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WADER CONSERVATION WORLD WATCH SPECIAL



Eurasian Oystercatcher - Damian Money

Welcome to the WCWW13 2026 Newsletter Special

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Prairie Willet - *Tringa inornata* - Jorge Alcala; see taxonomic update on page 3

WCWW taxonomic update

Introduction

With the introduction of the worldwide, almost universally accepted, Avilist taxonomy, things changed for the group of birds we know as waders. While they all still remain within the order CHARDRIIFORMES some species have moved from one suborder to another. Previously waders were considered to be all the species within the suborders Charadrii and Scolopaci with the inclusion of Buttonquails (Turnicidae), which were not traditionally considered waders. Happily, the Buttonquails have now been removed and, some might say even more bizarrely, placed in the suborder Lari, which includes Gulls, Skuas, Terns and Auks *etc*. There they seem to fit even less well. But, this was the good news. The bad news was that the Crab Plover (Dromadidae) and the Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae) were also moved to Lari, meaning that there is now no simple, scientific parameter to define waders. However, this does mean that we can simply include what we wish to and that is what we are going to do from now on.

In short, we consider all the families previously considered waders including Crab Plover and the pratincoles and coursers, but we no longer include Buttonquails.

The specifics

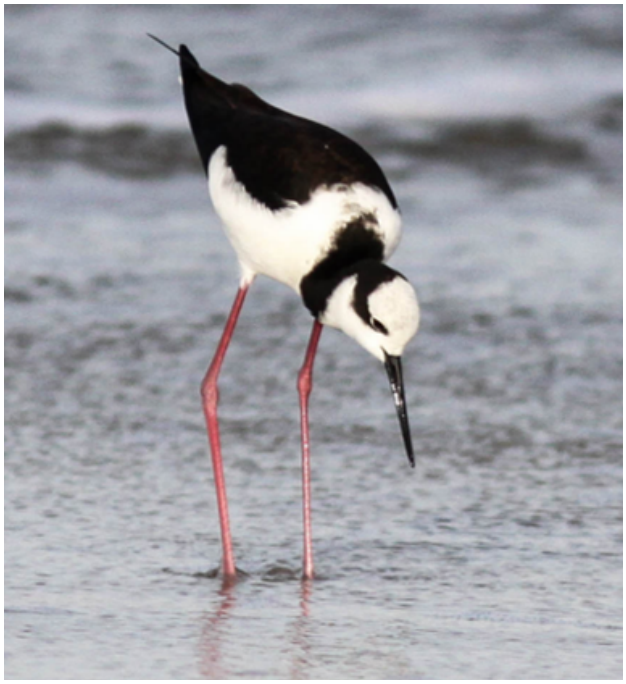
Lumps - first the bad news.

Black-necked / White-backed Stilt.

Black-necked Stilt - *Himantopus mexicanus* becomes *H. m. mexicanus*.
White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* becomes *H. mexicanus melanurus*.



Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus
- Elis Simpson



White-backed Stilt Himantopus mexicanus melanurus
- Elis Simpson

WCWW taxonomic update cont'd

Masked / Black-shouldered Lapwing

Masked Lapwing - *Vanellus miles* becomes *V. m. miles*.
Black-shouldered Lapwing - *Vanellus novaehollandiae* becomes *V. miles novaehollandiae*.



Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles miles* - Elis Simpson



Black-shouldered Lapwing *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae* - Elis Simpson

Splits - and now the good news.

'Eastern' and 'Western' Willets.

'Eastern' Willet - *Tringa semipalmata semipalmata* becomes Saltmarsh Willet *T. semipalmata*.
'Western' Willet - *T. semipalmata inornata* becomes Prairie Willet *Tringa inornata*.



Saltmarsh Willet *Tringa semipalmata* - Elis Simpson



Praiaire Willet *Tringa inornata* - Elis Simpson

WCWW taxonomic update cont'd

Suborder changes - mixed news.

Buttonquails, Crab Plover, Pratincoles and Coursers.

All moved to Lari - Buttonquails good news, the others bad news.

Genus changes - and finally the confusing bit.

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Previously most plovers in this group were of the genus *Charadrius*, some 30 odd species. These have now been reduced to just 4 species. depending on taxonomic authority.

23 of them, due to taxonomic and systematic norms, have now been moved to *Anarhynchus*, a genus that was specifically reserved for the Wrybill *Anarhyncus frontalis* due to its unique bill that curves to the right at the tip. Others have reverted to previous nomenclature, such as the Eurasian Dotterel that returned to *Eudromias morinellus* and Rufous-chested Plover to *Zonibyx modestus*. In the meantime, the Pied Plover has been extracted from *Vanellus* and returns to *Hoploxypterus*.

Possibly the most confusing bit is the expansion of the genus *Thinornis*. Originally restricted to the Shore Plover *T. novaeseelandiae* but latterly extended to include the Hooded Plover *T. cucculatus*. Now they have been joined by Black-fronted Dotterel as *T. melanops*, the African species Three-banded Plover *T. tricolaris* and Forbes' Plover *T. forbesi* and, even more surprisingly, the ringed plovers, Little Ringed Plover *T. dubius* and Long-billed Plover *T. placidus* have found themselves included in this genus too.

The systematic order

We have, over the years, got used to where we might find species in field guides and on lists, well this too has changed, and the new order pertaining to waders and all the above changes can be found on the pdf below.

A full list of waders as they stand currently can be found here.



Black-fronted Dotterel *Thinornis melanops* - Elis Simpson



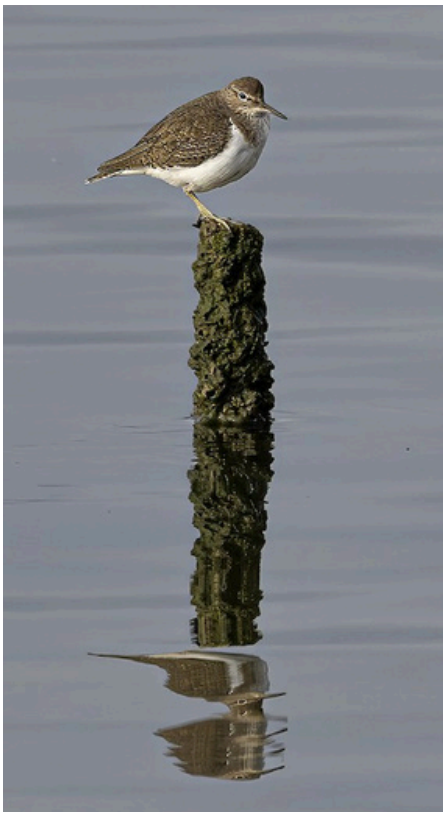
Little Ringed Plover *Thinornis dubius* - Elis Simpson

WCWW13 2026 statistics

Species seen	**132**
Number of participants	**367**
Participating countries	**40**

Species list

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



Common Sandpiper - Kevin Wade

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Eurasian Oystercatcher - Elis Simpson

Dawn broke fresh, crisp and bright on the 31st of October on the North Yorkshire coast, England. After checking to see that we were getting some reports in from the antipodes, which, to our delight, we were, we set off for Scaling Dam. I confess here that waders were not the only thing on my mind, a trio of Red-crested Pochards, 2 drakes and 1 duck, had been seen there the previous day. These being interesting birds locally we felt that starting our wader list at this location was as good a place as any and a good idea. In one sense it was, we managed to get our ducks in a row, but incredibly, there were no waders there, of any sort, not even Northern Lapwings. We duly admired the ducks and the 24 Whooper Swans that had arrived shortly before our arrival, then headed north to Bamburgh Castle,in Northumberland, where, at Stag Rock, we were due to meet with Richard Willis and Katherine O'Hara the Space for Shorebirds team and their guests. To be honest, the turnout of guests was more impressive than the turnout of waders, but we soon clocked up Eurasian Curlew, Common Redshank, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Ruddy Turnstone and, a key bird for this site, Purple Sandpiper, our first of the winter, with around 100 birds seen. The day remain bright and clear throughout making for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon and, at the end of it all, we were treated to a passing pod of dolphins.

Eurasian Oystercatcher - Elis Simpson



Purple Sandpiper - Elis Simpson



Eurasian Curlew - Elis Simpson

The following morning the weather could not have been in greater contrast to the day before. We awoke to the dullest of dull days with a drizzle being driven off the sea by a chilling northerly wind. A warming breakfast in a local seaside café gave us a little respite before heading out into the murk and drear to assemble at the lifeboat slipway. I say assemble, as for some time it was just Jacky Watson, the organiser of

Our WCWW - cont'd

the event, Elis and me braving the conditions. Jacky's husband Andy had left us early in the café to take up his duties in the lifeboat station, where the other members helpfully looked for waders too, whilst ensuring the coast was clear of danger of course.

As we stood there absorbing water and heading toward hypothermia, a Eurasian Woodcock appeared to come from some nearby grasses at the top of the beach, presumably having not long since arrived on the shore. It flew up and around us and over the houses facing the sea. Whether it pitched down in those gardens for more shelter, or carried on we could not tell, but we were delighted to have started the day with such a grand prize. However, other species remained elusive with us only seeing Sanderlings, always a delight no matter what the weather, Common Ringed Plovers, Common Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, Ruddy Turnstone and Eurasian Oystercatcher and incredibly, still no Northern Lapwings.

Given the weather it was of no surprise that only a couple of brave souls decided to share the soaking that we endured. Poor Jacky had organised the event as a drop-in situation so was condemned to stay for the duration, just in case. Her bravery and perseverance were however rewarded, as some later arrivals did boost the numbers.

Elis and I, being inadequately dressed for the conditions, were soon soaked and chilled to the bone and, thanking Jacky for her bravery and determination, left her to go home to change. We expected at this stage to see some Lapwings on the school field that we pass regularly where up to 100 often hang out. Sadly, the sports field was being used for the purpose for which it was created, sports, so the Lapwings remained elusive.

After a warming cuppa, a fresh set of dry clothes, the cat having been fed, we set off again. This time we headed away from the coast deeper into Yorkshire, to a place called Nostell Priory. We had a particular reason for visiting this place and, I'm happy to say that along the way we finally saw some Lapwings as they wafted over the car battling against the weather.

As we approached our destination the rain stopped, but the overcast skies remained. We parked up and paid our dues and headed toward the most unlikely looking pool of water to attract waders, being some flooded dip in a filed, but this had been the temporary home of a Spotted Sandpiper for some days now, and it had been seen in the morning so we were quietly confident of adding this lost mite to our wader list.

A handful of people had gathered when we arrived. The nearest trio were clearly chatting rather than watching any bird, rare or otherwise. We asked whether they had seen the Spotted Sandpiper and, to my relief, they said they had. Then one lady pointed to our right and said, 'It went that way!' A pang of dread hit me. Had we arrived moments too late? Had it just flown off? Every twitcher's worst nightmare. But she then added that it was walking along the shore, so we headed in that direction.

We reached a point where we could see all of the mud 'in that direction' but conspicuous by its absence was the hoped-for sandpiper. As I headed back, I saw a movement on the opposite shore (it was a small pool) and swinging my bins into action I saw the bird, exactly opposite where the group had been standing chatting. I alerted Elis to its presence, and we followed its progress around the pond. To our surprise, when it reached the end, it headed out across the field and we watched it for some time foraging in that area catching little brown flies, the sort that you often see sitting on fresh cow dung.



Spotted Sandpiper - Elis Simpson

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We watched it for some time as the few remaining birders drifted away. It was very confiding, coming ridiculously close to us, allowing us to be able to study all the main features that separate this species from Common Sandpiper; short tail, unmarked tertials, unbarred greater coverts, yellow legs and pinkish-grey dark-tipped bill.

At this point a marching band started playing at the priory creating a sense of ceremony and achievemnet, We took this as a fitting end to an enjoyable time spent with a charming little bird, teetering its way around a muddy pool many miles from home. We then left it to its own devices as it prepared for another night on its European tour.



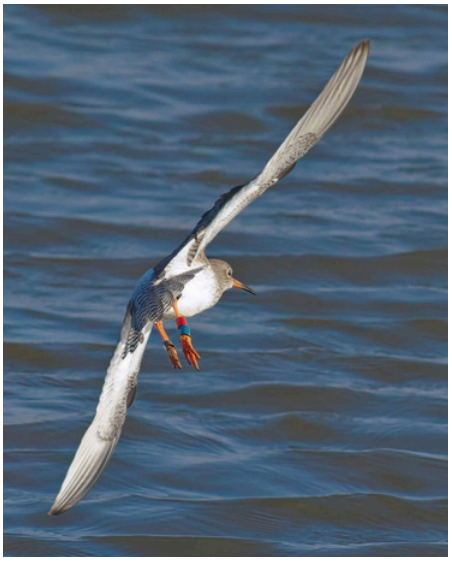
Spotted Sandpiper - Elis Simpson

Richmond and Twickenham RSPB WCWW Walk - Roy Pattison

There was a distinct chill in the air on an otherwise sunny and still autumn morning as 8 of us gathered at Langstone Quay car park for our Wader Conservation World Watch which would take in 3 locations.

The object of the exercise was to support this global event which doesn't just highlight waders and the problems they are facing, but also celebrates the people who are involved, either professionally or voluntarily, in their conservation. Whether it's as a researcher, ringer, conservationist, warden, birdwatcher or fundraiser, this event is a fun way to say 'thank you' to them and for the participants to say 'I Care' about what is happening to the world's waders. We certainly enjoyed our day's birding and searching for waders in this superb area.

From the Langstone Quay car park we were able to see across the estuary and salt marsh where we soon spotted the first of the day's waders.



Common Redshank - Andrew Darley

Oystercatcher, Redshank, Dunlin, a single Greenshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Brent Geese, Shelduck, many Grey Plovers and Curlew giving its wonderfully evocative call, a distant Buzzard, Meadow Pipits and Skylark - a superb start to our day. Also present were Great Black-backed Gulls, along with Herring, Black Headed and Common Gulls, Sandwich Terns, Little Egret and Grey Heron. We then made our way along the narrow marsh side path led by a handsome Mute Swan to the pond and reedbed where a Kingfisher flew low over our heads to disappear along the channel. The pool held a variety of ducks, mainly Teal, Tufted and Mallard but what caught our attention was a " mystery duck " - mainly brown but rather handsome and not your typical farm duck, it was later identified as a Dark Khaki Campbell, reared mainly for its prolific egg laying, it seemed perfectly at home with its wild cousins. Further along the path we had Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Cetti's Warbler, Reed Bunting, Dunnock a mixed tit flock and Collared Dove. We then made the short drive to Farlington.

Richmond and Twickenham RSPB WCWW Walk - cont'd

From the car park we made our way to the path which ran on top of the embankment giving views across the estuary and the marsh. The estuary held a scattering of waders and gulls, Curlew, Dunlin, Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Brent Geese and Grey Plover, many Black Headed Gulls and a single Common Gull. On the pasture and marsh a Peregrine flew over, a Greenfinch perched on top of a Hawthorn bush where close by a Chiffchaff and Cettis Warbler called. Also present were Stonechat, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Pheasant and a Raven, very late Clouded Yellow butterflies were also seen. On the pool a single Avocet sat among the Bar-tailed Godwit and Lapwing and a Spotted Redshank stood motionless on one leg. Wildfowl were represented by very handsome Pintail, many Teal, Gadwall, Shoveler, Wigeon, Shelduck and Brent Geese. A single Snipe flew over the marsh and into the reedbed, a Peregrine was spotted on the ground and there were two distant Kestrels and a Buzzard.

Following lunch we had a short walk up to the estuary where by now the tide was in so with little to be seen other than Great Crested Grebes, we decided it was time to move on to the Oyster Beds on Hayling Island.



Spotted Redshank - Andrew Darley



Hayling Island - Andrew Darley

The now redundant oyster beds provide an ideal habitat for waders with shallow pools and rocky edges giving sheltered areas during high tide. A little more distant than we would ideally want, a line of waders shuffled along a rapidly disappearing rocky edge, with the occasional bad-tempered squabble breaking out, Black-tailed Godwits being particularly irksome. Amongst the Godwits and Grey Plover were several Knot, Ringed Plover, Turnstone, Dunlin, Redshank, Oystercatcher, Curlew and a Little Grebe swam around a nearby pool.

TIn the middle of the channel a Great Northern Diver was spotted and seen well by all the group. We decided to move around to another lagoon where a very obliging Kingfisher sat on a rock giving stunning scope views. Around the edge of the lagoon a small group of Greenshank loafed in the late afternoon sun and a Rock Pipit moved around energetically looking for food. The light was beginning to go as we made our way back to the car park along the disused railway track bed. In the trees and bushes we saw a collection of small birds, Chiffchaff, Wren, Goldfinch, Dunnock, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Blackbird and a mixed tit flock. It had been a fabulous day's birding in glorious weather and superb company, and many thanks are due to Rebecca Dunne for organising it all, to our fantastic drivers and to Julia for keeping the bird list.

Where Did All the Waders Go? - Jackie Cestero

Over the two [WCWW] days and visiting 11 sites, I counted 51 species. 19 of those species were considered shorebirds or waders. While diversity was present across the island, overall numbers were lower than the previous month's counts.

Weather conditions changed on both days, producing many special moments. I share them in the following photos.



Sunrise Over Long Pond Bay - Jackie Cestero



Wilson's and Snowy Plovers - Long Pond Important Bird Area (IBA) - Jackie Cestero



Rainbow over Long Pond IBA - Jackie Cestero



Shorebirds - East End Pond - Jackie Cestero

Where Did All the Waders Go? - cont'd



Hudsonian Whimbrel - East End Pond - Jackie Cestero



Shorebirds - Cove Pond IBA - Jackie Cestero



Black-necked Stilts with White-cheeked Pintails - Cove Pond IBA - Jackie Cestero



Rainbow over Cove Pond IBA - Jackie Cestero

Where Did All the Waders Go? - cont'd



Least Sandpiper - West End Pond IBA - Jackie Cestero



Shorebirds - West End By-The-Sea Pond - Jackie Cestero

The question is: where did all the waders/shorebirds go? Perhaps they were hiding in a location I didn't visit, or the intense El Niño is impacting these birds. It is a phenomenon I will monitor over the coming months.

This beautiful tortoise greeted me when I got home. He was the best model and let me take several nice photos. I gave him a banana peel in payment!



Red-footed Tortoise - Jackie Cestero

Participant photos - observers



Uganda; Entebbe Bird Club



South Georgia; Adrian Boyle



Venezuela; Francisco Contreras and Vanessa Salas



Venezuela; Minerva Arcaya



Puerto Rico; Mirielle Villanueva



Libya; Mahmoud Abuhajar

Participant photos - observers



France; Sally Lanchbury



Colombia; [Diana, Angela] Marcelo Ortega, Luis Zuñiga



Colombia; Rudolph Cuadro, Marcelo Ortega, Omar Pineda, Helena Pineda, Mary Jara



England; Bob O'Neil and Derek Sutton watching from Redcar RNLI Lifeboat Station





England; Val Wilson, Dennis Pumb, Jacky Watson, Margeret Perkins, Brian Johnston, Peter Atkinson

England; Gwyneth Payne, Rick Simpson, Chris Oyston, Elis Simpson See pages 12 - 14 for report.

Participant photos - observers





England; RSPB Richmond and Twickenham group outong to Langstone Harbour see pages 14-15 for report



Colombia; Jorge Enrique Alcalá Arellano



Brasil; Eliane Odebrecht and Margô Eli Bogaromi



Brazil; Mateos M. santos and Leticia Faccini



Brazil; Caroline Banjai Fermandes

Participant photos - observers



Brazil; Clarrisse Odebrecht



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Participant photos - Waders



Red-capped Plover - Alfred Lau



American Golden Plover - Karina Ávila



American Golden Plover - Eliane Odebrecht



Greater Yellowlegs - Fábio Toledo



Red Knot - Eliane Odebrecht

Participant photos - waders


Solitary Sandpiper - Fábio Toledo


Stilt Sandpiper & yellowlegs sp.- Fábio Toledo


American Oystercatcher - Karina Ávila


Pectoral Sandpiper - Karina Ávila


Lesser Yellowlegs - Mateos M. Santos


Southern Lapwing - Mirian Brasil


Spotted Sandpiper - Patricia Hanate


Hudsonian Godwit - Paulo Meirelles


Lesser Yellowlegs - Ricardo Mitidieri


Wattled Jacana - Rogerio Barboza


Least Sandpiper - Jorge Alcalá Arellano


Western Sandpiper - Jorge Alcalá Arellano


Grey Plover - Jorge Alcalá Arellano


Greater Yellowlegs - Jorge Alcalá Arellano


Spotted Sandpiper - Jorge Alcalá Arellano

Participant photos - waders



Red Knot - Jorge Alcalá Arellano



Buff-breasted Sandpiper - Jorge Alcalá Arellano



Wilson's Plover - Jorge Alcalá Arellano



Sanderling - Luis Zuñiga



American Oystercatcher - Luis Zuñiga



Ruddy Turnstones- Mary Jara



American Oystercatcher - Mary Jara



Ruddy Turnstones - Omar Pineda



American Oystercatcher - Omar Pineda



Killdeer - Jose Sueara



Wilson's Plover - Jose Sueara



Sanderlings - Jose Sueara



Northern Lapwings - Phillip James



Common Snipes - Phillip James



European Golden Plovers and Black-tailed Godwit - Phillip James

Participant photos - waders



Sanderling - Damian Money



Dunlin - Damian Money



Bar-tailed Godwit - Damian Money



Eurasian Oystercatcher - Damian Money



Ruddy Turnstone - Damian Money



Common Ringed Plover - Damian Money



Common Redshank - Damian Money



Little Stint - Patrick Finch



Common Ringed Plover - Damian Money



Common Redshank - Damian Money



Green Sandpiper - Patrick Finch



Common Snipe - Prasath Selvaraj



Pied Avocets - Prasath Selvaraj



Great Thick-knees - Prasath Selvaraj



Eurasian Whimbrel - Prasath Selvaraj

Participant photos - waders



Eurasian Curlews - Prasath Selvaraj



Black - winged Stilt - Ravi Jesudas



Little Ringed Plover - Ravi Jesudas



Red-wattled Lapwing - Ravo Jesudas



Black-winged Stilt - Nugroho Ridho



Long-toed Stint - Nugroho Ridho



Red-necked Phalarope - Nugroho Ridho



Common Ringed Plover - Alaa Nwige



Dunlin and Kentish Plover - Alaa Nwige



Greater Yellowlegs - Cynthia Tercero



Prairie Willet - Cynthia Tercero



Common Snipe - Rashid Asgher



Ruff - Rashid Asgher



Red Knots - Mirielle Villanueva



Semipalmated Plover - Mirielle Villanueva

Participant photos - waders



Snowy Plover - Mirielle Villanueva



Wilson's Plover - Mirielle Villanueva



Curlew Sandpiper - Victor Mouquet



Common Sandpiper - Victor Mouquet



Eurasian Whimbrel - Victor Mouquet



Common Redshank - Gareth Phelan



Eurasian Curlew - Gareth Phelan



Eurasian Oystercatchers - Gareth Phelan



St Helena Plover - St Helena National Trust



Southern Lapwing - Francisco Contreras



Lesser Yellowlegs - Francisco Contreras



Black-necked Stilts - Francisco Contreras



Least Sandpiper - Francisco Contreras



Pectoral Sandpiper - Francisco Contreras



Semipalmated Plover - Francisco Contreras

Participant photos - waders



Spotted Sandpiper - Francisco Contreras



Solitary Sandpiper - Francisco Contreras



Stilt Sandpipers - Francisco Contreras



White-rumped Sandpiper - Francisco Contreras



Wood Sandpiper - George Moore



Common Greenshank - George Moore



Black-winged Stilt - George Moore



Temminck's Stints - George Moore



Common Snipe- George Moore



Grey-headed Lapwing - George Moore



Pheasant-tailed Jacana - George Moore



Long-toed Stint - Jens Toetrupp



Pin-tailed Snipe - Jens Toetrupp



Red-wattled Lapwing - Jens Toetrupp



Wood Sandpiper - Jens Toetrupp

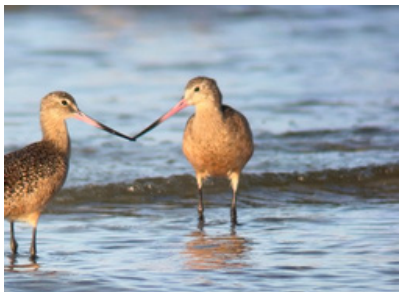
Participant photos - waders



Grey-headed Lapwing - Jens Toetrupp



American Oystercatcher - Meg Rousher



Marbled Godwit - Meg Rousher



Grey Plover - Tina Toth



Semipalmated Plover - Tina Toth



Greater Yellowlegs - Tina Toth



Stilt Sandpiper - Tina Toth



Spotted Sandpiper - Lowell Coleby



Grey Plover- Lowell Coleby



Chestnut-banded Plover - Dean Boshoff



African Wattled Lapwing - Sue Oertli



Crowned Lapwings - Sue Oertli



Black-necked Stilts - Fábio Toledo

Participant photos - waders



Blacksmith Lapwing - Sue Oertli



Spotted Thick-knee - Sue Oertli



Grey Plover - Lowell Coleby



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