

**BARC Case 1081**

**Species:** Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica*  
**Location:** West Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, IOT  
**Date:** 22 December 2018  
**Submitted by:** Geof Christie

Also see submissions 1079, 1080, 1082 and 1083.

Dark-sided Flycatcher 2018. Found by Pam Jones and Geof Christie on 22nd December on West Island Cocos.

Warm chest and flank patterns. Thick eye ring at back of eye. Large forehead making head look square. Short bill with yellow gape.

Seen for one morning perched on the side of the main West Island road. It would venture off its perch to collect flying insects just above the grassy mown verge. Photos taken from the car three metres away over three hours.



Thick solid eye ring behind eye. High crown making head look square. Wing tertials and coverts have paler fringes compared to Grey-streaked. Bill smaller than Grey-streaked or Asian Brown. Wings far longer than Asian Brown. Yellow gape unlike Grey-streaked or Asian Brown.



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