The data presented here have clearly demonstrated differences in the morphologies of Crested Terns breeding in south-east Tasmania and Western Australia. Morphological data from other breeding localities covering the whole range around Australia are now required to enable the full extent of geographical variation present in this species to be appraised.

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