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Abstract	
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Recommendations
That the SIOFA SC: • considers that this guide is made available for other members on the SIOFA website

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Considering the bird species are the same than in the subtropical part of the SIOFA area, we recommend that this guide is made available on the SIOFA website as a resource for other observer programs.

The file is available here for downloading:

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