

From: Birds Queensland Rarities Appraisal Committee (BQ RAC)

Date: 4th July 2022

Submission No 216: Rufous Fieldwren, *Calamanthus campestris*, by Submitted by Neil Bruce

The Birds Queensland RAC case # 216 related to a rufous fieldwren, *Calamanthus campestris*, observed on the 31st Oct 2021 in Lake Bindegolly National Park. This bird was seen three or four occasions over a 30 period, always in flight and never perched.

Committee member found this submission difficult to assess as there was insufficient information provided in the section for the description of the bird. Information that was lacking included streaking, the rufous crown or the supercilium, all important criteria for identify this species. The only detailed account provided was what the bird was not and not what the bird was.

One of the voting members discussed the dangers of retrospectively identifying a bird when referring to field guide, but not having the notes, photographs, or sketches to refer to.

Because of the insufficient detail in the description, committee members unanimously voted not to accept the submission based on the information provided.

David Stewart
Chairperson
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