



June 2024 Monthly talk
Tuesday 11th June 2024 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

(will be streamed via zoom, see below for the link)

Talk: "Red knots reluctantly reveal their secrets"

Speaker: Associate Professor Phil Battley, Zoology & Ecology Group, Massey University



Despite being the second-most numerous Arctic shorebird species to visit Aotearoa, the migrations of red knots / huahou to and from their Russian breeding grounds have been largely mysterious. Early work based on band recoveries and resightings of marked birds provided some information, but these methods are heavily biased towards where people are looking. In 2013, geolocators (small light sensor datalogers) were used on knots from New Zealand, and while they gave good information on migration timing, they lacked the resolution for pinpointing locations used on migration. There followed several frustrating attempts to track birds with gps or satellite tags, which repeatedly failed to answer our questions. Is 2024 the year when we will finally track birds from Aotearoa to the breeding grounds? Fingers crossed...

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