

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...

Join Zoom Meeting ...

<https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/81648009988?pwd=hLzvwWX46RbA2TERHt9uG4R0Kx53bO.1>

Meeting ID: 816 4800 9988

Passcode: 697579

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B Manawatū Monthly Trips

We are planning another trip in June. Once it has been arranged and confirmed, we will post on our website and send out a poster



Forest & Bird's Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting

Online: Saturday 22 June 2024 at 9am

Save the date! Forest & Bird members are invited to join us at our **2024 Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting** which will be held **online on Saturday 22 June at 9am**

Forest & Bird members are invited to join to hear reflections from the Board President, Mark Hanger and Chief Executive, Nicola Toki.

https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DhVHh-vSY-rxV7kAKpFBg#/registration

F&B MANAWATŪ POUTOA WALKWAY - RESTORING NATIVE VEGETATION

INVITATION FOR VOLUNTEERS



Since April 2022 a small group of Manawatu Forest and Bird members have been working to restore the native bush near Poutoa Walkway, which runs parallel to Summerhill Drive and between Ruapehu Drive and the Summerhill shops.

Fortnightly 9 - 11 am every second Friday morning and sometimes do coffee afterwards. We will be planting over the next few months and would like to have more volunteers in our team.

If you are interested please contact Margaret McKenzie on 0224731096 or email margaret51mckenzie@gmail.com

Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

June 2, 16, 29 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)

June 9,23 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

June 9 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

June 16 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

ITEMS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

Whanganui Nature Talk Series

The speaker at our next Nature Talks meeting, to be held in the Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, on **Tuesday 18th June**, will be **Dr Mike Joy**, Morgan Foundation Senior Research Fellow in Freshwater Ecology, School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences at Te Herenga Waka/Victoria University of Wellington. **The title of his talk is *What do net zero, negative emissions technology and the tooth fairy have in common?*** As always, Mike will likely challenge our thinking and depth of understanding of the issues around achieving a more sustainable future, at many levels. His talk is aptly sub-titled "A reality check on our self delusions." I am preparing a flier and other publicity for this talk which will be circulated this weekend.

Birds NZ Manawatū Notices

Meeting is 12 June 2024 at 7:15pm

Val Kenward Room at the Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, Ferguson Street (past the recycling Centre) Turn left on entry and then right.



Speaker: Kara Macdermid

Talk: "What happened to the North Island Robins | Toutouwai translocated to Turitea Reserve 2021.

Upcoming events:

Wader census: - Saturday 22 June or Sunday 23 June

If you are interested in helping, please contact Phil Battley: (p.battley@massey.ac.nz)

National Royal Spoonbill census - Saturday 6 July

Birds NZ Manawatu, Wellington, Wairarapa and Whanganui will survey habitat where Royal Spoonbills are likely to be in their respective regions on the same day. Manawatu branch aims to cover: Rangitikei Estuary, Manawatū Estuary and Lake Omanu, Voss' lagoon and lagoon near Opiki, Raumai and Pohangina Wetlands, Lake Horowhenua and Hokio estuary, Ohau River and Waikawa beach.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kirsten Olsen: (kirsten.b.olsen@gmail.com)

The Annual New Zealand Garden Bird Survey Te Tatauranga o ngā Manu Māra o Aotearoa

Saturday, 29 June – Sunday, 7 July 2024



The more we know about our birds, the better we can protect them and te taiao (our environment) for the future. There are heaps of resources to support you as well as competitions and stunning images. Go to: <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/>

Foxton Planting Day

Saturday 15th June, 2024, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

In association with Horowhenua District Council and Wildlife Foxton



Ruahine Kiwi needs your support.



Ruahine Kiwi needs your support to continue its incredible mahi getting kiwi back into our ranges by 2026. Our current funding ends at the end of June 2024; we have a plan, but **we need the partnership and generosity of enthusiastic** people to get us there.

Jennian Homes Manawatu are now supporting us in helping get Kiwi's back into their homes. They have pledged funds, will fundraise and their team will volunteer. They have also set up a Givealittle Campaign that you can add your support to. We have a target of \$15,000 and would love to reach it. 100% of funds raised go towards the project.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/ruahine-kiwi-project-jennian-home>

We remain incredibly grateful for the wonderful ongoing support of local business The Egg Project through donations from them, and through an amazing scheme where egg buyers

can donate extra eggs. This has seen us keep our traps baited and catches coming. You can support this awesome local business and the initiative here.

Let's make this incredible bit of magic happen for our region- together.

Herbicides Interest Group Meeting

A recent public questionnaire around herbicide use in public spaces indicates some community interest in moving forwards with this and seeing what solutions are possible. ENM will be hosting a meeting linked to this for anyone who is interested on Monday 17th June 5:30pm-6:30pm at the ENM office, 145 Cuba Street, all welcome. [Please RSVP by clicking here.](#)

F&B MANAWATŪ MONTHLY TALK PROGRAMME: JULY – DECEMBER 2024

Our monthlyTalk programme is under development at the moment, but will be published as soon as everything is confirmed.

That is all for now.

Best wishes

Editor

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