

Breeding of Spotted Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna guttata* on Melville Island in the Northern Territory

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Abstract. The distribution of Spotted Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna guttata* ranges from the Philippines through eastern Indonesia to Papua New Guinea. This species was first reported in Australia in 1995. The probable breeding of Spotted Whistling-Duck in far north Queensland was suggested in 2002 and the first breeding records confirmed in 2005. In Queensland, its distribution range has gradually expanded southwards from Cape York Peninsula to Townsville. The species has also been reported from the Northern Territory mainland and Tiwi Islands since 2011, indicating the possibility of an established population in the Top End. I compiled and reviewed all eBird records from the Tiwi Islands and present the first Australian breeding record outside Queensland.

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