

BARC CASES PERTAINING TO NSW DECIDED IN 2016

839	Arctic Warbler	Arncliffe, Sydney	June 29, 2011	Not Accepted
876	South Island Oystercatcher	Sydney Harbour	March 1, 2015	Accepted
884	White-rumped Sandpiper	Lake Wollumboola	January 5, 2015	Accepted
890	White-bellied Storm Petrel	off Ulladulla	March 29, 2009	Accepted
891	White-bellied Storm Petrel	off Sydney	March 13, 2010	Accepted
895	Paradise Shelduck	Lake Wollumboola	December 27, 2015	Accepted
898	Cook's Petrel	Sydney Harbour	March 26, 2009	Accepted
899	Cook's Petrel	off Ulladulla	October 19, 2009	Accepted

CASE SUMMARIES

Case 839: This case documents the discovery of a bird later thought to be an Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* found mauled by a cat in Arncliffe, Sydney on June 29, 2011. It was taken to a local veterinary clinic where it subsequently died but it later transpired that a video was taken of the bird and this video recording formed the basis for the submission. Although the overall consensus was that the bird was an Arctic Warbler of undetermined race, two members of the committee felt that the report could not be accepted due to the doubt over the bird's provenance, the location and time of year, and the peculiar circumstances of the event. The committee therefore voted for non-acceptance of the record.

Case 876: This case concerned the sighting of a South Island Oystercatcher *Haematopus finschi* at Shark Island and at other locations in Sydney Harbour from March 1, 2015 until the last report on April 21, 2015. The photographs and description left no doubt as to the bird's identity and the committee voted unanimously in favour of acceptance. It becomes the 9th confirmed record for Australia. Joshua Bergmark, Ashwin Rudder and Nathan Ruser

Case 884: This case concerned the sighting of a White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* initially at Shoalhaven Heads and then at Lake Wollumboola from January 5, 2015 until at least March 19, 2015. The description and superb photographs left no doubt as to the bird's identity and the committee voted unanimously in favour of acceptance. It becomes the 7th confirmed record for Australia and the first since 1988. Nigel Jackett, Carla Jackett and Lachlan Hall

Case 890 and **Case 891:** With White-bellied Storm Petrel recently becoming reinstated onto the BARC Review List, these two cases were previously reviewed and accepted by NSW ORAC (ORAC Case numbers 518 and 504 respectively) and have been added to the BARC files for completeness.

Case 895: This case concerned the sighting of a Paradise Shelduck

(I am waiting for Tony Palliser to send me a copy of the BARC decision to complete this case description)

Case 898 and **Case 899:** With Cook's Petrel recently becoming reinstated onto the BARC Review List, these two cases were previously reviewed and accepted by NSW ORAC (ORAC Case numbers 516 and 517 respectively) and have been added to the BARC files for completeness.

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