



Werribee Birdwatchers.

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Sept. 1st. Cherry Lake and mouth of Koroit Creek. A delight day , spring weather and lots of birds.

Oct. 6th. **Salt Works at Point Cook to greet the waders.** Meet Cook Coastal Park at the first car park, where you look out to the aeroplanes at Point Cook, before the turn-off to Spectacle Lake (bird hide). My directions seem to puzzle some but that is as clear as I can be. If in doubt or if you do not have transport from Werribee phone me. We will car pool, Bernie McCarrick will be the lead vehicle. He assures me that much money has been spent up-grading the roads so I do hope we do not need digging equipment this time. I am away until late September. Bring the silhouettes the sheet with you.

October 16th Friday Note additional outing on the Community Bus. Western Treatment plant for those very keen to learn how to identify the waders. Martin Hulzebosch will provide expert tuition. **Do please let me know if you intend to come on this occasion. There are only 15 places available.**

November 3rd. or 10th Belmont Common, Hospital Swamp and Barwon Heads.

Quick Guide to Some Waders of Moreton Bay. I have been able to obtain a copy. The cost was \$4 including postage. I am happy to collect your money and send for the required number of copies. I will do that at the October outing.

Did You Know Many of the migratory waders have coloured leg flag which help those who study them . **Orange** leg-flags are used on the Victorian coast.

Bright Yellow are placed on birds in North west Australia, Roebuck Bay, Eighty Mile Beach and Port Hedland. **Green** flags on those caught in south-east Queensland.

White is the New Zealand colour. **Blue** leg-flags are placed on birds banded in Japan.

It certainly makes the watching of the waders much more exciting when you are able to see the flags and know where they are from. Already this year I have seen a couple of waders with the Orange leg-flags, that means they were tagged last year, have been to Siberia and have now returned.

Did you know A Spotter telescope for watching waders cost about \$430. Try York Optical, opposite Flinders St., Station or Binoculars & Telescopes 119 Burgundy Heidelberg 9459 5033, they also clean and repairs binos.

