

Rare and Vagrant Birds Report

July 2016 – June 2017

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

A single bird at Swan Pond, Cape Dolphin seen off and on from November to March, reported by Sonia Felton. Present on the 12th March Angela Clarke, but no sign when I visited on the 19th March.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

A single bird at the ditch just to the west of Pony's Pass Quarry on the 19th March, Mike & Sue Morrison, Clara McKay and Arina Berntsen. Two birds near Fitzroy settlement on the 8th May which was seen by Simon Hardcastle, one also seen by Simon in the same area on the 26th May. Single bird photographed by Helen Marsh at Fox Bay in mid May. An immature bird was seen by Nick Pitaluga at Salvador settlement in late May and early June.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

The first reports this season were on the 24th March when Kristiane Thorsen reported three at the Market Garden; five were also seen on the sea front of Ross Road East, Mike & Sue Morrison. Twenty two birds by the sea front on Ross Road East on the 9th April which looked like they had just arrived, Mike & Sue Morrison, a few birds were seen most days in Stanley up until mid May, then single birds on the 28th May and 3rd June, Joshua Peck. The last sighting was on the 14th June when two birds were seen flying from Davis Street, Stanley by Mike & Sue Morrison.

Ashy-headed Goose *Chloephaga poliocephala*

Simona Sanvito reported a single bird near the Gentoo Penguin colonies at Sea Lion Island on the 14th December. I was able to photograph this bird on the 5th & 6th January at the same location on Sea Lion Island, in late January one was seen at the west end of the island at the grass airstrip area and remained in the area until late March may possibly be the same bird as seen in December 2016, information Micky Reeves.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula Cyanoptera*

Two males at Mary Hill Quarry on the 19th August, Sue Morrison. These birds were seen off and on at the same location up until the 2nd September.

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*

Tom Chater sighted a single bird just to the west of Pony's Pass Quarry on the 13th November. Another single bird was seen by Paul Peck at Shallow Bay settlement on the 20th June.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

Carol Pole-Evans reported a single bird at Saunders Island on the 21st September. Micky Reeves reported a single bird just to the north of the lodge at Sea Lion Island on the 22nd September.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

A single bird reported by a tourist at Big Pond, Pebble Island on the 24th December.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Three birds on Bertha's Beach on the 12th March, Mike & Sue Morrison and Carol Morrison.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*

Three birds near the Airport Runway, Cape Pembroke on the 5th October Mike & Sue Morrison. A single bird near the lodge at Sea Lion Island on the 8th October, Micky Reeves. Three birds at the small ponds by the road Cape Pembroke on the 28th November, Alan Henry. Eleven birds at the same location on the 11th January mainly Baird's but a few may have been White-Rumped Sandpipers, Mike & Sue Morrison. A single bird with Sanderlings and White-Rumped Sandpipers at Bertha's Beach on the 12th March, Mike & Sue Morrison and Carol Morrison.

Wilson's Phalarope *Steganopus tricolour*

Derek Pettersson saw a single bird on a pond at the end of Volunteer Point near the lagoon on the 1st October.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Charlene Rowland reported a single bird at New Island on the 6th March.

Fire-eyed Diucon *Xolmis pyrope*

Kristiane Thorsen saw a single bird on the 2nd September at the Market Garden which she was able to indentify as this species but thinks it first appeared at the same location from the end of July.

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps*

A juvenile bird at the gardens on Sea Lion Island on the 6th February, Micky Reeves. A single bird at Dunbar Farm on the 14th March, Marie Deligniers. Another single bird was seen by Sue Morrison on the 22nd March at 10 Fitzroy Road East, Stanley.

Chilean Swallow *Tachycineta leucopyga*

Two birds were reported by Charlene Rowland at New Island on the 21st October they had been about the settlement for a week. Micky Reeves reported a single bird at Sea Lion Island on the 28th October. Alan Henry saw a single bird at the Market Garden on the 8th February. Micky Reeves reported up to eight birds at Sea Lion Island on the 12th February. A single bird at the ponds in Elephant Point, Saunders Island and another single bird at the settlement Saunders Island reported by Carol Morrison on the 17th February. Kristiane Thorsen saw a single bird at the Market Garden on the 18th February. Also on the 18th February Alan Henry saw one at the lighthouse, Cape Pembroke, two at Yorke Bay pond, Cape Pembroke and six birds at the Triangle and football field, Stanley in the evening which was very windy and damp these birds were observed landing and feeding on the grass, five of the birds were still in the same location the next morning, Tim Bonner. Two birds at the Market Garden on the 18th March, Kristiane Thorsen.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Micky Reeves saw a single bird just to the north of Sea Lion lodge on the 5th October. Kristiane Thorsen reported a single bird at the Market Garden on the 17th October the next day there were three birds one of them in a large polytunnel, three still present when I saw them in the evening of the 19th October, Mike Morrison. Micky Reeves

saw two birds at Tallow Bay, Sea Lion Island and two at Beaver Pond, Sea Lion Island on the 21st October (may possibly have been the same birds at both locations). Also on the 21st October at the Market Garden I saw six birds hawking over the freshly ploughed fields they then flew over the polytunnels and went up high where I counted eight birds, Mike Morrison. One still present at the same location on the 24th October, Mike Morrison. Kristiane Thorsen reported two more birds at the Market Garden on the 8th November. On the 26th January Kristiane Thorsen reported a single bird at the Market Garden, when I seen it in the evening it was to the south of the Airport Road. The last report was on the 5th April of a single bird at Fitzroy Road East, Stanley by Sue Morrison.

Southern House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

As reported in the 2015-16 report, the bird seen in May 2016 at Dunbar Farm was still present on the 7th October, Marie Deligniers.

White-banded Mockingbird *Mimus triurus*

On the 4th November Andrew Miller saw and photographed a single bird on board ship 90 miles to the west on New Island, it then flew off in the direction of the Jason Islands.

Mourning Sierra-Finch *Rhopospina fruticeti*

Jerome Poncet reported a single male bird at Beaver Island on the 21st November.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Micky Reeves saw a single bird at Sea Lion Island on the 2nd March. Two birds were also reported by Charlene Rowland at New Island on the 1st March. On the 15th March Sonia Felton reported a single bird at Cape Dolphin.