Welcome to the WCWW information pack for 2020.



Once again WCWW will take place to celebrate the anniversary of Wader Quest's first day; 1st November 2012.

Each year we ask people to join our world wader watch to show their awareness of the problems the world's waders are facing. At the same time they will be acknowledging the effort put in by waderologists, both professional and volunteer alike across the planet, who are dedicating their time and talents to helping reduce some of the effects we, as humans, are having on these wonderful birds.

We have deliberately kept the concept simple:

- Go out and look for waders, or shorebirds if you prefer.
- Make a note of what you see (count them if you wish).
- Send an email to wcww@waderquest.net telling us what you saw, where, and with whom; feel free to send any photos you have taken of the birds or your friends with your sightings too.



Don't forget, if you wish you can also submit your lists to <u>eBird</u>, <u>BirdTrack</u> and your local bird recorders to make your efforts even more valuable. If Birding in Brazil, why not add your photos to <u>wikiaves</u>, a fantastic collection of bird images of Brazilian birds.

If you are part of a group of local birders why not get your friends involved? If you are part of an organisation, be it a bird club, or business please feel free to send along a logo to add to the panel of participating organisations on the website, and in the resulting newsletter.

For our part we will:

- Reply personally to all emails and contributions sent to us.
- Collect and collate all the wader/shorebird sightings from around the world.
- Create a collective world list of species seen.
- Create a Roll of Honour naming all the participants for which names are provided, or numbers of participants where names have not been supplied.
- Create a *Newsletter Special* with all the results and some reports from contributors, a map of the locations and as many photos as we can include from contributors the world over.

The definition of what constitutes a wader differs from place to place. So, just to clarify here is a list of the birds we are hoping to hear about:

| JACANIDAE | GLAREOLIDAE |
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| Jacanas | Coursers and Pratincoles |
| ROSTRATULIDAE | CHARADRIIDAE |
| Painted-Snipes | Plovers |
| DROMADIDAE | PLUVIANELLIDAE |
| Crab-Plover | Magellanic Plover |
| HAEMATOPODIDAE | SCOLOPACIDAE |
| Oystercatchers | Sandpipers |
| IBIDORHYNCHIDAE | THINOCORIDAE |
| Ibisbill | Seedsnipes |
| RECURVIROSTRIDAE | CHIONIDAE |
| Avocets and Stilts | Sheathbills |
| BURHINIDAE | PEDIONOMIDAE |
| Stone-Curlews and Thick-knees | Plains-wanderer |
| PLUVIONIDAE | TURNICIDAE |
| Egyptian Plover | Buttonquails |



Last year's Newsletter Special - click to read

For further information about wader species visit our web page What are waders?

If you'll be birding on the East-Asian Australasian Flyway and you would like to add to the fun, look out for marked birds, try to photograph them and enter the #legflagchallenge photo competition run by the EAAFP, follow the link for details.





Last year's distribution of participants map Don't see your region / country represented? Then join us this year and put that right!

Some special photos sent to us last year.



Black Turnstone Becky Bowen



Purple Sandpiper Damian Money



Chestnut-banded Plover Thomas Hohls



South American Painted-Snipe Walter Cejas



Sanderlings and Dunlins Tomomi Kawasumi



Great Stone-Curlew Elis Simpson



Wrybill Rachel Hufton



Little Ringed Plover Naveen Singh



Black-fronted Dotterel Ken Sutton



Semipalmated plovers Karina Avila



Latham's Snipe Renate Hottmann-Schaefer



Eurasian Whimbrel Mike Bridgeford