

WADER QUEST

THE NEWSLETTER

WADER CONSERVATION WORLD WATCH SPECIAL



Sanderlings - Elis Simpson

Welcome
to the WCWW12 2025
Newsletter Special



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Let us not forget why we do this - Rick Simpson

WCWW is fun, at least we hope it is, but there is a serious message behind it, in fact two messages.

First, we all benefit from the occasional reminder of just how vital the conservation of our natural world truly is. Encouraging people to head outdoors and focus on the world's waders helps bring the challenges these birds face into clear view. Many have already observed that they are seeing fewer birds than they once did.

Second, by creating an event that captures public attention, we hope to spark curiosity and inspire people to learn more. In doing so, they may develop a deeper appreciation for waders and the pressures they are under. Some may even be moved to stand up and say, "I care!"— and perhaps, one day, become conservationists themselves.

This global event, shining a spotlight on waders and the urgent need to protect them, is one of our most powerful tools for raising awareness. We are truly grateful for every report we receive.

REMEMBER; CARING IS THE FIRST STEP TO CONSERVATION!

As a salient reminder of how bad things are getting, some very familiar species are categorised as threatened in some form by the IUCN in their Red Data List.

This year the Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris* was officially declared EXTINCT!



Slender-billed Curlew (2nd from left) with Eurasian Curlews © Szabolcs Kókay

Already declared Extinct.

Canarian Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus meadowoldoi*
Christmas Sandpiper *Prosobonia cancellata*
Moorea Sandpiper *Prosobonia ellisi*
Tahiti Sandpiper *Prosobonia leucoptera*
North Island Snipe *Coenocorypha barrierensis*
South Island Snipe *Coenocorypha iredalei*

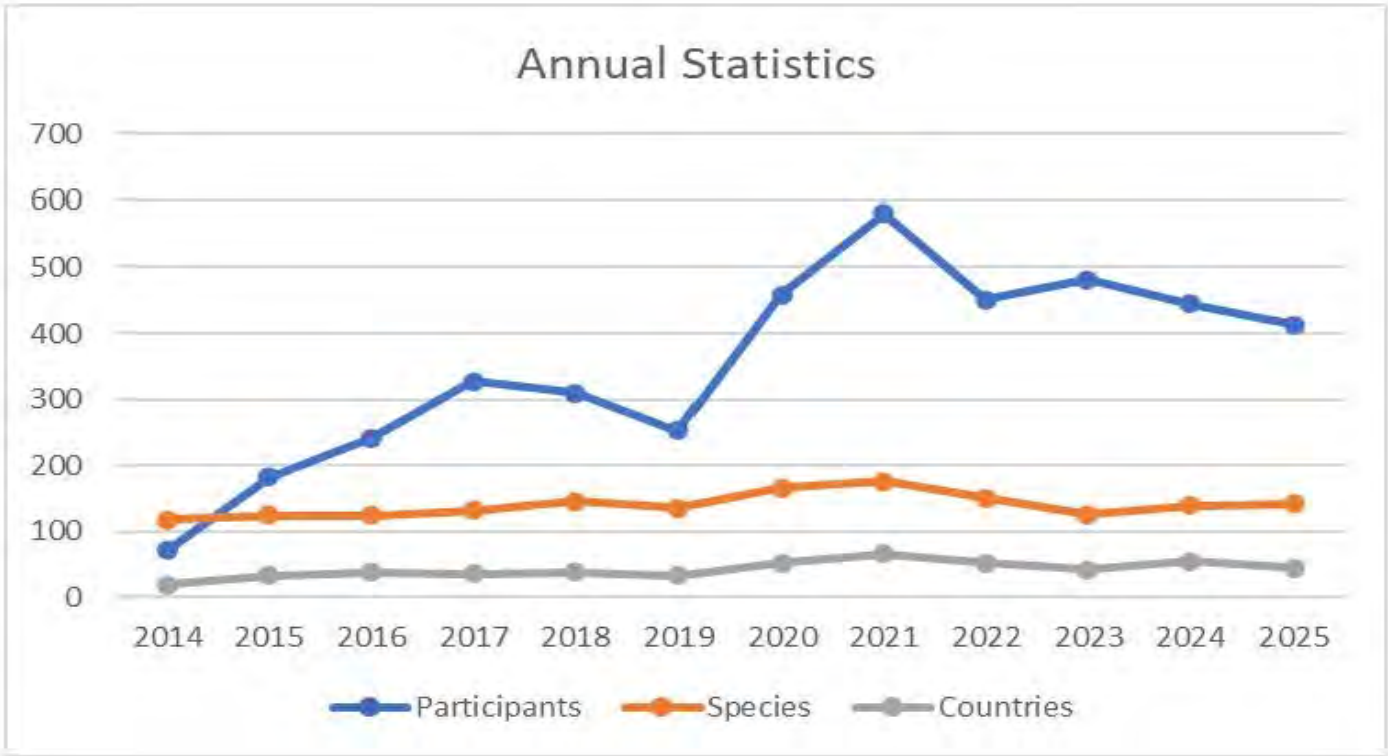
The following are Critically Endangered, but probably Extinct.

Jerdon's Courser *Rhinoptilus bitorquatus*
Javan Lapwing *Vanellus macropterus*
Eskimo Curlew *Numenius borealis*

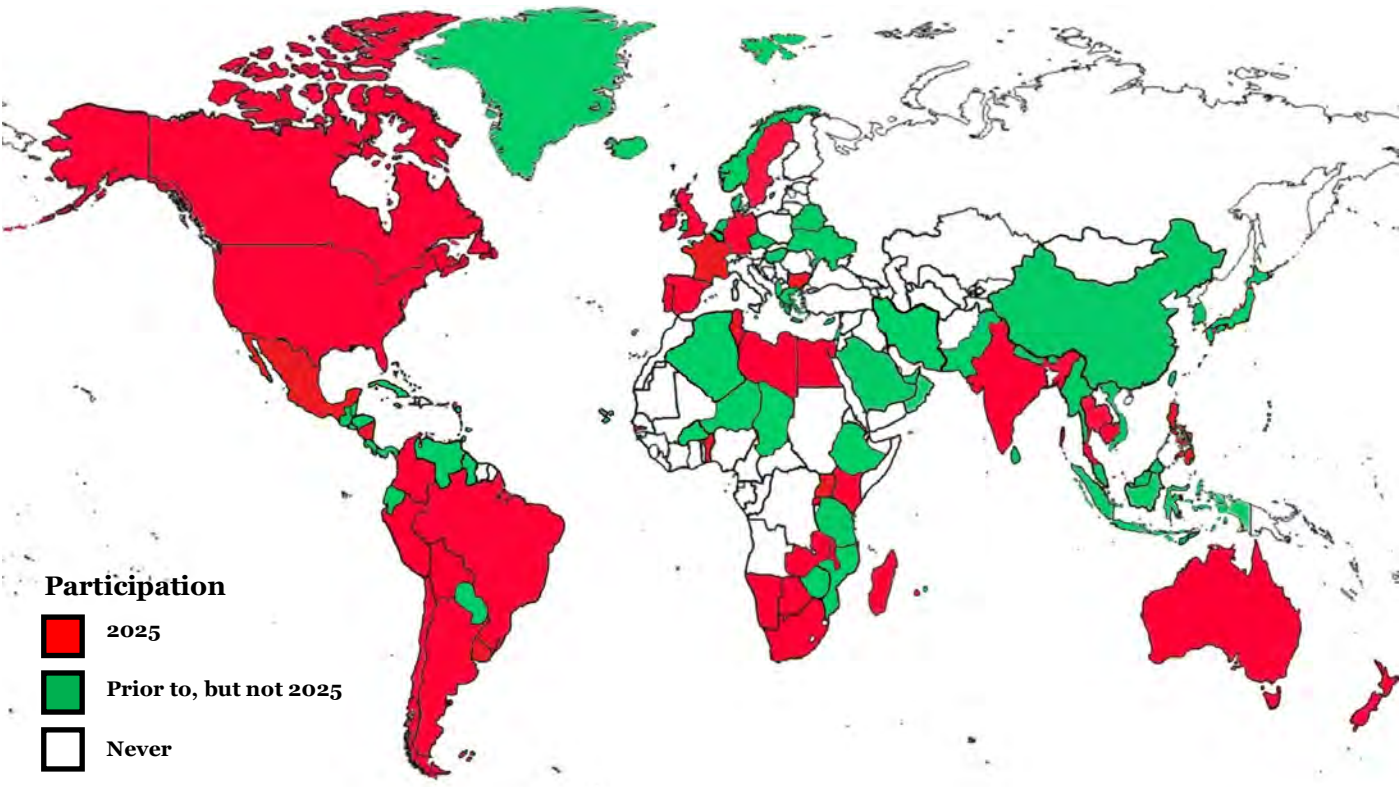


South Island Snipe – Photographed by the late Don Merton; with thanks to the New Zealand Department of Conservation.

Statistics and map for WCWW12 2025



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Participants	70	182	241	327	309	252	459	582	451	481	445	417
Species	117	124	124	131	145.5	135	165	176	150	125	139	141
Countries	19	33	38	35	37	32	52	65	52	42	54	42
Continents	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Flyways	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9



The green and white countries are targets for 2026. If you live or work in any of these, please consider participating next year.

Species list for WCWW11 2024

1	Lesser Jacana	48	Southern Lapwing	47	95	Eurasian Curlew
2	African Jacana	49	Andean Lapwing		96	Far Eastern Curlew
3	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	50	Pied Plover		97	Spotted Redshank
4	Bronze-winged Jacana	51	European Golden Plover		98	Common Redshank
5	Northern Jacana	52	Pacific Golden Plover		99	Marsh Sandpiper
6	Wattled Jacana	53	American Golden Plover		100	Common Greenshank
7	Greater Painted Snipe	54	Red-breasted Plover		101	Nordmann's Greenshank
8	Magellanic Oystercatcher	55	Common Ringed Plover		102	Greater Yellowlegs
9	Blackish Oystercatcher	56	Semipalmated Plover		103	Lesser Yellowlegs
10	American Oystercatcher	57	Little Ringed Plover		104	Green Sandpiper
11	African Oystercatcher	58	Wilson's Plover		105	Solitary Sandpiper
12	Eurasian Oystercatcher	59	Killdeer		106	Wood Sandpiper
13	Pied Oystercatcher	60	Piping Plover		107	Terek Sandpiper
14	Variable Oystercatcher	61	Madagascar Plover		108	Common Sandpiper
15	Black-winged Stilt	62	Kittlitz's Plover		109	Spotted Sandpiper
16	White-headed Stilt	63	Three-banded Plover		110	Grey-tailed Tattler
17	Black-necked Stilt	64	White-fronted Plover		111	Willet
18	Pied Avocet	65	Kentish Plover		112	Ruddy Turnstone
19	Indian Stone-curlew	66	Snowy Plover		113	Black Turnstone
20	Senegal Thick-knee	67	Red-capped Plover		114	Great Knot
21	Water Thick-knee	68	Chestnut-banded Plover		115	Red Knot
22	Spotted Thick-knee	69	Collared Plover		116	Sanderling
23	Double-striped Thick-knee	70	Two-banded Plover		117	Semipalmated Sandpiper
24	Peruvian Thick-knee	71	Siberian (Mongolian) Plover		118	Western Sandpiper
25	Double-banded Courser	72	Tibetan (Lesser) Sandplover		119	Red-necked Stint
26	Australian Pratincole	73	Greater Sand Plover		120	Little Stint
27	Collared Pratincole	74	Oriental Plover		121	Temminck's Stint
28	Oriental Pratincole	75	Caspian Plover		122	Long-toed Stint
29	Madagascar Pratincole	76	Rufous-chested Plover		123	Least Sandpiper
30	Rock Pratincole	77	Black-fronted Dotterel		124	White-rumped Sandpiper
31	Grey Pratincole	78	Jack Snipe		125	Baird's Sandpiper
32	Small Pratincole	79	Pin-tailed Snipe		126	Pectoral Sandpiper
33	Northern Lapwing	80	African Snipe		127	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
34	Long-toed Lapwing	81	Common Snipe		128	Curlew Sandpiper
35	Blacksmith Lapwing	82	Wilson's Snipe		129	Purple Sandpiper
36	Spur-winged Lapwing	83	Pantanal Snipe		130	Dunlin
37	River Lapwing	84	Magellanic Snipe		131	Spoon-billed Sandpiper
38	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	85	Short-billed Dowitcher		132	Broad-billed Sandpiper
39	White-crowned Lapwing	86	Long-billed Dowitcher		133	Stilt Sandpiper
40	Senegal Lapwing	87	Asian Dowitcher		134	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
41	Black-winged Lapwing	88	Black-tailed Godwit		135	Ruff
42	Crowned Lapwing	89	Hudsonian Godwit		136	Wilson's Phalarope
43	African Wattled Lapwing	90	Bar-tailed Godwit		137	Red-necked Phalarope
44	Grey-headed Lapwing	91	Marbled Godwit		138	Least Seedsnipe
45	Red-wattled Lapwing	92	Little Curlew		139	Snowy Sheathbill
46	Masked Lapwing	93	Eurasian Whimbrel		140	Common Buttonquail
47	Black-shouldered Lapwing	94	Hudsonian Whimbrel		141	Fynbos Buttonquail



Common Redshanks - Damian Money

Species seen this year for the first time

Madagascar Pratincole

Madagascar Plover

Species seen this year but not last year

Magellanic Oystercatcher
Variable Oystercatcher
Indian Stone-curlew
Peruvian Thick-knee
Double-banded Courser
Small Pratincole
Yellow-wattled Lapwing
Andean Lapwing
Red-breasted Plover
Oriental Plover
Caspian Plover

Asian Dowitcher
Hudsonian Godwit
Little Curlew
Nordmann's Greenshank
Black Turnstone
Long-toed Stint
Spoon-billed Sandpiper
Least Seedsnipe
Snowy Sheathbill
Common Buttonquail
Fynbos Buttonquail

Species not seen in 2025 but seen in previous years

Comb-crested Jacana
Black Oystercatcher
South Island Pied Oystercatcher
Chatham Oystercatcher
Sooty Oystercatcher
Ibisbill
Black Stilt
Banded Stilt
American Avocet
Red-necked Avocet
Eurasian Stone-curlew
Bush Stone-curlew
Great Stone-curlew
Beach Stone-curlew
Egyptian Plover
Three-banded Courser
Bronze-winged Courser
Cream-coloured Courser
Burchell's Courser
Indian Courser
Temminck's Courser
Black-winged Pratincole
Sociable Lapwing
Brown-chested Lapwing
Banded Lapwing
White-tailed Lapwing
Red-kneed Dotterel
Long-billed Plover
St Helena Plover
Forbes's Plover
White-faced Plover
Javan Plover
Malaysian Plover

Double-banded Plover
Eurasian Dotterel
Mountain Plover
Hooded Plover
Shore Plover
Inland Dotterel
Wrybill
Tawny-throated Dotterel
Magellanic Plover
Eurasian Woodcock
Amami Woodcock
American Woodcock
Chatham Snipe
Solitary Snipe
Latham's Snipe
Madagascar Snipe
Great Snipe
Puna Snipe
Giant Snipe
Bristle-thighed Curlew
Long-billed Curlew
Upland Sandpiper
Wandering Tattler
Surfbird
Rock Sandpiper
Grey Phalarope
Black-rumped Buttonquail
Barred Buttonquail
Madagascar Buttonquail
Painted Buttonquail
Little Buttonquail
Quail-plover

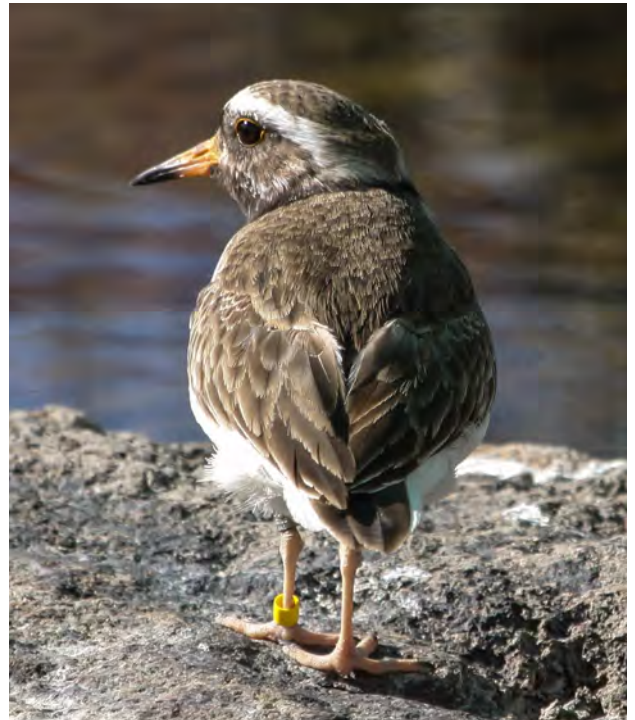
Species never seen during WCWW

Madagascar Jacana
Australian Painted-Snipe
Andean Avocet
Grey Pratincole
Spot-breasted Lapwing
Puna Plover
Diademed Sandpiper-Plover
New Guinea Woodcock
Bukidnon Woodcock
Sulawesi Woodcock
Moluccan Woodcock
Snares Snipe
Subantarctic Snipe
Wood Snipe
Swinhoe's Snipe
Noble Snipe
Fuegian Snipe

Andean Snipe
Imperial Snipe
Tuamotu Sandpiper
Plains Wanderer
Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe
White-bellied Seedsnipe
Grey-breasted Seedsnipe
Black-faced Sheathbill
Red-backed Buttonquail
Yellow-legged Buttonquail
Spotted Buttonquail
Black-breasted Buttonquail
Buff-breasted Buttonquail
Chestnut-backed Buttonquail
Red-chested Buttonquail
Sumba Buttonquail
Luzon Buttonquail



Magellanic Plover; seen 2025 but not 2024 - Elis Simpson



Shore Plover; missing this year - Elis Simpson



Andean Avocet; yet to appear - Elis Simpson

Roll of Honour for WCWW12 2025

sp = species seen; obs = number of observers

AFRICA

Bénin (0 sp: 1 obs)
Gildas Danvo

Botswana (20 sp: 1 obs)
Charles Britz

Egypt (9 sp: 1 obs)
Ismael Khalifa

Kenya (7 sp: 4 obs)
Jack Kiiru
Jackson Muthee
Martin Wanjohi
Winstone Kivitu

Libya (11 sp: 9 obs)
Abd Alati Elsowayeb.
Abdullah Al-Tawil.
Abdunnasser Eisa.
Abduslam Girjbo.
Alaa Nwige.
Anhar Al-hawat.
Elias Al-helali.
Khaled Etayeb.
Rayan Al-shrif.

Malawi (18 sp: 10 obs)
David Wyeth
Deanne Matthews
Donna Mataya
Duncan Muhango
Emmanuel Sunday
Falida Binali
Finias Faera
Gene Phiri
Joseph Saturday
Lisa Gaisford
Marc Henrion
Melita Gordon
Patrick Maulidi
Robert Nyirenda
Roulex Owino
Ruth Guinness
Samuel Chihana
Steven Gordon
Sufia Dadabhai
Theresa Allain
Twambi Chimimba

Namibia (12 sp: 2 obs)
Lance Robinson
Anon

Rwanda (1 sp: 5 obs)
Boling Alice
Byiringiro Pacifique
Faustin Mugiraneza
Harerimana Joachim
Niyomugabo Evariste

South Africa (38 sp: 23 obs)
Amanda Walden
Celia Human

Christo Venter
Dave Rimmer
Dean Boshoff
Dennis Walden
Elna Grobler
Helen Badenhorst
Hernus Langeveldt
Irene Boshoff
Jenny Sharland
John Cragg
John Human
Lee Meiring
Madeine Mostert
Margaret Bartkowiak
Peter Sharland
Philip Yiannakou
Regard Van Dyk
Ronel du Plessis
Selwyn Rautenbach
Sue Oertli
Wanda Strauss

The Gambia (14 sp: 2 obs)
Emmanuel Jatta
John Jarju
Naffie Sarr
Sulayman Bojang

Tunisia (13 sp: 2obs)
Hamouda Naoufel
Slaheddine Bessadok

Uganda (11 sp: 13 obs)
Achen Priscilla
Asiimwe Patience
Atuhaire Alfred Given
Auma Racheal
Kabagwire Arnold
Katungi Hillary
Mbaziira Jim
Miir David
Muheki Oscar
Murari Andrew
Nakalema Linda
Namutosi Maureen
Shaka Stephen

Zambia (7 sp: 1 obs)
Akshay Datar

ASIA

Cambodia (16 sp: 3 obs)
Brindley de Zylva
Niroshan Silva
Vannarith Nob

India (9 sp: 3 obs)
Prasath Selvaraj
Ravi Jesudas
Xavier Rathinam

Philippines (12 sp: 3 obs)
Ann K. Hofer
Dante Oporto

Georgina L. Fernandez

Thailand (32 sp: 5 obs)
Gerald Moore
Jarupa Panitchpakdi
Jens Toettrup
Peter Ericsson
Pipope Panitchpakdi

AUSTRALASIA

Australia (29 sp: 7 obs)
Alfred Lau
Andrea Endacott
Chris Hassell
David Bromet
Hidi Lau
Julie Keating
Kerry Hadley

New Zealand (6 sp: 2 obs)
Marie-Louise Ward
Tony Crocker

CARIBBEAN

Anguilla (15 sp: 1 obs)
Jacqueline Cestero

EUROPE

Bulgaria (1 sp: 1 obs)
Liudmila Karukina

England (20 sp: 124 obs)
Andrew Darley
Alun Price
Amanda Van Wyk
Andrew Keddie
Andrew Morrall
Andy Watson
Ashleigh Carter
Ben Arthur
Brian Johnstone
Brian Walker
Carl B
Caroline Duncan
Clare Matthews
Damian Money
Dan Hampson
David Creber
David Sanderson
Dot Jones
Eddie Lovell
Edwin Bruce
Elis Simpson
Elizabeth Wass
Emma Price
Fiona Wright
Frankie Robertson
George Hampson
Georgina Cole
Gill Haveron
Gillan A
Gillan M

Roll of Honour for WCWW12 2025 cont'd

Gwyneth Payne
 Hayley Taylor
 Heather Lyons
 Helen Ashton
 Helena Lane
 Jacky Watson
 Jacqui Harrison
 Jane Cooper
 Jane J
 Janet Taylor
 Jeden Hanshaw
 Jerry Campbell
 Jim Hartnett
 John Budd
 John Haveron
 John Millican
 John Reece
 John Strachan
 Judith Powell
 Julia Hughes
 Julia Keddie
 Julia Wymer
 Karen Hadley
 Karen Inglis
 Katie Lucie
 Kayleigh Hampson
 Kevin Wass
 Liam Johnson
 Linda Haylock
 Louise Butler
 Mandy Holliday
 Marcia Pryce
 Matteo Di Oliveira
 Mike A
 Mike King
 Mike McNulty
 Neil Hughes
 Patrick Norris
 Patrick Ryan
 Paul S
 Peter Atkinson
 Phil Hadley
 Rachel Norris
 Ray Heaton
 Rebecca Dunne
 Richard Willis
 Rick Simpson
 Rie Jewson
 Roberta Goodall
 Roy Pattison
 Sam Handy
 Sandra Hucks
 Simon Rosier
 St Mary's Island vol 1
 St Mary's Island vol 2
 Steve Ashton
 Steve Bucknall
 Sue Warcup
 Thane Perry
 Tim Froome
 Tony Jemison
 Tony Milan
 Tony Surr
 Tracy Colling
 Val Wilson
 Yvonne Miller
 Anon obs. 27

France (6 sp: 2 obs)

Sally Lanchbury
 Steve Lanchbury

Germany (9 sp: 3 obs)

Armin Hanson
 Carolin Rothfuß
 Jennifer Hanson

Northern Ireland (12 sp: 3 obs)

Hazel Watson
 Patrick Ryan
 Ric Else

Portugal (18 sp: 5 obs)

Jack Delabye
 Paulo Paes de Faria
 Elder Gomes da Silva
 Cor Mariae F. Costa e Silva
 Laís Costa e Silva Santos

Republic of Ireland (2 sp: 1 obs)

Kyle Sweeney

Scotland (10 sp: 4 obs)

Andrew Whitelee
 Joanna Peaker
 Penny Insole
 Richard Averiss

Spain (18 sp: 5 obs)

Antonio J. Sepúlveda Rivera
 Barbara Etherton
 Carvel Lonsdale
 Derek Etherton
 Ricky Owen

Sweden (12 sp: 3 obs)

Karin Johnson
 Oskar Löfgren
 Honor Prentice

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

Andaman and Nicobar Islands (India) (8 sp: 6 obs)

Arun Singh
 Kaajal Dasgupta
 Vishaal Loganathan

Madagascar (4 sp: 5 obs)

Aubrey Alamshah
 Chrysanth Mahavilahy
 Maka Randrianasolo
 Odon Florint
 Oscar Miranda

Réunion Island (France) (8 sp: 26 obs)

Alexandre Boyer
 Brian Kurtkowiak
 Céline Le Rouzic
 Christel Yeung
 Fanny Alberto-Payet

Gildas Le Minter
 Jean-Cyrille Notter
 Jean-François Cornuaille
 Jérémie Souchet
 Jérôme Dubos
 Joël Roux
 Laurent Brillard
 Martin Riethmuller
 Olivier Minatchy
 Pierrick Ferret
 Sébastien Hermann
 Serge Garnier
 Swann Barbin
 Thomas Reau

ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Falkland Islands (sp: 1 obs)

Micky Reeves

NORTH AMERICA

Canada (7 sp: 1 obs)

Joel Weatherly

Mexico (2sp: 1obs)

Daisy Marina Cuevas

USA (20 sp: 4 obs)

Luis Mendes
 Meg Rousher
 Ryan Carle
 Tina Toth

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina (2 sp: 1 obs)

Mariana Alonso

Bolivia (5 sp: 1 obs)

J. Luis Martínez

Brazil (18 sp: 60 obs)

Allan Clé Porto
 Andreza Mancuso
 Angelica Aguas
 Anselmo Sanchez
 Bibiane Moura
 Bruno de Almeida Lima
 Bruno Luka de Souza Bambilra
 Silveira
 Bruno Neri
 Carlos Eduardo Quaresma
 Caroline Banjai Fernandes
 Clarisse Odebrecht
 Clío Barbosa Ribeiro
 Dáfini Bruno
 Daniel Nicodemo Donadio
 Davi Pasqualetti
 Deusdedit Alves Filho
 Diego Dos Anjos Souza
 Elder Gomes Silva
 Elen Dias
 Eliane Odebrecht
 Elizabeth Passos
 Emmanoel Passos
 Fabricio Yanes
 Felipe Aoyagui

Roll of Honour for WCWW12 2025 cont'd

Giovana Furtuoso
 Gracia de Simone
 Henrique Heidi Horiyshi
 Isabel Faria
 Isabella Facin
 Iza Alencar
 Jessica dos Santos
 João Farah
 Julio Cesar Filipino
 Karina Anahí Ávila Esparza
 Leonardo Peres
 Letícia Faccine
 Luan (PEXJ)
 Máira Luísa Garcia
 Marcelo Barbosa
 Marcio Gonçalves Carvalho
 Marcio Motta
 Márcio Ribeiro
 Margô Eli Bogaromi
 Mariana Ramos
 Marina Leite
 Matheus Santos
 Melissa Gallo
 Miguel Angel
 Miguel Magro
 Milena Corbo
 Paulo Fagundes
 Pedro Behne
 Quetzalli de Almeida Avila
 Renee Leutz
 Renee Oliveira
 Resolete Leutz
 Ricardo Albano Gómez
 Ricardo Mitidieri
 Sandra Neves de Araújo
 Thiago Nascimento
 Thiago Pinheiro Rosa

Chile (16 sp: 3 obs)

Carlos Silva
 Fabiola Ruiz
 Manuel E. Rojas Martinez

Colombia (21 sp: 45 obs)

Alvaro Correa
 Amelia Flórez Vengoechea
 Andrea Hinek
 Andrés Gamboa
 Britny Natasha Garcia
 Carlos Ruiz
 Carlos Sinarahua Barrera
 Carolina Blanco Zuñiga
 Daniel Stiven Caicedo
 David Montaña
 Diana Patricia Deaza Curico
 Dianý Jireth Obregon
 Edwin Javier Alomia
 Elkin Javier Hurtado
 Francisco Javier Alonso Acero
 Ismael Rodriguez Cayetano
 Jesús A. Altamiranda Pulido
 Jhonatan Stiven Arroyo
 José Joaquín Prada Bretón
 José Manuel
 Juan Carlos Bolaños Burgos
 Juan Carlos Ugarriza Verbel
 Juanita Aldana Domínguez
 Julian Andrés Angulo
 Laura Sofia Orobio
 Leisy Sarid Orobio
 Ligia Paola Porras González
 Luis Eduardo Arenas
 Madeleidys A. M. Fontalvo
 Marcela Reyes Gutierrez
 María Alicia Ramírez

María Polita Arenas Parada
 Mark Michael Betts
 Miguel Ángel Caicedo
 Milton César Florez Ayala
 Nancy Caicedo
 Natalia Gutiérrez Escaño
 Nathalia Perlaza Paredes
 Nicol Vidal
 Oneida Boya
 Patricia Rodriguez
 Ruth N. Rodallega Rodriguez
 Wilmer Ramirez
 Victor Zalazar
 Yanira Cifuentes Sarmiento

Nicaragua (13 sp: 6 obs)

Abbott Domínguez
 Gina Sotelo
 Jon Beer
 Josefa Barboza
 Yalbin Arana
 Yoleydi Mejia

Peru (20 sp: 5 obs)

Ernesto Ramos Casas
 Joaquín Calderón
 Johan Garcia
 Priscila Pellissier Pérez
 Rodrigo Agustín Quincho

Uruguay (1 sp: 1 obs)

Agustina Medina

**Thank you to everyone who
 stood up to say 'I Care!'.**



Standing up to say 'I Care!' Redcar beach, England - Elis Simpson

Logos in 2025



Participants' team photos WCWW12 2025



Elizabeth Passos, Emmanoel Passos, Mariana Ramos, Renee Leutz, Resolete Leutz, Sandra Neves de Araujo, Thiago Pinheiro Rosa & Luan PEXJ - COA Santos; Brazil



Marcio Carvalho - Brazil



Matheus Santos & Letícia Faccine - Brazil



Giovana Furtuoso & Isabella Facin - Brazil



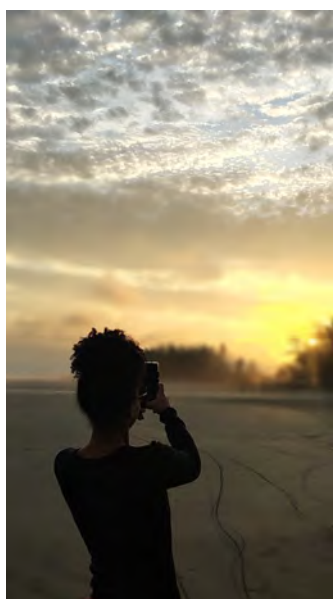
Quetzalli de Almeida Ávila, Karina Ávila, Milena Corbo & Bruno Lima - Brazil



The group at Peruíbe - Brazil



Clarisse Odebrecht - Brazil



Carlos Eduardo Quaresma & Jessica Santos - Brazil

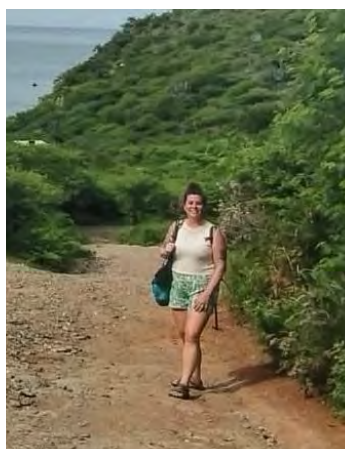
Participants' team photos WCWW12 2025 cont'd



Edwin Javier Alomia, Oneida Boya, Nancy Caicedo, Elkin Javier Hurtado, Jhonatan Stiven Arroyo, Daniel Stiven Caicedo, Nathalia Perlaza Paredes, Andrés Gamboa, Ruth Nohemy Rodallega Rodriguez, 10. BritnyNatasha Garcia, David Montaña, Miguel Ángel Caicedo, Julian Andrés Angulo, Diany Jireth Obregon, Leisy Sarid Orobio, Laura Sofia Orobio, Nicol Vidal & José Manuel; the Club de observadores de aves Humboldtii Alza el Vuelo - Colombia



José Joaquín Prada Bretón, Madeleidys Aura Mercado Fontalvo, Marcela Reyes Gutiérrez Natalia Gutiérrez Escaño, Carolina Blanco Zúñiga, Álvaro Correa, María Alicia Ramírez Mark Michael Betts, Jesús Andrés Altamiranda Pulido, Milton César Flórez Ayala, Amelia Flórez Vengoechea Juanita Aldana Domínguez & Juan Carlos Bolaños Burgos - Colombia



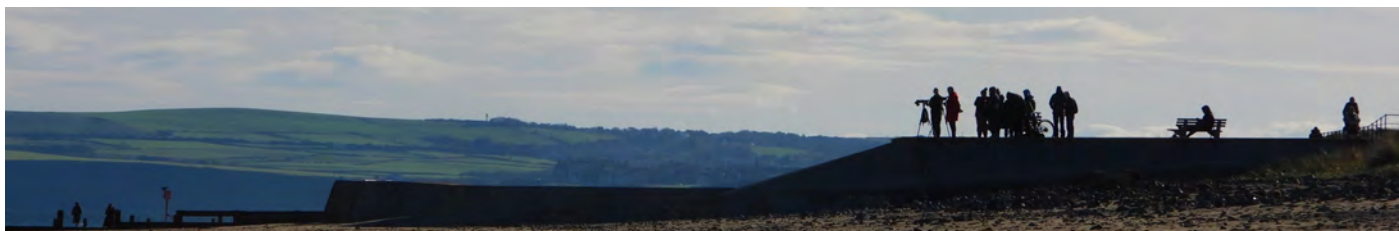
Andrea Hinek - Colombia



Francisco Javier Alonso Acero & Diana Patricia Deaza Curico - Colombia



Bird Wise North Kent team, Helena Lane & Eddie Lovell with their volunteers - England



Redcar Beach - England



Ashleigh Carter, Gwyneth Payne & Peter Atkinson; Redcar - England



Tony Jemison (L), John Reece & Amanda van Wyk - RNLI; Redcar - England



Mike McNulty, Jim Hartnett, Gwyneth Payne, Val Wilson, David Sanderson, Rick & Elis Simpson, Jacky Watson, Tracy Colling, Thane Perry & Heather Lyons; Redcar - England



Thane Perry & Ashleigh Carter in action; Redcar - England



Patrick and Rachel Norris, Ben Arthur, Richard Willis & Rick Simpson; Bamburgh Castle - England



Richmond and Twickenham RSPB local group team - England



John Jarju, Sulayman Bojang & Emmanuel Jatta - The Gambia



Gildas Danvo - Bénin



Dr. Khaled Etayeb, Anhar Al-hawat, Rayan Al-shrif, Abdunnasser Eisa, Abduslam Girjbo, Alaa Nwige & Elias Al-helali - Libya



Abdullah Al-Tawil - Libya



Elias Al-Helali, Alaa Nwige & Abduslam Girjbo - Libya



Aubrey Alamshah & Maka Randrianasolo - Madagascar.



Nicaragua.



Antonio J. Sepulveda - Spain.



Peter Sharland, Sue Oertli & Jenny Sharland - South Africa.



Standing L-R; Roulex Owino, Donna Mataya, Melita Gordon, Sufia Dadabhai, Lisa Gaisford, Steven Gordon, Theresa Allain
Seated L-R; Robert Nyirenda, Ruth Guinness, Marc Henrion, Deanne Matthews, Finias Faera & Emmanuel Sunday - Malawi



Jarupa & Pipope Panitchpakdi - Thailand.



Entebbe Birding Club: L-R; Auma Racheal, Achen Priscilla, Katungi Hillary, Namutosi Maureen, Kabagwire Arnold, Shaka Stephen & Nakalema Linda Stella - Uganda.

L-R; Miir David, Asimwe Patience, Mbaziira Jim, Muheki Oscar, Murari Andrew & Atuhair Given Alfred - Uganda.

Species by country

Andaman and Nicobar Islands (India)

Pacific Golden Plover
Tibetan Sand Plover
Eurasian Whimbrel
Eurasian Curlew
Common Snipe
Common Sandpiper
Common Redshank
Curlew Sandpiper

Anguilla

Black-necked Stilt
American Golden Plover
Grey plover
Killdeer
Wilson's Snipe
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Short-billed Dowitcher
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs
Spotted Sandpiper
Ruddy
TurnstoneSemipalmated
Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper

Argentina

Southern Lapwing
Collared Plover

Australia

Pied Oystercatcher
Australian Pratincole
Masked Lapwing
Grey Plover
Pacific Golden Plover
Oriental Plover
Greater Sand Plover
Siberian Sand Plover
Red-capped Plover
Black-fronted Plover
Asian Dowitcher
Eurasian Whimbrel
Far Eastern Curlew
Little Curlew
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Terek Sandpiper
Grey-tailed tattler
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Redshank
Common Greenshank
Ruddy Turnstone
Great Knot
Red Knot
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Red-necked Stint
Sanderling
Broad-billed Sandpiper

Bénin

Nil

Bolivia

Wattled Jacana
Southern Lapwing
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper

Botswana

Lesser Jacana
African Jacana
Spotted Thick-knee
Water Thick-knee
Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet
Collared Pratincole
Blacksmith Lapwing
Crowned Lapwing
African Wattled Lapwing
Common Ringed Plover
Three-banded Plover
African Snipe
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Little Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Ruff

Brazil

Wattled Jacana
American Oystercatcher
Black-necked Stilt
Southern Lapwing
American Golden Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Collared Plover
Pied Plover
South American Snipe
(Pantanal)
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope

Bulgaria

Cambodia

Black-winged Stilt
Tibetan Sandplover
Greater Sandplover
Asian Dowitcher
Common Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Little Ringed Plover
Green sandpiper
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Greenshank
Oriental Pratincole
Common Redshank
Long-toed Stint
Red-necked Stint
Great Knot
Curlew sandpiper

Canada

Greater Yellowlegs

Chile

American Oystercatcher
Blackish Oystercather
Black-winged Stilt
Southern Lapwing
Grey Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Collared Plover

Hudsonian Godwit
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper

Colombia

Wattled Jacana
Black-necked Stilt
Double-striped Thick-knee
Southern Lapwing
Grey Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Collared Plover
Wilson's Plover
Pied Plover
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Western Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Egypt

Senegal Thick-knee
Black-winged Stilt
Common Ringed plover
Spur-winged Lapwing
Common Snipe
Common Sandpiper
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Little Stint

England

Eurasian Oystercatcher
Pied Avocet
Northern Lapwing
Grey Plover
European Golden Plover
Common Ringed Plover
Common Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Eurasian Curlew
Common Redshank
Spotted Redshank
Common Greenshank
Green Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Temminck's Stint
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin
Ruff

Falkland Islands (UK)

Magellanic Oystercatcher
Magellanic Snipe
Two-banded Plover
Rufous-chested Dotterel
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper

Species by country cont'd

France
 Snowy Sheathbill
 Grey Plover
 Common Redshank
 Green sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Dunlin
 Little stint

Germany
 Eurasian Oystercatcher
 Pied Avocet
 Northern Lapwing
 Grey Plover
 Common Snipe
 Eurasian Curlew
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Common Redshank
 Common Greenshank
 Dunlin

India
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana
 Bronze-winged Jacana
 Black-winged Stilt
 Indian Thick-knee
 Red-wattled Lapwing
 Yellow-wattled Lapwing
 Green Sandpiper
 Wood Snadpiper
 Common Sandpiper

Kenya
 African Jacana
 Blacksmith Lapwing
 Spur-winged Lapwing
 Three-banded Plover
 Wood Sandpiper
 Common sandpiper
 Little stint

Libya
 Common Ringed Plover
 Kentish Plover
 Eurasian Curlew
 Spotted Redshank
 Common Redshank
 Common Greenshank
 Terek Sandpiper
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Sanderling
 Dunlin
 Little Stint

Madagascar
 Madagascar Pratincole
 Madagascar Plover
 Kittlitz's Plover
 White-fronted Plover

Malawi
 African Jacana
 Lesser Jacana
 Water Thick-knee
 Spotted Thick-knee
 Black-winged Stilt
 Senegal Lapwing
 Spur-winged Lapwing
 Blacksmiths Lapwing
 African Wattled Lapwing
 Long-toed Lapwing
 White-crowned Lapwing
 Kittlitz's Plover
 Three-banded Plover
 Little Ringed Plover

Common Ringed Plover
 African Snipe
 Marsh Sandpiper
 Common Greenshank
 Wood Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Terek Sandpiper
 Little Stint
 Curlew Sandpiper
 Ruff

Mexico
 Black-necked Stilt
 Killdeer

New Zealand
 Pied Stilt
 Variable Oystercatcher
 Red-breasted Dotterel
 Bar -tailed Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Black-shouldered Lapwing

Namibia
 African Jacana
 Lesser Jacana
 Black-winged Stilt
 Water Thick-knee
 Double-banded Courser
 Collared Pratincole
 Rock Pratincole
 Blacksmith Lapwing
 Long-toed Lapwing
 African Wattled Lapwing
 Common Greenshank
 Common Sandpiper

Nicaragua
 Northern Jacana
 Black-necked stilt
 Southern Lapwing
 Killdeer
 Collared Plover
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Leser Yellowlegs
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper

Northern Ireland
 Eurasian Oystercatcher.
 Eurasian Curlew
 Northern Lapwing
 Common redshank
 Dunlin
 European Golden Plover
 Bar-tailed Godwit
 Sanderling
 Common Ringed Plover
 Common Snipe
 Purple Sandpiper
 Lesser Yellowlegs

Peru
 American Oystercatcher
 Blackish Oystercatcher
 Black-necked Stilt
 Peruvian Thick-knee
 Andean Lapwing
 Grey Plover
 American Golden Plover
 Grey Plover

Semipalmated Plover
 Killdeer
 Hudsonian Whimbrel
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Sanderling
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Least Seedsnipe

Philippines
 Far Eastern Curlew
 Eurasian Curlew
 Great Knot
 Red Knot
 Black-tailed Godwit
 Kentish Plover
 Whimbrel
 Pacific Golden Plover
 Common Greenshank
 Common Redshank
 Marsh Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper

Portugal
 Eurasian Oystercatcher
 Pied Avocet
 Northern Lapwing
 Grey Plover
 Common Ringed Plover
 Common Snipe
 Black-tailed Godwit
 Bar-tailed Godwit
 Eurasian Whimbrel
 Eurasian Curlew
 Common Redshank
 Common Greenshank
 Green Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Sanderling
 Dunlin
 Ruff

Republic of Ireland
 Northern Lapwing
 Eurasian Curlew

Réunion Island (France)
 Grey Plover
 Greater Sand Plover
 Eurasian Whimbrel
 Common Greenshank
 Terek Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Curlew Sandpiper

Rwanda
 Common Sandpiper

Scotland
 Northern Lapwing
 European Golden Plover
 Jack Snipe
 Common Snipe
 Black-tailed Godwit
 Eurasian Curlew
 Common Redshank
 Common Greenshank
 Red Knot
 Dunlin

Species by country cont'd

South Africa

African Jacana
African Oystercatcher
Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet
Water Thick-knee
Spotted Thick-knee
Collared Pratincole
Blacksmith Lapwing
White-crowned Lapwing
Black-winged Lapwing
African Wattled Lapwing
Crowned Lapwing
Grey Plover
Common Ringed Plover
Chestnut-banded Plover
Kittlitz's Plover
White-fronted Plover
Caspian Plover
Three-banded Plover
African Snipe
Bar-tailed Godwit
Eurasian Curlew
Eurasian Whimbrel
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Green Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Terek Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Little Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Ruff
Red-necked Phalarope
Common Buttonquail
Fynbos Buttonquail

Spain

Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet
Grey Plover
Common Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Black-tailed Godwit
Eurasian Whimbrel
Common Redshank
Common Greenshank
Green sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Little Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Dunlin
Ruff

Sweden

Eurasian Oystercatcher
Northern Lapwing
Grey Plover
European Golden Plover
Common Snipe
Long-billed Dowitcher
Eurasian Curlew
Spotted Redshank
Common Greenshank
Red Knot

Thailand

Dunlin
Ruff
Black-winged Stilt
Grey-headed Lapwing
Red-wattled Lapwing
River Lapwing
Grey Plover
Pacific Golden Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Tibetan Sand Plover
Greater Sand Plover
Pin-tailed Snipe
Asian Dowitcher
Bar-tailed Godwit
Black-tailed Godwit
Far Eastern Curlew
Eurasian Curlew
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Redshank
Common Greenshank
Nordmann's Greenshank
Green Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Great Knot
Red Knot
Curlew Sandpiper
Long-toed Stint
Red-necked Stint
Spoon-billed Sandpiper
Broad-billed Sandpiper

The Gambia

Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet
Spur-winged Lapwing
Grey Plover
Common Ringed Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Black-tailed Godwit
Eurasian Whimbrel
Common Redshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Sanderling
Curlew Sandpiper

Tunisia

Black-winged Stilt
Grey Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Common Snipe
Common Redshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Greenshank
Common Sandpiper
Sanderling
Little Stint
Dunlin
Ruff

Uganda

African Jacana
Black-winged Stilt
Long-toed Lapwing
Spur-winged Lapwing

Common Ringed Plover
Kittlitz's Plover
Common Greenshank
Wood Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Little stint
Curlew Sandpiper

United States of America

American Oystercatcher
Grey Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Snowy Plover
Killdeer
Piping Plover
Wilson's Plover
Wilson's Snipe
Short-billed Dowitcher
Marbled Godwit
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Spotted Sandpiper
Willet
Ruddy Turnstone
Black Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin

Uruguay

Zambia

African Jacana
Greater Painted-snipe



Southern Lapwing the most often reported species - Carlos Eduardo Quaresma

Some out of range species seen.

Long-billed Dowitcher; Sweden - Honor Prentice, Karin Johnson and Oskar Löfgren.

'We had a superb wader day. It so happened that a Long-billed Dowitcher was found the evening before at one of the sites we usually visit. Oskar started there, but without luck. The day was much windier than forecast and we had an eye-watering trek through sand dunes to get the main counts done at Skanör. We managed to find our old friend the King Eider drake off the coast (glimpses between him disappearing in wave-troughs). The fifth winter he has been there. Masses of Twites (largest flock of ca. 70). We then revisited the dowitcher site ... and found it! A wader that I have expended a lot of physical energy on a couple of times, with no result. So a really nice lifer for me. The light was goodish and, even at a distance, one could see the characters that one wanted to see. And it flew obligingly. It was hanging out with 2 Spotted Redshanks and the contrast in their wading action was interesting. The Spotted Redshanks moving smoothly like models on the catwalk. The Dowitcher bouncing along, with a side to side action like a farmer with bad knees. The day ended with a Red-breasted Goose (at a distance) in a Barnacle Goose flock - Honor Prentice'



Temminck's Stint - Phil Hadley

Temminck's Stint; England - Phil and Karen Hadley and Roberta Goodall.

Long staying individual obliged by remaining for the weekend.

Lesser Yellowlegs; Northern Ireland - Hazel Watson and Ric Else.

Long staying individual fortunately remained on Rathlin Island.

Wilson's Snipe; Anguilla - Jackie Cestero.

See her report for the weekend on page 25.

Baird's Sandpiper; South Africa - Hernus Langeveldt.

This bird will have made a few people's weekends even more special.



Wilson's Snipe - Jackie Cestero



Baird's Sandpiper - Hernus Langeveldt

Injured Redshank in Libya - Abd Alati Elsayeb

During our recent participation in the Wader Conservation World Watch 2025, on the first of November, I found and photographed an injured Common Redshank showing a withered and hanging right leg. In my opinion, this had most likely been caused by a gunshot injury.

I am sharing this image with you in the hope that it might be included in the WCWW 2025 Newsletter, or any of Wader Quest's awareness materials. I believe it serves as an important reminder of the threats faced by waders and the need for stronger conservation and protection measures.

I saw and photographed this bird on the 1st of November during the WCWW event at Sabkhat Qasr Ahmed, Misrata, Libya (32.290085, 15.267690).



Injured Redshank - Abd Alati Elsayeb

Some photos pollution and dogs; both very real threats to waders.



American Oystercatcher; Colombia - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez



Wood Sandpiper; Ravi Jesudas - India



Pet dogs (at least mainly on leads) on the beach; Elis Simpson - England



Feral dogs on the beach; Bruno Neri - Brazil

Our WCWW12 - Rick Simpson

Saturday the 1st of November saw Elis and me watching results come in and trying to collate as many as possible to get things underway, by the time we had left to travel to Northumberland. the tally was at 7 countries, with 37 observers and 18 species. We were under way.

As we did last year, we once again attended the Space for Shorebirds afternoon session at Stag Rock near Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland. A magnificent backdrop to our wader experience.

The most obvious birds were the Eurasian Oystercatchers, brash and noisy as always. When your eyes were adjusted to finding small waders among the seaweed along the rocky beach, the twinkling movement of these small birds began to rest on our retinas. Even without binoculars it was easy to differentiate between the various species drawn together. The dashing movement of the delightful Sanderlings, restlessly running on blurred legs close to the wavelets spending themselves on the shore.



Sanderling - Elis Simpson

The bulldozing Ruddy Turnstones, ploughing their way through the seaweed and the steady plodding and probing of the Purple Sandpipers as they glean prey from the surface or drill down into the sandy parts of the beach to find them. Then there was the classic staccato movement of the Common Ringed Plovers with their dash, stop and peck habits. But it is with the binoculars, and later with the telescope, that the full beauty of all these birds can be appreciated.

One thing we noticed was the reduction in Purple Sandpiper numbers. Last year we were treated to a large flock of over 100, this year they were down to around 50-60 birds. Regardless, we were witnessing a good showing of these birds. As always when viewing this species, I try very hard to catch the purple sheen that shows in certain lights, but this day I was unsuccessful. Their subtle markings make this a smart bird, a beauty that is often under appreciated.

It has always intrigued me, how the bold markings of the Common Ringed Plovers act as a camouflage. Looking at them on a plain background, you'd think they would stick out a mile anywhere, but, put them on a beach with the fussy background of seaweed and stones, and they magically disappear. Until they move that is.

The Purple Sandpipers, if feeding quietly, can also blend-in, their movements not so eye-catching, but when a plover moves it does so with speed and with purpose, often giving itself away. They stand upright, looking for potential prey, when they spot a possible item, they lean forward and rush to the spot on flashing orange legs. There they either stoop and pick up the morsel as they arrive, or stop, check what they have found and then tip forward to pick the object of their desires from the ground. Ruddy Turnstones are always a delight to watch. Sometimes you first notice them, as they are methodical plodders too, when you see a clump of seaweed suddenly fly into the air on a windless day. They have an endless ability to amuse as they scour the flotsam and jetsam for sustenance. Tossing items aside and even joining together to shift bigger objects, they cross the beach uncovering invertebrates that thought they had found the perfect hiding place.



Purple Sandpiper - Elis Simpson



Ruddy Turnstone - Elis Simpson

The other obvious denizen of the shore is, of course, the sentinel of the marsh, the Common Redshank. It is impossible to not hear their anxious cry as they alarm on a frequent basis, alerting the world to some worry or other.

Indeed, on the beach that day there was plenty to worry about. Many, many dogs were being exercised and day trippers at the beach wandering around the rocky outcrops enjoying the views and experiencing a rugged coastline. But these innocent joys, watching your dog bound with merriment across the sand and careering into the sea after its ball, and picking around rock pools while stepping gingerly on slippery weed strewn rocks, are nothing but a fear inducing distraction for waders, just going about their daily need to simply make it through the day. In order for that to happen they need to feed and rest. It is upsetting to see a group of birds, clearly taking advantage of good food

Our WCWW12 - cont'd

source, to suddenly have to use precious energy to leave it in search of another, before it is exhausted, simply because a person, or persons unknown, did not know they were there, did not understand their needs and possibly, even if they did, did not care.

And this is why we joined the Space for Shorebirds team, this year made up of Ben Arthur and Richard Willis. Richard is the leader of the group, and we watched him time and time again break off a conversation to rush down to the beach to talk to people who had just walked past a sign asking them not to, accompanied or not, by a dog. In fairness, every one of them that afternoon immediately turned around happily and went elsewhere, they had been unaware (and unobservant of the signs) that the area was cordoned off to give the birds a break. Others came to where we were all gathered and were thrilled to see the birds, which they normally just see as a tiny flock of dots flying away from them, through telescopes, and their reaction was always one of wonder at just how lovely these birds, that they had hardly paid any heed to, really are.



Space for Shorebirds' sign on the beach - Elis Simpson



Richard Willis befriending a dog, and its owners, before politely asking them to use another part of the beach, which they willingly did - Elis Simpson



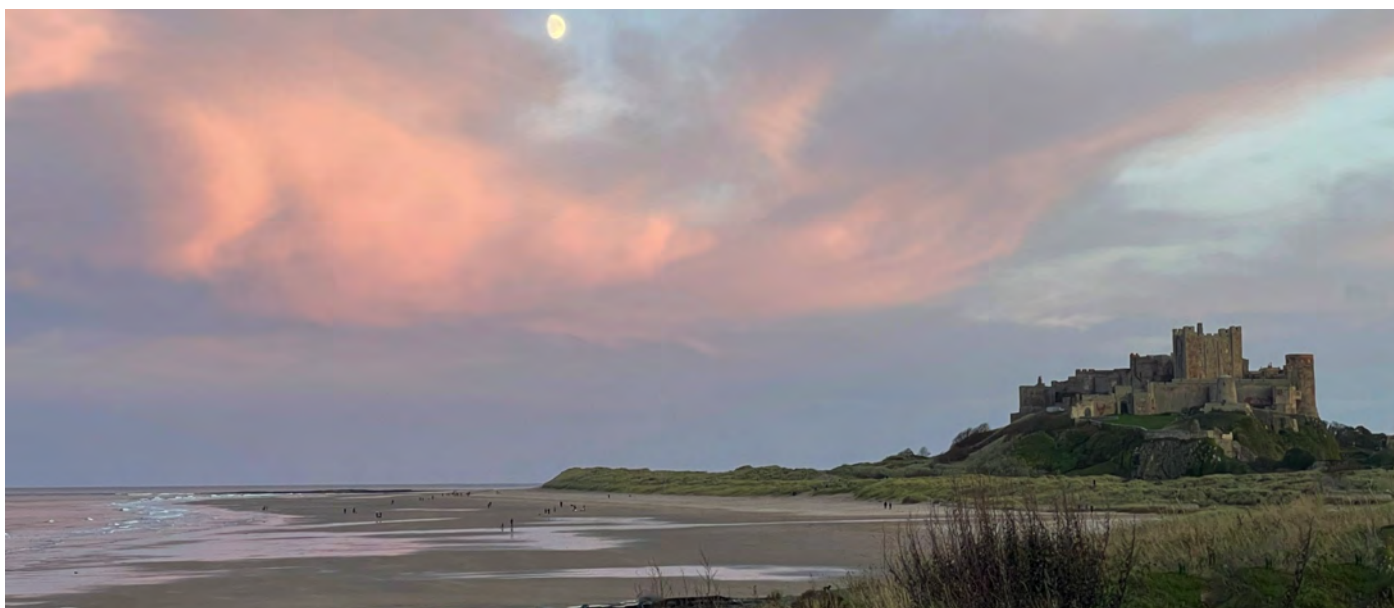
Others came to see the birds better - Elis Simpson

Eurasian Curlews were thin on the ground, just two or three were seen throughout the afternoon, and somehow I had managed to be looking the wrong way (OK I'll confess, I was trying to string a Black Scoter in the Common Scoter flock - there had been one further up the coast that day in fairness to my optimism) when a couple of Grey Plovers sped by. I also missed the Kingfisher... must be losing my touch.

One thing that always fills me with awe and also emotion, is the sight of a bird flying in off the sea after what was surely an arduous crossing.

I spotted a bird in flight, and misidentified it as a pipit, until moments later I realised, when Richard got onto it too, that it was in fact a Eurasian Blackbird a little further away than I had thought. It was a female, and it battled against the wind as it came over the surf and crossed the beach, still fairly high. I watched it thinking to myself, 'Well done, you've made it!' while expecting it to tumble out of the sky to the nearest cover for rest and food. But the cover was sparse, and, had it been utterly exhausted, I dare say it would have dropped in, but she must have had an easier crossing than I had envisaged, as she battled on across the fields until out of sight, still able to look for the optimal place to rest up.

Afternoons are short at this time of year, especially if you are enjoying the activity in which you are engaged and we found ourselves in increasingly gloomy conditions. We walked back to the car and witnessed the marvellous sight of the castle as the day drew to a close with the moon shining bright above it, as if indicating that it was time we were on our way home.



Bamburgh Castle - Elis Simpson

Our WCWW12 - cont'd

Sunday started in my favourite way, in the steamy and warm cafe on the Redcar beachfront. Here we met Jacky and Andy Watson. Jacky used to run a WCWW event when she worked for the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, but since moving on from there she still regularly organises a watch at Redcar Beach. We joined her again this year, and not just because of the good start that is provided by the cafe staff.

Departing the cafe Andy went to join his buddies in the RNLI post and Jacky, Elis and I walked to the boat ramp near to the Zetland roundabout.

A very pleasant morning ensued with many people coming and going to join the event. The tide was coming in, but sadly this did not produce many waders, which were greatly outnumbered by dog walkers, at least one of which delighted in their pooch chasing the group of Sanderlings near the rock ledge. There was simply no room for the birds at times, and they remained distant on the rock ledge. But even there, some felt obliged to disturb them to what end I cannot say. It was as if the opening soliloquy in Shakespeare's Henry IV Pt. 1 was written for waders on this crowded morning.



*'So shaken as we are, so wan with care,
Find we a time for frightened peace to pant
And breathe short-winded accents of new broils
To be commenced in strands afar remote.'*

Dog walkers *en masse* - Elis Simpson



'Beach car park?' - Elis Simpson

Another phenomenon that occurred this year that we have not seen before was cars being driven down the boat ramp and parked on the sand. I may be wrong, but I think this is prohibited, but then who is going to prevent it in the 'I know my rights and will aggressively pursue them even if it inconveniences or destroys someone else's (legal) right to be doing what they are doing', culture we live in today.

That said, these concerns could not detract too much from the pleasant company, wonderful waders,

good weather and lovely location; there are a lot worse places to spend a morning wader watching, I know I've been to many of them!



'find we a time for frightened peace to pant' - Elis Simpson

Wader Conservation World Watch; A Brazil Increasingly Focused on Shorebirds

- Bruno Lima and Karina Ávila

This year, Wader Conservation World Watch (WCWW) shone like a beacon in Brazil. We are excited to see how, with each passing event, more observers and enthusiasts engage in the initiative. This growing interest demonstrates not only the strength of the national birdwatching community, but also how attentive the Brazilian public has become to the conservation of waders.

In 2025, we dedicated ourselves to expanding participation, actively seeking observers in every corner of the country, from the vast beaches of the south to the sunny coast of the north-east, passing through the wetlands of the interior. This effort had two important results: we strengthened local engagement and managed to cover an even greater variety of environments, which naturally resulted in a broader list of recorded species. The wide geographic representation achieved this year fills us with joy! Brazil is truly paying more attention to waders!

We remain motivated to further expand this network in 2026, inspiring more people to look at waders with care, attention, and responsibility. We thank everyone who participated and helped give more voice to waders and those who preserve and protect them!

Together, we continue building a Brazil more connected to the conservation of these incredible birds!

WCWW in Peruíbe: fasting, running, and waders (not necessarily, in that order)

- Bruno Lima and Karina Ávila

Texto Brasileiro



In Peruíbe, the first named 'Bird City' in Brazil, tradition is tradition: we meet at Cetas Juréia–Peruíbe, the wildlife rescue and release centre maintained by the Ambiecco Institute, to start the Wader Conservation World Watch in the most enjoyable way: a collective breakfast, good conversation, and, of course, wader watching.

But destiny had other plans!

Before even taking the first bite of cake, an observant friend, who was doing WCWW on a beach in the neighbouring municipality, sent news: a large flock of waders was flying towards Peruíbe! We didn't think twice! In an admirable display of democracy, we collectively decided to turn breakfast into a strategic fast and ran to the beach!

And we were glad we did! We soon found gems of the day like American Golden Plovers and Sanderlings, shining on the strand. The hours passed, the sun rose, the beach filled with tourists and dogs, and our stomachs felt increasingly empty (the classic script of a successful WCWW!)

In common with the entire coastline, the waders now moved away from the crowds and sought quieter refuges.

Our group had already walked a good distance, and we were satisfied with the list... until a new difficult question arose: should we return to



Scanning for 'gems' on Peruíbe beach - Thiago Nascimento



Identifying what we has seen - Thiago Nascimento

Cetas and attack the cakes, savoury snacks, fruits and sweets that awaited us or continue following the birds to the quieter corners?

I think you already know the answer! [It might have been different if I had been there – Ed.]

We headed towards the hidden inland lagoons among the dunes: places where tourists don't go, vehicles don't enter and peace reigns. There, with the wind in the dunes and our stomachs rumbling, we were rewarded with a large flock of Greater Yellowlegs and a number of Lesser Yellowlegs. A scene that erased any thought of chocolate cake... for a few minutes!

WCWW in Perúibe: fasting, running, and waders - cont'd

Only then did we return for the (already very late) breakfast, which, given the time, could be officially registered as lunch.

The WCWW in Perúibe was, as it always is, a day of joy, friendship, laughter, and a celebration of the people who dedicate themselves to conserving waders. Roll on the next WCWW with the waders that we love so much and, who knows, maybe with breakfast before the birds this time!

Right; Finally tucking into a well-earned breakfast, or should that be lunch? - Thiago Nascimento

Below; the Perúibe beach team (minus Márcio Ribeiro who is not in the team photo) - Thiago Nascimento

Bottom; Greater (centre) and Lesser Yellowlegs - Elis Simpson



The Jewel of the Count: Finding a Rare Shorebird on the 2025 Wader Conservation World Watch- Jackie Cestero



Wilson's Snipe Island Harbour Ball Field. All photos - Jackie Cestero

On November 1st and 2nd, I participated in the 2025 Wader Conservation World Watch, conducting bird counts on Anguilla's wetlands and beaches.

Straight out of the gate on Saturday morning, I found a rare jewel on the Island Harbour Ball Field. Tucked into the grasses of the shallow seasonal pond, the figure of a crouching bird with an extremely long bill stood out.

The long bill conjures up initial thoughts of a dowitcher. However, once the bird turned around and displayed its dramatic feather pattern, it was clearly a Snipe. Another key identifier was the slight bobbing motion the individual made while at rest. (The bobbing behaviour is seen in the video at the end of this post.)

While the literature lists this species as a regular visitor to Anguilla from August to March, I have only seen three individuals over the many years I have birded here. For some reason, it is the only time I have recorded it in eBird.

The lack of sightings is reflected in their elusive behavior as described by Birds of the World:

"This is an elusive species; the usual view of a Wilson's Snipe is as it flushes from grass or sedges, escaping in rapid, zigzag flight while uttering a rasping scribe."



Wilson's Snipe Initial View at the Island Harbour Ball Field



Wilson's Snipe Island Harbour Ball Field

Most of Anguilla's salt ponds provide great cover for this type of bird. The small footprint and proximity to the road of this wetland offered the perfect opportunity to observe this beautiful bird.

The heavy rains of the last several weeks have filled our salt ponds to the brim, making it difficult for small sandpipers to forage. The few birds I counted were clinging to edges or mounds of mud.

Meanwhile, the long-legged waders were finding plenty to eat and making their way skillfully through the deeper water.

Jewell of the count - cont'd

On November 2nd, I made an early trip to Cove Bay in search of plovers. The morning didn't disappoint when three Semipalmated Plovers greeted me on arrival. Further down the beach, a large number of Snowy Plovers were settled into the sand, enjoying a stunning sunrise over the bay.



Least Sandpipers East End Pond



Hudsonian Whimbrel East End Pond



Snowy Plovers settled into the sand

I visited Cove Bay with an ulterior motive, however. Since 2020, this location has been a recognized gathering spot for several shorebird species. The Piping Plover is one such bird I was hoping to find.



Snowy Plover on the Dunes of Cove Bay



Piping Plover Cove Bay



Piping and Snowy Plovers Cove Bay

Since 2020, between one and three individuals have been known to consistently enjoy spending the winter at this site among the flock of Snowy Plovers.

Birds of the World tells us how important it is to see and record this species:

"The Piping Plover is a threatened and endangered shorebird that inhabits wide, open beaches, alkali flats, and sandflats of North America. It breeds primarily along the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to eastern Canada and the French Islands of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, inland along rivers and wetlands of the northern Great Plains from Nebraska to the southern Prairie Provinces, and along portions of the western Great Lakes in the U.S. and western Ontario. In winter, most individuals are found on coastal beaches, sandflats, and mudflats from the Carolinas to Yucatan; some scatter through the Bahamas and West Indies."

Piping Plover conservation in the U.S. involves extensive recovery efforts like organizing recovery teams and local actions such as closing beaches to protect nesting sites, building predator exclosures, and managing predators like merlins. A banding system is incorporated into many of the programs to help identify birds and monitor their breeding populations. Thus far, none of the individuals who have visited Anguilla has been banded, leaving their breeding sites a mystery.

You might wonder how I know that a Piping is even present among a crowd of similar-looking birds. Identification can be difficult, especially when the birds are roosting in the sand or in a divot.

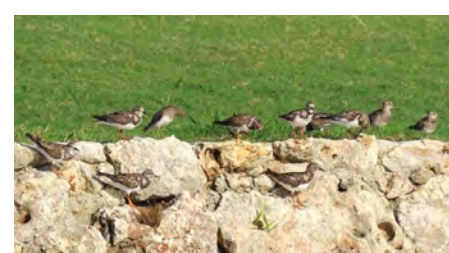
The photograph above left illustrates the dilemma. Both birds are crouching, and their legs are not visible. At



Snowy (L) & Piping (R) Plover Comparison photo



Piping Plover Cove Bay



Ruddy Turnstones and Pectoral Sandpipers Merrywing Pond Aurora Property

first glance at the photo, the Snowy Plover in the foreground appears smaller than the bird behind it. The bird in the background, a Piping Plover, has a shorter, thicker bill than the Snowy Plover in the foreground.

When they stand up and show off their legs, the final tell is revealed. Those orange legs are the final definitive marker of a Piping Plover.

While many of the sites in the west end didn't provide the volume or variety of waders one would hope for during this type of count, the trip to Cove Bay provided three species, including this beauty.

During the counting period, I identified 45 species, 21 of which are considered waders or shorebirds. A few species, like the Wilson's Plover and American Oystercatcher, chose not to make an appearance. I assume they were in some of the coastal areas that I was unable to access. The Snipe was the real gem of the weekend.

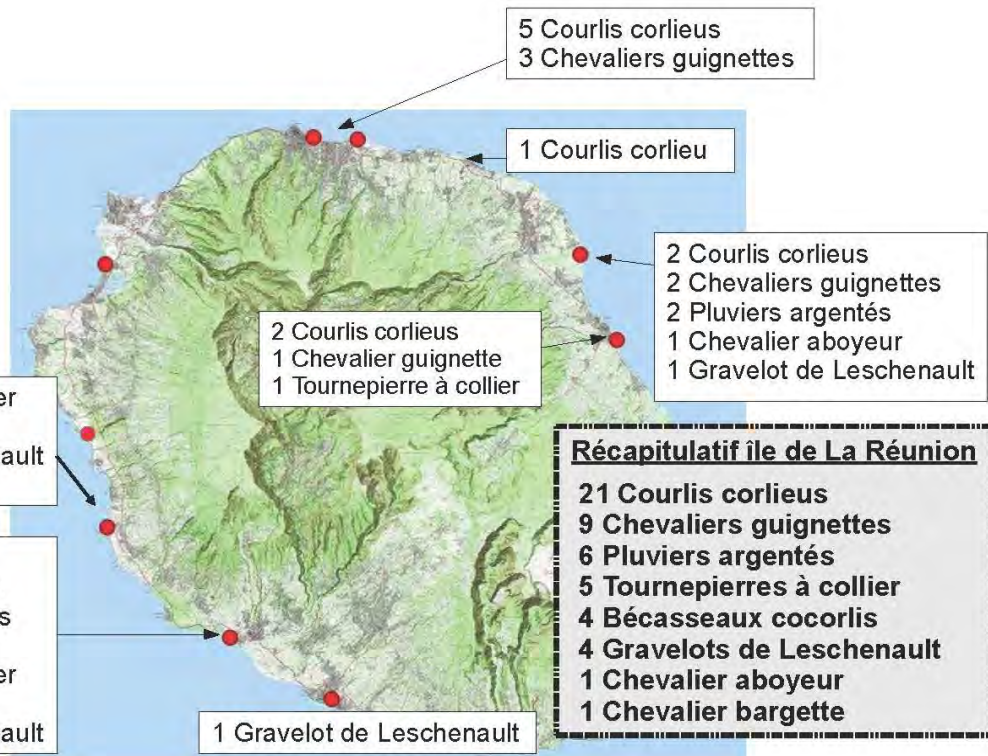
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Report of waders seen on Réunion Island

- Jean-François Cornuaille



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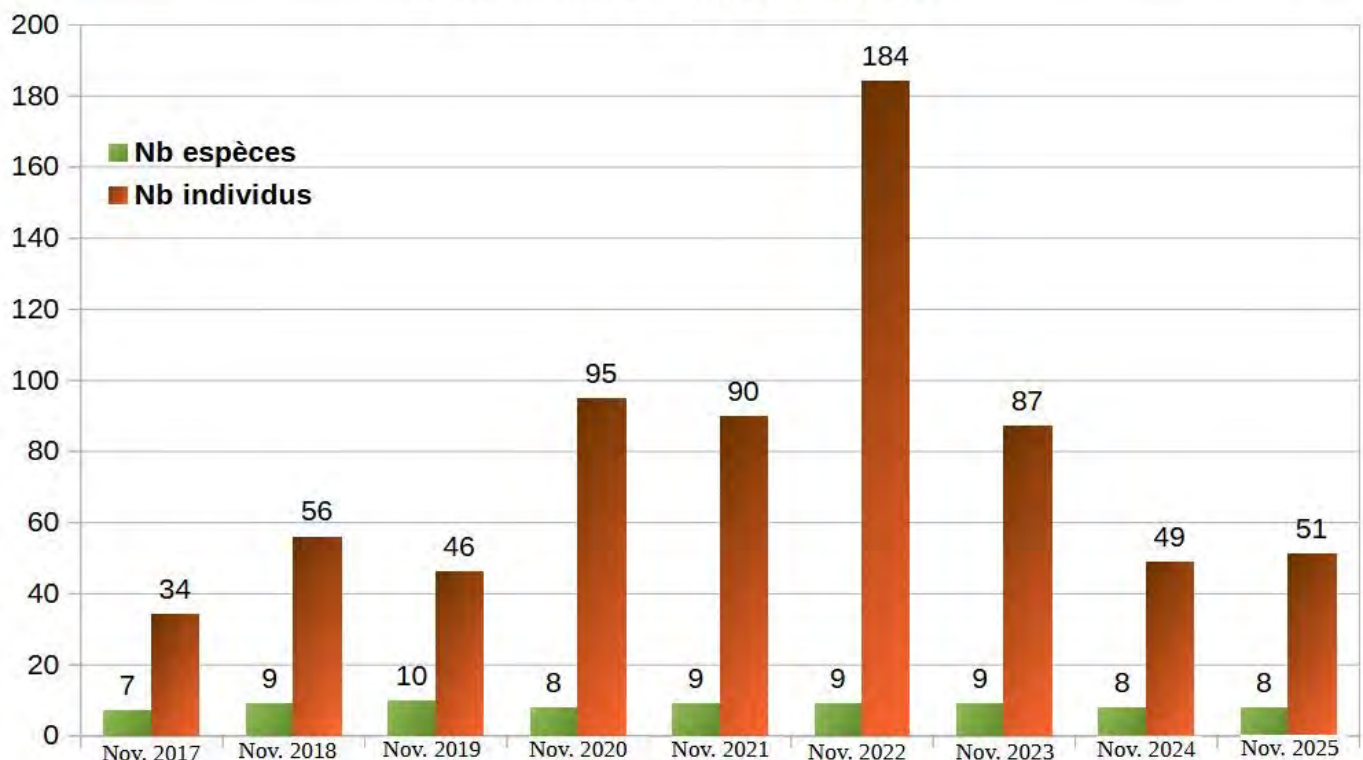


Photo Gallery



Lesser Yellowlegs - Allan Clé Porto



White-rumped Sandpiper - Allan Clé Porto



Spotted Sandpiper - Angelica Aguas



White-rumped Sandpiper - Allan Clé Porto



Southern Lapwing chick - Bruno Neri



Southern Lapwing with chick - Bruno Neri



Semipalmated Plovers - Bruno Neri

Photo Gallery



Buff-breasted Sandpiper - Bruno Neri



Lesser Yellowlegs - Bruno Neri



American Oystercatchers - Bruno Neri



Semipalmated Sandpiper - Bruno Neri



Sanderling - Bruno Neri



South American Snipe - Bruno Neri

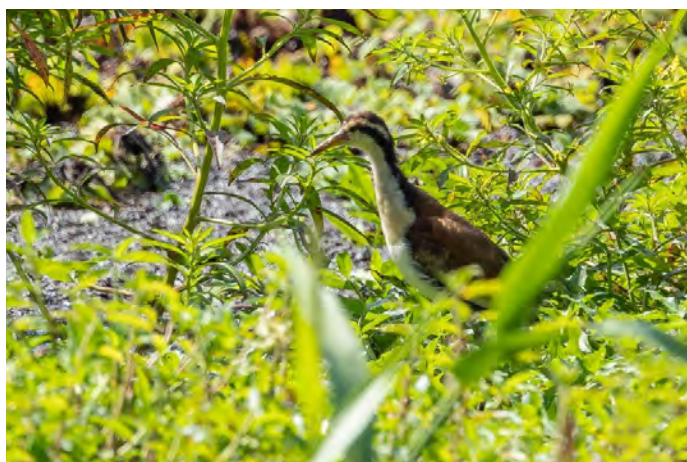


Sanderlings - Bruno Neri

Photo Gallery



Southern Lapwing - Carlos Eduardo Quaresma



Juvenile Wattled Jacana - Clarisse Odebrecht



Southern Lapwing - Clio Barbosa Ribeiro



Spotted Sandpiper - COA Santos



American Oystercatcher - COA Santos



Sanderling with Semipalmated Plovers - Diego Dos Anjos Souza



Lesser Yellowlegs - Marcio Carvalho

Photo Gallery



Sanderling - João Farah



Wattled Jacana - João Farah



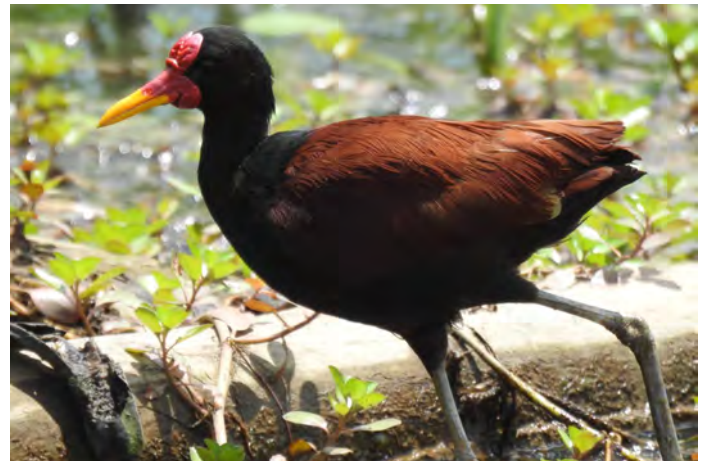
Sanderling & Semipalmated Plover - Marcio Motta



Wattled Jacana Juvenile - Diana Patricia Deaza Curico



Wattled Jacana Juvenile - Francisco Acero & Ligia Gonzalez



Wattled Jacana - Francisco Acero & Ligia Gonzalez



Pied Plover - Associaton Calidris

Photo Gallery



Least Sandpipers - Wilmer Ramirez



Sanderling - Wilmer Ramirez



Spotted Sandpipers - Wilmer Ramirez



Collared Plovers - Wilmer Ramirez



Pied Plover - Wilmer Ramirez



Solitary Sandpiper - Wilmer Ramirez



Least Sandpipers and Sanderling - Wilmer Ramirez

Photo Gallery



American Oystercatcher - Jesús Andrés Altamiranda Pulido



Hudsonian Whimbrel - Jesús Andrés Altamiranda Pulido



Red Knot - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez



Semipalmated Sandpiper - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez



Semipalmated Plover - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez



Red Knots and Willets - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez



Semipalmated Plover - Juanita Aldana-Domínguez

Photo Gallery



American Oystercatcher - Mark Michael Betts Alvear



Willet - Milton César Florez Ayala



Black-necked Stilt - Andrea Hinek



Lesser Yellowlegs - Andrea Hinek



Greater Yellowlegs - Andrea Hinek



Solitary Sandpiper - Andrea Hinek



Sanderling - Jesús Andrés Altamiranda Pulido

Photo Gallery



American Golden Plover - Club de observadores de aves Humboldtii
Alza el Vuelo



Long-billed Dowitchers, Solitary Sandpiper & Black-necked Stilts -
Yoleydi Mejia



Blackish Oystercatcher - Joaquín Calderón



Dunlin - Abd Alati Elsowayeb



Common Redshank - Abd Alati Elsowayeb



Common Greenshank - Abd Alati Elsowayeb



Little Stint - Abd Alati Elsowayeb

Photo Gallery



Terek Sandpiper - Abd Alati Elsayayeb



Common Redshank - Abd Alati Elsayayeb



Dunlin - Abd Alati Elsayayeb



Dunlin - Abdalnasser Eisa



Common Sandpiper - Ishmael Khalifa



Black-winged stilt - Ishmael Khalifa



Wood Sandpiper - Ishmael Khalifa

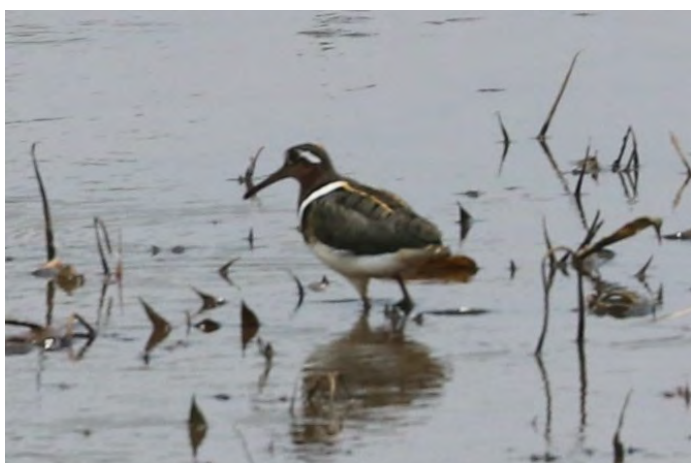
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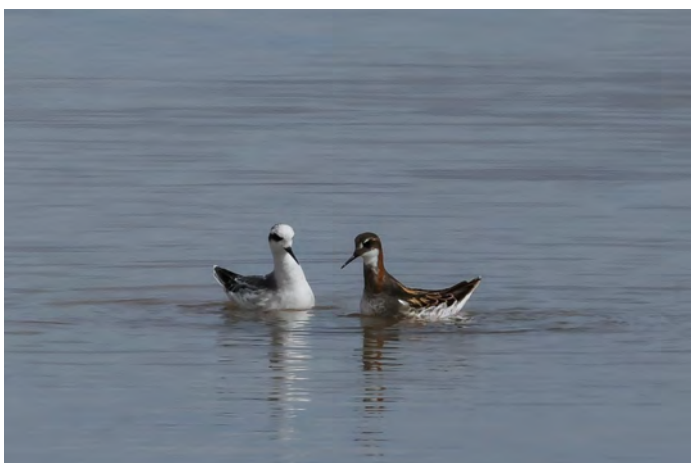
Marsh Sandpiper - Nyreen Roberts



African Wattled Lapwing - Nyreen Roberts



Greater Painted-snipe - Nyreen Roberts



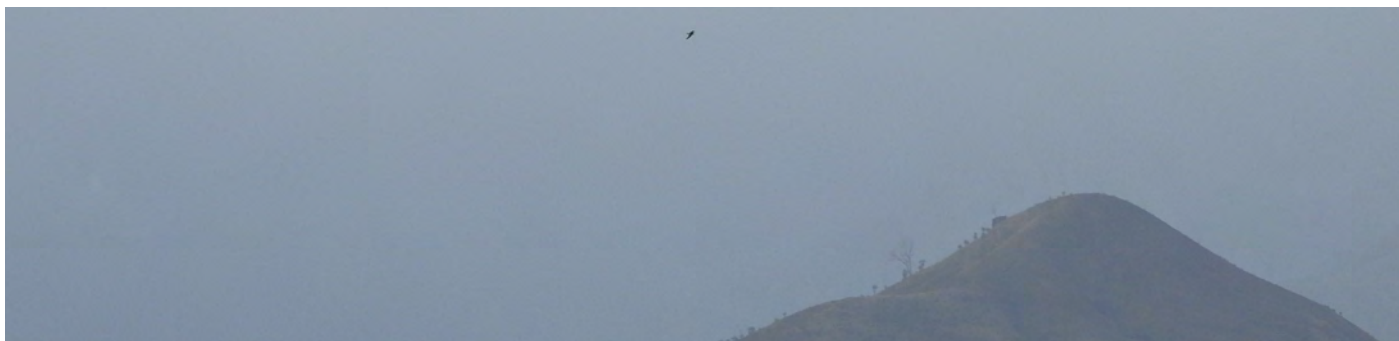
Red-necked Phalaropes - Dean Boshoff



Black-winged Stilt - Dennis Walden



Pied Avocet - Dennis Walden



Madagascar Pratincole (tiny dot top centre) - Aubrey Alamshah

Photo Gallery



Ruffs - Deanne Matthews



African Snipe - Ruth Guinness



Lesser Jacana - Deanne Matthews



Spotted Thick-knees - Sue Oertli



Three-banded Plover - Sue Oertli

Photo Gallery



Blacksmith Lapwing - Dennis Walden



Crowned Lapwing - Dennis Walden



Kittlitz's Plover - Dennis Walden



Water Thick-knee - Dennis Walden



White-fronted Plover - Dennis Walden



African Oystercatcher - Dennis Walden

Photo Gallery



Common Ringed Plover - Regard van Dyk



Baird's Sandpiper - Hernus Langeveldt



Common Ringed Plover - Elis Simpson



European Golden Plovers - Elis Simpson



Common Redshank - Damian Money



Sanderling - Damian Money



Sanderlings - Damian Money

Photo Gallery



Sanderling - David Sanderson



Ruddy Turnstone and Sanderling - David Sanderson



Common Ringed Plover - David Sanderson



Ruddy Turnstones - David Sanderson



Semipalmated Plover - Luis Mendes



Sanderlings - Luis Mendes



Sanderling - Luis Mendes

Photo Gallery



Black Turnstone - Ryan Carle



Ruff and Black-winged Stilt - Derek Etherton



Black-winged Stilt - Gerald Moore



Pacific Golden Plover - Gerald Moore



Wood Sandpiper - Gerald Moore



Common Greenshank - Gerald Moore



Grey-headed and Red-wattled Lapwings - Gerald Moore

Photo Gallery



Little Ringed Plover - Gerald Moore



Grey-headed Lapwing - Gerald Moore



Common Snipes - Gerald Moore



Red-wattled Lapwing - Jens Toettrup



Green Sandpiper - Jens Toettrup



Wood Sandpiper - Jens Toettrup



Spoon-billed Sandpiper and Tibetan Sand Plovers - Peter Ericsson

Photo Gallery



Common Greenshank - Jens Toettrup



Little Ringed Plover - Jens Toettrup



River Lapwing - Jens Toettrup



Marsh Sandpiper - Peter Ericsson



Wood Sandpiper - Peter Ericsson



Common Greenshank - Peter Ericsson



Black-winged Stilts - Pipope & Jarupa Panitchpakdi

Photo Gallery



Spoon-billed Sandpiper - Peter Ericsson



Nordmann's Greenshank - Pipope & Jarupa Panitchpakdi



Black-tailed Godwits & Black-winged Stilt - Pipope & Jarupa Panitchpakdi



Black-tailed Godwits & Black-winged Stilt - Pipope & Jarupa Panitchpakdi



Wood Sandpiper - Prasath Selvaraj



Bronze-winged Jacana with 3 chicks - Prasath Selvaraj



Pheasant-tailed Jacana - Prasath Selvaraj

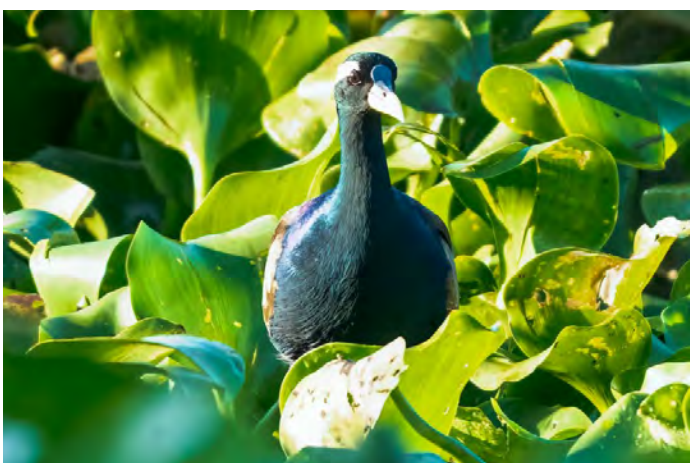
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Bronze-winged Jacana chick - Prasath Selvaraj



Yellow-wattled Lapwings - Prasath Selvaraj



Bronze-winged Jacana - Ravi Jesudas



Common Sandpiper - Ravi Jesudas



Wood Sandpiper - Ravi Jesudas



Red-wattled Lapwing - Ravi Jesudas



Common Sandpiper - Ravi Jesudas

Art Gallery



Wader Conservation World Watch, 2025 by Emma Price

Emma Price has once more graced us with one of her field sketches of the waders she saw on 2nd of November for WCWW 2025. The two species she saw, and illustrated, were Eurasian Oystercatcher and Ruddy Turnstone.

It would be wonderful to have such skills and to be able to create memories of birding days in such an artist, meaningful and personal way. Thank you for sharing this with us again this year Emma. Ed.





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Diademed Sandpiper-plover - Elis Simpson