

## BirdLife Australia Rarities Committee

### Unusual Record Report Form

This form is intended to aid observers in the preparation of a submission to document a major rare bird in Australia. Its use is NOT mandatory. Please attach and/or include all relevant information including any digital images. Please Email the completed form/submission to the BARC Chair, Tony Palliser [tonyp@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tonyp@bigpond.net.au)

BARC considers submissions that include a minimum of the submitter's name(s), the bird species claimed and the location and date(s) of the record. However, more information and evidence will usually be required for BARC to accept a record. So, please submit as much detailed information about the bird as possible.

If you choose not to use this form please make sure all relevant information requested in this form is included in your submission. However, it is our preference that you fully complete sections "A" and "B", or follow their headings, so that BARC has some continuity between all submissions.

Section A: Submitter details	
Your name(s) Joint submissions are fine	John P Martin, Billy (William) Rodger
Your email, phone or address	

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	Chinstrap Penguin, <i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>
Site location (with GPS if possible)	Macquarie Island, beach near research station 54°30'18.4"S 158°55'57.7"E
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	19 November 2019
How many individuals were there?	One
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	Down to approximately 50 metres
Habitat description	Beach with pebbles on Sub Antarctic Island
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Dry but windy (25-30 knots)
How confident are you in the identification (as a %) and why?	100%, distinctive species
Did you find and/or identify the bird initially? Who else recorded the bird and do they agree with the identification?	See below. John Martin and Billy Rodger found it at almost exactly the same time. Well we thought we had found it but the resident biologists said it had actually been present the previous day on a different beach
What experience have you had with this species?	None (JPM); several thousand, of all age groups, at a colony on South Georgia, April 2019 (WR)
Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	Yes, on Macquarie Island. Two accepted on index of cases.
Have photographs of the bird or discussion of it occurred on the internet? (Please provide the site name, a summary, electronic link, etc.)	Posted photo on Pelagics Seabirds birding worldwide Facebook group Tweeted a photo (as @pilning )

Do you permit BARC to display your images etc. electronically (credited with your name)

Yes

You may choose to delete or ignore this page, but please include as much of the requested information in your submission as possible, especially Sections C and E.

### Section C: Supporting evidence

Please include evidence that supports the identification, such as photographs, video, call recordings, etc. Digital images can be pasted into this document below, at the end, or provided separately. Digital video and sound recordings can be sent separately to this form. Label photos etc or insert captions to make note of relevant features they show. Photos JPM





#### Section D: Description of the bird(s)

Please provide a description of the bird(s) including all identification features recorded. Provide all possible details that might corroborate the identification.

Plumage	Medium sized black and white penguin. Upperparts mainly black including forehead crown nape necksides and all of back to rump and tail. Underparts all white apart from fine black line diagonally down from rear crown meeting under the throat. White encompasses eye and includes lores. Flippers black above and largely white below with darker tips below.
Bare parts	Bill blackish, legs pink, eye dark.
Moult details	No moult evident
Structure and 'jizz'	Chunky upright medium sized penguin with rather stubby bill.
Calls	None heard
Behaviours	Standing alone on beach close to King Penguins
Age, sex and/or taxonomy	Presumed adult– no obvious signs of immaturity

**Section E: Confusion species**

Please indicate other species that the bird(s) might be confused with and how they can be eliminated

None

**Section F: References and aids**

Did you use books, journal articles or on-line sites or pages to help you prepare this submission? Which ones?

Ocean Birds (Howell and Zufelt) was our ID guide on the trip but we knew this species from seeing photos etc previously and in WR's case from seeing many before.

Would you like to acknowledge the assistance of others in the identification process or preparation of this submission?

Yes, we noticed the bird at almost the same time and drew it to the attention of others from the Birding Down Under trip with Heritage Expeditions. Everyone on the trip was able to see it, approximately sixty people. The resident biologists had apparently seen it the day before on the island, we heard indirectly. We are only submitting it in case they don't, on the basis that they said they are fairly regular there (they said 1-2 most years)