

# WADER QUEST

THE NEWSLETTER

WADER CONSERVATION WORLD WATCH SPECIAL

*'It is very gratifying for me to participate again in this event despite the difficulties in my country, contributing a grain of sand to the knowledge and conservation of shorebirds.'* Sabino Rafael Silva Rojas; Venezuela.



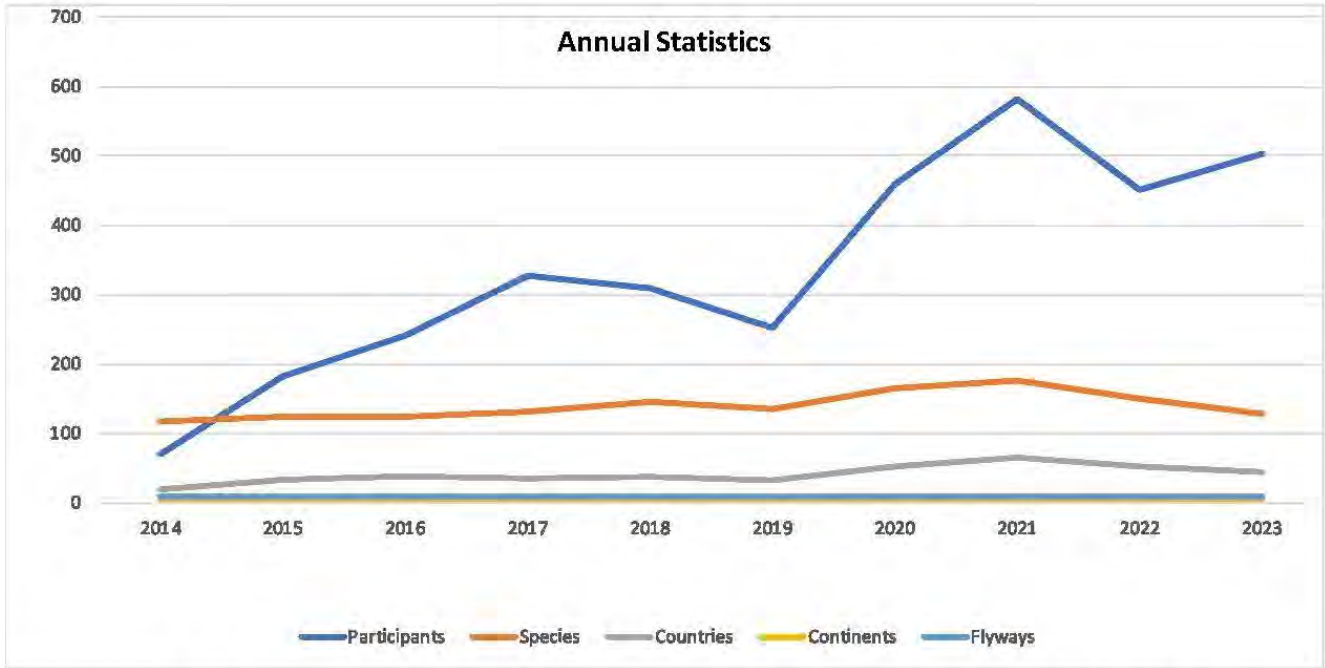
Grey Plover © Sandra Pentristo

## Welcome to the WCWW10 2023 Newsletter Special

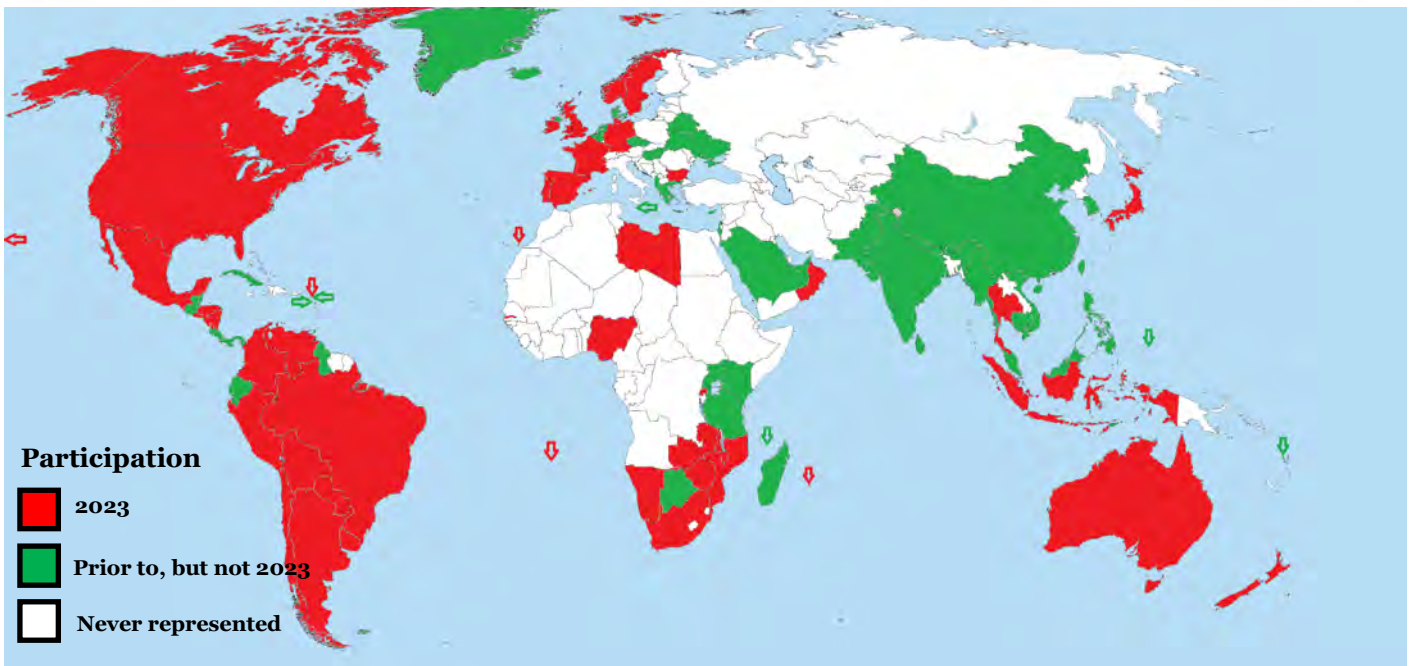


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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Participants	70	182	241	327	309	252	459	582	451	503
Species	117	124	124	131	145.5	135	165	176	150	128
Countries	19	33	38	35	37	32	52	65	52	44
Continents	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Flyways	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9



The green and white countries are targets for 2024. If you live or work in any of these, please consider participating next year.



## Species list for WCWW10 2023

- |     |                              |     |                        |      |                         |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Lesser Jacana                | 69. | Hooded Plover          | 99.  | Common Sandpiper        |
| 2.  | African Jacana               | 70. | Amami Woodcock         | 100. | Spotted Sandpiper       |
| 3.  | Northern Jacana              | 71. | African Snipe          | 101. | Grey-tailed Tattler     |
| 4.  | Wattled Jacana               | 72. | Common Snipe           | 102. | Wandering Tattler       |
| 5.  | Greater Painted-Snipe        | 73. | Wilson's Snipe         | 103. | Ruddy Turnstone         |
| 6.  | South American Painted-Snipe | 74. | South American Snipe   | 104. | Black Turnstone         |
| 7.  | Blackish Oystercatcher       | 75. | Short-billed Dowitcher | 105. | Surfbird                |
| 8.  | Black Oystercatcher          | 76. | Long-billed Dowitcher  | 106. | Great Knot              |
| 9.  | American Oystercatcher       | 77. | Black-tailed Godwit    | 107. | Red Knot                |
| 10. | African Oystercatcher        | 78. | Hudsonian Godwit       | 108. | Sanderling              |
| 11. | Eurasian Oystercatcher       | 79. | Bar-tailed Godwit      | 109. | Semipalmated Sandpiper  |
| 12. | South Island Oystercatcher   | 80. | Marbled Godwit         | 110. | Western Sandpiper       |
| 13. | Pied Oystercatcher           | 81. | Eurasian Whimbrel      | 111. | Red-necked Stint        |
| 14. | Sooty Oystercatcher          | 82. | Hudsonian Whimbrel     | 112. | Little Stint            |
| 15. | Black-winged Stilt           | 83. | Bristle-thighed Curlew | 113. | Long-toed Stint         |
| 16. | Black-necked Stilt           | 84. | Eurasian Curlew        | 114. | Least Sandpiper         |
| 17. | White-backed Stilt           | 85. | Far Eastern Curlew     | 115. | White-rumped Sandpiper  |
| 18. | Pied Avocet                  | 86. | Long-billed Curlew     | 116. | Baird's Sandpiper       |
| 19. | Senegal Thick-knee           | 87. | Upland Sandpiper       | 117. | Pectoral Sandpiper      |
| 20. | Water Thick-knee             | 88. | Spotted Redshank       | 118. | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  |
| 21. | Spotted Thick-knee           | 89. | Common Redshank        | 119. | Curlew Sandpiper        |
| 22. | Three-banded Courser         | 90. | Marsh Sandpiper        | 120. | Purple Sandpiper        |
| 23. | Bronze-winged Courser        | 91. | Common Greenshank      | 121. | Dunlin                  |
| 24. | Temminck's Courser           | 92. | Greater Yellowlegs     | 122. | Broad-billed Sandpiper  |
| 25. | Collared Pratincole          | 93. | Lesser Yellowlegs      | 123. | Stilt Sandpiper         |
| 26. | Rock Pratincole              | 94. | Green Sandpiper        | 124. | Buff-breasted Sandpiper |
| 27. | Northern Lapwing             | 95. | Solitary Sandpiper     | 125. | Ruff                    |
| 28. | Long-toed Lapwing            | 96. | Wood Sandpiper         | 126. | Wilson's Phalarope      |
| 29. | Blacksmith Lapwing           | 97. | Willet                 | 127. | Grey Phalarope          |
| 30. | Spur-winged Lapwing          | 98. | Terek Sandpiper        | 128. | Madagascar Buttonquail  |
| 31. | White-crowned Lapwing        |     |                        |      |                         |
| 32. | Senegal Lapwing              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 33. | Black-winged Lapwing         |     |                        |      |                         |
| 34. | Crowned Lapwing              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 35. | African Wattled Lapwing      |     |                        |      |                         |
| 36. | Grey-headed Lapwing          |     |                        |      |                         |
| 37. | Red-wattled Lapwing          |     |                        |      |                         |
| 38. | Black-shouldered Lapwing     |     |                        |      |                         |
| 39. | Southern Lapwing             |     |                        |      |                         |
| 40. | Andean Lapwing               |     |                        |      |                         |
| 41. | Pied Plover                  |     |                        |      |                         |
| 42. | Grey Plover                  |     |                        |      |                         |
| 43. | European Golden Plover       |     |                        |      |                         |
| 44. | Pacific Golden Plover        |     |                        |      |                         |
| 45. | American Golden Plover       |     |                        |      |                         |
| 46. | Common Ringed Plover         |     |                        |      |                         |
| 47. | Semipalmated Plover          |     |                        |      |                         |
| 48. | Long-billed Plover           |     |                        |      |                         |
| 49. | Little Ringed Plover         |     |                        |      |                         |
| 50. | Wilson's Plover              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 51. | Killdeer                     |     |                        |      |                         |
| 52. | Piping Plover                |     |                        |      |                         |
| 53. | Kittlitz's Plover            |     |                        |      |                         |
| 54. | St. Helena Plover            |     |                        |      |                         |
| 55. | Three-banded Plover          |     |                        |      |                         |
| 56. | White-fronted Plover         |     |                        |      |                         |
| 57. | Kentish Plover               |     |                        |      |                         |
| 58. | Snowy Plover                 |     |                        |      |                         |
| 59. | Javan Plover                 |     |                        |      |                         |
| 60. | Red-capped Plover            |     |                        |      |                         |
| 61. | Chestnut-banded Plover       |     |                        |      |                         |
| 62. | Collared Plover              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 63. | Two-banded Plover            |     |                        |      |                         |
| 64. | Siberian Plover              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 65. | Tibetan Plover               |     |                        |      |                         |
| 66. | Greater Sandplover           |     |                        |      |                         |
| 67. | Oriental Plover              |     |                        |      |                         |
| 68. | Rufous-chested Plover        |     |                        |      |                         |



Amami Woodcock, a new species for WCWW © Rob Williams

**Species seen this year but not last year**

Black Oystercatcher	Oriental Plover
Three-banded Courser	Amami Woodcock
St. Helena Plover	Upland Sandpiper
Javan Plover	Grey Phalarope
Rufous-chested Plover	

**Species seen this year for the first time**

St Helena Plover	Amami Woodcock
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**Species not seen in 2023 but seen in previous years**

Comb-crested Jacana	Malaysian Plover
Phasant-tailed Jacana	White-faced Plover
Bronze-winged Jacana	Double-banded Plover
Crab Plover	Caspian Plover
Magellanic Oystercatcher	Eurasian Dotterel
Vaialea Oystercatcher	Mountain Plover
Chatham Oystercatcher	Shore Plover
Ibisbill	Black-fronted Dotterel
White-headed Stilt	Inland Dotterel
Black Stilt	Wrybill
Banded Stilt	Tawny-throated Dotterel
American Avocet	Magellanic Plover
Red-necked Avocet	Eurasian Woodcock
Eurasian Stone-Curlew	American Woodcock
Indian Stone-Curlew	Chatham Snipe
Double-striped Thick-knee	Jack Snipe
Peruvian Thick-knee	Solitary Snipe
Bush Stone-Curlew	Latham's Snipe
Great Stone-Curlew	Pin-tailed Snipe
Beach Stone-Curlew	Great Snipe
Egyptian Plover	Magellanic Snipe
Cream-coloured Courser	Puna Snipe
Burchell's Courser	Giant Snipe
Indian Courser	Asian Dowitcher
Australian Pratincole	Little Curlew
Oriental Pratincole	Nordmann's Greenshank
Black-winged Pratincole	Temminck's Stint
Small Pratincole	Rock Sandpiper
Sociable Lapwing	Spoon-billed Sandpiper
River Lapwing	Red-necked Phalarope
Black-headed Lapwing	Least Seedsnipe
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	Snowy Sheathbill
Brown-chested Lapwing	Common Buttonquail
Banded Lapwing	Black-rumped Buttonquail
Masked Lapwing	Fynbos Buttonquail
White-tailed Lapwing	Barred Buttonquail
Red-kneed Dotterel	Painted Buttonquail
Northern Red-breasted Plover	Little Buttonquail
Forbes's Plover	Quail-plover

**Species never seen during WCWW (38)**

Madagascar Jacana	Noble Snipe
Australian Painted-Snipe	Fuegian Snipe
Andean Avocet	Andean Snipe
Madagascar Pratincole	Imperial Snipe
Grey Pratincole	Tuamotu Sandpiper
Spot-breasted Lapwing	Plains Wanderer
Southern Red-breasted Plover	Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe
Madagascar Plover	White-bellied Seedsnipe
Puna Plover	Grey-breasted Seedsnipe
Diademed Sandpiper-Plover	Black-faced Sheathbill
New Guinea Woodcock	Red-backed Buttonquail
Bukidnon Woodcock	Yellow-legged Buttonquail
Sulawesi Woodcock	Spotted Buttonquail
Moluccan Woodcock	Black-breasted Buttonquail
Snares Snipe	Buff-breasted Buttonquail
Subantarctic Snipe	Chestnut-backed Buttonquail
Wood Snipe	Red-chested Buttonquail
Swinhoe's Snipe	Sumba Buttonquail
Madagascar Snipe	Luzon Buttonquail



St Helena Plover; first appearance © Keith Betton



River Lapwing; missing this year © Elis Simpson



Andean Avocet; yet to appear © Elis Simpson

# Roll of Honour for WCWW10 2023

## LIST OF OBSERVERS BY CONTINENT AND COUNTRY

SP = NUMBER OF SPECIES SEEN : OBS = NUMBER OF OBSERVERS FOR EACH COUNTRY.

44 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED.

### AFRICA

#### **Gambia (11 sp: 1 obs)**

Dave Jackson

#### **Libya (16 sp: 4 obs)**

Abd Alati Elsayeb  
Khaled Alroteb  
Hussain Abdulgader  
Mohammed Alroeid

#### **Malawi (18 sp: 2 obs)**

Deanne Matthews  
Robert Nyirenda

#### **Mozambique (3 sp: 1 obs)**

Gary Rowan

#### **Namibia (19 sp: 4 obs)**

Jacob Henry  
Christiane Maluche  
Connor Fry  
Curt Sagell

### **New**

#### **Nigeria (1 sp: 6 obs)**

Bill Uko  
Chidera Sam-Eze  
Chimsom Okolinta  
Michael Okafor  
Nonso Njoku  
Victor Okereke



L - R: Victor Okereke, Chidera Sam-Eze, Bill Uko, Nonso Njoku, Michael Okafor, Chimsom Okolinta

### **New**

#### **Rwanda (5 sp: 1 obs)**

Jean Pierre Mugabo

#### **South Africa (38 sp: 40 obs)**

Adam Cruickshank  
Amanda Walden  
Arthur van der Byl  
Ashwell Glasson  
Cassie Carstens

Charles Britz  
Christo Venter  
Darren van Eyssen  
Dean Boshoff  
Denise Holahan  
Fiona Butchart  
Gareth Bain  
Garret Skead  
Gee Coetzee  
Gerhard Vosloo  
Gilbert Reinhardt  
Hanlie Lombard  
Helen Badenhorst  
Janelle Verster  
Jill Hardingham  
John Home  
Jooste Wasservall  
Lloyd Nelson  
Martin Benadie  
Melanie Stevens  
Michael Mason  
Mike Bridgeford  
Pat Raymond  
Philip Yiannakou  
Pieter Bruwer  
Pieter Schoeman  
Pieter Verster  
Richter van Tonder  
Ronel du Plessis  
Sarel Snyman  
Sue Oertli  
Trevor Hardaker  
Werner Van Goethem  
Wian van Biljon  
Zoë Lunau

#### **Zambia (18 sp: 1 obs)**

Lance Robinson

#### **Zimbabwe (9 sp: 3 obs)**

Piet Zwanikken  
Wendolin Zwanikken  
Jean-Michel Blake

### ASIA

#### **Japan (16 sp: 2 obs)**

Rob Edmunds  
Yoshihito Goto

#### **Indonesia (22 sp: 9 obs)**

Asman Adi Purwanto  
Ambi ( local people )  
Arkan Adhyatsa Raushan  
Cipto Dwi Handono  
Dita P. Sari  
Hendri ( local people )  
Iwan Londo  
Sita Yusti Azizah  
Sungkono

### **New**

#### **Oman (11 sp: 1 obs)**

Nick Bray

#### **Thailand (0 sp: 1 obs)**

Marcia Pryce

### AUSTRALASIA

#### **Australia (25 sp: 5 obs)**

Ben Vasic  
Beverly Hunter-Graham  
Julie Keating  
Keith Graham  
Renate Hottmann-Schaefer

#### **New Zealand (2 sp: 1 obs)**

Ellen Hoy

### CARIBBEAN

#### **Anguilla (15 sp: 1 obs)**

Jacqueline Cestero

### EUROPE

#### **Bulgaria (0 sp: 1 obs)**

Liudmila Karukina

### **New**

#### **Channel Islands (8sp: 8 obs)**

Andy Marquis  
Bob Moore  
Jamie Hooper  
Julie Davis  
Kevin Childs  
Mark Lawlor  
Vic Froome  
Wayne Turner

#### **England (22 sp: 151 obs)**

Adam Enderwick  
Alan McGlade  
Alan Priest  
Alun Price  
Andrew  
Andy Watson  
Anya Dudaniec  
Ash Radford  
Beatrice



The Preston Society participants

# Roll of Honour for WCWW10 2023 cont'd



Richmond & Twickenham RSPB local group watching waders at Langstone Harbour

Brian Johnston  
 Brian Walker  
 Caro Barrett  
 Cathryn Pritchard  
 Chloe Wainwright  
 Christopher Doyle  
 Clare Matthews  
 Clare Million  
 Damian Money  
 Dave Cox  
 Dave Mogie  
 David Crisp  
 David Ferry  
 David Price  
 David Sanderson  
 Dennis Plumb  
 Dorothy Poole  
 Dudaniec Family (2)  
 Edna Bates  
 Elis Simpson  
 Elizabeth Wass  
 Emma Pinder  
 Emma Price  
 Emma Thompson  
 Farrell Family (4)  
 Fiona Wright  
 Fran Lee  
 Frankie Robertson  
 Graham Thomas  
 Gwyneth Payne  
 Hazel Butler  
 Heather Lyons  
 Helen Ashton  
 Helena Sanderson  
 Holly McHugh  
 Ian Fisher



Phil and Karen Hadley

Ian Sherriffs  
 Jacky Watson  
 Jane Rowse  
 Janet Taylor  
 Jason Longhorn  
 Jeremy Norris  
 Jerry Campbell  
 John Bullock  
 John Mulligan  
 John Poole  
 Jordan Warren  
 Judith Powell  
 Julian Gaskin  
 Karen Hadley  
 Kate Harmon  
 Kathryn Fillingham  
 Kevin Wass  
 Layla Ferry  
 Liz Musgrove  
 Louise Butler  
 Luca Dudaniec  
 Margaret Hanna  
 Margeret Perkins  
 Mark Allen  
 Martin McGill  
 Mike McNulty  
 Olivia-Jane Dunn  
 Paul Clements (+6)  
 Paul White  
 Peter Atkinson  
 Phil Hadley  
 Rebecca Dunne  
 Revis Family (4)  
 Richard Willis  
 Rick Simpson  
 Rob Eddon  
 Roberta Goodall  
 Ruby Merryman  
 Ryan Burke  
 Sandra Hucks  
 SMIWCS\* (2)  
 Steve Ashton  
 Steve Bucknall  
 Steve Fordham  
 Sue Alexander  
 Tony Benton (+37)  
 Tony Surr  
 Tony Wild  
 Tor Leifsen  
 Tracy Colling  
 Val Finney  
 Val Wilson

\*St Mary's Is. Conservation Society

## France (10 sp: 27 obs)

Includes Réunion  
 Alexis Perret  
 Aloïs Roy  
 Audrey Jaeger  
 Cléa Arsicaud  
 Elisabeth Damour  
 Fanny Alberto-Payet  
 Florinah Razafimandimby  
 Isabel Xeridat  
 Jean-Cyrille Notter  
 Jean-François Cornuaille  
 Jean-Marie Gradot

Jérémie Souchet  
 Julien Vingadachetty  
 Laurent Brillard  
 Lisa Spenle  
 Marion Sahn  
 Martin Riethmuller  
 Mathis Cabrit  
 Matthieu Lecorre  
 Merlène Saunier  
 Olivier Minatchy  
 Orlane Gerardin  
 Serge Garnier  
 Souzanah Chahiba  
 Stephen Lanchbury  
 Todor Georgiev  
 Vincent Lauret

## Germany (8 sp: 4 obs)

Armin Hanson  
 Jennifer Hanson  
 Jule Tappe  
 Petra Kregelius-Schmidt



Neuwerk coastline by Jule Tappe

## Ireland (13 sp: 1 obs)

Owen Murphy

## New

## Norway (0 sp: 4 obs)

Andrew Whitelee  
 Penny Insole  
 Maja Pedersen  
 Tommy Pedersen

## Portugal (8 sp: 1 obs)

Jack Delabye

## Scotland (7 sp: 7 obs)

David Mitchell  
 Joan Dear  
 Joanna Peaker  
 John Dear  
 Kev Forth  
 Margaret Mitchell  
 Sue Forth

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## Spain (16 sp: 3 obs)

Includes Canary Islands  
Andrés Balfagon  
Dougie Dickson  
Yanina Maggiotto

## Sweden (13 sp: 3 obs)

Honor Prentice  
Karin Johnson  
Oskar Löfgren

## Wales (4 sp: 2 obs)

Liz Knight  
Simon Knight



Liz and Simon Knight brave the bracing Welsh weather

## NORTH AMERICA

### Canada (2 sp: 3 obs)

Gordon Roberts  
Heather Roberts  
Joel Weatherly

### Mexico (1 sp: 1 obs)

Fernando Mondaca

### USA (32 sp: 14 obs)

Aidan Griffiths  
Brandon Houseworth  
Devin Griffiths  
Lance Tanino  
Lisa Walker-Roseman  
Luis Mendes  
Meg Rousher  
Nick Minnich  
Rebecca Ruthberg Campagna  
Ryan Carle  
Scott Hickman  
Selena Flores  
Shannon Underhill  
Tina Toth

## SOUTH AMERICA

### Argentina (7 sp: 2 obs)

Paulo Bernardo Cunha Pereira da Veiga  
María de los Angeles Hernández

### Bolivia (14 sp: 1 obs)

J. Luis Martínez

## Brazil (25 sp: 120 obs)

Ágatha Da Silva Dos Santos  
Allan Clé Porto  
Ana Flávia AzevedoVila  
Ana Luíza Lopes Goncalves  
Anselmo Sanchez  
Antony Gabriel S. De Paiva  
Aurea Célia de Almeida Corrêa  
Bibiane Moura  
Bill Heck  
Bruna Corbo  
Bruno Lima  
Caio Brito  
Camila Jiovana C. De Oliveira  
Carlos Alberto Gomes Santos  
Carlos César De A. Nascimento  
Caroline Cassiana



Sandra N A & Paulo Fagundes © Liz Knight



L - R; Fernando Yañez, Marcos Aurélio da Silva, Patrícia Hanate, Priscila Tomás & Christian Gama.

Celio Pinto  
Charles Davies  
Chris Lotz  
Christian Gama  
Clarisse Odebrecht  
Cris Gallerani



Fábio Barato & Elen Dias

Cristina Roseno  
Daniel Henrique Sendas Silva  
Daniel Nicodemo Donadio



Diego dos Anjos Souza

Danielli Maria Monteiro De Oliveira  
Debora Melo  
Diogo Felix De Souza Pereira  
Edna siqueira  
Elen Dias  
Emanoely Rafaela Oliveira  
Enzo Felipe Lino  
Fábio Barata  
Fabrício De Jesus Brito  
Felipe Santos  
Fernando Yañez  
Francisco Gabriel S. Santana  
Gabriel Henrique Sendas Silva  
Geovane Santos  
Giovanna Morais Oliveira 9a  
Giulia De Souza Marins  
Gracia de Simone  
Guilherme Henrique Braga Silva  
Guilherme Oliveira Vieira  
Gustavo Arthur Meletti  
R.C.Santos  
Gustavo Faustino Vieira



Anselmo Sanchez, Gracia de Simone  
Bruno Lima, Karina Ávila, Quetzalli Ávila, Milena Corbo, Bruna Corbo & Sandra Pentristo.

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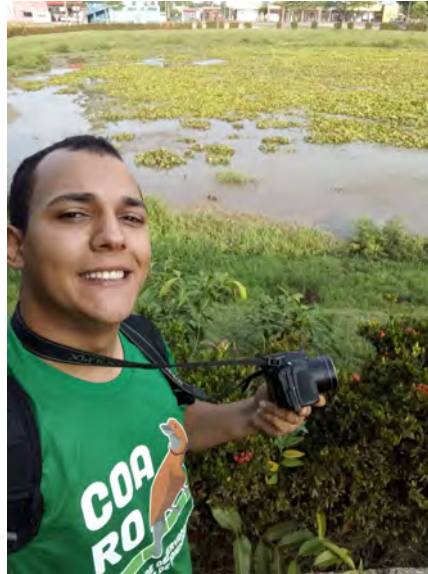
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Isabella Vieira Martins  
Isabelly Dos Santos Batista  
Iza Alencar  
Jade Cristina Da Silva  
Javier Alexander Piquillén  
Barboza  
João Farah



Rogério Eduardo Almeida Barboza

Kairan Vieira De Aguiar  
Karina Ávila  
Kinberlly Ap. Dos Santos  
Pereira  
Lahis Chacon  
Larissa Darin  
Lauro Frangetto  
Layla Alves G. Viana Nazário  
Leticia Faccine  
Livia Pereira André  
Luan Henrique Leite Garcia  
Lucas Paixão De Oliveira  
Luis Gustavo De Souza Da  
Costa  
Luiz Eduardo Santos  
Luiz Gustavo Gueiros Furtado  
Lutt Ferreira  
Manuela Marcassi Kuroviske  
Marcelo Barbosa  
Marcio Carvalho  
Maria Clara Silva Gomes  
Mariana Ramos Gadig  
Gonçalves



Wendell Goulart

Mário Miguel Paixão  
Mateus Silva Reis Santos  
Matheus Conte Pereira  
Matheus de Moraes dos Santos  
Milena Corbo  
Millena Camargo Barros Dos  
Santos  
Mirian Brasil  
Nelson Do Valle Paixão  
Nicoly Da Silva Vieira  
Nicoly Rodrigues Lobo  
Nilson Cazorino  
Nilson Silva  
Patrícia Hanate  
Paulo Fagundes  
Pedro Behne  
Priscila Calado Da Silva  
Priscila Tomás  
Quetzalli Ávila  
Rauan Ribeiro Gonçalves  
Lopes  
Raul Afonso Pommer-Barbosa  
Renee Leutz Lopes de Oliveira  
Rhafaella Rodrigues C. S. Melo  
Ricardo Lau  
Rickelmy Dos Santos Pereira  
Roberto Dall Agnol  
Rodrigo Passos  
Rogério Eduardo Almeida  
Barboza  
Ruan Da C. Correa Dos Santos  
Sandra N. A.  
Sandra Pentristo  
Sassá Tupinambá  
Shantala Torres  
Taigwara Ywytu Tupinambá  
Taperendy Ibere-uana  
Tupinambá  
Thaís Dos Santos Veneziano  
Thiago Henrique L. Marcolino  
Thiago Nascimento Dos Santos  
Vando Silva  
Vilma de Oliveira  
Vitória Rodrigues  
Wanessa Cavalcante Pereira

Wendell Goulart  
Wilson Gabriel F. Costa 9a  
Yasmin Gabrielly C. Silva  
Yasmin Grazielly S. Grillo

## Chile (13 sp: 6 obs)

Carlos Silva  
Carlos Vasquez Leiva  
César Piñones Cañete  
Patricio Camacho  
Paulina Solís Iturra  
Yenny Layana Tapia

## Colombia (12 sp: 4 obs)

Jeisson Zamudio  
Jonathan Sequeda Zuleta  
Juan Sebastian Ospina  
Luisa Ramirez Vineros

## El Salvador (16 sp: 4 obs)

David M.  
Enrique Choussy Rusconi  
John Ter Louw  
Julio Acosta

## Honduras (17 sp: 2 obs)

Liliana Matute Mandujano  
Olbin Bejarano



Liliana Matute Mandujano & Olbin Bejarano

## Nicaragua (22 sp: 16 obs)

Abbott Dominguez  
Annett Rudolph  
David Bradford  
Eduardo Acevedo  
Elias Santeliz  
Erika Reyes  
Gina Soltero  
Gina Sotelo  
Jaime Orozco S  
Josefa Barboza



Lester Fonseca  
Nayelis Vargas  
Rachel Vincent  
Rafael Santeliz  
Salvadora Morales  
Yoleydi Mejia

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## Paraguay (15 sp: 10 obs)

Alejandra Pons  
 Andrea Caballero  
 Diego Cáceres Román  
 Francisco Capli +1  
 Gonzalo Millacet  
 Marcos Saldivar Montalbetti  
 Rebeca Irala Melgarejo  
 Rob Clay  
 Rodrigo Díaz  
 Selene Davey



Johan Saire

Nicolás Marchand  
 Victoria Bonnet

## Venezuela (23 sp:: 4 obs)

Erwin García  
 Nohelys Diaz  
 Sabino Rafael Silva Rojas  
 Verónica Trujillo Iriarte

## SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

### New

## St Helena Island (1 sp: 5 obs)

Denis Leo  
 Eddie Duff  
 James Fantom  
 Martina Peters  
 Nico Benjamin

## Peru (24 sp: 4 obs)

Igor Lazo  
 Jacob Socolar  
 Johan Saire  
 Rutger Koperdraad

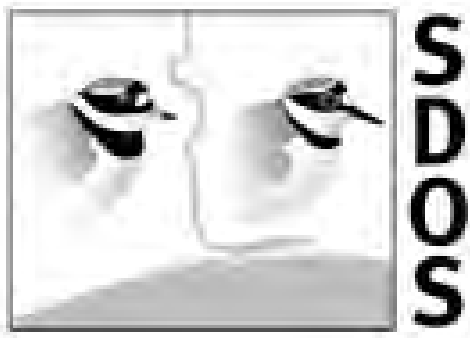
## Uruguay (13 sp: 5 obs)

Agustina Medina  
 Betty da silva  
 Javier Alexander Piquillén  
 Barboza

## Organisations represented in 2023



# Organisations represented in 2023 - cont'd



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SOUTHERN AFRICAN  
WILDLIFE COLLEGE



# Organisations represented in 2023 - cont'd



Purple Plover Consulting



Société d'Études Ornithologiques de la Réunion



**Tees Valley**  
Wildlife Trust



## WCWW10 Summary - Rick Simpson

On the cover of this issue are two things of note. The first of these is a quote from Sabino Rafael Silva Rojas from Venezuela regarding his contribution to the event.

*'It is very gratifying for me to participate again in this event despite the difficulties in my country, contributing a grain of sand to the knowledge and conservation of shorebirds.'*

These words resonated with us as they sum up what all of us feel in the world of conservation. Not one person is able to make much of a difference except perhaps in a lifetime of work, but each and every contribution is one of these grains of sand to which Sabino refers. This is exactly how we feel about Wader Quest's contribution to wader conservation around the world. Should the world of the future find that waders have disappeared, we, and all those who have chosen to participate this year and every year previously, or have supported Wader Quest in other ways, will be able to say that they have contributed a grain of sand and we all hope that these collective grains will form a sandbank that will hold back the tide of global extinctions.

The second thing of note from the cover is the lovely portrait of a Grey Plover *Charadrius squatarola* courtesy of Sandra Pentristo that came to us via Wader Quest Brasil / *Aves Limícolas Perúibe*, a bird that is seen globally at this time of year on the coasts of all inhabited continents, thus representing the global aspect of this event. It is a stunning picture of what is sometimes misrepresented, in its non breeding plumage, as being dull. The name Grey Plover, doesn't really help that. I am a great one for delving into antiquity when it comes to my cherished waders. In those deep dives into the old tomes in my book collection, I often come across this species being referred to as the Silver Plover, which, let's be honest, is a much more attractive name and in keeping with its

*'We all hope that these collective grains will form a sandbank that will hold back the tide of global extinctions..'*



Silver Plover in breeding plumage © Elis Simpson

smaller golden cousins. Here surely is an English name that should be resurrected? After all, you will note on page 27 in the contribution from the Réunion Islands that the French name is *Pluvier argenté*; *argent* being silver and the Dutch name is *Zilverplevier* overtly Silver Plover too. Perhaps though, more charming is the Bulgarian name Сребриста булка which translates to Silver Bride.

The total number of countries or dependencies that have taken part, at least once in the last 10 years of Wader Conservation World Watch, has now reached 93. That number was reached this year with six new entities joining the event; the Channel Islands; St Helena Island in the South Atlantic; Rwanda and Nigeria in Africa; Oman in Asia; Norway in Europe.

## WCWW10 summary - cont'd

There are currently 245 species of extant wader species in the world (there are an additional 11 extinct species) of which we have seen 205 collectively over the ten years of WCWW, that is 84%, not a bad effort all things considered. Buttonquails feature largely in those not seen as most people will head to wetlands to look for waders, and there, no buttonquails will be found paddling around with their close cousins. The remainder of the species not seen are largely on remote islands or high mountaintops.

As last year both the Neotropics and southern Africa were well served thanks again to our friends Wader Quest South Africa (Peter and Jenny Sharland & Sue and Owen Oertli) and Wader Quest Brasil (Bruno Lima and Karina Ávila), going out of their way to contact people, not just within their own countries but in the wider region beyond.

Unlike the unrealistic expectation, according to governments of the world, that economies can always grow, we don't expect continuous growth in WCWW and so some years being 'better' than others is to be expected. On paper this is the second highest number of participants we have enjoyed, so a reason to be pleased however that is largely due to substantial numbers in certain places; Southern Africa 48, Brazil 120 and UK 159 participants - of special note here is the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust event that accrued a massive 70+ people in Redcar over the two days and we were delighted to be a small part of that. Whilst number are up, the number of countries is down, we cannot say why this would be.

So while the number of participants is up on last year, and of course the real point of this event, species numbers were down. Despite this, we still received two reports of previously unrecorded waders. Both are named after the island on which they can be found, namely the St Helena Plover *Charadrius sanctaehellenae* from the eponymous South Atlantic island and the Amami Woodcock *Scolopax mira* on Amami Island in Japan. This last species was recorded for us by a birder and mongoose trapper on the island who reports that he saw five of them that morning! There was also the welcome return for only the second time of Rufous-chested Plover *Charadrius modestus* from Argentina.

Uniquely we received a list this year that comprised only one species and that was heard only! This came from Aurea Célia de Almeida Corrêa in São Paulo, Brazil. Mind you, it is difficult not to hear Southern Lapwings *Vanellus chilensis* in South America if they are anywhere near the vicinity in which you happen to be. The same species also has the distinction of being the only wader species to be reported, on an annual basis, from someone's garden, that someone being Bibiane Moura, who this year provided a photo of one on her roof in Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil!

We should also make special mention of those people who live in northern climes where waders are thin on the ground and the weather can be very cold and stormy at this time of year. Nevertheless people are determined to take part and go looking for any straggling waders, most of which have travelled south for the boreal winter. From these



Southern Lapwing © Bibiane Moura

## Our WCWW10 - cont'd

places zero returns of waders are not uncommon, but this just highlights the fact that this event is about people taking part and supporting wader conservation, and not any sort of competition to see who can see the most species. As we always say, a zero count is as valid as a list with thirty plus species as far as we are concerned.

As for rare finds, the best of these must be the Ruff *Calidris pugnax* found by Geovane Santos in Brazil and the Tibetan Plover in Réunion plus the White-rumped Sandpiper found at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire in England (see page 28). There was also a Grey Plover well away from the coast and which is an inland Gauteng SA Rare Bird rarity, reported by Lloyd Nelson at the Bronkhorstspruit Dam.

In conclusion, we feel that reaching people in 44 countries across the globe is no mean feat and so despite the mixed fortunes of the various components of this event, and the fact that we have only ever once had a higher number of people standing up to say I CARE, we feel that we can reasonably consider WCWW10 another success.

## Our WCWW10 - Rick Simpson

This year, Elis and I were able to join the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust team at Redcar, a great spot for waders, especially at high tide when the birds are squeezed up near the sea wall. The TVWT team led by Jacky Watson have been enthusiastically contributing to WCWW for many years and it was great that our new base in North Yorkshire meant we could join them.

The day didn't start well when, due to some dodgy sat nav interpretation, Elis and I arrived at the rendezvous point (a beachfront café) too late to have a warming and sumptuous breakfast. As it happens the weather was kind on the Saturday when we attended, with a bright sunny day, albeit a little chilly in the sea breeze.

Dogs are a problem for waders on beaches, but walking dogs on beaches is, understandably for both



A part of the TVWT team on Saturday 4th November at Redcar beach. (Standing L - R) Emma Pinder, Ash Radford, Holly McHugh, Margaret Perkins, Judith Powell, Dennis Plumb, Olivia Dunn, Rick Simpson, Elis Simpson, Ruby Merryman, Edna Bates, David Sanderson. (Kneeling L-R): Tony Surr and Dog Ambassador Spike, Jacky Watson © Andy Watson

## Our WCWW10 - cont'd

dog and owner, great fun. I would never wish to ban such activities, but always welcome any initiative that tries to promote responsible use of wild spaces, and we should not forget that beaches are wild places, not recreation grounds. The TVWT has a scheme of dog ambassadors that encourages dog owners to respect wildlife of all kinds but especially waders that rely so heavily on the beaches to feed and rest. On the day they have a board with the slogan, 'love dogs love wildlife', and get dog owners to have their pet's portrait taken in front of it. At the same time they take the opportunity to talk to the owner about the importance of the beach as a safe haven for birds and handing them literature emphasising the fact. However this does not deter some owners from wilfully allowing their dogs to harass birds on the beach. One lady had her dog off the lead as she approached. On seeing us there she caught her dog and put it on the leash. She passed us and when a few hundred yards away unleashed the dog and it immediately ran straight for a group of plovers and gulls at the water's edge, even chasing after them as they flew. When she returned she did the same with her dog putting it on the lead. This to me demonstrates that people, even if they are aware that it is wrong, wilfully disturb the birds. We also witnessed one man, using one of those ball-throwing devices, lobbing his ball directly into a group of gulls, wherever they happened to settle, his dogs gleefully chasing the ball. The dogs however had no interest in the birds, it was purely for the delight of the owner to see them scatter.

All in all though, apart from the emptiness of my stomach, we had an enjoyable morning, meeting some lovely people and their dogs and also enjoying the waders, including a Purple Sandpiper, always a joy to see.



(L) Olivia Dunn, Stronger Shores Officer with the TVWT wader tally.

(Above) Redcar RNLI take part in WCWW10.

(Bottom L) A family enjoying their wader experience at Redcar.

Good dogs Theo (Centre) and Dexter and Ruby (R) pose proudly by the Love Dogs And Wildlife sign. All photos © Jacky Watson TVWT



# Species by country

## Anguilla

Black-necked Stilt  
Grey Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Snowy Plover  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper

## Argentina

American Oystercatcher  
Two-banded Plover  
Rufous-chested Plover  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Baird's Sandpiper

## Australia

Pied Oystercatcher  
Sooty Oystercatcher



Sooty Oystercatcher © Keith Graham

Black-shouldered Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Red-capped Plover  
Siberian Plover  
Greater Sandplover  
Oriental Plover  
Hooded Plover



Hooded Plover © Keith Graham

Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Far Eastern Curlew  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Great Knot

Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Red-necked Stint  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Broad-billed Sandpiper

## Bolivia

Wattled Jacana  
White-backed Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
American Golden Plover  
South American Snipe  
Upland Sandpiper  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Wilson's Phalarope

## Brazil

Wattled Jacana



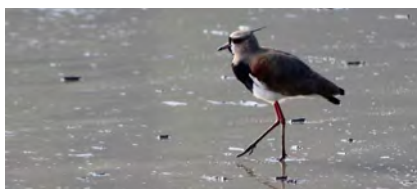
Wattled Jacana © Wendell Goulart

American Oystercatcher



American Oystercatcher © Priscilla Tomás

Black-necked Stilt  
White-backed Stilt  
Southern Lapwing



Southern Lapwing © Sandra N. A.

Pied Plover  
Grey Plover  
American Golden Plover



American Golden Plover © Karina Ávila

Semipalmated Plover



Semipalmated Plover © Karina Ávila

Collared Plover  
South American Snipe  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs



Greater Yellowlegs © Elen Dias

Lesser Yellowlegs



Lesser Yellowlegs © Matheus de M. dos Santos

## Species by country cont'd

Solitary Sandpiper



Solitary Sandpiper © Allan Clé Porto

Spotted Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot



Red Knot © Fábio Barata

Sanderling



Sanderling © Elen Dias

Semipalmated Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper



White-rumped Sandpiper © Patricia Hanate

Pectoral Sandpiper



Pectoral Sandpiper © Sandra Pentristo

Stilt Sandpiper

Ruff



Ruff © Geovane Santos

Buff-breasted Sandpiper



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Bruno Lima

### Bulgaria

None found

### Canada

Greater Yellowlegs  
Sanderling.

### Channel Islands

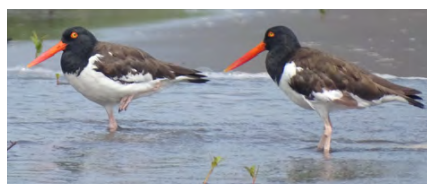
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Common Snipe  
Eurasian Curlew  
Common Redshank  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Dunlin  
Grey Phalarope

### Chile

Black-necked Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Snowy Plover  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Wilson's Phalarope

### Colombia

Wattled Jacana  
American Oystercatcher



American Oystercatcher © Marcela C. Gonzales

Black-necked Stilt  
Grey Plover  
Semipalmated Plover

Short-billed Dowitcher  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Willet



Willet © Marcela Cabanzo Gonzalez

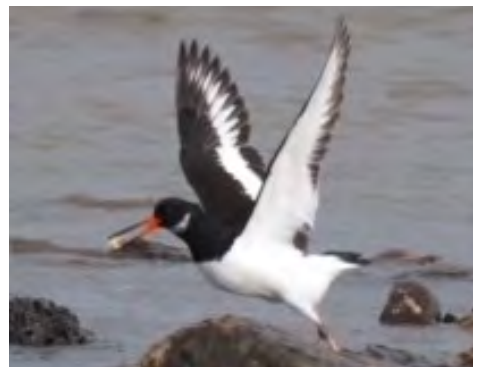
Least Sandpiper

### El Salvador

Black-necked Stilt  
Grey Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Wilson's Plover  
Collared Plover  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Marbled Godwit  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Willet  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper

### England

Eurasian Oystercatcher



Eurasian Oystercatcher © Emma Thompson

Pied Avocet  
Northern Lapwing



Northern Lapwing © Phil Hadley

## Species by country cont'd

Grey Plover  
European Golden Plover  
Common Ringed Plover



Common Ringed Plover © David Sanderson

Common Snipe  
Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Eurasian Curlew  
Spotted Redshank



Spotted Redshank © Phil Hadley

Common Redshank  
Common Greenshank  
Ruddy Turnstone



Ruddy Turnstone © Emma Thompson

Red knot



Red Knot © Damian Money

Little Stint  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Purple Sandpiper



Purple Sandpiper © Damian Money

Dunlin  
Ruff

### France (incl. Réunion Island)

Grey Plover  
Kentish Plover  
Greater Sandplover  
Eurasian Curlew  
Common Greenshank  
Green Sandpiper  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Madagascar Buttonquail

### Gambia

Senegal Thick-knee  
Black-winged Stilt  
Spur-winged Lapwing  
Common Ringed Plover  
White-fronted Plover  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Common Greenshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone

### Germany

Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Northern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Common Redshank  
Common Greenshank  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Dunlin

### Honduras

Northern Jacana  
Black-necked Stilt  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer

Collared Plover  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Willet  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper

### Indonesia

Pacific Golden Plover  
Little Ringed plover  
Javan plover  
Tibetan Plover  
Greater Sandplover  
Bat-tailed Godwit  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Eurasian Curlew  
Far Eastern Curlew  
Common Redshank  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Great Knot  
Red Knot  
Red-necked Stint  
Long-toed Stint  
Pectoral Sandpiper

### Ireland

Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Northern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
European Golden Plover  
Common Snipe  
Black-tailed Godwit  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Eurasian Curlew  
Common Redshank



Common Redshank © Owen Murphy

Common Greenshank



Common Greenshank © Owen Murphy

## Species by country cont'd

Green Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Dunlin

### Japan

Northern Lapwing  
Grey-headed Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Pacific Golden Plover  
Long-billed Plover  
Little Ringed Plover  
Kentish Plover  
Siberian Plover  
Amami Woodcock  
Common Greenshank  
Common Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Red-necked Stint  
Dunlin

### Libya

Black-winged Stilt  
European Golden Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Little Ringed Plover  
Kentish Plover  
Common Snipe  
Eurasian Curlew  
Common Redshank  
Common Greenshank  
Green Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Little Stint  
Dunlin  
Ruff

### Malawi

African Jacana  
Black-winged Stilt



Black-winged Stilt © Deanne Matthews

Pied Avocet  
Water Thick-knee  
Collared Pratincole



Collared Pratincole © Deanne Matthews

### Long-toed Lapwing



Long-toed Lapwing © Deanne Matthews

### Blacksmith Lapwing Spur-winged Lapwing



Spur-winged Lapwing © Deanne Matthews

Senegal Lapwing  
Crowned Lapwing  
Common Ringed plover  
Kittlitz's Plover  
Three-banded Plover  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Little Stint



Little Stint © Deanne Matthews

### Curllew Sandpiper

### Mozambique

Common Ringed Plover  
White-fronted Plover  
Eurasian Whimbrel

### New Zealand

South Island Oystercatcher  
Bar-tailed Godwit

### Namibia

Lesser Jacana  
African Jacana  
Black-winged Stilt  
Water Thick-knee  
Collared Pratincole  
Long-toed Lapwing

Blacksmith Lapwing  
African Wattled Lapwing  
White-crowned Lapwing  
Crowned Lapwing  
Kittlitz's Plover  
Three-banded Plover  
African Snipe  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Little Stint  
Ruff

### Nicaragua

Northern Jacana



Northern Jacana © Eduardo Acevedo

Black-necked Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
Grey Plover



Grey Plover © Eduardo Acevedo

Semipalmated Plover  
Wilson's Plover  
Killdeer



Killdeer © Eduardo Acevedo

## Species by country cont'd

Snowy Plover  
Collared Plover  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Marbled Godwit  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Willet  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper

### Nigeria

African Jacana



African Jacana © Bill Uko

### Norway

None Found

### Oman

Red-wattled Lapwing  
Pacific Golden Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Tibetan Sandplover  
Greater Sandplover  
Kentish Plover  
Common Redshank  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Dunlin  
Little Stint

### Paraguay

Wattled Jacana  
American Oystercatcher  
White-backed Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
American Golden Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Collared Plover  
Upland Sandpiper  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Spotted Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper

### Peru

American Oystercatcher



American Oystercatcher © Igor Lazo

Black-necked Stilt



Black-necked Stilt © Johan Saire

White-backed Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
Andean Lapwing



Andean Lapwing © Johna Saire

Grey Plover  
American Golden Plover



American Golden Plover © Johan Saire

Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs



Greater Yellowlegs © Johan Saire

Lesser Yellowlegs



Lesser Yellowlegs © Johan Saire

Willet  
Spotted Sandpiper



Spotted Sandpiper © Johan Saire

Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling



Sanderling © Igor Lazo

## Species by country cont'd

Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper



Least Sandpiper © Igor Lazo

Baird's Sandpiper



Baird's Sandpiper © Johan Saire

Pectoral Sandpiper



Pectoral Sandpiper © Johan Saire

Stilt Sandpiper  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Johan Saire

Wilson's Phalarope



Wilson's Phalarope © Johan Saire

### Portugal

Black-winged Stilt  
Pied Avocet  
Northern Lapwing  
Eurasian Curlew  
Common Redshank  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Ruff

### Rwanda

African Jacana  
Long-toed Lapwing  
Spur-winged Lapwing  
African Wattled Lapwing  
Common Sandpiper

### Saint Helena

St Helena Plover

### Scotland

Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Grey Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Eurasian Curlew



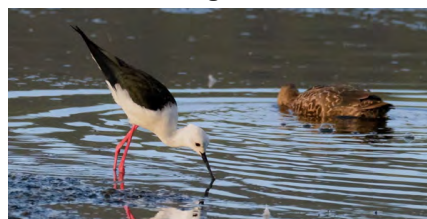
Eurasian Curlew © Joanna Peaker

Common Redshank  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Dunlin  
**South Africa**  
African Jacana  
Greater Painted-Snipe  
African Oystercatcher



African Oystercatcher © Mike Bridgeford

### Black-winged Stilt



Black-winged Stilt © Mike Bridgeford

### Pied Avocet



Pied Avocet © Sue Oertli

### Water Thick-knee



Water Thick-knee © Mike Bridgeford

### Spotted Thick-knee



Spotted Thick-knee © Mike Bridgeford

Bronze-winged Courser  
Temminck's Courser  
Three-banded Courser  
Collared Pratincole  
Rock Pratincole



Blacksmith Lapwing © Sue Oertli

## Species by country cont'd

Long-toed Lapwing  
Blacksmith Lapwing  
African Wattled Lapwing  
White-crowned Lapwing  
Senegal Lapwing  
Black-winged Lapwing



Black-winged Lapwing © Mike Bridgeford

Crowned Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Kittlitz's Plover  
White-fronted Plover  
Chestnut-banded Plover  
Three-banded Plover



Three-banded Plover © Sue Oertli

African Snipe



African Snipe © Lloyd Nelson

Bar-tailed Godwit



Bar-tailed Godwit © Mike Bridgeford

Eurasian Whimbrel  
Eurasian Curlew  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank



Common Greenshank © Mike Bridgeford

Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper



Common Sandpiper © Mike Bridgeford

Terek Sandpiper



Terek Sandpiper © Mike Bridgeford

Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Little Stint  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Ruff

### Spain (incl. Canary Islands)

Black-winged Stilt  
Northern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Kentish Plover  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Spotted Redshank  
Common Greenshank  
Green Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Little Stint  
Dunlin  
Grey Phalarope

### Sweden

Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Northern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
European Golden Plover  
Common Snipe  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Eurasian Curlew  
Spotted Redshank  
Common Redshank  
Common Greenshank  
Red Knot  
Purple Sandpiper  
Dunlin

### Thailand

None found

### Uruguay

Wattled Jacana  
South American Painted-Snipe



South American Painted-Snipe © Javier

White-backed Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
American Golden Plover  
South American Snipe  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Agustina Medina Gonzalez

Wilson's Phalarope

### United States of America (incl. Midway Island)

Black Oystercatcher  
American Oystercatcher  
Grey Plover

## Species by country cont'd

Pacific Golden Plover



Pacific Golden Plover © Selena Flores

Semipalmated plover  
Wilson's Plover  
Killdeer  
Piping Plover  
Snowy Plover  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Long-billed Dowitcher



Long-billed Dowitcher © Sekena Flores

Marbled Godwit  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Bristle-thighed Curlew



Bristle-thighed Curlew © Nick Minnich

Long-billed Curlew  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs



Lesser Yellowlegs © Selena Flores

Spotted Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler



Grey-tailed Tattler © Selena Flores

Wandering Tattler



Wandering Tattler © Nick Minnich

Willet  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Black Turnstone  
Surfbird



Surfbird © Tina Toth

Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper



Pectoral Sandpiper © Selena Flores

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Dunlin



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper © Nick Minnich

### Venezuela

American Oystercatcher  
Black-necked Stilt  
Southern Lapwing  
Grey Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Wilson's Plover  
Collared Plover  
Wilson's Snipe  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Hudsonian Whimbrel  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Willet  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper

### Wales

Eurasian Oystercatcher  
European Golden Plover  
Eurasian Whimbrel  
Dunlin.

### Zambia

Lesser Jacana  
African Jacana  
Black-winged Stilt  
Water Thick-knee  
Spotted Thick-knee  
Three-banded Courser  
Collared Pratincole  
Rock Pratincole  
Long-toed Lapwing  
Blacksmith Lapwing  
African Wattled Lapwing  
White-crowned Lapwing  
Crowned Lapwing  
Three-banded Plover  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Ruff

### Zimbabwe

Lesser Jacana  
African Jacana  
Water Thick-knee  
Collared Pratincole  
Blacksmith Lapwing  
African Wattled Lapwing  
Three-banded Plover  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper

# The Aftermath of Hurricane Tammy Spells Trouble for Shorebirds on Anguilla

## Wader Conservation World Watch 2023

### - Jackie Cestero

While Hurricane Tammy was like *Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day*, her backside resembled the biblical Great Flood. Accompanied by severe thunder and lightning, it dropped at least six inches of rain across Anguilla.

Because of this, the island's wetlands are overflowing. This leaves little space for our shorebirds to feed.



Spotted Sandpiper © Jackie Cestero



Killdeer © Jackie Cestero

On November 4th and 5th of 2023, I participated in the 10th annual Wader Conservation World Watch. Sponsored by Wader Quest in the U.K., this event aims to show you care about the world's wader (shorebird) species.

During the counting period, I spotted sixteen species of shorebirds across eleven different sites.

Some sites were inaccessible due to flooded roads and pathways. At some locations, there were no waders present.

# The Aftermath of Hurricane Tammy Spells Trouble for Shorebirds on Anguilla Wader Conservation World Watch 2023 - cont'd



Shorebirds (Waders) at Road Salt Pond © Jackie Cestero



Ruddy Turnstone © Jackie Cestero

Road Salt Pond and Cove contained the most birds. This is likely due to grass and rock areas where the smallest species could rest and feed safely.

Counts performed on shorelines and beaches were interrupted by people walking dogs. In one case, I had to abandon the count completely as the dog flushed all the birds. They did not return to the site.

Species seen:

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus*

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Spotted Sandpiper *Acitis macularia*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Sanderling *Calidris alba*,

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*

Two missing species included the resident Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsoni* and the American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*.

My thanks go out to Wader Quest for bringing attention to the plight of the world's shorebirds. I look forward to year eleven of Wader Conservation World Watch!



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Stilt Sandpiper © Jackie Cestero

# Report of waders seen on Réunion Island - Jean-François Cornuaille



Limicoles - Bilan comptage Réunion  
1 au 8 novembre 2023 :  
87 limicoles de 9 espèces



## Récapitulatif ile de La Réunion

25 Courlis corlieux  
21 Chevaliers guignettes  
14 Bécasseaux cocorlis  
12 Tournepierres à collier  
7 Chevaliers aboyeurs  
3 Chevaliers bargettes  
3 Pluviers argentés  
1 Gravelot de Leschenault  
1 Gravelot mongol

*Numenius arquata*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
*Arenaria interpres*  
*Tringa nebularia*  
*Xenus cinereus*  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
*Charadrius leschenaultii*  
*Charadrius atrifrons*

Les conditions météorologiques n'ont pas été optimales, mais les chiffres sont dans la moyenne des années précédentes (même s'il est difficile de comparer les années entre elles : nous ne sommes pas sur un protocole standardisé; le nombre d'observateurs, les sites, les conditions, etc... sont très variables).

Le nombre d'espèces a été soit de 8, soit de 9 (identification non certaine à 100 % d'un Gravelot qui est soit un G. de Leschenault, soit un G. mongol).

Pour la suite, regardez bien les pattes des limicoles : quelques uns portent des bagues colorées et des caractères à lire... Le programme LIMOIO (étude des limicoles de océan indien occidental) a démarré et va continuer !

The weather conditions were not optimal, but the figures are average for previous years (even if it is difficult to compare the years with each other: we are not using a standardized protocol; the number of observers, the sites, conditions, etc. vary greatly).

The number of species was either 8 or 9 (identification not 100% certain of a Plover which is either a Greater Sandplover. or a Tibetan Plover).

For the rest, take a good look at the legs of the waders: some wear coloured rings and characters to read... The LIMOIO program (study of waders from the Western Indian Ocean) has started and will continue!



Tibetan Plover is an unusual find in Réunion © SEOR

## Rarity Round Up

Every year at least one rare wader is found in some part of the world. The previous page shows a Tibetan Plover found on Réunion and while here in the UK there was a White-rumped Sandpiper seen at the Slimbridge Wetland Centre, the second individual this year; it's been 14 years since they had two in the same year there.

Grey Plovers are pretty much a worldwide presence in the boreal winter months from August to May, however they are almost entirely restricted to coastal areas, therefore an inland find is rare indeed. The Marievale Bird Sanctuary near Johannesburg, in Gauteng, South Africa is approximately 500 miles from the nearest coastline at Maputo in Mozambique. It was therefore a great surprise for Lloyd Nelson to find and photograph one there. There was also a Pectoral Sandpiper seen in South Africa.

Meanwhile in South America, a young birder went out to join WCWW for the first time and was astounded to find no less than a Ruff on his local wetland. Here is what he wrote; (translated from Portuguese).

*'Hello, my name is Geovane [Santos], I have been watching birds since I was 16 years old, and today, at 19 years old, I am still committed to the activity.*

*Today I have 315 registered species, and species n°315 was Ruff [Calidris pugnax], which was species n°199 for the municipality of Sabáudia/PR and species n°743 for the state of Paraná.*

*It was a great surprise to find a Ruff. I was guiding a friend of mine who wanted to see the place. We arrived at a fish farm and right away we found two White-rumped Sandpipers [Calidris fuscicollis] and two Stilt Sandpipers [Calidris himantopus].*

*While we were photographing the sandpipers, a larger sandpiper arrived in the middle, I thought it was a Pectoral Sandpiper [Calidris melanotos], but I realized it was too big, so I thought about the Buff-breasted Sandpiper [Calidris subruficollis]. Then, in doubt, I contacted a friend who specializes in identifying these birds, and immediately he stated that it was a Ruff, the emotion was immense, it was the rarest bird I recorded and it was also the first record for Paraná.'*

Well done Geovane, what a lovely find, and a first for the state too. We hope your interest builds and that you will have many more successes and enjoy much 'immense emotion' in the birding years ahead of you.



Grey Plover Marievale, Gauteng, South Africa  
© Lloyd Nelson



White-rumped Sandpiper Slimbridge, Gloucs. England © Still from video; Martin McGill



Ruff (C) with Stilt Sandpiper (L) and White-rumped Sandpiper © Geovane Santos

# Photo Gallery



Sooty Oystercatcher © Keith Graham



Hooded Plover © Keith Graham



Semipalmated Plover © Wilma de Oliveira



American Oystercatcher © Elen Dias



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Fábio Barata



Ruff and White-rumped Sandpipers © Geovane Santos



White-rumped Sandpipers © Priscila Tomás

# Photo Gallery



Southern Lapwing © Patrícia Hanate



American Oystercatcher © Patrícia Hanate



Pectoral Sandpiper © Sandra Pentristo



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Bruno Lima



American Golden Plover © Karina Ávila



Semipalmated Plover © Karina Ávila



Sanderlings, Red Knot and American Golden Plover © Karina Ávila

# Photo Gallery



Lesser Yellowlegs © Karina Ávila



American Oystercatcher © Karina Ávila



White-rumped Sandpiper © Sandra Pentristo



Southern Lapwing chick © Lahis Chacon



Lesser Yellowlegs © Rogerio Eduardo Almeida Barboza



Southern Lapwing © Rogerio Eduardo Almeida Barboza



White-rumped Sandpipers © Karina Ávila

# Photo Gallery



Southern Lapwing © Wendell Goulart



Solitary Sandpiper © Wendell Goulart



Solitary Sandpiper © Allan Clé Porto



Willet © Marcela Cabanzo Gonzalez



American Oystercatchers © Marcela Cabanzo Gonzalez



Bar-tailed Godwits © Emma Thompson



Willetts, Short-billed Dowitchers and American Golden Plovers © Marcela Cabanzo Gonzalez

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Red Knot © Damian Money



Eurasian Oystercatcher © Damian Money



Purple Sandpiper © Damian Money



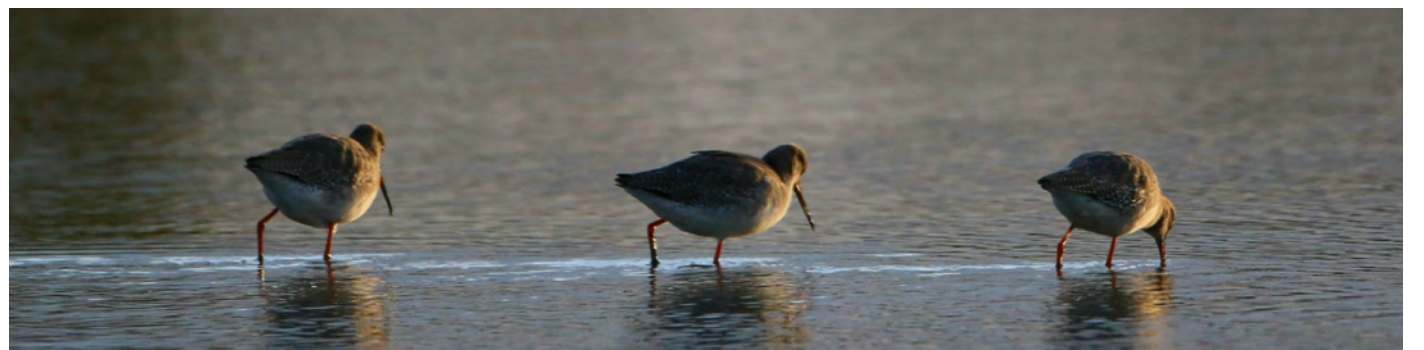
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Northern Lapwing © Phil Hadley



Spotted Redshanks © Phil Hadley

# Photo Gallery



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Ruddy Turnstone © David Sanderson



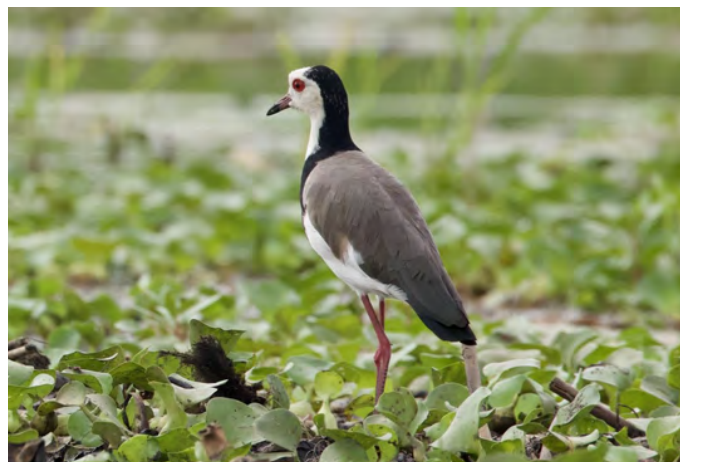
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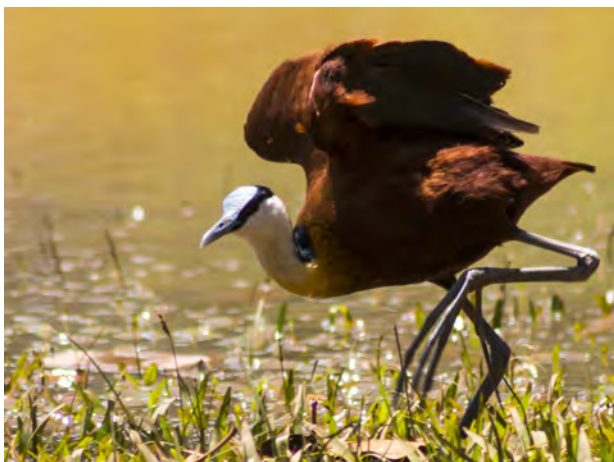
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Wilson's Phalarope © Johan Saire



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Andean Lapwing © Johan Saire



Black-necked Stilt © Johan Saire



Buff-breasted Sandpiper © Johan Saire



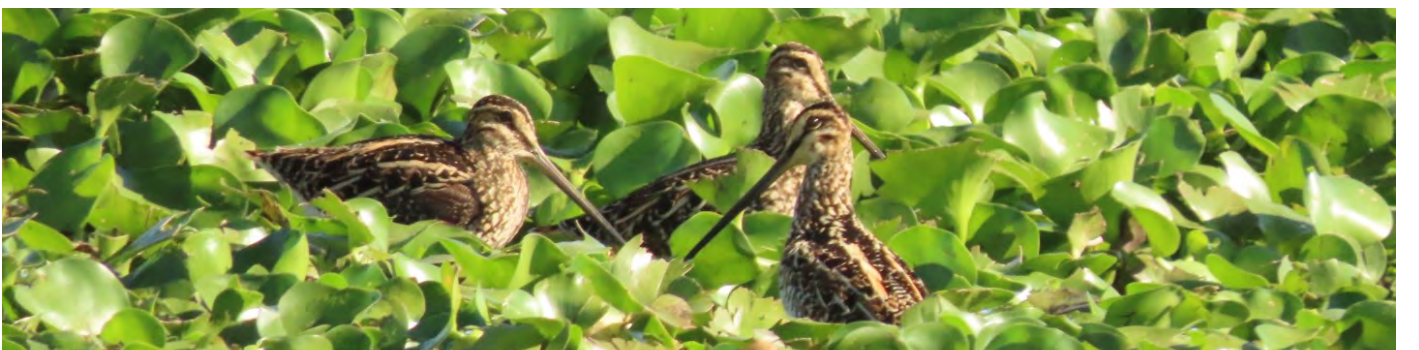
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Shorebirds over the surf on the São Paulo coast © Karina Ávila

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American Oystercatchers © Páticia Hanate

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Spotted Thick-knee © Mike Bridgeford



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Terek Sandpiper and Common Ringed Plover © Mike Bridgeford



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South American Painted-Snipe © Javier Alexander Piquillén Barboza



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Solitary Sandpiper © Clarisse Odebrecht



White-backed Stilt © Clarisse Odebrecht



White-rumped Sandpipers © Clarisse Odebrecht



Pacific Golden Plover tracks © Selena Flores

**Thank you to everyone that  
sent us photographs.**



**We're sorry we could not include them all.**

## Art Gallery



Wader Conservation World Watch, Hartlepool, 2023 by Emma Price

This year we received only one artwork and that is shown above. Being able to sketch in the field is an enviable skill and Emma has acquired it in spades. I particularly like the movement and character of the birds that has been so well observed and captured in the sketches. I am especially enchanted by the line up of my favourite bird and wader, the Northern Lapwing.

Thank you for sending this to us again this year Emma, we look forward to next year with much pleasure. Ed.



## Colour ringed waders seen this year.



Purple Sandpiper XMM © Damian Money

This Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima*, bearing a green flag marked XMM, was found and photographed by Damian Money at Redcar on the northeast coast of England. It was ringed as a first year bird on the 21st of August in 2014 at Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway making it nine years old. Proving to be very site faithful on its wintering quarters it has returned to Redcar every winter since. This is now our local patch so we'll be going out to see if we can locate this loyal bird.

Damian said that its flag is worn now so the code is hard to see but it usually allows close views and you can then read the metal ring via photographs!



BTCU59 © Nick Minnich

This Bristle-thighed Curlew *Numenius tahitiensis* bears the leg flag 59 on its left tibia (above the joint) with a metal ring on the left tarsus and colour rings yellow over orange on its right tibia.

This photograph, was taken of the bird on Midway Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Selena Flores who sent the photo taken by Nick Minnich to us told us that the Bristle-thighed Curlews, along with Pacific Golden Plovers *Pluvialis fulva* and Ruddy Turnstones *Arenaria interpres*, have been ringed and tagged at Midway by United States Fish and Wildlife Service staff and Lee Tibbitts of the United States Geological Survey since 2021. This is part of non-target species mitigation / impact monitoring study for the Midway Atoll Seabird Protection Project. This will continue through 2023, for birds hopefully to be resighted again in 2024.

This bird, lovingly known as BTCU59, was banded on Midway and also had a GPS tag affixed last November, so researchers were able to track it back to Alaska, where the entire population of this species breeds, and plot its return to Midway this year. Selena said; '[Its] very exciting to see birds do well, and make it back out to this remote locale.'

## Two partially leucistic waders seen

Leucism comes in various forms, but deciding which is involved is a tricky process so most people, us included, just lump any bird with abnormal white feathers under the label of leucistic. This is better than the old days when any white bird was called albino or semi-albino, which is a different condition altogether.

The two species involved over the WCWW weekend were a Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* and a Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* and both occurred in northern Europe.

The oystercatcher was seen by Jule Tappe, a German birder and volunteer at the Jordsand Association on Neuwerk Island in the German Wadden Sea. Unfortunately she could not get very close but took the photograph on the right where the bird concerned is circled.



Leucistic Eurasian Oystercatcher (circled) © Jule Tappe

The Grey Plover occurred in West Sussex at Shoreham in southern England and was reported to us by Tony Benton of Shoreham District Ornithological Society (SDOS). Tony led a walk up the Adur Estuary as part of the SDOS 70th Anniversary celebrations and Wader Conservation World Watch Weekend.

Tony told us that viewing was difficult because of heavy rain. As they walked, Tony regaled the group with news about a Grey Plover with a white head, which has returned to the estuary for at least three winters to its preferred feeding area. One of the group then set up her scope and promptly found the bird right on the edge of the salt marsh plants and mudflats.

The bird concerned only has white on the head as you can see in the photos below, taken by Bird Artist Richard Allen. The left hand photo shows the white being particularly evident on the crown and nape whereas the right hand photo reveals a whitish face and chin., otherwise the plumage is perfectly normal.



Leucistic Grey Plover © Richard Allen



Leucistic Grey Plover © Richard Allen



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