

This submission to Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee concerns a Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* recorded in Quibray Bay, Kurnell New South Wales from 14 December 2019 to 16 January 2020. Find attached photographs of the bird.

On 14 December 2019 Mr Bruce Roubin discovered the bird during a shorebird survey of the intertidal sand-flats of Quibray Bay in Towra Point Aquatic Reserve, New South Wales, albeit misidentifying it as a Lesser Sand-Plover *Charadrius mongolus* before 18 December 2019. On 18 December 2019 the author first observed and photographed the bird at Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell New South Wales. Thereafter photographs of the bird were published on Facebook groups 'Australian Bird Identification' and 'Australian Twitchers'. Contributors to those Facebook groups were quick to postulate that the bird was a Kentish Plover and to discount those plover species with which a Kentish Plover might be confused. Moreover the author is not acquainted with anyone who believes or even suspects that the bird is other than a Kentish Plover.

The bird was well observed by many persons during its stay. Characteristics lending to the identification of the bird included a complete white collar, a wingbar that was more prominent than those of the nearby Red-capped Plovers and a bill that was modestly longer and thicker than the bills of those Red-capped Plovers. The bird was invariably located in the company of several Red-capped Plovers.





