

Submission to Bird Australia Rarities Committee

Submission No. 1011
Species: Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*
Location: Halls Creek, WA
Observation Date: 11 October 2017
Found By: Mark Cavill
Submitted by: David James
Submission Date 6 July 2018

The Record

Mark Cavill, a resident birder at Halls Creek, found a Grey-headed Lapwing at the sewerage works at Halls Creek WA, on 11 October 2017. He announced the sighting that day on the Australian Twitchers Facebook page:

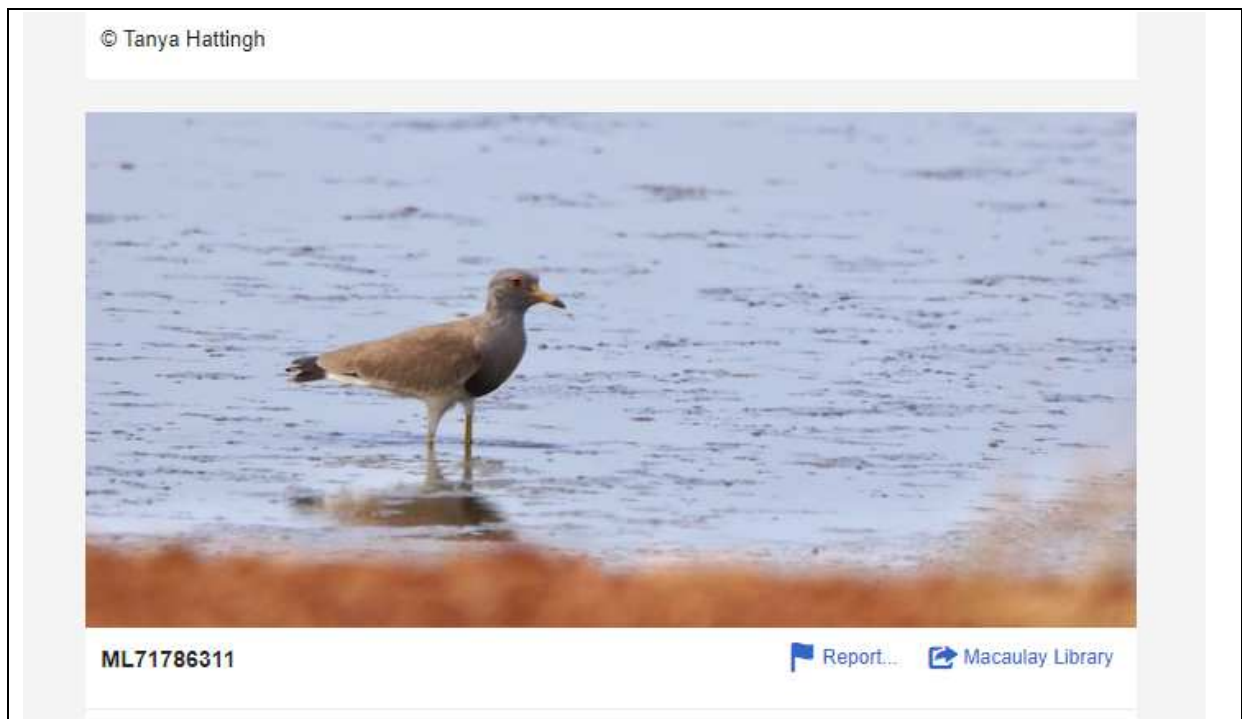


On 12 October Mark Cavill posted the photograph below to the Australian Twitchers Facebook page:



Subsequently, it was seen by multiple observers. I do not know the whole story, but this is a sample:

On 13 October Tanya Hattingh and George Swann twitched the bird and Tanya posted two photos on the EBird checklist <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S39908338>, reproduced below:



Mark Cavill reported it again on 20 October 2017



Mark Cavill
October 20, 2017

Grey headed Lapwing still at the Hall's Creek sewage ponds last night. I am keeping a regular eye on him.

  Kevin Bartram, Ian May and 43 others

8 Comments

The following photograph was taken by Lockie Gilding on 28 October 2017:



The last record on EBird is 21 November 2017, with the posted photo reproduced below.
<https://ebird.org/australia/view/checklist/S40635988>

1 Gray-headed Lapwing

Continuing bird



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Here is a Youtube link to a video of the bird taken on 2 Nov 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZuICNuBoEY>

Here is a blog entry about a sighting of this bird on 24 November 2017.

<http://www.10000birds.com/grey-headed-lapwing-in-australia.htm>

Description

See the images and links above..

Identification

Straight forward.

Ageing

Once again, this is an adult. Juveniles lack the dark breast band.

Status

Two accepted records. See BARC Case 2007 for details of records under consideration.