

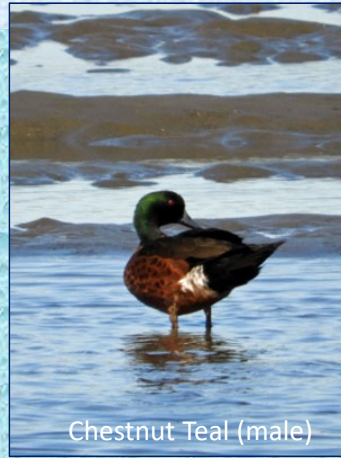
Birds of Hays Inlet: The intertidal flats



Black-winged Stilt



Bar-tailed Godwit



Chestnut Teal (male)



Chestnut Teal (females)



Royal Spoonbill



Eastern Curlew



Forest Kingfisher



Pied Cormorant



Striated Heron



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper



Red-necked Stint



Pied Oystercatcher

The intertidal flats of Moreton Bay and Hays Inlet provide rich feeding grounds for a number of wading birds. They include permanent residents like the Stilt, the Pied Oystercatcher and the Striated Heron as well as international visitors like the Eastern Curlew, Sandpipers, Red necked Stints and the Bar-tailed Godwit.

The visiting migratory birds spend the summer in Moreton Bay and then head to Northern Asia including Siberia for the Northern Summer and their breeding season during our winter months. A number of these migratory birds are threatened, especially the Eastern Curlew, due to development of their feeding grounds in Australia and along their migratory route. It would be a shame if our tidal flats no longer resonated with the mournful cry of the Eastern Curlew.