

TE WAIHORA/LAKE ELLESMERE WETLAND BIRD COUNT 22 FEBRUARY 2014

Average wind-affected lake level (21/2/14) was 0.56m and the lake was closed to the sea. Weather (Christchurch Airport): 9am – Air temp 26°C, wind (W) 20kmh; 2pm – Air temp 30°C, wind (WSW) 11kmh. Wind increased to average of 50kmh at 9.30am with gusts of up to 72kmh and then decreased. Air pressure 993hpa at 9am, increasing to 995 at 2pm.

Species	Kaitorete Tip	Kaitorete Spit	Birdlings Flat A	Birdlings Flat B	Kaituna Lagoon	Halswell Flats B	Halswell Flats A	Osbornes	Eastern Greenpark	Embankment Road	Yarrs Flat	Selwyn	Rennies Bay	Doyleston	Harts Creek	Lakeside	Taumutu	SPECIES TOTALS
Aus Crested Grebe															3			3
Black Shag	76	32	7	7	11	9	23	10	20		3	29		20		241	127	615
Pied Shag		1			13	1	24		3		2	8	29	13	5	58	83	240
Little Shag	2				1			5	1		2	5	17	2	5	9	2	51
Spotted Shag									1						1	2		4
White Heron												1			2			3
White-faced Heron	1	7	3		7	2	3	2		31	2	3	1	3	17	9	1	92
Australasian Bittern																		0
Royal Spoonbill		4	5		41	543	41	7				84	28		101	11	6	871
Mute Swan	1													2	11			14
Black Swan	136	606	517	32	1354	935	396	13	264	615	778	746	573	216	49	219	24	7473
Feral Goose													254	118	1	70		443
Canada Goose	21	293	344	99	922	398	160	8	15	33	62	731	396	46		249		3777
Paradise Shelduck	2	17	38	56	1691	442	90		411	146	764	64	774	51	333	268	1	5148
duck sp	20	652		24														696
Mallard (& Grey Duck hybrids)	199	440	52		419	102	274	213	119	195	3	60	749	117	1854	301	76	5173
Australasian Shoveler	133	2116	440	27	2340	525	30			24	5	35	47	11	1	153	6	5893
Grey Teal	364		222		2003	3139	688		93	130	1793	1597	264	331	418	1458	4	12504
grey teal/shoveler		610	160														10	780
New Zealand Scaup													4		7	1		12
Australasian Harrier	8	9	6	3	9	1		2	3	5	5	4	2	3	4	3		67
Pukeko				2	38	12		1					2	14	5	23		97
Variable Oystercatcher						2												2
Pied Oystercatcher	4	4	2				3		3							1		17
Pied Stilt	66	269	14		240	999	175	1	88	282	1236	708	64	210	97	473	37	4959
Black Stilt						1									1			2
Hybrid Stilt																		0
Banded Dotterel	162	111	5	101	14	76	140		609	5	47	174	52					1496
Wrybill	2	38				1			1			201						243
Spur-winged Plover	9	32	13	52	23	4	5		35	88		32	8	1	2	24		328
Turnstone		4*																4
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		16										2						18
Red-necked Stint		40*										4						44
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	62	1	5								51						120
Pacific Golden Plover		25							20									45
Red Knot		44																44
Curlew Sandpiper	4*	14*																18
Pectoral Sandpiper		2				1			3									6
Sanderling		2*																2
Common Greenshank		1																1
Black-backed Gull	91	81	5	2	16	20	40	15	66	48	24	83	42	24	15	87	32	691
Red-billed Gull	1	6							3				5		3		20	38
Black-billed Gull	48	441	75	1	326	102	40		468	76	58	14	331	256	2	109	12	2359
Black-fronted Tern	8	33	2	1			9					3	4			1		61
White-fronted Tern	8								1		4					2	160	175
Caspian Tern	8	62			33	10	113	3	25	27	14	3	53	2	1	5	27	386
Gull-billed Tern		7	1		2					1	4					1		16
New Zealand Kingfisher												1		1	3	1		6
Site totals	1375	6081	1912	412	9503	7325	2254	280	2252	1706	4806	4643	3699	1441	2941	3779	628	55037

*Data adjusted to include individuals not seen on February 22, 2014 but where there were reliable sightings within a few days of February 22, 2014



Wrybill (Grahame Bell)



Pectoral sandpiper (Andrew Crossland)



White heron (Grahame Bell)



Mute swans (Grahame Bell)