**Table 2. Numbers of riverbed birds counted in 1981, 1995, 2012, and 2014 in the Upper Waimakariri River between the Bealey Bridge and the top of the Gorge (Esk confluence).**

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| **Species** | **1981** | **1995** | **2012** | **2014** |
| Black shag | 1 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| White-faced heron | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Canada goose | 158 | 291 | 434 | 194 |
| Paradise shelduck | 181 | 74 | 25 | 26 |
| Duck spp. | 28 | 23 | 12 | 7 |
| S.I. pied oystercatcher | 22\* | 64 | 36 | 63 |
| Pied stilt | 18 | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| Wrybill | 33 | 58 | 49 | 94 |
| Banded dotterel | 235 | 247 | 332 | 322 |
| Spur-winged plover | 40 | 64 | 20 | 28 |
| Southern black-backed gull | 424 | 465 | 347 | 1003 |
| Black-billed gull | 31 | 185 | 21 | 120 |
| Black-fronted tern | 69 | 303 | 238 | 401 |
| Caspian tern | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total birds** | **1244** | **1788** | **1536** | **2305** |

\* The original figure reported (O’Donnell 1981) was 222 but checking of the section additions indicates a typographical error.