

Catch Report 2019 09 28

Young Daniel is a busy boy this week so we return to my hackneyed reports.

I know you all like the two sentence ones but I have decided to write more this week.

Please put in your own expletives.

The Brahminy Kite cruised along 2 Dog Hermit Beach and then back again and then back again and then back again and then back again and then----

The shorebirds flew away and flew away and flew away and then flew away—

That was the few that were on the beach (now and again).

The thousands of others that had sat relaxedly on 2 DH the day before flew back and forth 800ms off shore and 800ms high. Probably due to a Hobby.

So Daniel and I went and put out the decoys early in the piece.

These added to the juvenile Whimbrel on the beach who had decided to stay put however many times the Brahminy flew back and forth.

In fact when Daniel and I went on the beach it just wandered casually away a few 10's of metres and then wandered back after we had left the beach. And it choose 3m from the net and bang smack in the middle of the catching area as its preferred position.

Brilliant camouflage or dumb youngster?

With some energetic twinkling from Nigel and Merryn we got birds flying off 2DH and in dribs and drabs they started to land in front of the net.

Eventually we had a very nice catch of about 100 mixed birds including about 30 Bar-tailed Godwits (a prime target) and maybe a dozen Eastern Curlew.

3-2-1 FIRE.

Pfffffft.

One cannon didn't go off (yes expletives here).

Astonishingly annoying.

But despite that we still got a very nice, small, mixed catch.

The reason I have chosen to write more this week is to thank the entire team not just from this catch but from the whole season and indeed over many years. 23 years ago Helen joined me on my first catch as a licence holder and she was still there on Sunday. That kind of dedication to the cause is cherished.

And I want to let you all know (which you probably do) that every peg banged in, every cage pushed in, every rush to the net, every band put on and every resight and retrap etc. don't

just lead to these flippant reports they lead to a variety of reports and papers. You can explore the papers thought the GFN or AWSG websites.

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SPECIES	NEW	RETRAP	Age 1 1st Year of Life	Age 2	Age 2+	Age 3+ 3rd year of life or older	TOTAL
Bar-tailed Godwit	7	1	0	1	0	7	8
Curlew Sandpiper	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
Eastern Curlew	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Great Knot	13	1	0	5	0	9	14
Grey-tailed Tattler	6	2	1	3	0	4	8
Red Knot	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ruddy Turnstone	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Whimbrel	9	0	3	2	0	4	9
TOTALS	43	4	4	12	1	30	47

Yours, still a bit annoyed

Chris

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