

From: Birds Queensland Rarities Appraisal Committee (BQ RAC)

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Submission No 178: Black Petrel, Submitted by Nikolas Haass and Raja Stephenson

This submission related to a single Black Petrel, *Procellaria parkinsoni*, observed during an organised trip at 32 nautical miles from offshore from Mooloolaba, at approximately 26° 44' S; 155° 44'E 26° 37'S. The submission was supported by a number of photographs and a detailed description of the petrels. A number of committee member noted that the diagnostic characters that separate this species from other very similar species unfortunately could not be seen in the photographs. The author were able to describe these characters in detail, enabling separation of this species from other similar species including the Westland Petrel, White-chinned Petrel and Flesh-footed Shearwater. The bulk and size of the bird (and bill) compared to the superficially similar Flesh-footed Shearwater but smaller than both the Westland and White-chinned Petrel. Further details of the bill colour patterning enabled further separated of this black petrel from the closely related Westland Petrel.

A number of committee members commented on the detail in this submission and agreed that the author should be commended on his efforts in writing the submission.

Unanimously accepted

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