

WHAT THE DUTCHMAN SAW

I'm really happy I went on your tour. I really enjoyed the birding
but also the stories about the birds!

During the tour we saw: 1. pukeko; 2. welcome swallow; 3. harrier hawk; 4. black-backed gull; 5. red-billed gull; 6. paradise shellduck; 7. Australian shoveler; 8. New Zealand scaup; 9. caspian tern; 10. white-fronted tern; 11. pied stilt; 12. spur-winged plover; 13 banded dotterel; 14. variable oystercatcher; 15. pied oystercatcher; 16. little pied shag; 17. white-faced heron; 18. silvereye; 19. tui; 20. black-fronted dotterel; 21. goldfinch; 22. New Zealand dabchick; 23. fantail (at the dabchicks); 24. ring-necked pheasant; 25. skylark; 26. pied shag; 27. song thrush; 28. yellowhammer (at the fernbird location); 29. house sparrow; 30. mallard duck; common starling; 31. black swan; 32. black bird. 33.canada goose; domestic goose; 34. feral pigeon; 35 california quail; 36. grey warbler (I just noticed it wasn't on the list which you gave me). we also saw the New Zealand dotterel.37.

And after your tour I was able to find: 38. grey teal; 39. little black shag; 40. greenfinch; 41. chaffinch; 42. brown teal; 43. spoonbill.

So during your tour we got to an amazing number of 37 species and after that, I was able to find 6 more! - 43 in all.

Johnny Rommens [Netherlands]



Some of the photographs taken on the tour
by Johnny Rommens

Some of the Waikanae birds that the Dutchman didn't see !



Bar-tailed Godwit
 Red-necked Stint
 with Wrybill
 Turnstone
 Cattle Egret
 Australian Bittern
 White Heron
 Whimbrel

Redpole, Fernbird
 Kingfisher, Cuckoo
 banded Dotterel chick.
 wrybill

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Waikanae the Wild-bird Capital of New-Zealand

Hits last month—Forty seven Thousand & eighty five.

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