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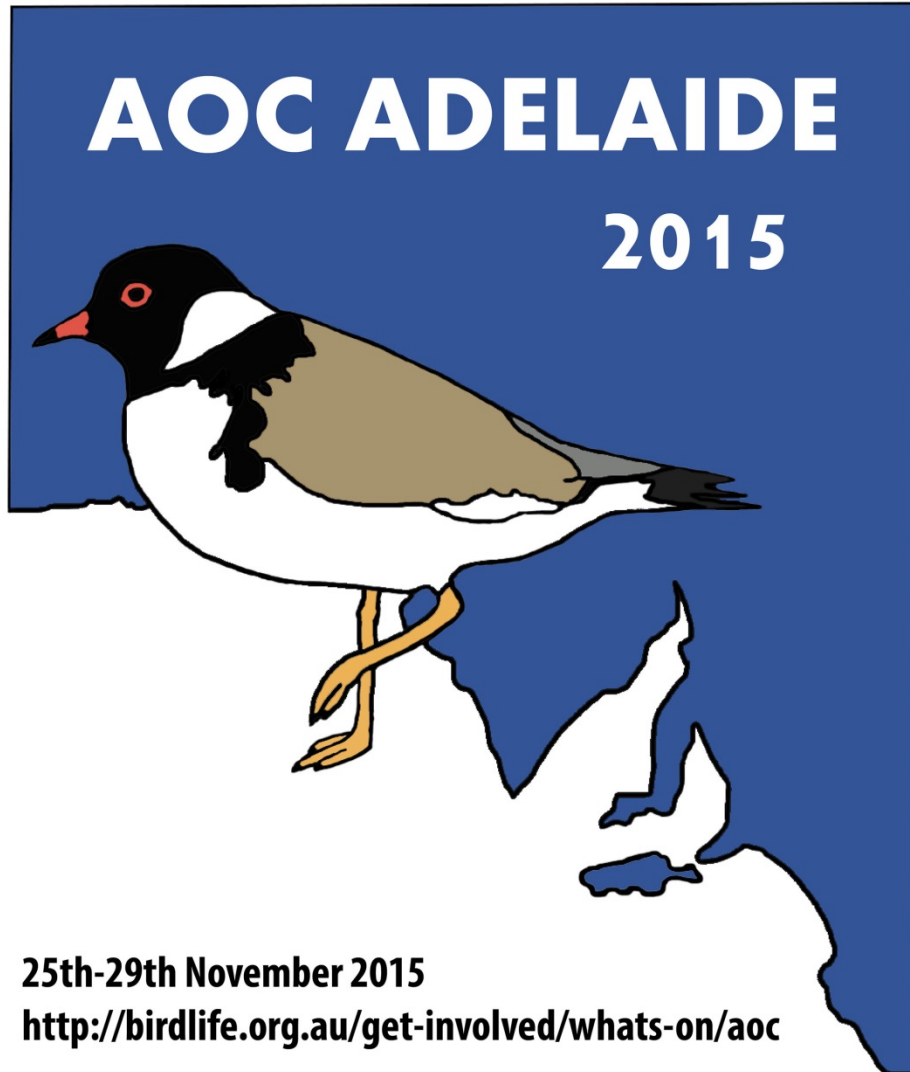
***Taking Australasian ornithology to the world: Australian Field Ornithology goes online from 2016.***

The world of print and publishing is changing. The desire to access information immediately and from around the globe means that a strong online presence is essential. Australian Field Ornithology is a peer-reviewed journal publishing articles on the ecology and natural history of the birds of Australia and its Territories, Wallacea, New Guinea and Melanesia. It has been published continuously since 1959 (previously as The Australian Bird Watcher), and in recent years it has seen a number of important changes: a new, experienced and expanded group of subject editors, a renewal of the Editorial Board, and expanded geographic scope, along with an increasing number of submissions. In 2016, Australian Field Ornithology will become primarily an online journal. The journal will continue to be distributed to universities and other research institutions via Informit and a digital distribution 'agent' for international institutions. Access online will become free to all 12,000 BirdLife Australia members. Two years after publication, articles will also become 'open access', available for download to anyone, anywhere in the world. These access arrangements will ensure that the journal maintains its relevance to the scientific community, the BirdLife Australia community and all other interested parties. Here we outline the key advantages to going online, including dramatically increased readership for articles, more rapid publication times and greater flexibility in publishing (such as relevant colour photographs). These changes will ensure Australian Field Ornithology as the place for publishing articles on the ecology and natural history of the birds of the Australasian region.

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