**Red knot 2YLBY**

This Red Knot known since banding by the rather unromantic name of 2YLBY was banded at ‘Richard’s Point’ one of the sites on the eastern beaches of the northern shores of Roebuck Bay.

The bird was aged 2 (in its second year of life) at banding. This male’s resighting history shows that he moved from Roebuck Bay to New Zealand between early October 2008 and mid December 2008. This is a regular occurrence for many of the Red Knot that visit Broome on their first southward migration. These birds subsequently become ‘New Zealand birds’ and don’t show up back in Roebuck Bay except a handful of individuals seen on a southward migration stopover as they return to New Zealand as adults. This bird was ‘a regular’ at the mudflats close to Miranda Shorebird Centre and the roosts of Manukau Harbour (just 65km apart for ) 13 sightings over 15 months, he did not migrate to breed in 2009. He did migrate from New Zealand in March 2010 and then turned up back in Roebuck Bay in September 2010 and seems to have decided to make Roebuck Bay his non-breeding area. But who knows where he was in 2011? There is still much to learn about individual birds strategies.

I have edited the summary of sightings below to show the unusual life history described above.

**Summary of sightings (edited)**

**Red Knot**

**Banding 2YLBY**

**16/08/2008 Richards Point, Roebuck Bay, Broome, Australia**

**05251448 (2YLBY) Aged 2 Sex M**

06/10/2008 Stilt Viewing, Roebuck Bay, Broome (-17.98, 122.33) Australia

Chris Hassell

15/12/2008 Kidds, Karaka, South Auckland, North Island (-37.08, 174.83) New Zealand

Ian Southey

01/03/2010 Seagrove, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland (-36.98, 174.83) New Zealand

Tony Habraken

22/09/2010 Quarry Beach, Roebuck Bay, Broome (-18.00, 122.37) Australia

Marcel Klaassen & Susan Taylor

30/11/2012 Bush Point, south Roebuck Bay, near Broome (-18.22, 122.18) Australia

Chris Hassell & Danny Rogers

14/12/2012 Simpson's Beach, Roebuck Bay, Broome (-17.99, 122.21) Australia

Clare Morton