

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	Colin Rogers, Teresa Jack and William Brooker
Your email, phone or address	

Section B: Record details	
Common and scientific names Include subspecies if relevant	White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i> possibly <i>ssp leucopsis</i>
Site location (with GPS if possible)	Price Saltworks, Yorke Peninsula, SA.
Date(s) and time(s) of record (First and last date of occurrence if known)	15 April 2021 4.10 to 4.30 two sightings
How many individuals were there?	one
What was the distance to the bird(s)?	Min 30 m
Habitat description	
Sighting conditions (e.g. weather, visibility, light conditions)	Cloudy with sunny breaks
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, it was feeding near some White-fronted Chats.
What experience have you had with this species?	Colin Rogers has seen several <i>ssp</i> in Europe and Asia. And William Brooker is familiar with the British <i>ssp</i> .
Has this species been seen at this location before? When?	No. No previous records for South Australia
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.

The following photographs clearly show *Motacilla alba* of either the *ssp leucopsis* or *biacaiensis*.



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	Partial breeding
Bare parts	Black bill and dark grey legs
Moult details	May still be moult as some lesser wing coverts are black but the mantle is still grey.
Structure and 'jizz'	Typical Wagtail behaviour when hunting insects
Calls	Several seep-seep calls heard in flight.
Behaviours	Actively hunting insets near samphire bushes on a stony track un the company of White-fronted Chat.
Age, sex and/or taxonomy	Subadult as full adult breeding plumage not acquired. Presence of some black lesser coverts suggest <i>ssp leucopsis</i>

Section E: Confusion species

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

Unlikely to be confused with Willie Wagtail and recognition was immediate once it was realised that it was not a White-fronted Chat!

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?

To establish *ssp* we consulted Pipits & Wagtails of Europe, Asia and North America, Helm Identification Guides and The Australian Bird Guide, CSIRO.

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

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