*: Western

Australia, Australia.

82. **Eurasian Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*: Eastern Cape, South Africa; Northern Territory, Queensland (255), Western Australia, Australia; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Western Division, The Gambia (3), Pontian, Selangor, Malaysia.

83. **Hudsonian Whimbrel** *Numenius hudsonicus*: Los Lagos, Chile; Chihuahua, Mexico; Panama, Panama (16); Lima, Peru (31).

84. **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*: West Vlaanderen, Belgium (12); Zeeland, Netherlands (60); Manila, Philippines; Seochon, South Korea; Skåne, Sweden; Cambridgeshire, East Sussex, Essex, Flintshire, (50), Gloucestershire, Hampshire (3), Islay, Isles of Scilly, Lincolnshire, (50), Merseyside, Norfolk, Somerset, UK.



Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* — Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

85. **Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascarensis*: Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia; Australia, Seochon, South Korea.



Eastern Curlew *Numenius arquata* — Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

86. **Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus*: California, USA (2).

87. **Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda*: Asunción, Paraguay (2).

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SCOLPACIDAE cont'd

88. **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*: Skåne, Sweden; Norfolk, UK.

89. **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*: West Vlaanderen, Belgium (40); Larnaca, Cyprus; Western Division, The Gambia (3); Pontian, Selangor, Malaysia; Zeeland, Netherland (20); Skåne, Sweden; Cheshire, Devon, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Flintshire (1,500), Hampshire, Islay, Kent (10), Lincolnshire, Merseyside & Norfolk, UK.

90. **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*: Western Australia, Australia; Sabah, Malaysia; Waikato, New Zealand; Gauteng, South Africa.



Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
— Peter Sharland; South Africa.

91. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*: Northern Territory (1) & Western Australia, Australia; Western Division, The Gambia (8); Gauteng, Kwa Zulu-Natal, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa; Flintshire, Islay, Isles of Scilly, Norfolk & Gloucestershire, UK



Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
— Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

92. **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*: Anguilla; Los Lagos (21) & Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico; Californis (10), Connecticut (147), Massachusetts & New Jersey, USA.



Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
— David Rooke; Canada.

93. **Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*: Anguilla; São Paulo, Brazil; Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico; Massachusetts, USA.



Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (left) with Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*
— Jackie Cestero; Anguilla.

94. **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*: Bladoevgrad (14), Bulgaria; Western Division, The Gambia (4); Maharashtra, India; Taipei, Taiwan; Cheshire & East Sussex, UK.

95. **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*: Asunción, Paraguay (1).

96. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*: Western Australia, Australia; Western Division, The Gambia (2); Maharashtra India; Sabah, Malaysia; Gauteng, Kwa Zulu-Natal & Orange Free State, South Africa, Taipei, Taiwan.



Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
— Peter Sharland; South Africa.

97. **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*: Eastern Cape, South Africa; Northern Territory (3) & Western Australia, Australia; Selangor, Malaysia.

98. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*: Northern Territory (1) & Western Australia, Australia; Languedoc, France; Western Division, The Gambia (6); Sabah, Malaysia; Manila, Philippines; Gauteng, Eastern & Western Cape, South Africa; Taipei, Taiwan.

99. **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia*: Anguilla; Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo, Brazil; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico; Panama, Panama (10); California, USA (1).

100. **Grey-tailed Tattler** *Heteroscelus brevipes*: Northern Territory (3), Queensland & Western Australia, Australia; Manila, Philippines.

101. **Western Willet** *Tringa inornata*: Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico; Panama, Panama (52); California (18) & Florida (16), USA.

102. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*: Anguilla; Northern Territory, Queensland & Western Australia, Australia; West Vlaanderen, Belgium (25); Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo, Brazil; Valparaíso, Chile; Larnaca, Cyprus (1); Santa Elena, Ecuador; Canterbury, New Zealand; Lima, Peru (4); Western Cape, South Africa; Bridgend, East Sussex, Hampshire (55), Islay, Isles of Scilly (56), Lincolnshire, Merseyside & Norfolk, UK; Connecticut (3) & Florida (5), USA.



Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
— Tomomi Kawasumi; Japan.

103. **Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*: Northern Territory (1,760), Queensland (276) & Western Australia, Australia; Seochon, South Korea.



Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
— Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

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SCOLPACIDAE cont'd

104. **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*: Northern Territory (279), Queensland (1) & Western Australia, Australia; São Paulo, Brazil; Waikato, New Zealand; Seochon, South Korea; Cheshire, East Sussex, Essex, Flintshire (20), Kent (100), Lincolnshire (1), Merseyside & Norfolk, UK; Florida (22), USA.

105. **Sanderling** *Calidris alba*: Western Australia, Australia; Prince Edward island, Canada; Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chiba, Japan (60); Selangor, Malaysia; Lima, Peru (4); Gauteng, South Africa; East Sussex. Merseyside & Norfolk, UK; Connecticut (295), Florida (40) & Massachusetts, USA.



Sanderling *Calidris alba*
— Ross Mason; England.

106. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*: Valparaíso, Chile; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Panama, Panama.

107. **Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri*: Santa Elena, Ecuador; Panama, Panama (10); Lima, Peru (5); California (130) & Florida (2), USA.

108. **Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*: Northern Territory (7), Queensland (122), Victoria & Western Australia, Australia; Chiba, Japan (2).

109. **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*: Larnaca, Cyprus (76); Gauteng & Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa; Gloucestershire, UK.

110. **Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*: Anguilla; Santa Elena, Ecuador; Chihuahua, Mexico; Lima, Peru (2); California (1,222) & Florida (1), USA.

111. **White-rumped Sandpiper** *Calidris fuscicollis*: Santa Cruz, Argentina; Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil; Asunción, Paraguay (4).

112. **Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii*: Santa Cruz, Argentina; Valparaíso, Chile.

113. **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*: Anguilla; Waikato, New Zealand; Asunción, Paraguay (10).

114. **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata*: Northern territory (2), Queensland (32), Victoria & Western Australia, Australia; Waikato, New Zealand.

115. **Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*: Northern Territory & Queensland (29), Australia; Waikato, New Zealand; Gauteng, South Africa; Cheshire, UK.

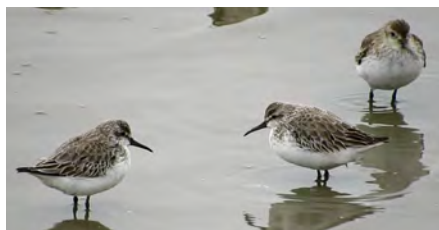
116. **Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima*: Somerset, & Merseyside, UK.



Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima*
— Mya-Rose Craig; England.

117. **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*: Prince Edward Island, Canada; Larnaca, Cyprus (15); Chiba, Japan (700); Zeeland, Netherlands (80); County Antrim, Northern Ireland (50); Seochon, South Korea; Taipei, Taiwan; Devon, East Sussex, Flintshire (30), Gloucestershire, Kent (400), Lincolnshire (10), & Norfolk, UK; California (2), Connecticut (200), Florida (10), Massachusetts, New Jersey & New York, USA.

118. **Broad-billed Sandpiper**, *Calidris falcinellus*: Western Australia, Australia, Seochon, South Korea.



Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*
— Yung-Ki Ju; South Korea.

119. **Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus*: Anguilla; Santa Elena, Ecuador.

120. **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Calidris subruficollis*: Asunción, Paraguay (1).

121. **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*: Larnaca, Cyprus (2), Gauteng, Kwa Zulu-Natal & Western Cape, South Africa; Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, East Sussex, Gloucestershire & Kent (5), UK.



Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
— Peter Sharland; South Africa.

122. **Wilson's Phalarope**: *Phalaropus tricolor*: Santa Elena, Ecuador..

123. **Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus*: Santa Cruz, Argentina.

124. **Snowy Sheathbill** *Chionus alba*: Santa Cruz, Argentina.



Mixed flock *Limosa*, *Calidris*, *Vanellus* & *Pluvialis* — Elis Simpson; England.

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



The Wader Quest team checking out the waders
— Jack Delabye

Just about typically we pick a month for a celebration of waders and the forces of nature turn against us producing, for us in the UK, just about the worst month on record weather wise! It started wet and windy and continued thus for pretty much the whole month.

That first morning on the 7th of November we rolled up at RSPB Frampton Marsh in Lincolnshire, turned into the car park, switched off the lights and engine and almost simultaneously someone, somewhere switched on the rain which lashed against the windscreen driven by the wind. We got soaked getting from the car park to the reserve centre. There we learned that there had been a Jack Snipe *Lymnocyrtes minimus* and Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* seen on the previous day so we thought these would be good targets for us to aim for expecting other species to fall into place as we searched for them.

We left the relative comfort of the visitor centre and got another drenching walking to the first hide. As we approached bent against the maelstrom we thought we had a Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* whizz past, its flight speed boosted by the wind, but as we weren't sure we decided to check it out from the hide in front of which it appeared to have landed or at least crash landed. We never did see that bird again, I suspect it got blown to the Netherlands! This hide gives you a panoramic view on all sides of the surrounding marsh. Going straight to the side of the hide where the Jack Snipe and Spotted Redshank had been seen the previous day we opened the window and soon shut it again as the gale force wind squeezing through the aperture fairly ripped the skin from our faces. We contented ourselves with viewing through the rain speckled glass.

This allowed us a blurry view of what lay beyond and in terms of waders that was a

number of Northern Lapwings *Vanellus vanellus*, a few Common Redshanks *Tringa totanus*, a small group of Eurasian Curlews *Numenius arquata* and the odd Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* all of which were fairly distant. A few Dunlin *Calidris alpina* came into view and a couple of Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* flew, or rather were blown across the marsh; but there was no sign of our anticipated goodies.

After a while the rain eased and we dared to venture to the hide on the opposite side of the marsh. As we approached we could see an enormous flock of Northern Lapwings, some 1,000 in number, every now and then they would all get up and struggle to maintain their dignity in the air before becoming resigned to the idea that, on this day at least, flying was for the birds!

In among these lapwings was a smattering of Eurasian Golden Plovers *Pluvialis apricaria*, their number just struggling into double figures. Out on the mud we spied a single Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* and a lone Red Knot *Calidris canutus*.

Try as we might and we tried, believe me, except for a single Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* in the middle hide on the way back we didn't add any new waders to the day list and definitely did not see any Jack Snipe or Spotted Redshank although we understand the latter was reported by a group that we passed going to the hide as we left!

We thought we'd try our luck at RSPB Freiston Shore. Once there we encountered more Northern Lapwings, 500 Black-tailed Godwits, Eurasian Curlews and about 50 Eurasian Golden Plovers they flew high above us calling, possibly in fear of their lives due to the tempest that was ensuing.

On the pool we encountered a single Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* and on the saltmarsh we clocked up our first Eurasian Oystercatchers *Haematopus ostralegus* the only other addition to the day being a Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* a grand total for the day of 13.

The next day we met up with personal friend and Friend of Wader Quest Jack Delabye and headed together with him down to Oare Marshes in Kent which is run by the Kent Wildlife Trust. It is a great spot for waders especially at high tide when many birds come to roost on the fresh water pools.

We were soon working our way through 400 Dunlins, dozens of Common Redshanks and 120 Black-tailed Godwits. In among the melee were 10 Eurasian Golden Plovers and the edges of the pool were lined with around 90 Northern Lapwings. Here Common Snipe were much in evidence and we estimated that we had seen in excess of 20 individuals.

As we scanned we saw a single Pied Avocet and found 4 Common Ringed Plovers, a circumnavigation of the pool only resulted in us seeing some Red Knots flying over and a single Ruff *Calidris pugnax* on one of the small islands.

Having exhausted our options for the weekend we retired with a Wader Conservation World Watch list of just 14 species. Having only added Ruff on the second day. Eagerly we returned home to start checking the lists that were already coming in. Getting reports from far flung corners of the world especially those that were sunny and warm, was very exciting and the photos that we were sent added to the event, actually seeing the individual birds that had been seen during the weekend.



A mixed flock of waders at Oare Marshes — Elis Simpson

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event making it such a success

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

Wader Conservation World Watch 3

November 5th & 6th 2016

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