

## NSW ORAC Cases Decided in 2011

494		Black-breasted Button-quail	Dorrigo NP	31-07-07	NA
512		Scarlet-chested Parrot	near Silverton	10-08-10	NA
513	P. Maher	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Deniliquin	28-10-10	A
514	P. Terrill	Pied Heron	Narran Lake	11-04-11	A
515	G. Clancy	Radjah Shelduck	Carrs Creek, Grafton	29-01-11	A
516	N. Haass	Cook's Petrel	Sydney Harbour	26-03-09	A
518	N. Haass	White-bellied Storm-Petrel	off Ulladulla	29-03-09	A
519	N. Haass	Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	off Wollongong	28-05-11	A
520	A. Hamilton	Green Pygmy-goose	Smiths Lake, Coffs Hbr	28-05-11	A

A indicates that the record was accepted by the Committee

NA indicates that the record was not accepted by the Committee

**Case 494:** A bird thought to be a Black-breasted Button-quail *Turnix melanogaster* was seen near the canopy walk at Dorrigo NP on July 31, 2007. This case caused an enormous amount of discussion within the committee and eventually went to a second round of voting. In the end, more than half of the committee voted against acceptance since the bird would have been more than 200km south of its known range, and due to the lack of detailed field notes or photographs.

**Case 512:** A bird thought to be a Scarlet-chested Parrot *Neophema splendida* was seen 3 kilometres east of Silverton on August 10, 2010. Although this species is difficult to confuse with any other species, four members of the committee felt that the extremely brief description provided and the unsuitable habitat for this species gave too much doubt to the sighting and it was not accepted.

**Case 513:** Two pairs of Purple-crowned Lorikeet *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala* were seen and videoed at Murray Valley Regional Park near Deniliquin and at least one of the pairs was observed to be breeding. This is the first confirmed breeding record for NSW.

**Case 514:** A Pied Heron *Egretta picata* was seen and photographed at Narran Lake east of Brewarrina on April 11, 2011.

**Case 515:** Two Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah* were seen and photographed at Carrs Creek, Grafton between January 29, 2011 and February 5, 2011.

**Case 516:** A Cook's Petrel *Pterodroma cookii* was recovered live at Circular Quay, Sydney on March 26, 2009 and was released at sea off Wollongong on April 25, 2009 after being in care at Taronga Wildlife Hospital. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> confirmed record for NSW.

**Case 518:** A White-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregetta grallaria* was seen and photographed during a pelagic trip off Ulladulla on March 29, 2009. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> confirmed record for NSW.

**Case 519:** A Grey-backed Storm-Petrel *Garrodia nereis* was seen and photographed during a pelagic trip off Wollongong on May 28, 2011. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> confirmed record for NSW.

**Case 520:** Two Green Pygmy-geese *Nettapus pulchellus* were seen and photographed at Smiths Lake, Moonee Beach between May 28, 2011 and May 30, 2011. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> confirmed record for NSW.