



## NEW ZEALAND FAIRY TERN *Sterna nereis davisae*

Our rarest endemic breeding bird

Circa 40 individuals and 12 breeding pairs (2009)

It has a 39% risk of extinction within 50 years (Ferreira et al 2005)

It ranks in the highest possible threat category for living New Zealand birds, **NATIONALLY CRITICAL**, the same rating as for the Kakapo (Miskelly et al 2008)

Sioux Plowman



Brian Chudley

They nest on just a few North Auckland beaches at the same time of year that most New Zealanders are on holiday and the weather, though warm, is variable.



Dennis Green



John Winters



Sioux Plowman



John Dowding

Peoples activities on beaches, combined with storms, spring tides and introduced mammalian predators are limiting their breeding success.

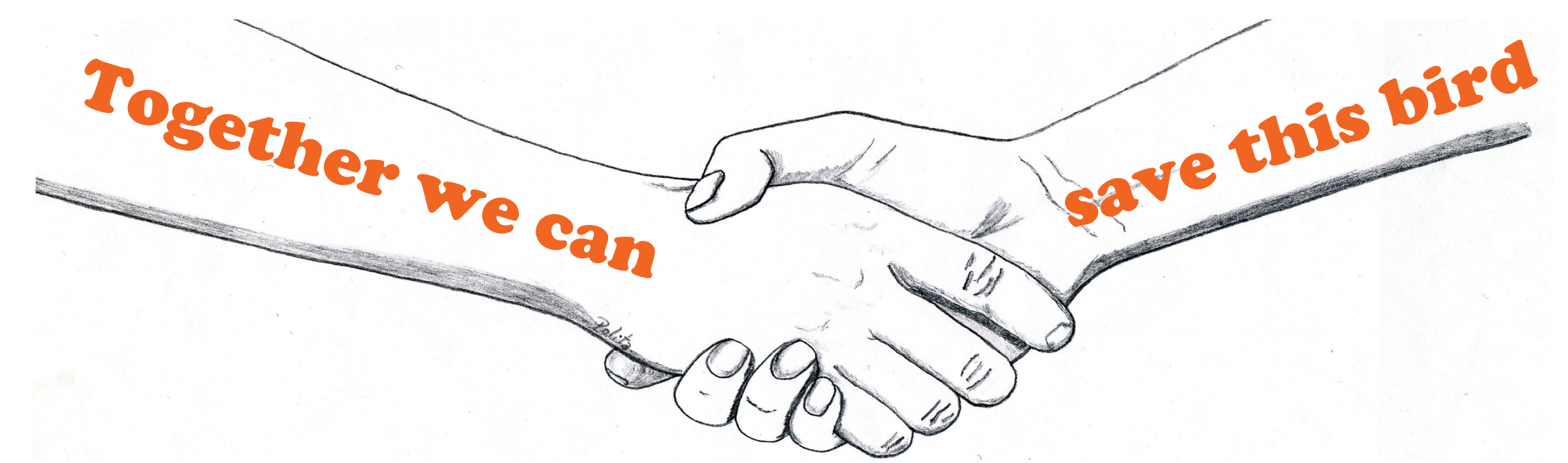
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## PLEASE WHEN NEAR A BREEDING SITE

Respect fenced off areas

Keep dogs, vehicles and horses away

Bury or remove fish scraps to deter black-backed seagulls

Become a Fairy Tern Volunteer by contacting your local DOC office or the NZ Fairy Tern Charitable Trust

The Department of Conservation has been intensively managing this sub-species since 1991, but they cannot save this bird alone, **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**



David Wilson