NSW ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

REVIEW LIST

(Revised May 16, 2025)

The following list comprises birds that are considered rare in NSW based on reported observations over a preceding ten year period to a maximum average of 1.5 records per year. NSW ORAC encourages anyone sighting these species to take comprehensive notes, photographs where possible and to supply substantiation by other observers where appropriate. Details of the sighting should be forwarded to the Secretary of NSW ORAC at roglou@bigpond.net.au by way of an Unusual Record Report (URR) Form which can be downloaded from the NSWORAC website at www.nsworac.org.

This list does not include any of those species on the Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee (BARC) Review List and the NSW ORAC Review List taxonomy is based on the IOC Checklist v15.1

Common Ostrich Struthio camelus (1)

Cape Barren Goose Cereopsis novaehollandiae

Cotton Pygmy Goose Nettapus coromandelianus (8)

Green Pygmy Goose Nettapus pulchellus

Fiordland Penguin Eudyptes pachyrhynchus

Southern Royal Albatross Diomedea epomophora

Northern Royal Albatross Diomedea sanfordi

Sooty Albatross Phoebetria fusca

Light-mantled Albatross Phoebetria palpebrata

Salvin's Albatross Thalassarche salvini

Grey-headed Albatross Thalassarche chrysostoma

Southern Fulmar Fulmarus glacialoides

Blue Petrel Halobaena caerulea

Salvin's Prion Pachyptila salvini

Kerguelen Petrel Aphrodroma brevirostris

Great-winged Petrel Pterodroma macroptera

Soft-plumaged Petrel Pterodroma mollis

Mottled Petrel Pterodroma inexpectata

Grey Petrel Procellaria cinerea

Westland Petrel Procellaria westlandica

Bulwer's Petrel Bulweria bulwerii

Grey-backed Storm Petrel Garrodia nereis (9)

White-bellied Storm Petrel Fregetta grallaria (14)

New Caledonian Storm Petrel Fregetta lineate (15)

Pied Heron Egretta picata

Great Frigatebird Fregata minor

Black-faced Cormorant Phalacrocorax fuscescens (2)

Red Goshawk Erythrotriorchis radiatus

Black-breasted Buttonquail Turnix melanogaster

Asian Dowitcher Limnodromus semipalmatus

Common Redshank Tringa tetanus

Little Stint Calidris minuta

Long-toed Stint Calidris subminuta

Red-necked Phalarope Phalaropus lobatus

Oriental Pratincole Glareola maldivarum

Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius

Fairy Tern Sternula nereis (3)

Bridled Tern Onychoprion anaethetus

Roseate Tern Sterna dougalli

Black-naped Tern Sterna sumatrana

South Polar Skua Stercorarius maccormicki (10)

Flock Bronzewing Phaps histrionica (4)

Squatter Pigeon Geophaps scripta

Torresian Imperial Pigeon Ducula spilorrhoa

Purple-crowned Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala (18)

Elegant Parrot Neophema elegans

Orange-bellied Parrot Neophema chrysogaster

Scarlet-chested Parrot Neophema splendida

Double-eyed Fig Parrot Cyclopsitta diophthalma

Australian Swiftlet Aerodramus terraereginae

Eyrean Grasswren Amytornis goyderi (16)

Thick-billed Grasswren Amytornis modetus (5)

Purple-gaped Honeyeater Lichenostomus cratitius

Banded Honeyeater Cissomela pectoralis

Dusky Myzomela Myzomela obscura (13)

Black-eared Miner Manorina melanotis

Slaty-backed Thornbill Acanthiza robustirostris (17)

Banded Whiteface Aphelocephala nigricincta (11)

Red-lored Whistler Pachycephala rufogularis (6)

Shining Flycatcher Myiagra alecto (12)

Pink Robin Petroica rodinogaster (7)

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

Canary White-eye Zosterops luteus

Metallic Starling Aplonis metallica

Song Thrush Turdus philomelos (14)

Sahul Sunbird Cinnyris frenatus

Painted Finch Emblema pictum

Black-throated Finch Poephila cincta

Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea

White Wagtail Motacilla alba

NOTES:

- 1) except for the known population in the Barham region
- 2) except for the far South Coast
- 3) except south of Sydney Harbour
- 4) except for the Upper and Lower far western region of NSW
- 5) except for the known population near Packsaddle
- 6) except for Yathong, Nombinnie and Round Hill
- 7) except for the far South Coast and the Southern Highlands
- 8) except within 100km from the Queensland border
- 9) except for sightings south of Ulladulla
- 10) pale and intermediate morphs only dark morph subject to review by BARC
- 11) except for the area adjacent to the South Australian border in the Upper far west region of NSW
- 12) except in the Cobaki Broadwater
- 13) except in the area around Tomewin and Dungay
- 14) except for Lord Howe Island
- 15) except for sightings north of Evans Head
- 16) except for the known population in the Wild Deserts project site, Sturt NP
- 17) except for the known population in Gundabooka NP
- 18) except for sightings within 30 km of the Victorian border

COMMENTS ON THIS REVISION

Garganey, Macaroni Penguin and House Crow have been removed from the NSW ORAC Review List as they are all included on the BARC Review List.

Olive-backed Sunbird has been renamed Sahul Sunbird