

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

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**Submission No 205: Ruff, *Calidris pugnax*, Submitted by Ged Tranter**

This submission relates to a Ruff, *Calidris pugnax*, seen at Atkinson's Dam, Lockyer Valley, SEQ, 27°25'14.77"S, 152°26'43.54"E on the 18 November 2018. The submission was supported by a single photograph. The Ruff was subsequently seen by several observers at the same locality in the following weeks.

The Ruff was described as being a large shorebird, towering over the Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, *C. acuminata* which were present at the same location. The head, face and neck were pale brown with light scalloping /flecking on the crown and neck compared to Sharp-tailed Sandpipers which had distinct chestnut crown and obvious pale eyebrows. The head of the Ruff was distinctly roundish on a 'bull-neck'. The upperparts were mid brown, the mantle and scapular feathers had narrow pale fringing, distinct from the obvious pale fringing seen in Sharp-tailed Sandpipers.

Unanimously accepted

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