

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

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**Submission No 207: Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*, submitted by Nigel Jackett, Patrick Webster & Laurie Ross**

This submission details the sighting of a Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*, seen at Wide Bay, Lake Moondarra, near Mt Isa, 20° 35' 18.53" S, 139° 31' 34.54" E, on three separate occasions between 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Both the detailed submission and high quality photographs left any doubt as to the identification and the committee had no hesitation in unanimously accepting the record.

This Little Stint was distinguished from other similar species, particularly the Red-necked Stint, *C. ruficollis*, most by structure, including a long fine bill, relatively longer legs and round head. Other species it was distinguished from include Sanderling, *C. alba*, because of the smaller size and smaller finer bill; from Semipalmated Sandpipers, *C. pusilla*, by a having a narrow pointed bill compared to the broader bill with blunt-tipped of that species and from the White-rumped Sandpipers, *C. fuscicollis*, as this species is noticeably largely with an attenuated rear end formed by long primary projection. Typically, White-rumped Sandpipers also show flecks down the flanks, and a bold supercilium above and behind the eye.

This is the second record of Little Stint to be accepted by the Birds Queensland Rarities Committee.

**Accepted**

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