

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198800732**

Cessna 207-A

28 September 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198800732
Location: 20 km E Oenpelli NT
Date: 28 September 1988
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1241

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	6
Total	0	0	1	6

Aircraft Details: Cessna 207-A
Registration: VH-NIV
Serial Number: 20700627
Operation Type: Charter
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Jabiru NT
Departure Time: 1210
Destination: Jabiru NT

Approved for Release: February 22nd 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot was conducting a sight-seeing flight and was returning to Jabiru at 6-700 ft above ground level. The pilot recalled seeing a bird just before it impacted the top of the windscreen. The bird did not enter the cockpit but the perspex was shattered. A large piece of windscreen attached to the compass electrical wires swung inwards and hit the pilot across the forehead, nose and mouth. He was wearing sunglasses at the time which may have protected his eyes from the debris. The pilot was able to control the aircraft normally although extra power was required to overcome the increased drag. The aircraft returned safely to the DEPARTURE airfield.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. Operational hazard - Birdstrike This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.