

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	Damien Baxter Others on the tour that also saw the bird include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard 2. Damian 4. Peter Woodall 5. Leith Woodall 6. Ted Wnorowski 7. Alex Wnorowski 8. Ivor Undara 9. Norton Gill 11. Chris Lester 12. Rosemary Lester
Your email, phone or address	

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	Papuan Spine-tailed Swift <i>Mearnsia novaeguineae</i>
Site location (with GPS if possible)	Boigu Island, Queensland (Torres Strait)
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	4 th March 2020
How many individuals were there?	1
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	
Habitat description	
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Seen in a mixed flock with White-throated Needletail, Pacific Swift, House Swift, Uniform Swiftlet and Tree Martin
How confident are you in the identification (as a %) and why?	100%
Did you find and/or identify the bird initially? Who else recorded the bird and do they agree with the identification?	Yes ID was straightforward in this instance

What experience have you had with this species?	
Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	Seen on previous tours 3 times at the same locality. But this is the first to be submitted.
Have photographs of the bird or discussion of it occurred on the internet? (Please provide the site name, a summary, electronic link, etc.)	
Do you permit BARC to display your images etc. electronically (credited with your name)	Need to ask first

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.

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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	
Bare parts	
Moult details	
Structure and 'jizz'	
Calls	
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

The photographs leave no doubt as to the identity.

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?

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