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Surveys in Northern Bohai Bay from November 2003 to December 2004 recorded 36 species of shorebirds, of which 32 species were migrants, three occurred during both the migration period and the northern winter, and one occurred during migration and also bred in the study area. Our survey not only proved Bohai Bay to be an important stopover site for Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*, Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*, and Dunlin *Calidris alpina* but also showed for the first time that the study area is important for these species during the winter. The maximum wintering numbers of Eurasian Curlew (1,700) and Grey Plover (1,420) exceed respectively 5% and 1% of their estimated East Asian-Australasian shorebird flyway populations. It is therefore important to protect the coastal wetlands in Northern Bohai Bay for the conservation of these species. We suggest that more surveys of shorebirds should be conducted to inform on the winter distribution of shorebirds in the other parts of Bohai Bay.

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A comprehensive wader census was conducted from February to April 2005 in Char Kukri Mukri, an island off the central coast of Bangladesh. A total of 46 species of waders (39 migratory, 7 resident) was recorded during the survey. Little Ringed Plover and Kentish Plover contributed over 80% of birds counted. Numbers of all migratory species declined over the period of the survey and there was evidence of the use of the island as a staging site by several species.

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Mid-winter population counts of shorebirds were conducted along the beach from Cox's Bazar to Teknaf in December 2005 and January 2006. In December, 575 individuals from 25 species were counted with 90 unidentified; in January 680 birds from 27 species were counted with 45 unidentified. This represents a massive reduction in numbers over the last 10 to 15 years. Reasons for the decline are examined.

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TAYLOR, SUSAN & CLIVE MINTON. 2006. **A census of the breeding population of Pied Oystercatchers *Haematopus longirostris* in Corner Inlet, Victoria.** *Stilt* 49: 41-43. (Department of Sustainability & Environment, 310 Commercial Road, Yarram, Vic. 3971, Australia; EM: [susan.taylor@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.taylor@dse.vic.gov.au))

A survey of breeding Pied Oystercatchers in Corner Inlet in south-east Victoria indicated that numbers may have increased since the previously less comprehensive census in 1996. The 446 pairs represent 15% of the estimated Australian breeding population. There was a strong preference for breeding on fox-free islands. An additional 286 Pied and 160 Sooty Oystercatchers were counted in non-breeding flocks during the survey.

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