

NSW ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (ORAC)

REVIEW LIST

(Revised January 26, 2019)

The following list comprises birds that are considered rare in NSW based on reported observations over a preceding ten year period to a maximum average of 1.5 records per year. NSW ORAC encourages anyone sighting these species to take comprehensive notes, photographs where possible and to supply substantiation by other observers where appropriate. Details of the sighting should be forwarded to the Secretary of NSW ORAC by way of an Unusual Record Report (URR) Form available electronically from the Secretary, Roger McGovern, at roglou@bigpond.net.au or by mail via 1/67 Cremorne Road, Cremorne NSW 2090.

This list does not include any of those species on the Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee (BARC) Review List. In order to maintain consistency with the BARC Review List, the NSW ORAC Review List taxonomy is based on the IOC Checklist v8.2

Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i> (1)
Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> (9)
Green Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
Fiordland Penguin	<i>Eudyptes pachyrhynchus</i>
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>
Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebetria fusca</i>
Light-mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>
Salvin's Albatross	<i>Thalassarche salvini</i>
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>
Salvin's Prion	<i>Pachyptila salvini</i>
Kerguelen Petrel	<i>Aphrodroma brevirostris</i>

Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>
Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>
Mottled Petrel	<i>Pterodroma inexpectata</i>
Black-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i> (2)
Cook's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma cookii</i>
Grey Petrel	<i>Procellaria cinerea</i>
Little Shearwater	<i>Puffinus assimilis</i> (2)
Grey-backed Storm Petrel	<i>Garrodia nereis</i> (10)
Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>
Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>
Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>
Black-faced Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscescens</i> (3)
Red Goshawk	<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>
Red-backed Buttonquail	<i>Turnix maculosus</i> (12)
Black-breasted Buttonquail	<i>Turnix melanogaster</i>
Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>
Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
Fairy Tern	<i>Sternula nereis</i> (4)
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougalli</i>
Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
South Polar Skua	<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i> (11)

Flock Bronzewing	<i>Phaps histrionica</i> (5)
Squatter Pigeon	<i>Geophaps scripta</i>
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>
Elegant Parrot	<i>Neophema elegans</i>
Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>
Scarlet-chested Parrot	<i>Neophema splendida</i>
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>
Australian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus terraereginae</i>
Eyrean Grasswren	<i>Amytornis goyderi</i>
Thick-billed Grasswren	<i>Amytornis modestus</i> (6)
Purple-gaped Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus cratitius</i>
Black-eared Miner	<i>Manorina melanotis</i>
Banded Honeyeater	<i>Cissomela pectoralis</i>
Dusky Honeyeater	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>
Banded Whiteface	<i>Aphelocephala nigrincincta</i>
Red-lored Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufogularis</i> (7)
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
Pink Robin	<i>Petroica rodinogaster</i> (8)
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Canary White-eye	<i>Zosterops luteus</i>
Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i> (2)
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
Painted Finch	<i>Emblema pictum</i>
Black-throated Finch	<i>Poephila cincta</i>

NOTES:

- 1) except for the known population in the Barham region
- 2) except for Lord Howe Island
- 3) except for the far South Coast
- 4) except south of Sydney
- 5) except for the Upper and Lower far western region of NSW
- 6) except for the known population near Packsaddle
- 7) except for Yathong, Nombinnie and Round Hill
- 8) except for the far South Coast and the Southern Highlands
- 9) except within 100km from the Queensland border
- 10) except for sightings south of Ulladulla
- 11) pale and intermediate morphs only – dark morph subject to review by BARC
- 12) except for sightings north of the Clarence River

COMMENTS ON THIS REVISION:

- Common Gull-billed Tern has been removed from the list due to the number of records since being added to the NSW ORAC Review List
- Cook's Petrel has been added to the list since being removed from the BARC Review List on July 17, 2018
- South Polar Skua (pale and intermediate morphs) has been added to the list on August 31, 2018 and BARC will continue to review dark morph South Polar Skua
- Bourke's Parrot has been removed from this list as it is a breeding bird and is regularly reported from the Upper Western region of the State
- qualifier has been applied to Red-backed Buttonquail sightings to the effect that only reports south of the Clarence River will require review by NSW ORAC

