

# TE WAIHORA/LAKE ELLESMERE WETLAND BIRD COUNT 13 FEBRUARY 2016

Average lake level (12/2/2016) was 0.74m and the lake was closed to the sea. Weather (Christchurch Airport): Minimum 16 °C, maximum 23 °C, wind W/WSW max 9km/h before 2pm, changing to E, max 15km/h during period of the count; at Motukarara: Minimum 15.7 °C, maximum 201.1 °C, wind max 11km/h during period of count

	Kaitorete Tip	Kaitorete Spit	Birdlings Flat A	Birdlings Flat B	Kaituna Lagoon	Halswell Flats B	Halswell Flats A	Osbornes	Eastern Greenpark	Embankment Road	Yarrrs Flat	Selwyn	Rennies Bay	Doyleston	Harts Creek	Lakeside	Taumutu	SPECIES TOTALS 2016		SPECIES TOTALS 2015		SPECIES TOTALS 2014		SPECIES TOTALS 2013	
Aus Crested Grebe						2												2		1		3		2	
Black Shag	57	69	2	10		21	14	5	3	17	7	22	28	9	2	69	6	341		339		615		396	
Pied Shag	3	15	6		1	32	1		3		5	9	12		13	2	85	187		137		240		159	
Little Shag						5					4		2		2	1	1	15		6		51		28	
Spotted Shag																	3	3	546	0	482	4	910	2	585
White Heron																		0		4		3		5	
White-faced Heron	1		1		1	1	1	1		2	3		3	7	5	8	5	39		78		92		99	
Australasian Bittern														1				1		0		0		1	
Royal Spoonbill	7	21		31	51	176	37	2	14	24	19	150	38	13	32	32	9	656	696	689	771	871	966	531	636
Mute Swan											1				5			6		9		14		6	
Black Swan	22	502	47	120	285	1098	408	22	1413	1251	936	456	272	65	24	229	36	7186		5528		7473		8598	
Feral Goose											15	56	68	2	65			206		291		443		530	
Canada Goose	24	342	213	742	102	13	289		52	44	162	1752	435			367		4537		3312		3777		5576	
Cape Barren Goose											2							2		3					
Paradise Shelduck		3	5	740	467	1112	132		447	258	127	37	503	63	173	18		4085		4548		5148		4163	
Chestnut-breasted shelduck									1									1							
duck sp																		0		749		696		1942	
Mallard (& Grey Duck hybrids)	68	109	43	101	132	80	23		11	94	6	4	42	174	288	713	8	1896		3610		5173		5916	
Australasian Shoveler	66	1105	144	126	130	320	21			84	40	32		9		4	5	2086		2070		5893		5173	
Grey Teal	166	860	85	1468	530	3534	740	1	816	902	1697	1297	283	50		128	8	12565		13145		12504		13102	
grey teal/shoveler		80																80		2947		780			
New Zealand Scaup						8									37	49	76	170	32820	70	36282	12	41913	82	45088
Australasian Harrier	7	5	4	2	4	2		2	2	9	3	12	9	5	8	1		75		76		67		67	
Pukeko			14	21	10						2		4	31	5			87		90		97		114	
Variable Oyster-catcher																		0		0		2			
Pied Oyster-catcher	8					3				1								12		18		17		33	
Pied Stilt	16	257	21	205	257	476	112		355	287	338	490	164	44	63	165	11	3261		4777		4959		3726	
Black Stilt					1	1												2		2		2		2	
Hybrid Stilt			1	1	1													3		2		0		4	
Banded Dotterel	191	182	52	149	29	80	135		166	203	77	54	4				1	1323		2352		1496		1228	
Wrybill	4	42								134	34		2					216		167		243		429	
Spur-winged Plover	7	20	7	6	14	2	1		2						2	5		66	4883	169	7487	328	7047	197	5619
Turnstone																		0		0		4		1	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				9														9		3		18		12	
Red-necked Stint		10								13								23		61		44		34	
Bar-tailed Godwit		153				71												224		189		120		436	
Pacific Golden Plover		24																24		10		45		7	
Red Knot		44																44		40		44		9	
Curlew Sandpiper		3																3		9		18		2	
Pectoral Sandpiper				2														2		0		6		3	
Sanderling																		0		1		2			
Common Greenshank																		0	329	0	313	1	302		504
Black-backed Gull	151	101	5	8	3	129	40		194	23	6	67	14	27	6	97	7	878		812		691		1733	
Red-billed Gull	3			1					5							1	6	16		43		38		57	
Black-billed Gull		12	2	1		6		12	24	2	8		16	4	36	48	12	183		433		2359		829	
Black-fronted Tern	4	1	20	4									2				3	34		23		61		46	
White-fronted Tern																166		166		48		175		59	
Caspian Tern	17	18		10		6	5		27	1	3	1	13	9	1		4	115		113		386		405	
Gull-billed Tern																		0	1392	2	1474	16	3726	7	3136
New Zealand Kingfisher											1							1		10		6		4	
Welcome Swallow	200	50	108	20	40		50	30	66	25	48	6	47	10	9	50		759		899		127			Not recorded
Site totals	1022	4028	761	3772	2067	7191	2011	73	3601	3366	3530	4401	1948	566	736	2064	453	41590		47858		55164		55728	



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