

**From:** Birds Queensland Rarities Appraisal Committee (BQ RAC)

**Date:** 19 February 2020

**Submission No 204: Common Diving Petrel, *Pelecanoides urinatrix*, Submitted by Andrew McDougall**

This submission related one or two Common Diving Petrels, *Pelecanoides urinatrix*, seen approximately 31.3 km SW off Hixon Cay, Capricornia Cays, Great Barrier Reef (22° 29' 53.48"S; 152° 28' 07.32"E). The petrel(s) were described as brownish above with roundish wings, short body that looked tailless.

Although, voting members agreed that that the bird(s) observed were most likely diving petrels, *Pelecanoides* spp. there was not sufficient information to identify the birds as Common Diving Petrels. Although Common Diving Petrel was most likely to occur in the region separating this species from the very similar South Georgia Diving Petrel, *P. georgicus* can be difficult under field condition.

Not accepted

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