

From: Birds Queensland Rarities Appraisal Committee (BQ RAC)

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Submission No 208: Long-toed Stint, *Calidris subminuta*, submitted by Nigel Jackett, Patrick Webster & Laurie Ross

This submission details the sighting of two (2) Long-toed Stints, *Calidris subminuta*, observed at Wide Bay, Lake Moondarra, near Mt Isa, Approx. 20° 35' 18.53"S, 139° 31' 34.54"E, on three separate occasions between 1st and 12th November 2019. Both the detailed submission and high quality photographs left no doubt as to the identification of the stints and the committee had no hesitation in accepting the record unanimously.

These Long-toed Stints were distinguished from other similar species, particularly the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, *C. acuminata*, by their small size, relatively short primary projection, lack of streaking on the lower underparts, and a much finer bill. They were also separated from Temminck's stint (*Calidris temminckii*) by the distinct supercilium, more patterned head, short tail and the relatively long exposed tibia, compared to the plain Temmick's Stint which have long tails that extending well beyond the primary tips; and from the Least Sandpiper, *C. minutilla*, by the supercilia reaching the all-dark bill (i.e. no pale base to lower mandible) rather than being separated from the bill by a dark loreal stripe.

Accepted

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