

Dear editor,

We are pleased to submit an original short communication entitled "*How frequent is the transatlantic dispersal of Domestic Pigeons *Columba livia domestica*? Potential threats for native island birds*" for publication in *Oecologia Australis*. In this manuscript, we provide original data and compile available secondary records of transatlantic dispersal by domestic pigeons, indicating that these events may occur more frequently than previously thought in literature. The most of the compiled records come from islands and have several potential implications for native species due the invasive species, which can carry new pathogens to insular wildlife.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by *Oecologia Australis* because presenting evidence of long-distance dispersal of domestic pigeons into island habitats, gives focus on a way of spreading invasive pathogens, which has been overlooked by both pigeon breeding associations and wildlife conservationists.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by any other journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and we have agreed to submit it to *Oecologia Australis*.

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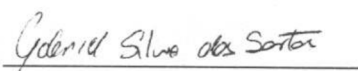
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