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## Encouraging the study of birds and their habitats

Birds New Zealand is a nationwide group of enthusiasts who work on different aspects of ornithology as best suits their interests and circumstances. A network of regional and nationally coordinated schemes operated by its members contribute to the sum of ornithological knowledge.

We publish a quarterly journal *Notornis* and magazine *Birds New Zealand* containing original papers, short notes and news on ornithology in New Zealand and in the South Pacific region. As a scientific journal of record, *Notornis* serves professional, amateur and student ornithologists alike.

Our other publications include books on specific areas of bird research, including Field Guides, Bird Distribution Atlases, Checklists, and our own website: [birdsanz.org.nz](http://birdsanz.org.nz). We also collaborate with eBird at [ebird.org/newzealand/home](http://ebird.org/newzealand/home), and the website [nzbirdsonline.org.nz](http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz)

We assist conservation projects by providing information and data on birds and their ecology, enabling informed conservation decisions to be made.

*Membership is open to anyone with an interest in birds and their habitats. The society actively encourages participation, makes new members feel welcome, and recognises the contribution of everyone who records birding activities.*

Birds New Zealand organises regular training to promote up to date methodology and a high level of scientific data recording. An annual conference held in different locations is an opportunity share knowledge and experience and to meet and socialise with friends and colleagues.



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## What do we do?

Birds New Zealand encourages participation in bird studies by its members. Senior members and professional ornithologists work alongside amateur and new members, passing on valuable skills while fostering bird study. Many members simply enjoy observing and photographing birds in their natural habitats.

Birds New Zealand activities include:



The **National Bird Banding Scheme** aims to investigate changes in the distribution, populations and migration patterns of birds.



The **Nest Record Scheme** aims to record data on length, time and peak of breeding seasons, clutch size, incubation and fledging periods, nest sites and materials used in nest building.



**Beach Patrols** are a regular and long-standing activity. Primary objectives are to provide information on the species of seabirds washed up on coastlines, to increase the chances of recovering banded birds and to increase the collection of birds in museums.



**Monitoring of shorebird and wader populations** through biannual national counts of the distribution and abundance of birds aims to increase our knowledge of these important groups of birds. Training days and weekends are used to teach members new skills.

## Unravelling the secret lives of New Zealand birds



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Birds New Zealand encourages the study and enjoyment of wild birds and their habitats through an active membership participating in national and regional schemes.



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Come and meet us at a regional meeting. You can find the closest one to you at [birdsanz.org.nz](http://birdsanz.org.nz)