

BirdLife Australia Rarities Committee

Unusual Record Report Form

This form is intended to aid observers in the preparation of a submission for a major rarity in Australia. (It is not a mandatory requirement) Please complete all sections ensuring that you attach all relevant information including any digital images (email to tonyp@bigpond.net.au or andrew.silcocks@birdlife.org.au). Submissions to BARC should be submitted electronically wherever possible.

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Species Name: Blue Rock Thrush	Scientific Name: <i>Monticola solitarius</i>
Date(s) and time(s) of observation:	02/07/18 time 3.45 pm and 4.15 pm
How long did you watch the bird(s)?	About half an hour
First and last date of occurrence:	
Distance to bird:	About 10 metres

Site Location Onslow waterfront
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Habitat (describe habitat in which the bird was seen): Waterfront area of Onslow in Western Australia First spotted in tree in garden behind beachfront road. Then spotted on rocks on beach
Sighting conditions (weather, visibility, light conditions etc.): Good visibility. Bright but cloudy

To your knowledge, is the species seen frequently at this site? From what we have read. No.
Were other observers present Do any of the other observers disagree with your identification, if so, who? (please give names, addresses and phone numbers)? 2 other observers present. We all agree.
How confident are you of your identification? , e.g. 70%, 100%. If not 100%, why not? 100%
Please confirm that you are willing for BARC to display your images (fully credited with your name) electronically YES or NO..... Yes.

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? *No.*

Only what we have read in Simpson and Day.

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?

The bird in question was perched on a branch close to a pair of White plumed honeyeaters. It was viewed against the light and had a thrush/starling type silhouette. It then flew off and was spotted a short time later on the rocks near the sea.

"Please insert extra page(s) for this section"

Please indicate other species with which you think it might be confused and how these were eliminated?

Starling. Eliminated on seeing the photos.

Was the description written from memory? YES

Were photographs taken? (please include where possible) Yes. All unprocessed images are included.

What experience have you had with the species in question? (Did you know it was a Rare bird when you first saw it?) No.

We have had no previous experience of this bird.

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please email all material





