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NSW ORAC CASE 612 Salvin's Albatross (*Thalassarche salvini*)

This report details the sighting of an adult Salvin's Albatross by Nikolas Haass and all on the MV Halicat on a pelagic trip off Sydney on October 8, 2011. Adult Salvin's Albatross are rarely reported in NSW waters but this individual delighted all observers on the Halicat by remaining around the boat for at least an hour.

The authors have done an excellent job of highlighting the key identification features in the text and this analysis is backed up by an excellent series of photograph by Raja Stephenson. The committee was satisfied that all of the key plumage and structural features clearly showed this bird to be a Salvin's Albatross.

The committee unanimously accepted this record and thanks the authors for taking the time to prepare such a detailed and thorough submission. This is the second sighting accepted by NSW ORAC since Salvin's Albatross was added to the Review List and it will be interesting to see what we learn about the frequency of occurrence over the next few years.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

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