

Wader Quest Articles



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Wader Quest Objectives:

To raise public awareness about, and to promote an understanding and appreciation of, waders or shorebirds (birds of the sub order Charadrii and to include the family Turnicidae, as defined by the Handbook of Birds of the World Volume 3 del Hoyo, Elliott and Sargatal eds 1996).

To raise funds, which, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, is to be used to make small grants or carry out appeals for wader conservation projects worldwide.

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of waders or shorebirds and improvements of their physical and natural habitats.

To advance the education of the public regarding the conservation and protection of waders or shorebirds and their natural habitats.

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A Quest for Waders book launch

The world's waders, or shorebirds as they are referred to by some, face existential problems due to the vulnerability of their habitats and their global migrations that makes even temporary stopping off points critical to their survival.

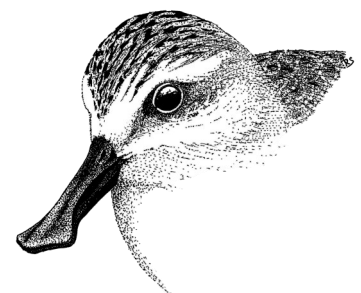
Spurred by this realisation Rick and Elis Simpson set out on what was initially conceived as a trip to see one of the most endearing, and threatened, of wader species – the Spoon-billed Sandpiper, before it was too late.

This trip metamorphosed at the planning stage into a quest to find, observe and photograph as many of the world's waders as they could in a year, as a means of raising awareness to the plight of these wonderful birds.

This book, *A Quest for Waders*, follows Rick and Elis on their journeys to 14 countries, in 9 different flyways around the world. Inevitably there were both highs and lows, which are so faithfully and humorously captured, that the book is a must for armchair travellers whether or not they are as equally enamoured with the long-legged marathon flyers as are the authors.

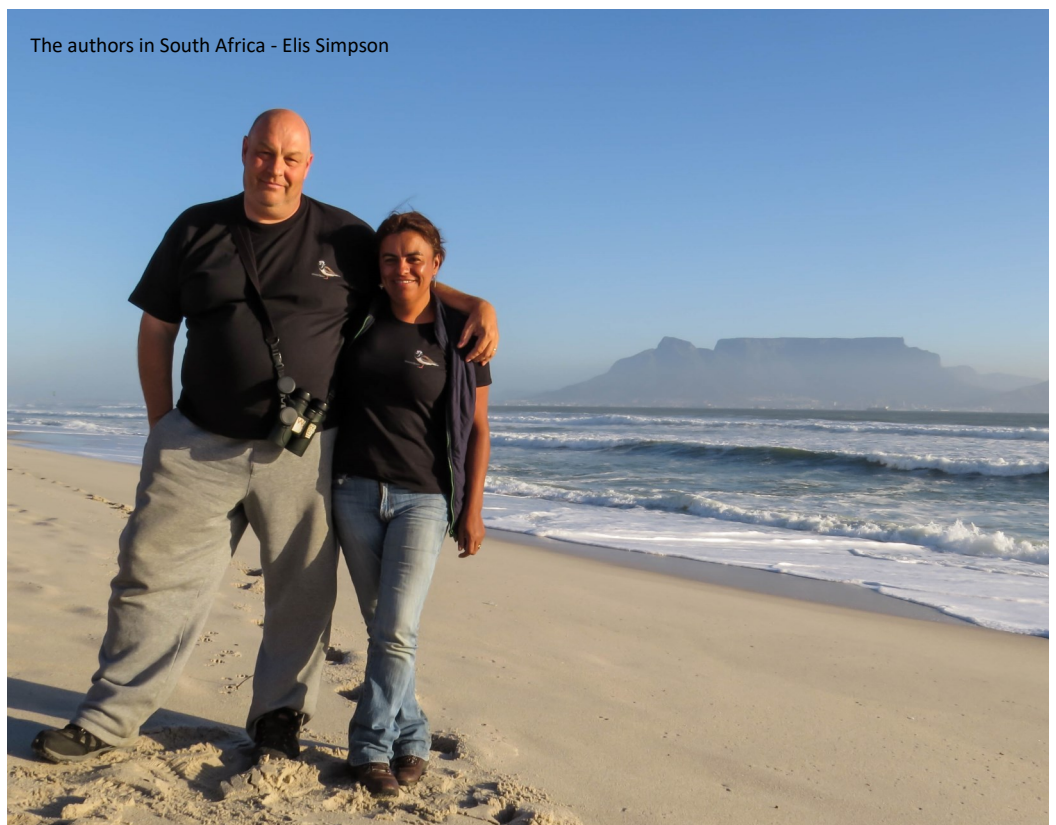
From their travels grew the charity Wader Quest run voluntarily and passionately by Rick and Elis.

Wader Quest is dedicated to providing both inspiration and practical support for wader preservation. All proceeds from the splendidly illustrated, fact-filled chronical Rick and Elis have lovingly produced will add to the financial war chest that they so thoughtfully use to support local wader preservation projects worldwide.



Spoon-billed Sandpiper - Rick Simpson

The authors in South Africa - Elis Simpson



A Quest for Waders book launch - cont'd

There are photographs taken by Elis on the travels of almost all of the species encountered, depicting the actual birds seen, rather than some glossy close-up taken elsewhere, to keep the authenticity of the book intact. Many of the species that were not photographed have been drawn by Rick to fill the gaps. Other photographs depict scenes of the places visited.



Pacific golden plover.



Greater sandplover.



Spoon-billed sandpiper.



Grey-headed lapwing.



Curlew sandpiper.



Red-wattled lapwing.



Kentish plover.



Lesser sandplover.

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White-faced plover.



Malaysian plover.



Terek sandpiper.



Common sandpiper.



Pintail snipe.



Temminck's stint.



Greater painted-snipe.



Bronze-winged jacana.

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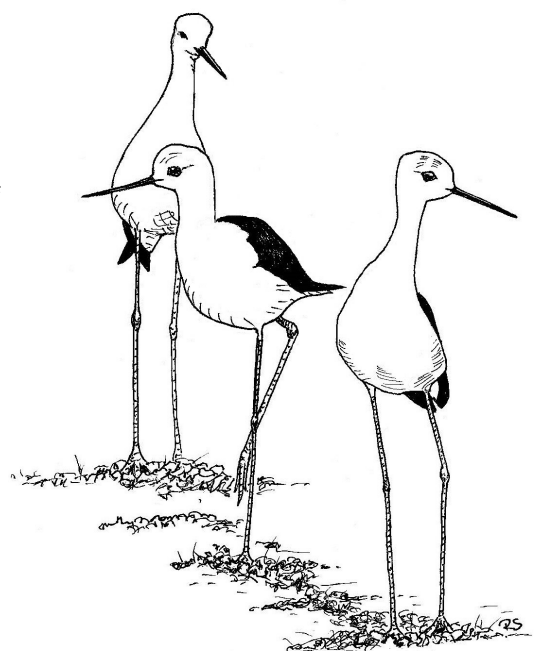
The foreword has been written by established and well respected author Dominic Couzens who also played an instrumental role in encouraging Rick and Elis to produce the book in the first place.

The important thing to consider when buying this book is who stands to gain by you buying the book? Certainly you will have acquired a good read, but as usual Rick and Elis have relinquished any claim on income from the sales of this book so that all proceeds go to wader Quest.

We'll leave the last words to Rick and Elis:



"Please buy this book so we can have our living room back!"



Black-winged Stilts - Rick Simpson

A New Wader Quest Publication - Now available!!

'This is a cracking read whether you're a waderphile or not. Ticking, dipping, ducking, diving, it's all here as Rick and Elis go through their version of a mid-life crisis to set up Wader Quest. A must-read for all birders.'

- **Iolo Williams:** Naturalist and T. V. presenter.

'Rick and Elis' enthusiasm ripples through this book. What they have achieved, bringing waders to the forefront of people's minds alongside their conservation is second to none. A brilliant read which, like their beloved waders, will have you probing deeper into this amazing family.'

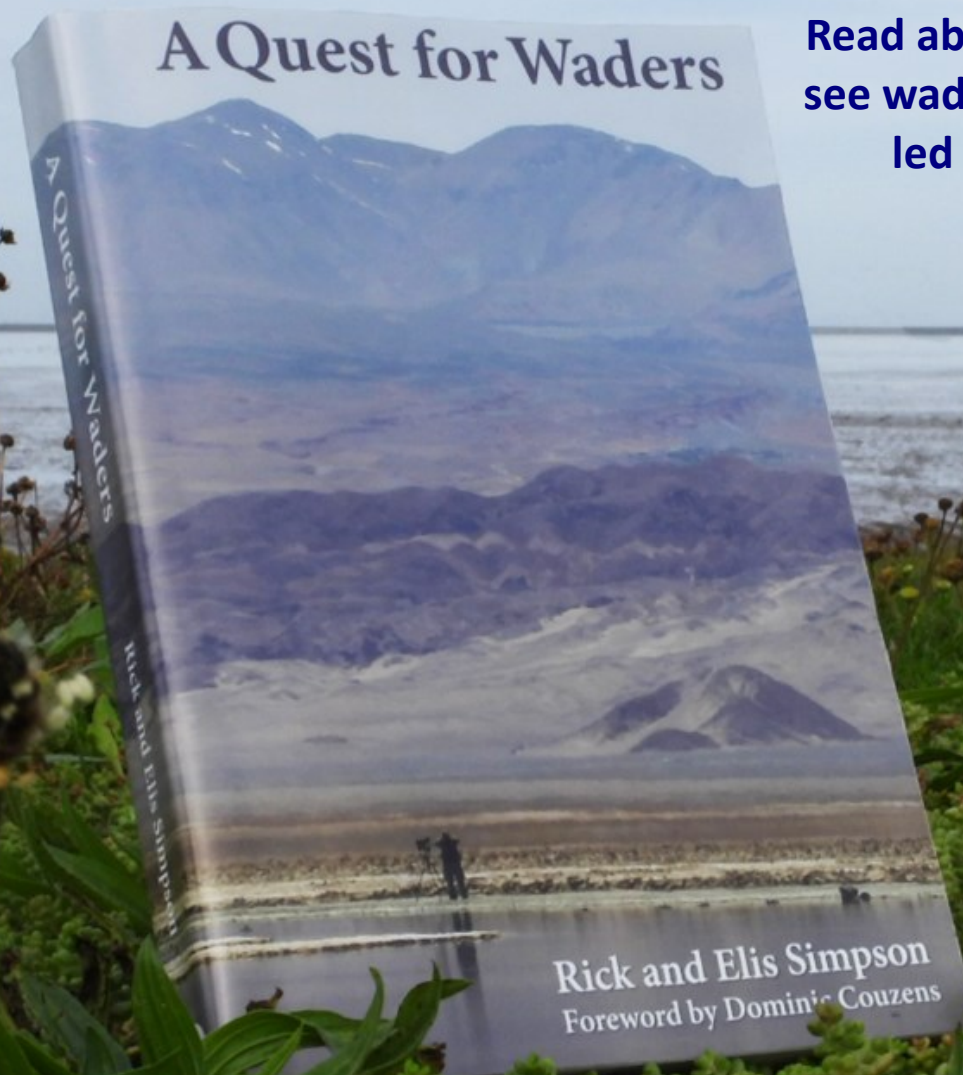
- **Tim Appleton MBE:** Founder of Birdfair Rutland Water and Creator of Rutland Water Nature Reserve.

'I was hooked by the prologue. The tragedy of extinction was brought home to me on seeing, in Morocco in 1990, three of the last few slender-billed curlews to exist. Thanks to the commitment of conservation organisations from around the world and support of people like Rick and Elis the spoon-billed sandpiper has a fighting chance of making it.'

- **Debbie Pain:** Conservationist and Scientist.

Waders are one of the most threatened groups of birds, with several species on the brink of extinction and many more suffering serious declines. This makes Rick and Elis Simpson's Wader Quest – a charity dedicated to protecting waders and highlighting their plight – important and necessary. This fascinating book tells the story of how the organisation grew from their quest to see all the world's waders, before it was too late.'

- **Rebecca Armstrong:** Editor of Birdwatch magazine.



**Read about our travels to
see waders and how they
led to the creation of
Wader Quest,
the charity.**

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£15.00**

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