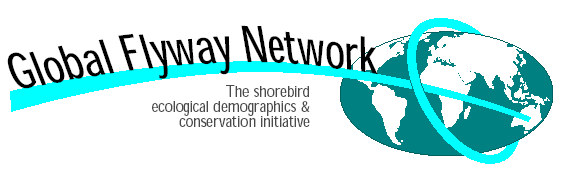


**05/08/2012**



Shorebirds are proving difficult to catch this season particularly knots and godwits for us to colourband. I am not sure why, the birds are not consistent in their roost choice as is usually the case during the dry season. Too much disturbance? Suitable roosting conditions behind the mangroves? And we have had a lot of big tides on weekends, which is always a challenge. What ever the reason the knot and godwit eluded us again. We turned down a catch of 150 knot due to a Red-capped Plover sitting on the net! Frustrating? Yes that would be one way to describe it.

We eventually got a safe catch of mixed small species. It was not surprisingly dominated by 2nd year birds but already a smattering of returned adults. Those retraps included a 9+ Greater Sand Plover, and 8 year old Curlew Sandpiper. The retrap Red-capped Plovers had 5 8+ birds all from the same catch on 07/11/2006.

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| **5/08/2012** |  |  | **AGE IN YEARS** | | |  |  |
| **SPECIES** | **NEW** | **RETRAP** | **1st** | **Known Age 2** | **2+** | **3+** | **TOTAL** |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 11 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 12 |
| Greater Sand Plover | 33 | 4 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 4 | 37 |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Red-capped Plover | 46 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 39 | 54 |
| Red-necked Stint | 48 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 5 | 50 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| **TOTALS** | **149** | **15** | **7** | **95** | **7** | **55** | **164** |