

Annual Ashburton Bird Survey 2016

Ashburton River Mouth

Date: November 19th Time: 10am Weather: Fine and Calm

Surveyors. Valerie Sheldon, Rosalie Snoyink and Edith Smith.

Because the River levels were too high for surveyors to wade, a spotter scope survey of the mouth was done from the car park area.

Spotted shag	408
Red billed gull	34
BF tern	13 2 nests.
Black billed gull	740
WF tern	520
SBBG	200 + 35 young
Banded dotterel	1 (several seen at Ashton Beach the following day)
Mallard	3
Canada geese	8 + 21 young

Buicks Bridge to Blowing Point Bridge

Date 19th November. Weather fine. Flow 17 cumecs

Surveyors. Peter Howden, Andy Cox, Nicky Snoyink, Philip Grove, Len Dole, Toni Barlow, Jean Jack, Mark Malcolm(ADC) Lyndon Armishaw.

Buicks Bridge to Paddle Stream:		Paddle Stream to Blowing Point:	Total:
Wrybill	3	0	
Banded Dotterel	233 + 11chicks	14	247
BF tern	75 + 4 chicks	2	79 +4
SBBG	23	0	
Para SD	13	9 + 3 ch	22+3
SIPO	21	12 + 1nest	33
WFHeron	5 ? duplicates	2	
SW plover	19	7 nests	26
Pied stilt	3	2	5
Harrier	1 dead in a trap		