

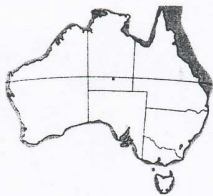
Point Liliias and Kirk's Point

BIRDS SEEN ON December 2nd .97

Black swan
 Shelduck
 Chestnut Teal
 Little Pied Cormorant
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 Little Black Cormorant
 Pelican
 White Faced Heron
 Little Egret
 Straw-necked Ibis
 Sacred Ibis
 Black shouldered Kite
 Brown Falcon
 Greenshank
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Red-necked stint
 Sharp tailed sandpiper
 Pied oyster catcher
 Black-winged stilt
 Red-capped Plover

Masked Lapwing
 Pacific Gull
 Silver Gull
 Crested tern
 Whiskered tern
 Red-rumped parrot
 Superb Fairy wren
 Red wattle bird
 White plumed honeyeater
 White fronted chat
 Magpie-lark
 Willie Wagtail
 Australian Magpie
 Little Raven
 Richard's pipit
 House sparrow
 Goldfinch
 Greenfinch
 Welcome Swallow
 Common Blackbird
 Tree Martin
 Starling

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres* 21-25 cm



Tubby, distinctive wader with slightly upturned, short black bill and short orange legs. **Breeding plumage:** unmistakable — black, white and orange tortoise-shell pattern; male brighter than female. **Nonbreeding:** grey-brown above, white below with smutty black 'cloverleaf' bib on upperbreast; legs orange; often has traces of orange in upperparts. **Immature:** like nonbreeding adult, but more dusky, with scaly pattern of pale feather margins. Solitary, small parties or with other waders; abundant in Gt Barrier Reef (Q) and Roebuck Bay (WA), where winter flocks of 20-200+ gather. Potters slowly, or

bustles, flipping shells and bulldozing heaps of seaweed with bill. Sturdy on wing, with frequent noisy aerial chases, showing conspicuous white wing-panel, white lower back and tail crossed by two black bars. **Voice:** guttural, rattling 'kitititit'; ringing 'kee-oo'. **Habitat:** tidal reefs and pools; weed-covered rocks; pebbly, shelly and sandy shores with stranded seaweed; mudflats; occasionally inland on shallow waters, sewage ponds, commercial saltfields, open or ploughed ground. **Range and Status:** breeds high Arctic; migrates to all s. continents. Regular summer migrant (Aug.-April) to coastal Aust.; some inland. May overwinter, some in breeding plumage. Also Lord Howe, Norfolk, Christmas and other islands; NZ. Vagrant Macquarie I.

