

## 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	Chris Young
Your email, phone or address	<a href="mailto:Chris.young@suez.com">Chris.young@suez.com</a> or christopher.young@zoho.com

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	Red-throated Pipit ( <i>Anthus cervinus</i> )
Site location (with GPS if possible)	26.59521 S, 118.49342 E Common area adjacent to Landor – Meekatharra Rd & Main Street, Meekatharra, Western Australia (Meekatharra Creek Trail)
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	17.53 on 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019 08.00 on 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
How many individuals were there?	1
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	8 – 10m
Habitat description	Well-watered grassed area next to stream. Only wet & green area for some substantial distance given inland arid interior of Western Australia
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Clear – approx. 8am
How confident are you in the identification (as a %) and why?	100% - Adult bird in good light and good substantiating photographs. I have also seen this species once before in similar summer plumage in Europe
Did you find and/or identify the bird initially? Who else recorded the bird and do they agree with the identification?	The bird was encountered initially in fading light by my good friend Aidan Williams at 17.53 on 09/03/2019 who suspected it was a Red-throated Pipit). He was unable to follow up with the sighting the following. I therefore drove up there from Perth on the afternoon of 13/03/2019 and relocated the bird at approx. 8am on 14/03/2019 and was able to confirm Aidan's initial sighting with photographs and good views. Andrew Robinson drove with me to search for the bird and was able to also get good views of the bird.
What experience have you had with this species?	I have encountered this species once previously which was on passage in the UK

Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	No
Have photographs of the bird or discussion of it occurred on the internet? (Please provide the site name, a summary, electronic link, etc.)	I shared my photographs on the WA Bird Sightings email group. I believe that it was subsequently shared on the Twitchers page on Facebook. I have also shared these photos with Jeff Davies for his reference
Do you permit BARC to display your images etc. electronically (credited with your name)	Yes, very happy to share as required

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.

<b>Section C: Supporting evidence</b>
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.
I don't feel that this is necessary given the photographic evidence.  Sexing is quite difficult in this species but I suspect male given the prominence of red tones extending into the supercilium. This is however not 100% diagnostic.

<b>Section D: Description of the bird(s)</b>	
Please provide a description of the bird(s) including all identification features recorded. Provide all possible details that might corroborate the identification.	
Plumage	
Bare parts	
Moult details	
Structure and 'jizz'	
Calls	
Behaviours	
Age, sex and/or taxonomy	

<b>Section E: Confusion species</b>
Please indicate other species that the bird(s) might be confused with and how they can be eliminated

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<b>Section F: References and aids</b>	
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Did you use books, journal articles or on-line sites or pages to help you prepare this submission? Which ones?	
Would you like to acknowledge the assistance of others in the identification process or preparation of this submission?	

