

BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA RARITIES COMMITTEE (BARC) CASES PERTAINING TO NSW DECIDED IN 2012

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| 645 | American Golden Plover | Shoalhaven Heads | 27 September 2006 | Not Accepted |
| 648 | Semipalmated Plover | Tuross Estuary | 22 May 2010 | Accepted |
| 656 | Red-billed Tropicbird | Lord Howe Island | 6 October 2010 | Accepted |
| 674 | Black Tern | Boat Harbour | 10 March 1990 | Accepted |
| 684 | New Zealand Storm-Petrel | off Ulladulla | 29 March 2010 | Accepted |
| 687 | Great Shearwater | off Sydney | 9 April 2011 | Accepted |
| 688 | South Polar Skua | off Wollongong | 25 October 2009 | Accepted |
| 689 | South Polar Skua | off Sydney | 9 April 2011 | Accepted |
| 690 | South Polar Skua | off Sydney | 23 October 1983 | Accepted |
| 691 | New Zealand Storm-Petrel | off Wollongong | 24 April 2010 | Accepted |
| 692 | Great Shearwater | off Swansea | 21 April 2011 | Accepted |
| 693 | Great Shearwater | off Wollongong | 23 April 2011 | Accepted |
| 694 | Great Shearwater | off Eden | 5 March 2011 | Accepted |
| 708 | Broad-billed Prion | near Ulladulla | 26 July 2011 | Accepted |
| 715 | Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross | off Wollongong | 24 August 1986 | Accepted |
| 721 | Great Shearwater | off Port Stephens | 20 November 2011 | Accepted |

Case 645: This case concerned the reported sighting of an American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* seen and photographed at Shoalhaven Heads. Given the great difficulty of distinguishing this species from Pacific Golden Plover and the fact that the photos did not establish how many primaries projected beyond the tail and the tertials, the record was not accepted even though the committee felt that the bird was probably an American Golden Plover.

Case 648: A Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalatus* was seen and photographed at Tuross Heads on May 22, 2010. This is the first confirmed record for Australia to be accepted by BARC. Pattie Parker.

Case 656: A Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaeton aethereus* was seen and photographed by many observers from October 6, 2010 until early December 2010. This is the first confirmed record for Australia. Hank Bower.

Case 674: A Black Tern *Chlidonias nigra* of the American race *surinamensis* was found by Joy Pegler and seen by many observers at Boat Harbour, Kurnell between March 10 and March 19, 1990. This is the third confirmed record for Australia. Alan McBride.

Case 684: A New Zealand Storm-Petrel *Fregetta maoriana* was seen and photographed off Ulladulla on March 29, 2010. Although some plumage characteristics varied from those noted on Hauraki Gulf birds, the committee accepted the record on a second round vote. This is the fourth confirmed record for Australia. Daniel Mantle, Nikolas Haass and Raja Stephenson.

Case 687: A Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* was seen and photographed on a pelagic trip off Sydney on April 9, 2011. This is the sixth confirmed record for Australia. Nikolas Haass, Robert Hynson, David James, Raja Stephenson.

Case 688: An intermediate morph South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki* was seen and photographed on a pelagic trip off Wollongong on October 25, 2009. This is the eleventh confirmed record for Australia. Nikolas Haass, Raja Stephenson.

Case 689: A pale intermediate morph South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki* was seen and photographed on a pelagic trip off Sydney on April 9, 2011. This is the twelfth confirmed record for Australia. Nikolas Haass, Raja Stephenson.

Case 690: A pale phase South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki* was seen and photographed off Sydney Heads on October 22, 1983 and belatedly submitted to BARC based on the photographs. This is the thirteenth confirmed record for Australia. David James, Alan McBride.

Case 691: A New Zealand Storm-Petrel *Fregetta maoriana* was seen and photographed on a pelagic trip off Wollongong on April 24, 2010. The plumage characteristics of this individual were entirely consistent with the birds seen in the Hauraki Gulf. This is the second record to be accepted for Australia. Nikolas Haass.

Case 692: A Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* was seen and photographed off Swansea on April 21, 2011. This is the seventh confirmed record for Australia. Mick Roderick.

Case 693: A Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* was captured and banded by SOSSA off Wollongong on April 23, 2011. This is the eighth confirmed record for Australia. Lindsay Smith, Raja Stephenson, Nikolas Haass.

Case 694: A Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* was seen and photographed off Eden on March 5, 2011. This is the ninth confirmed record for Australia. Daniel Mantle.

Case 708: A Broad-billed Prion *Pachyptila vittata* was found beach-cast at Racecourse Beach, Ulladulla on July 26, 2011. This is the sixth record to be confirmed by BARC for Australia. Bob Rusk.

Case 715: With the IOC recognising Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross and Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross as individual species, a published account by Reid & Carter (1988) of an Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* off Wollongong on August 24, 1986 was submitted to BARC. This is the first confirmed record for Australia although other historical sightings are still to be assessed. Mike Carter.

Case 721: A Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* was seen and photographed off Port Stephens on November 20, 2011. This is the eleventh confirmed record for Australia. Mick Roderick, Steve Roderick, Allan Richardson.