



Nelson Tasman branch News, February 2026

Next meeting: Wednesday February 11, at 7.30pm. Tahunanui School Hall, 69 Muritai Street, Tahunanui.

Speaker Leah Foster who looks after the rehabilitation of native birds at Natureland.

Branch Projects

- Pearl Creek plant care on 14 February, 9.0am. Park at the end of Cotteril Road. All volunteers welcome. Enquiries: nelsontasman.branch@forestandbird.org.nz
- Paremata plant care continues monthly. Next session Sunday 8 February. For sharing transport please contact: nelsontasman.branch@forestandbird.org.nz
- Contact for Paremata trapping is Moira – moiratilling@gmail.com

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Mel, is based in Atawhai and has a DOC permit to rehabilitate native birds, including penguins. nz.wildlife.rehab@gmail.com

Denniston Plateau

National Weekends of Action to save the Denniston Plateau will be held on weekends of February 14/15 and March 14/15. More information at the next meeting.

Golden Bay News

Plans to improve habitat for coastal birds on Bird Island will include the planting of another 150 spinifex and 150 pingao this coming Autumn. This work is the continuation of a very successful planting programme we undertook in Autumn 2025. A grant of \$20,000 from the Rata Foundation made it possible to spray marram grass enlarging the nesting and roosting space for shorebirds and seabirds at this site. On a last visit to Bird Island (January 8) we were treated to the sight of 1000 Bar-tailed godwits.

On a more negative note, we have suffered a lot of joyriding on the beaches over the summer. Motorcycles racing up and down disturbing feeding birds as well as people trying to enjoy the quiet, quad bikes driving through nesting sites etc. It is disappointing. We would like to encourage Forest and Bird members to lodge similar incidents with Tasman District Council via info@tasman.govt.nz We think there is a need for a Vehicle on Beaches By-Law.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ForestBirdNelson>

Link to website

<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/branches/nelson-tasman>



Why is there any need to take a vehicle onto a beach where birds make their home?

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