

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

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**Submission No 212: Red-rumped Swallow, *Cecropis daurica*, submitted by Elliot Leach**

This submission details the sighting of one (1) or possible two (2) Red-rumped Swallows, *Cecropis daurica*, observed between the Ingham Memorial Gardens and Cockburn Park, Jane St, Ingham, on the 18th February 2020. The swallow was separated from both the Welcome Swallow, *Hirundo neoxena*, and martins, *Petrochelidon*, by the rich rufous rump colour and the creamy-buff throat and underparts with obvious striations and creamy-buff colour underwing coverts.

In some publication, the Red-rumped Swallow and Striated Swallow, *Cecropis striolata*, are considered monotypic (e.g. *del Hoyo*, 2014-2016), however, *Gill et al.* (2020) retains Red-rumped and Striated Swallows as separate species in the International Ornithological Committee v10.1 bird checklist. The creamy-buff coloured underparts and underwing coverts helped separated Red-rumped Swallows from the Striated Swallow which is paler below with more regular striations. In addition, the more extensive rufous colouration on the forehead and sides of neck also in the identification of this swallow.

This is the first red-rumped Swallow submission to be reviewed by the Birds Queensland Record Appraisal Committee, however, the Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee (BARC) have accepted four (4) previous sightings from Queensland between 1983 and 2002. For reference these BARC sighting are case number 50, 276, 336 and 362.

Accept.

## References

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