

Glossary

- apothecium - the fruiting body of a lichen
crustose - having an adpressed crust-like thallus
epiphytic - growing on another plant
filamentous - composed of fine, hair like threads
foliose - flat and leaf-like
fruticose - an erect or pendulous, shrubby growth-form
squamulose - composed of small, leaf-like scales
substrate - the surface on which a lichen grows
thallus - the body of a lichen

SUPERB FRUIT-DOVE IN TASMANIA

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The Super Fruit-dove *Ptilinopus superbus* is considered to be an accidental visitor to Tasmania. Green (1977, p.33) & Sharland (1981, p.92) include it as a Tasmanian species upon the basis of two records; Quamby, September 1872 and Eddystone Point, April 1970. The Queen Victoria Museum has since received two specimens which have been accessed into the research collection as study skins and a short skeleton.

Register number 1981/2/58 was found dead at Erita, Flinders Island by Peter and Jan Allen on 21 May 1981, apparently having killed itself when it flew into a window. It was a sub-adult male weighing 100gm with partially moulted body plumage.

Register number 1988/2/66 was found dead beneath Lambertiania pine trees at "Homewood", Parkham, near Elizabeth Town by Narinda Scott on 12 June 1988. The cause of death was not discernable though it probably died of malnutrition as its stomach was empty and it weighed only 85gm. It was a male with fully ossified skull and, like the previous specimen, body moult was incomplete.

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