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NSW ORAC CASE 611 Salvin's Albatross (*Thalassarche salvini*)

This report details the sighting of a juvenile and a sub-adult Salvin's Albatross by Nikolas Haass et al on a pelagic trip off Wollongong on June 26, 2010. With Salvin's Albatross raised to species status by the IOC, NSW ORAC added the species to its Review List because it was felt that it may occur only rarely in NSW waters and historical reports may often relate to mistakenly identified young Shy/White-capped Albatross. This is the first submission received by the committee since the species was added to the Review List and, amazingly, it deals with two individual birds seen on the same day. The authors have done an excellent job of highlighting the key features in the text and this analysis is backed up by an excellent series of photographs. The committee was satisfied that all of the key plumage and structural features clearly showed these birds to be 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 first confirmed sighting 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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