

From: Birds Queensland Rarities Appraisal Committee (BQ RAC)

Memorandum to Terry Reis

c.c. Birds Queensland president

Birds Queensland sightings officer

Date: 1st June 2023

Submission No 225 Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanous* submitted by Terry Reis

This case involves one (1) Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanous*, observed on the 17th November 2022 at the Nurupai (Horn Island) airport (10° 35' 28"S 142° 17' 40"E), Torres Strait and a second bird observed opposite the Wongai Beach Hotel, (10° 35' 44"S 142° 14' 42"E) on the 18th November 2022. The submission was supported by a brief description of the bird which described the important identification characters of this species, including the distinctive chestnut crown and diagnostic black cheek spot.

Record accepted.

This is the seventh record of Eurasian Tree Sparrow to be assessed by the BQ RAC.

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