

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

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	Jeff Middleton
Your email, phone or address	

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	White-breasted Ground-dove (<i>Pampusana jobiensis</i>) Alopecoenas jobiensis (following BirdLife Taxonomy)
Site location (with GPS if possible)	Redlynch, Cairns
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	First: 22/3/21 0800 hrs
How many individuals were there?	1
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	3m
Habitat description	Orchard adjacent to riparian lowland closed forest
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Clear, bright daylight
How confident are you in the identification (as a %) and why?	100% because it is very distinctive with iridescent purple-brown wings, tail, head and belly with a thick white eyebrow, dark eyeline and white throat and chest
Did you find and/or identify the bird initially? Who else recorded the bird and do they agree with the identification?	Yes I found the bird initially and looked through the list of PNG Columbiformes till I located the species
What experience have you had with this species?	None previous
Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	I believe it is the first Australian record
Have photographs of the bird or discussion of it occurred on the internet? (Please provide the site name, a summary, electronic link, etc.)	No
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.

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	Iridescent purple-brown mantle, hindneck, scapulars and wing-coverts; throat and breast white; crown and eyeline black; superciliary streak white; bill black
Bare parts	Legs pinkish
Moult details	Unknown
Structure and 'jizz'	Similar to Emerald Dove
Calls	Silent
Behaviours	Feeds on ground on fallen grain, when approached flies up into lower branches of adjacent mango tree
Age, sex and/or taxonomy	Male, mature

Section E: Confusion species

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

There are no other Australian rainforest ground-feeding doves that are similar i.e. Emerald Dove has bronzed-emerald green wings.

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?

<https://birdsoftheworld.org/bow/species/wbgdov1/cur/introduction>
<https://ebird.org/species/wbgdov1>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_birds_of_Papua_New_Guinea#Pigeons_and_doves

Would you like to acknowledge the assistance of others in the identification process or preparation of this submission?	No





