



Bird Surveys – Your Help Wanted

The Department of Conservation is setting up a number of long term schemes aimed at determining the status and distribution of a number of bird species.

Four species being targeted at present are scaup, falcon, kea and kaka. If in your travels you sight these birds, the Department would like to hear about it. Information you send in should include:

- a good description of the location (map reference is preferable but not necessary)
- altitude
- date and time
- number of birds
- repeat sightings

Some birds may be banded. If so, information about the colours or arrangements of these bands would be useful.

Information on the scaup and falcon should be sent to Nina Swift, Science and Research Directorate, Department of Conservation, P O Box 10-420, Wellington. Information on the kea and kaka should be sent to Michael Wakelin at the same address.

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