



NON-FICTION



E3 Call Home

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Target age 7+

This is the true story of two godwits, E3 and E7. In 2007 they were tagged with satellite transmitters by scientists who wanted to know where they flew when they left New Zealand each autumn. E7 became famous with her photo in all the papers. But what happened to E3?



Janet Hunt has had a varied and interesting career, including the following: teacher, journalist/writer, County Councillor, computer publisher, lecturer in computer graphics and design, lecturer in digital media, author, publications editor, graphic designer.

In 2004 Janet won the New Zealand Post Book of the Year with *A Bird in the Hand*, and in 2008, she won the Montana Medal for Non-fiction for *Wetlands of New Zealand*.

Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Visit a bird sanctuary near you. Find out what species live in the sanctuary and if any of them are endangered or do your own bird study by observing what goes on in your own garden, school playground or park. How many species can you identify? What are they eating? Are they living in a community or acting alone?
2. E3 is a Godwit with special features that suit where he lives, eats and how he lives his life. Draw a picture of him and label his features.
3. Invite someone from your local Forest and Bird Society to talk to you about threats to species in your local area.
4. Check out some of the websites listed on page 39 of *E3 Call Home*. What does the Ornithological Society of New Zealand do?
5. Find out the meaning of these special terms to do with birds and bird-watching:

Wading birds	Stilt pools
Plumage	Flyways
Primaries	Secondaries
Habitat	V pattern
Coverts	Platform Terminal Transmitters



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Activity - Birds in Our community

See how many bird species you can find in your neighbourhood.
Name them, photograph them or find a picture of them on the Internet.
Describe their features and habitat.

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