

A Chinstrap Penguin *Pygoscelis antarctica* in Victoria

Late in 1985 (24 November) a Chinstrap Penguin *Pygoscelis antarctica* was sighted on the beach at Venus Bay, Victoria. The bird was fatigued, and rested with its head tilted back and toes lifted off the sand. Several photographs were taken but if approached too closely the bird reacted with a snapping beak. After about two hours of observation there was no change in behaviour. Unfortunately, lack of time prevent further observation. The area was visited several times after this sighting but no further sightings were made of the bird. Apparently the Chinstrap Penguin has not been recorded previously on the Australian mainland although there have been two recorded occurrences in Tasmania (Blakers et al. 1984, *The Atlas of Australian Birds*, Melbourne University Press, Melbourne).

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