

Application for Membership / Renewal

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Birds Australia
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OBJECTIVES and BENEFITS

The AWSG was formed in 1981. Its objectives are:

- To study wader (shorebird) migration, biometric data, and population statistics at local, national and international levels by a program that includes, counting, leg banding and colour flagging.
- To instigate and encourage other scientific studies of waders such as feeding and breeding studies.
- To communicate the results of these studies to a wide audience through **Stilt** and **Tattler**, other journals, the Internet, the media, conferences and lectures.
- To formulate and promote policies for the conservation of waders and their habitat, and to make this information available to local and national governments and conservation organisations.
- To encourage and promote the involvement of a large band of amateurs, as well as professionals, to achieve these objectives

BENEFITS

Participation as a volunteer, with professionals and other amateurs, in expeditions to achieve the above objectives. These are challenging but enjoyable activities which can be as short as one day or up to 1-2 month long projects and involve a wide variety of skills.

ABOUT BIRDS AUSTRALIA

Birds Australia (RAOU) is Australia's foremost bird conservation organisation and the nation's largest scientific society concerned with wildlife. ABN 87 004 076 475

BA Mission

Birds Australia works to facilitate research, conservation and enjoyment of native birds and their habitats in the Australasian region.

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AWSG Mission

To ensure the future of waders and their habitats through research and conservation programs in Australia and to encourage and assist similar programs in the rest of the East Asian- Australasian Flyway.

Your subscription entitles you to **Stilt**, the twice-yearly journal issued in April and October, as well as our quarterly newsletter **Tattler**.

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Stilt contains research papers, expedition reports, notes on sightings and behavioural observations, reviews and project updates.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership of the AWSG is open to anyone interested in the conservation and research of waders (shorebirds) in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway.

Annual Subscriptions (2007) are:

Australia/New Zealand:	A\$35.00
Elsewhere:	A\$40.00
Institutions:	A\$45.00

Includes GST where applicable.

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PROJECTS

Support The Partnership for the conservation of migratory waders by participating in surveys, training and projects in the East Asian Australasian Flyway.

The **North-West Australian Wader Expeditions** are held annually to band samples of waders and terns in north-west Western Australia, one of the world's most important wader staging and non-breeding areas. Expeditions include a strong international component. Calls for interest in participation are regularly published in **Stilt** and **Tattler**.

The **National Wader Count Program** aims to monitor wader populations by counts at wetland sites over Australia twice a year, in summer and winter. More sites and counters are needed.

The **Hooded Plover Count** Program began in 1980 as a census of this threatened species. It is held bi-annually in south-eastern Australia during the breeding season. Volunteers are sought to count Hooded Plovers, other waders and terns.



Publications. As well as **Stilt** and **Tattler** AWSG publishes reports such as:

Status and Conservation of Shorebirds in the East Asia-Australasian Flyway, edited by Phil Straw (2005), contains papers from the AWSG's conference, in Canberra in 2003.

WHAT IS A WADER?

Waders (or shorebirds) are birds that commonly feed (with a few exceptions) by wading in shallow water or saturated areas along the shores of lakes, rivers and the sea. The majority of waders in Australasia are migratory, breeding in the northern hemisphere in the northern summer and spending most of their non-breeding time in the southern hemisphere in our summer.

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DONATIONS

Donations of time, effort and money are vitally important for our research program. All monetary donations of over A\$2.00 are tax-deductible when paid through the RAOU Research Fund. All officers of the AWSG are unpaid, and our community survey projects are carried out by volunteers. Your participation in our ongoing wetland and wader monitoring programs is encouraged.



BACK ISSUES AND REPORTS

All numbers of **Stilt** are available as back issues. Enquiries should be made to the Secretary. AWSG reports may be purchased from Birds Australia. Please call the BA National Office, or email: info@birdsaustralia.com.au for details regarding prices and availability.



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