



## 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	Jude Law
Your email, phone or address	

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	South Island Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus finschi</i>
Site location (with GPS if possible)	Cudera Creek, NSW, Australia – at creek mouth
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020. Morning I am not aware if it is still there
How many individuals were there?	Definitely one but maybe two I saw another oystercatcher there but I did not look to see if it was a South Island Oystercatcher it could be just a Pied Oystercatcher
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	I was about 15 meters away from it
Habitat description	Sandy flat beach beside creek
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Hot and sunny
How confident are you in the identification (as a %) and why?	Very confident 90% I took a confirmation photo and saw the white pattern on the shoulder that separates it from the Pied Oystercatcher
Did you find and/or identify the bird initially? Who else recorded the bird and do they agree with the identification?	
What experience have you had with this species?	I have not seen South Island Oystercatcher before but seen numerous pied oystercatchers.
Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	I am not aware of it being sighted at that exact location but I have heard that they have been seen at Ballina, NSW in 2017
Have photographs of the bird or discussion of it occurred on the internet? (Please provide the site name, a summary, electronic link, etc.)	I am not aware of any internet activity
Do you permit BARC to display your images	Yes

etc. electronically (credited with your name)	
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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.

### 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	Can be seen in photo
Bare parts	Can be seen in photo
Moult details	none
Structure and 'jizz'	none
Calls	Did not hear any
Behaviours	
Age, sex and/or taxonomy	

### Section E: Confusion species

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

It can be confused with the Pied Oystercatcher which can be eliminated by the white pattern on its shoulder and the white under the South Island Oystercatchers wing.

### 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?	I used the latest edition of the field guide of the birds of Australia to identify the bird. I also read Australian Birdlife September 2017 article on sightings of South Island Oystercatcher
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Would you like to acknowledge the assistance of others in the identification process or preparation of this submission?	No, I identified the bird

