

Hi Tony

I filled out the form, sent it to Martin who then sent me the photos which were added to the form and then sent back to Martin. The photos were taken by Martin when he saw the bird and are dated 1/4/2013. The first date was what was on Birding-aus (can you change Birdline NSW to this) and, as you can see later, Martin corrected it from 2018 to 2013 so I added the comment.

Cheers Chris

Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee Unusual Record Report Form

Full Name: Martin Cachard Prepared by C Brandis, submitted to MC who accepted the submission but gave no commitment to progress it.	Office Use
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Address:	Phone No:
	Fax/Email:

Species Name: Black-tailed Gull	Scientific Name: Larus crassirostris
Date(s) and time(s) of observation:	1/4/2013
How long did you watch the bird(s)?	
First and last date of occurrence:	
Distance to bird:	

<p>Site Location (e.g 3km SE of Wybong Head, Munmorah SRA, NSW)</p> <p><u>Extracts from Birdline NSW after discussions on the 2018 sighting – note first date corrected:</u></p> <p>On 01/04/13, Terry Reis and myself found a lone Black-tailed Gull on the Cairns Esplanade – that individual was a younger immature bird.</p> <p>sorry everybody, but that last record in 2013 in Cairns of a first immature non-br Black-tailed Gull, made by Terry Reis and myself, was not to be found in over a fortnight's time, BUT it actually WAS found on 01/04/2013 !!</p> <p>As far as I am aware, these are the only 2 records of Black-tailed Gull in the Cairns region.</p>

Email to Martin after he sent the photos 12/5/18

Hi Martin

Have a look at this proposed BARC submission and it would be great if you could actually amend and submit it yourself.

Cheers Chris

Martin's reply on 12/5/18

Hi Chris,

I'm sorry for being so tardy with these Black-tailed Gull submissions, and thank you for your patience...

I am very busy with all manner of things at present, but I can assure you that I will get to them in time.

I have no photo's of this year's bird (1), but I have lots of the bird from 01/04/2013 - I've attached just some herewith for you to have a look at. It was about 80mtrs away for most of the time, but I still managed some pretty good shots, and I reckon it's a 2nd immature bird...

may I ask you who is on the current BARC committee??

I could do a submission for the Oriental Reed-Warbler that I found earlier this year too - what do you think?

I know there's not many BARC confirmed records for the Oz mainland, but I've got no doubt at all that this species is massively under recorded, and under reported too!

also, are you aware of anyone up here preparing a submission for the visiting japonensis/tundrius Peregrine that's been 'wintering' here in the Cairns CBD every Austral summer since 2014/15 - 2017/18??

it appears NOT to be a calidus because the hood is too black-ish, and the teardrop is too squared-off and parallel-sided...

cheers,

martin cachard

trinity beach, cairns, FNQ

Note (1) a submission for this years bird was considered to be too vague to be accepted but Tony has a copy if required.

I have not received any further correspondence from so I sent him a copy of the submission on 23/6/18 letting him know a submission had been made on his behalf on 21/6/18.

Habitat (describe habitat in which the bird was seen, together with any neighbouring habitats):

Cairns esplanade mud flats.

Sighting conditions (weather, visibility, light conditions etc.):

Good light

Optical aids used:

Photographs taken – see below

To your knowledge, is the species seen frequently at this site?

No

Did you use a field guide? (or any other references for help with identification).

Yes and the internet.

Were other observers present Do any of the other observers disagree with your identification, if so, who? (please give names, addresses and phone numbers)?

How confident are you of your identification?, e.g. 70%, 100%. If not 100%, why not?

100%

Other details: e.g. Do you have historical and or anecdotal information/comments relating to the prior occurrence/status of the species within or near this location? *If more space is needed for any section, please attach with your notes.*

Physical Description of Bird - Please describe only what you saw: (1) No. of individuals present (living or dead); (2) age (adult, juvenile, immature) and sex; (3) size and shape; (4) plumage colour and pattern (including any details of moult); (5) colour of bill, eyes and legs/feet; (6) calls; (7) behaviour, movements, flight pattern, and anything else that might help to identify the bird e.g. feeding, interactions with other birds, describe where the bird was – on ground, in canopy, flying etc. Were comparisons made with other species? *Please also state whether you saw the complete bird or only part of it?* (e.g. upper/lower/front/rear of bird).

See photographs

Other species with which you think it might be confused and how these were eliminated?

Size and long beak with black tip typical of this species.

Was the description written from notes and/or sketches made (tick box):

during the observation or; shortly after the observation or; from memory?

Please indicate supportive evidence available.

Was the bird: photographed, by Martin Cachard





What experience have you had with the species in question? (Did you know it was a Rare bird when you first saw it?)

No experience with this species before this.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please forward all material to:
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