

## **Trip report**

### **New Zealand**

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Following on from twelve days in Australia we flew in to Auckland, North Island, New Zealand in the early hours of 16 August 2016. For the first week of our trip we were to be hosted by my niece Rosy and her family in Torbay, 40 minutes drive north of Auckland city. On the 22nd we picked up a campervan for 31 days, spending the final 10 days back with Rosy, Pete and the teenagers: Joe and Ella.

Pete and Rosie are fortunate to live in a property with a good size plot running down to a small stream, containing several mature trees and bushes and attracting a small range of birds. We saw a few introduced European and Asian species but also our first native the Tui.

Our first trip out was to Long Bay Reserve (reserves in New Zealand can mean anything from a park to a nature reserve or some mixture of both). Long Bay Reserve backs up a beach with a small area of dunes, is park-like but then with a bridge over a tidal stream to restored forest. Here we were introduced to two of the species that were to be almost a daily feature of the trip: paradise shelduck and pukeko. As is the case throughout most of NZ introduced birds were common including sparrows, blackbirds and common mynas. An Australian native: Eastern rosella was one of the more colourful species we saw here. However, my favourite of the day was, a relatively common though localised species in NZ, New Zealand Wood Pigeon. Back in Torbay we stopped for 'provisions' in Countdown, a Woolworths owned supermarket (Tesco equivalent perhaps?). Then had a drink in Speakers Bar while id'ing the two NZ gulls: red-billed and black-backed (kelp) gull over the adjacent green next to the beach.

17/08 On the following day we set off in the Suzuki Swift lent to us by Rosie and her family to the Waitekairi Range and Piha Beach beyond on the west coast. On the way we stopped to take a walk down the track towards Waitekairi Dam. Here we got our introduction to three more of the commoner NZ passerines, the delightful and confiding: Tomtit, Silvereye

and fantail. Australasian Harrier were hawking over the forest - and much of the rest of NZ! WE were to see hundreds of Australasian Harrier but only three New Zealand Falcons, and of those only one good view and that in fast flight. Further along the road towards Piha we stopped again, to walk along the Upper Nihotupo Walk. Here we got some close up views of fernbird, a bit of a skulker. At Piha Beach we looked in vain for New Zealand Dolphin, an inshore species confined to NZ. We did see a couple of pied oystercatchers and in the 'village' about 20 Californian quail!

18/08 Having booked the tickets the night before, we got the bus into Auckland City Harbour and kitted up for the day, boarded the ferry to Tiritiri Matangi island. This is a small island in the Hauraki Gulf, that has been cleared of mammals, habitats restored and over the years has gained native species and had several (re)-introduced. If there is only one island trip you have time for, this day trip is very worthwhile and it is possible to stay overnight with an outside chance of little spotted kiwi. Highlights for us included: blue penguin, kokako, stitchbird, saddleback, and takahe. The latter four we were not to see again in NZ, excepting for two saddleback on Stewart Island in the far south. On the ferry journeys fluttering shearwater were in their 100s, there were a few little blue penguin on the sea and we saw a flock of about 30 white-fronted terns.

19/08 Today saw us take a rather ill-informed trip to Miranda only to find the tide near its low point. Nevertheless we still managed to see a small flock of pied stilt on one of the lagoons, including two 'smudgers' as the Kiwis call the pied/black stilt hybrid. There were also a number of Australasian shoveler, grey teal and black swan plus many singing skylarks!

20/08 After a leisurely Saturday morning breakfast we set off for a wine tasting day. We ended the day on the Tawhairanui Peninsula. On the way down the peninsula we saw an uncommon introduction on a roadside wire: laughing kookaburra. At the end of the peninsula we picked up a couple of variable oystercatchers, three shag species and the very localised New Zealand dotterel.

22/08 After a lazy Sunday on Monday morning we caught a taxi over to the Apollo offices near Auckland airport and picked up our campervan home for the 31 days. Our first stop for the day was our second visit to Miranda, timed to be close to high tide this visit. This time we got close views of a number of waders including wrybill, herons including white heron and white-faced heron and royal spoonbills and gulls/terns including Caspian tern and black-fronted tern. Heading south about lunchtime we spent the night at Okoriro (site \$20).

23/08 next day we headed for Lake Taupo taking in a short walk at lake Rotorura where we saw about 200 New Zealand scaup in company with 20 black swan. We also got brief views of a single New Zealand dabchick. Our next stop was a short detour to lake Okara where among other waterbirds we saw another six NZ dabchicks and Australasian coot. Arriving at Lake Taupo we parked up in the carpark of the Tokaanu water sports centre for our overnight stay, which was only interrupted by booming Australasian bitterns in the adjacent swamp area.

24/08 The next morning backed by 'steaming' hillsides we took in the view across the lake and swamp with welcome swallows hawking around us, fernbird bouncing around the swamp and a small group of feeding redpoll. Before travelling further south we took an interesting walk around the nearby volcanic springs and boiling mudpools. Overhead flew a New Zealand falcon providing only the briefest of views.

Our drive today took us into the uplands of the Tongariro National Park. Our first stop though was at a viewpoint overlooking Lake Taupo where bellbird called to us from low bushes. We saw few birds as we crossed the national park. But, after searching a number of fast flowing rivers, about to give up, I spotted a single male blue duck. It was calling from a rock centre stream then entered the water buoyantly to swim off down-stream. Great views of this bird and a drive through the dramatic landscape made up for the paucity of birds. We arrived in Okahune in time for a short walk to 'The Big Carrot' on the edge of the self-styled *Carrot Capital of the World* before dark fell and 'the heavens opened' We spent the night in the local Top 10 campsite (\$40). Probably the best serviced site that we stayed at while in New Zealand. We bought a Top 10 card here that gave us a significant discount on the Wellington-Picton Ferry among other discounts.

25/08 It was a long drive to Wellington the next day, broken by lunch at Foxton Beach overlooking the estuary. There were a few waders here and three royal spoonbill. We spent the night in a carpark in Wellington next to the Maori Museum of New Zealand (\$25).

26/08 We boarded the Wellington-Picton Ferry and set off to South Island at 09.10..The three hour journey with poor visibility, squally with rain at times and a two metre swell, was great! We spent most of the trip on deck sheltering beside a lifeboat. The trip list included spotted shag, fluttering shearwater, northern giant petrel, fairy prion, black-browed albatross and New Zealand white-capped Albatross.

On arriving we found the Picton Top 10 campsite, 'set up camp' and after a light lunch set off for a walk through forest overlooking Malborough Sound, from a start near to Picton Marina.

27/08 Today we drove along Queen Charlotte Drive, a very attractive but rather 'bendy' road around the edge of the sound. Our stop this night was the Department of Conservation (DOC) Momarangi Campsite. Our plot was immediately adjacent to the sound. To the rear of the campsite is a walk through the forest. Here we saw numerous silvereye, tui, grey warbler and found some occupied 'weta houses'. Installed by the DOC these wooden and plastic constructions attached to small trees provide an opportunity to see these fascinating large 'crickets'.

28/08 On the sound, looking very similar to, the next morning we watched a large flock of fluttering shearwater, that looked a little out of place on what, falsely, looked like the tidal reaches of a Cornish creek. A two hour drive down to the east coast town of Kaikoura with just a short stop at the southern fur seal colony next to the route 1 highway along the coast. Again we booked into a Top 10. We investigated pelagic trips and decided to book just the Albatross trip for the next morning. Then we took a drive out to Kaikoura Headland and walked out past the hillside reserve with its Hutton's Shearwater burrows. I wish now that we had stayed on into the dusk with the potential of some early shearwaters coming in to land.

29/08 An unforgettable pelagic trip out to the Kaikoura trench provided absolutely stunning views of five albatross species among other seabirds including several probable Hutton's shearwaters with a flock of around 200 fluttering shearwater. One southern fulmar was the only sighting of the NZ trip. In high spirits we set off towards Arthur's Pass. It was just before nightfall when we pulled into the DOC Lake Pearson campsite. A lovely location and only two other campers on site.

30/08 A quick look at the lake this morning provide reasonable views of Australasian crested grebe and New Zealand Scaup. Then stopping many times for photographs and a bit of birding on the way we arrived at Arthur's Pass. The only new species for us here was brown creeper. We drove back down the hill to Arthur's Pass Village where we saw a few 'tame' kea. Driving on over the pass and down to the west coast we stopped for lunch at Okarito Lagoon before going the 30km on to Franz Josef for the night. We stayed at the

Rainforest Retreat Campsite (\$34), where the cost included a pizza deal, so we ate on site that night. Kea were calling overhead as we settled down for the night.

31/08 The next morning we took in the Franz Josef Glacier walk. After lunch we drove back to Okarito to check out the campsite, which turned out to be a good bet. The community run campsite at Okarito (\$25) was adjacent to the wild beach and the Okarito inlet. We birded the beach and lagoon, then at the back of the village a boardwalk across the swamp took us to a walk through superb coastal forest and up to a viewpoint with spectacular almost 360 degree views. When we returned to the village Morepork were already calling in the failing light.

After dinner we drove the short distance to Pakihi and waited until dark before setting off on a walk to search for Okarito brown kiwi. We walked quietly without the torches for as long as possible and stopped with lights off to listed several times. Until, after about a kilometre we stopped and after a few moments Caroline indicated something was moving on the path. Turning on the light briefly we saw it to be a kiwi some six feet away which after a second or two scuttled off into the bush. Lights off again and red cellophane over the torch we moved off a little and waited again. Out came another kiwi from the opposite side of the path which, in the red light, was happy to go about its business undisturbed for a few minutes before we decided to leave it in peace.

01/09 Before travelling on to Fox Glacier we birded the beach and lagoon again. A very pale (old?) Australasian harrier treated us to a rolling display at the far edge of the lagoon. At Fox Glacier there was one new species for us: a single New Zealand (Richard's ) pipit, picking small insects from moss covered boulders. That night we camped at DOC Lake Paringa campsite (\$12). A pair of fantails appeared to attack our van as we parked up, maybe we were near their nest. Great characters, they did settle down after a few minutes. There then followed an very wet night.

02/09 Still showery and some rather heavy the next day we drove a short distance past Lake Moeraki to a track leading to a small car park. Here we headed off on a wide track down to Monroe's Beach in search of fjordland crested penguin. The track wound through superb coastal forest heavy with mosses, liverworts and lichens. Though we heard what was almost undoubtedly crested penguin calling to each other in greeting only a short distance into the bush from the track, we were unable to see them and found no signs at Monroes Beach itself. Our attempt was perhaps a little early in the year for a high level of activity

here. We did see one new species fly over calling: a kaka. Later, after a chat with a DOC Ranger, we tried another path to a beach a little further along the road towards Haast. However, after fording two streams, one with boots and socks off, losing and regaining the path a few times and climbing over two fallen trees we eventually had to give up. Wet through now and a little dispirited we changed clothes and drove on to Haast for the night. We stayed at the Haast Village Motorpark (\$32). After dinner we walked over to the local pub: the Hard Antler, to join the recently arrived 'white-baiters'. A good night out helped by a very acceptable dark beer at \$6 a pint.

03/09 A long drive the next day via Wanaka, Omarama and Twizel to our destination for the night, Lake Middleton (\$0), a small lake next to Lake Ohau. On the braided rivers on the way we saw a number of breeding black-fronted terns; looking somewhat out of place so far from the sea. Near Lake Ohau were two pied stilts and a couple of smudgers.

04/09 Leaving camp the next morning we came across a pair of Rifleman, our first for the trip. We watched them for some time searching the bark of pines reminding us a little of treecreepers. We searched for black stilt on the way up again to Twizel, without any luck. The track down to the captive breeding site was not suitable for our vehicle so in the end we dipped completely. We set off towards Mount Cook for our third or fourth chance at rock wren but with the weather deteriorating and the chance of snow we had to give up on that bird too. Heading south again the weather started to improve. By the time we reached Lake Wakatipu there was good light and we got a fine view of New Zealand falcon chasing a common starling flock. We 'Freedom Camped' for the second night at a site near to Kingston at the southern end of the lake that evening. We enjoyed a bottle of beer on the beach in the warming sun, before cooking our dinner.

05/09 A spectacular drive the next day took us to Te Anau where we stayed in a Kiwi Campsite (\$37) just a stop away from the town centre with the lake just a little beyond. We took a look at the lakeside town, I got my hair cut and then we headed out of town on the 95 to explore a bit of the area. We found a track down to the river outlet of the lake and crossing the bridge we walked some southern beech forest.

06/09 A second bright and sunny day we set off for Milford Sound, checking out campsites on the way and taking a couple of short walks in the southern beech forest. Among other birds saw southern New Zealand robin, a couple of Kea and a kaka. By the time we got to Milford the breeze was picking up and there was a change in the air and by the time we

started back towards our camp for the night the signs warning of road closure were already up. Just beyond the tunnel we stopped to search again for rock wren - no luck. We were one of the last along the road that evening. We stayed in a lovely site Cascade Creek and took a short walk in the adjacent forest before the rain started.

07/09 After a 'lie in' watching the, at some times torrential rain, we took a short walk when the rain eased a bit and noted the snowline now only a hundred feet or so above us. It was then a long and arduous drive down to Invercargill battling 100km winds on the way. We could not find anywhere else obvious to stay in Invercargill so ended up outside of the town in yet another Top 10 (\$37.80).

08/09 The next day we drove the 40kms down to Bluff, where we picked up tickets for the ferry next day to Stewart Island. The motor campsite in Bluff was \$50 so we went for a drink in the Eagle Hotel and ended up parking out the back and staying the night! Good cheap beer, good fish and chips and good company.

09/09 Took the 16.00 ferry to Stewart Island, an uneventful trip (\$130 each return). Arrived at Oban on a beautiful evening. We were booked into the South Sea Hotel (\$90 a night) and from our bedroom window we saw six kaka and two variable oystercatchers. Drinks and dinner in the hotel that night which was fine, but not much opportunity to go anywhere else before October. We managed to hook up with Chris from Rakiura Tours that evening, following calls a couple of nights before. All set for two trips the next day.

10/09 Took the Raroa Walk through fine forest that we had walked in search of Kiwi the night before. At the end of the walk we strolled over to the Quay for our first trip of the day, over to Ulva Island. Little touched by human hand the forest here is superb and birds abound. Weka are almost tame, certainly unafraid, New Zealand Robin came within a step or two and kaka squawked and cried at us from low branches. Here we saw our first and only yellowhead, at least twelve. Also two yellow-crowned parakeet.

In the afternoon Chris swapped boats for something more powerful and we motored off in search of seabirds; \$135 for just the two of us and well worth it. Chris knows the waters well and where to look for the birds, plus he is good company. On the trip we added Buller's albatross, yellow-eyed penguin, Foreaux (Stewart Island) shag and brown (great) skua to our list. On our return we ate then took a long walk out to the airfields in search for kiwi.

Unsuccessful, possibly we were too early in the night, we repaired to the bar to watch the international rugby match.

11/09 We took a walk from Oban via Horseshoe Bay to Leeward Bay and a short distance along the Rakiura Track. Returning just after lunch we picked up our bags and boarded the ferry for a 15.00 sailing back to Bluff. More birds this trip including at least 14 southern diving petrels. By the time we got in the pub was closed so we parked in a quiet corner of the docks opposite the fish factory for the night.

12/09 In the morning we awoke to find banded dotterel feeding in the grass alongside of our camper. Our drive today took us via Curiosity Bay and the Petrified Forest, Shag Point and Moeraki Beach. plus a headland lunch stop. We made it to Portobello on the Otago Peninsula near Dunedin in time to book into the Kiwi Campground (\$36) and have a couple of drinks at the Portobello Hotel to celebrate our wedding anniversary.

13/09 We made the 13km drive up to Taiaroa Head where the world's only mainland albatross colony is to be found. The costly trip out the back of the visitor centre accompanied by guide and a large group of 'oldies' was avoided. From the headland we still managed to see at least eight northern royal albatross, with one or two close views, giant petrel, Bullers albatross, pintado, bronze and pied Stewart Island shags, the sizeable colony of red-billed gull and a little blue penguin. We then drove north to Oamaru.

That evening we were treated to close views of a few little blue penguins, one we3 nearly fell over on the steps of the kitchen block at our campground! Oamaru Harbourside Campsite (\$32). As well as the penguins Oamaru is notable for its historic wooden pier with a colony of breeding black shag and two other roosting shag species. The town is also known for its 'World Headquarters of Steampunk'. Great fun and well worth an hour or two.

14/09 Stayed with friends at Hororata.



15/09 Travelled back up to Arthur's Pass in search of great spotted kiwi. We stayed in Arthur's Pass Village, in the ominously named Avalanche Creek Campsite (\$12). At Arthur's Pass we again searched for rock wren - perhaps we did not get high enough? We did pick up brown creeper again and a kea. That night we walked a couple of tracks including the Coral track. We heard great spotted kiwi but were unable to see any.

16/09 In poor weather today we drove down to the west coast to Greymouth. Being unable to find any campsite that we fancied we stocked up at the Countdown then headed north to explore. We stopped off just before Pancake Rocks (Punakaiki) to chat to a small group there that run guided walks to see the Westlands petrel coming in to their burrows. Unfortunately a stream that has to be crossed to walk a track to the breeding area was running chest high after the recent rains add to that it being the end of the season as fewer and fewer birds are arriving with the young being so big. Disappointed we drove up to Pancake Rocks. We walked around the impressive and strange headland in the rain, getting very wet. However, we were buoyed by a message that had been passed on that if we wanted to see the remaining petrels coming in we should go down to the Conservation Volunteers site near MacMillans Beach and park safely nearby at dusk. We saw around 200 - 400 wheeling around then flying over the forested ridge inland. My understanding is that nearer 2000 birds are coming in earlier in the year. As we watched a number of weka started calling some of which were only a few feet away in the dark. We stayed that night in Punakaiki Village, Punakaiki Beach Campsite (\$40) Later that evening we walked the 500 meters to the glowworm cave, which when we found our way into the inner cave area, was delightful. As we got back to the entrance we realised it had come on to rain heavily again and the wind was quite strong - our second soaking of the day.

17/09 Fine weather today so we set off for a round trip to Cape Foulwind. I had no real idea of what we might find here but with a name like that it has to be visited! This and the town of Westport are as far as we got up the west coast of South Island. Indeed, without a 4WD you can only drive you can only safely get another 60 miles. At the start of our daytrip just past Kaipakati Point we got views of a large dark shearwater passing down the coast, My bins steaming up I got the large pale bill and Caroline got distinct pale feet. Possible flesh-footed shearwater? In the whole of this west coast area from our arrival on the east side of the mountains we were seeing weka regularly, some very dark 'western type', today was no different with perhaps a dozen seen. This night we Freedom Camped at MacMillans Beach. We walked a bit of this lengthy beach in the early evening sat and drank a beer then at dusk watched as the Westland petrels started appearing out to sea and gathering before passing over our heads along a broad front inland.

18/09 Our destination today St Arnaud in the Arnaud Range next to Lake Rotoiti. On the way, just a few miles inland from Westport, on the Buller River, in company with paradise shelduck were 12 grey duck. These were the first we had seen that all appeared 'pure'. We had seen a number of mallard/grey duck hybrids in South Island. Arriving at St Arnaud we booked a site at the DOC Kerr Bay Campground (\$30). The forest around the campsite looked very good southern beech-pine forest and good great spotted kiwi habitat. It was also the only place where the Honeydew was obvious and extensive, in places appearing to cover every tree and bush to way above our heads. A natural and crucial facet of the forest ecology. It still looks like everything is being killed by a sticky black slime-mould. As it turned out we saw few birds that cold, dull afternoon and our plans to go kiwi hunting was knocked on the head by a mountain storm that hit just at dusk. Timing is everything!

19/09 Drove to Picton and on around the coast east of Waikawa to a small DOC Campsite (\$12) beside a muddy inlet Whatamango Bay, so as to be ready for the 09.00 ferry to Wellington the following day..

20/09 Another good trip on the Picton-Wellington Ferry. Fine and sunny but with a cold wind. This trip among others, we saw two (and possibly up to six) Westland petrels, four giant petrel, between thirty and forty fairy prion, at least four Bullers albatross, eight to ten pintado and a little blue penguin, as well as 100s of fluttering shearwaters. On North Island we took easterly option up Route 2. Stopping briefly to stretch our legs a couple of times including near Upper Hutt to see the site of the Lord of the Rings filming of *Rivendell*. Filmed in the Kaitoke Regional Park, just off Route 2.,we wished our time had not been running short as the forest and particularly old growth trees is excellent here. It was easy to see why this was picked as a film location.

Our trip to our next night stop was long and for the most part rather wet. No birding today. We stayed in the tiny town of Norsewood in the community run campsite (pay at the local shop \$5 only, no facilities). Spent a couple of hours in the friendly Crown Hotel before a quiet night as the only residents of the campsite. An interesting little rural town.

21/09 Another day of poor weather saw us travelling north, via Hastings and Napier. Held up by a traffic incident and road closure we eventually arrived at Dickies Flat campsite (\$12), near Paeroa, for the night. A narrow, in part un-surfaced, and steep road down to this site beside the river. We were glad to get down and pleased to get back to the main road. The approach from the 2. was nevertheless through very attractive countryside. It had rained all day until nearly 17:00.

22/09 Our final day with the camper saw us make for a third visit to Miranda and catching up with an old acquaintance. We stopped at the hides as the tide was good for viewing the waders. By 15:00 we had dropped the van off back at Apollo and were in a taxi heading back to Torbay.

23/09 In Rosie and Pete's garden we picked up an Asian introduction today: spotted dove. Lazy day.

24/09 Rained very heavily for most of the day. Another lazy day, big brunch, watching films and pizza in the evening.

25/09 Wild night and rainy morning. Despite the weather after a couple of lazy days we needed to get out. Pete drove Rosie and us up to the Australasian gannet colony at Muriwai on the west coast. This is the only mainland colony in the world for this species and certainly worth a visit. Also breeding here are hundreds of white-fronted terns. Although it was still raining we stayed for some time watching the comings and goings and the interaction between birds at the gannet colony.

26/09 Showery day, but mainly while we were driving. We drove up from Torbay to the Mangawhai Beach and Spit where, with the sun shining we saw a few commoners species. Then, just as the clouds started to gather and the light fade, we picked up one, then another New Zealand fairy tern. This very rare species only breeds in a small number of site in NZ. Moving on the Waipu Cove Inlet we picked up a New Zealand dotterel, a dark phase reef heron and two more New Zealand fairy terns; a better view this time.

27/09 Day in Auckland City

28/09 Took a trip up to Whangaparaoa Peninsula, half an hour's drive north of Torbay. Taking in a couple of beaches on the way before reaching the Shakespear Regional Park. The park has a variety of habitats: recovering scrub and forest, wetland and coastal habitats. We got close views of pied stilt with chicks, also paradise shelduck with chicks and numerous eastern rosellas (without chicks!). Brown quail and California quail also showed well.

29/09 The four of us drove north to Pahia in the Bay of Islands today, where we stayed in the YHA. On the way up we stopped for a picnic lunch on Rawara Beach near Houhora Heads. Fine white sands here squeak under your feet as you walk along the almost unspoilt beach with its breeding New Zealand dotterel.

30/09 Complete our journey taking in the far south and today the far north of New Zealand at Rainga Point. Fascinating fixed and coastal mobile dune landscape here overlying a rocky ridge. The point provided a view today of the Three Kings Island group. New Zealand (Richard's) Pipit are resident here as is brown quail.

We headed back down for a fish and chip supper at Mangonui, driving part of the 'ninety mile beach'. After our supper we had a pint in the hoitel while dark settled then walked quietly along the road managing to catch glimpses of one and possibly two little blue penguins.

01/10 Drive back today punctuated by a big breakfast at Wellsford and a couple of pints in the Puhoi Hotel and Pub in the heart of this quaint village just off Route 1. That evening we had a small farewell party at Rosie and Pete's, before our flight home the next day.

16/08/2016 New Zealand

common myna  
blackbird  
house sparrow  
Tui  
welcome swallow  
pukeko  
pied stilt  
black shag  
mallard  
black swan

*Phalacrocorax carbo*

	paradise shelduck	
	little shag	
	eastern rosella	
	goldfinch	
	songthrush	
	Fantail	
	New Zealand pigeon	
	red-billed gull	<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>
	black-backed gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
17/08/2016	Australasian harrier	
	tomtit	
	silvereve	
	chaffinch	
	fernbird	
18/08/2016	California quail	
	fluttering shearwater	
	Variable oystercatcher	
	Canada goose	
	bellbird	
	little blue penguin	
	kokako	
	whitehead	
	stitchbird	
	red-crowned parakeet	
	New Zealand Robin (North Island Robin)	
	takahe	
	saddleback	
	morepork	
	brown quail	
	brown teal	
19/08/2016	white-fronted tern	
	spur-winged plover	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
	sacred kingfisher	
	pie/black stilt hybrid	
	cattle egret	
	Australasian shoveler	
	skylark	
	grey warbler	
	white-faced heron	
20/08/2016	grey teal	
	Pied shag	
	New Zealand dotterel	
22/08/2016	Laughing Kookaburra	
	white heron	<i>Egretta alba</i>
	wrybill	
	bar-tailed godwit	

	black-tailed godwit
	lesser knot
	Caspian tern
	black-billed gull
	banded dotterel
	royal spoonbill
	South Island pied oystercatcher
23/08/2016	New Zealand scaup
	New Zealand dabchick
	little black shag
	Australasian coot
	Australasian bittern
24/08/2016	Redpoll
25/08/2016	blue duck
26/08/2016	spotted shag
	northern giant petrel
	fairy prion
	black-browed albatross
	white-capped albatross
	Australasian gannet
27/08/2016	yellowhammer
28/08/2016	dunnock
29/08/2016	Salvin's albatross
	wandering albatross
	southern fulmar
	pintado
	northern royal albatross
	black-fronted tern
	Australasian crested grebe
30/08/2016	kea
	Brown creeper
31/08/2016	Okarito brown kiwi
01/09/2016	New Zealand (Richard's) pipit
02/09/2016	kaka
04/09/2016	rifleman
	greenfinch
	New Zealand Falcon
	common starling
08/09/2016	black-fronted dotterel
09/09/2016	Stewart Island shag
10/09/2016	weka
	yellowhead
	yellow-crowned parakeet
	Buller's Albatross
	brown skua

11/09/2016	yellow-eyed penguin
13/09/2016	southern diving petrel
16/09/2016	Stewart Island Shag _bronze
18/09/2016	westland petrel
23/09/2016	grey duck
26/09/2016	spotted dove
	fairy tern
	reef heron