

Pelagic Trip off Port Fairy Report



Date: 17/04/2011	Departure Time: 0704 hrs	Return Time: 1645 hrs	Boat Speed: 13-14knots
Leaders: Neil Macumber & Brett Jarrett		Conditions: Flat seas, virtually no wind, 30% cloud cover 1/2 mtr. swell. Early a/noon: - full cloud cover. Turn around:- almost cloudless skies, wind chop, seas < 1mtr.	

Stops/Travel	GPS Coordinates		Time			Stops/Travel	GPS Coordinates		Time		
			Stop	Away	Depth				Stop	Away	Depth
1 Just outside Moyne River near Lighthouse						13 Travelling	38°41.47S	141°47.178E			
2 Opposite Water Tower			0720			14 First stop#	38°49.708S	141°46.121E	1115		248
3 Travelling			0735			15 Second stop#	38°49.733S	141°43.746E	1227		303
4. Travelling	38°30.165S	142°10.10E	0752			16					
5 Travelling			0755			17					
6 Travelling			0833			18					
7 Travelling			0838			19					
8 Travelling			0847			20					
9 Travelling	38°41.246S	141°58.017E	0912		50	21					
10 Travelling	38°43.570S	141°46.500E				22					
11 Travelling	38°41.47S	141°47.178E				23					
12 Travelling	38°34.614S	141°51.268E				24					

Birds Seen	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Little Penguin		1												1	2									
Wandering Albatross															1									
Whitecapped (shy) Albatross	1				1									4	10									
Black-browed Albatross	1													1	3									
Yellow-nosed Albatross														1										
Buller's Albatross									1															
Giant Petrel						1																		
Fairy Prion			5								3000+			6	1									
Slender-billed Prion																								
Great-Winged Petrel														1										
Great Shearwater^														1										
Short-tailed Shearwater		2																						
Fluttering Shearwater	5+	30+																						

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Flesh-Footed Shearwater														1										
Sooty Shearwater															5									
Grey-Backed Storm-Petrel														4	1									
White-Faced Storm-Petrel			1		1		1																	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel														3	2									
Common Diving-Petrel										1														
Australasian Gannet														1										
Brown Skua				1								1												
Silver Gull	3																							
Crested Tern														1										

Mammals Seen	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Blue Whale**													3											
Common Dolphin								40+																
Cetacean Species*														1										

Notes:

Total Bird Species Seen: **23**

Good numbers of Prions, Storm-Petrels, Gannets and Albatross seen whilst motoring along

Black-browed Albatross - (2) impavida

Total Mammals Species Seen: **3**

*Unidentified whale with a high falcate dorsal fin seen at first stop.

**Close to 16.52nautical miles sth. east Portland ~ 25nautical miles west of Pt. Fairy

^ Confirmed by the Birdlife Australia Rarities Commiettee (BARC) Feb 2012. 10th confirmed record for Australia. This sighting, along with many others reported between February and April 2011, may form part of an invasion of this species into Australian waters.