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NSW ORAC CASE 504 –White-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregretta grallaria*

This report details the sighting by Nikolas Haass and several other observers of a White-bellied Storm-Petrel during a pelagic trip off Sydney on March 13, 2010. White-bellied Storm-Petrel is a species notoriously difficult to satisfactorily identify in the field but the excellent description and the high quality photographs left no doubt as to its identification. Members of the committee noted that the clean white belly and inner underwing with no hint of dark smudging, together with the clear demarcation between dark head to white belly on the upper breast were among the factors which clinched this identification.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of ACCEPTANCE and would like to thank Nikolas for taking the time to prepare a very professional and detailed submission. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> confirmed record for NSW with all but one of these having been recorded in the period between March and October.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

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