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F&B MANAWATŪ JUNE 2018 MONTHLY TALK

Tuesday, 12th June, 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library, George Street, Palmerston North

“Wetlands birds of New Zealand”

Speaker: Dr Phil Battley, Wildlife & Ecology Group, Massey University



Fernbird. Adult North Island fernbird.
Wanganui, January 2009. Image © Ormond
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This is the third talk and last talk in the series about Wetlands.

An unusually high proportion of New Zealand’s native birds are wetland species – 30%, compared with less than 7% worldwide. This includes 15 species that have become extinct since humans first settled in New Zealand, around 1250–1300 AD.

Today some native wetland species are very rare, with less than 1,000 birds. New species have also become established, either by being deliberately introduced or arriving independently.

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