

Seychelles Bird Records Committee Accepted Records Report for 2019

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The following records were accepted during 2019



Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*

One at Bird Island 27 May-15 June 2019
(D. Isaac, C.J. Feare).

This is the 13th record for Seychelles,
including 6 from Bird Island.

Photo: Darrel Isaac

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

One at Kempinski Resort pool, Baie Lazare, Mahe on 12 July 2018 (A. Plumb, T. Plumb, P. Constance).

One at Roche Caiman, Mahé, on 23 April 2019 (C. Brewster).

One at Providence, Mahe on 14 June 2019 (I. Cowlrick, S. Agricole).

The number of accepted Seychelles records is now 43, including 27 from Mahé.



Indian Pond-heron *Ardeola grayii*

One at La Passe Therese/Bombay,
Desroches, 12-19 June 2019 (C.
Nisbet, F. Clair, R. Cumming, A.
Commetant).

One at Denis Island 19-23
November 2019 (R. M. Mason).

The number of accepted Seychelles
records is now 6, including 4 from
Denis Island.

Photo: Craig Nisbet

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

One near the staff houses, Cousine on 8-9 November 2018 (S. Dunlop, B. Dunlop).

This is the 11th record for Seychelles.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

One (possibly two) at Platte Island on about 10 May 2019 (*Seychelles Nation* article, Unknown observer).

This is the 7th Seychelles record east of Aldabra.

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* or Madagascar Sacred Ibis *T. bernieri*

One at Providence, Mahe on 7 April 2019 (C. Brewster).

Neither species has previously been recorded east of Aldabra.

Eurasian (Steppe) Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

One at Cascade, Mahé on 6 April 2019 (C. Brewster).

This is the first record for Seychelles.

European Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

One at Cascade, Mahé on 6 April 2019 (C. Brewster).

This is the 9th record for Seychelles.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

One adult male at West Channels, Aldabra on 28 October 2018 (B. Stephenson, A. Burt and 6 guests from *Silver Discoverer*).

This is the 3rd record for Seychelles.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*

One dark morph at the south side of the airstrip, North Island, Farquhar on 12 November 2018 (T. Collier).

Two including one adult female at the airstrip road, North Island, Farquhar on 12 November 2018 (L. Calabrese).

One 2cy at Cousin on 1 January 2019 (C. Mahoune).

The number of accepted Seychelles records is now 48.

Corncrake *Crex crex*

One adult male at the hotel area and airstrip, Bird Island on 27 September 2019 (O. Zesch, C.J. Feare).

This is the 5th record for Seychelles.



Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

One adult at Intendance wetland, Mahe on 15-20 August 2019 (M. Bonfatti, A. Domass).

This is the 9th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Alina Domass



Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

One adult at the airstrip, Alphonse 31 October to 1 November 2018 (P. Nogués).

One at Frégate on 1 December 2018 (R Baxter).

One adult in breeding plumage at the airstrip, Desroches 16 April to 6 May (C. Nisbet, M. Morgan, A. Cupidon).

The number of accepted Seychelles records is now 30.

Photo: Craig Nisbet

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

One adult at the airstrip, Alphonse on 15 October 2019 (C. Narty).

One adult at the airstrip, Desroches on 14-28 November 2019 (F. Clair, C. Nisbet).

The number of accepted records is now 26.

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*

One adult at the airstrip, Alphonse on 24 October 2019 (C. Narty).

This is the 18th record for Seychelles.



Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

One at the airstrip, Desroches 17-20 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair).

This is the 4th record for Seychelles and the first for the Amirantes.

Photo: Craig Nisbet

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

One at the airstrip, Desroches on 26 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair, J. Prosper, A. Rylance).

This is the 10th record for Seychelles.



Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

One adult at the beach, Alphonse on 23 October 2019 (C. Narty, D. Pouponeau).

This is the 6th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Chris Narty

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

One 2cy at the east beach, Bird Island 21-27 June 2019 (C.J. Feare).

One adult at the airstrip, Desroches on 24 September to 28 December 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair).

One at Bird Island on 1 October 2019 (K. Seymour).

Formerly annual; 11 records since 2015.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

One at the airstrip, Frégate on 4 January 2019 (R Baxter).

One 1cy female at the airstrip, Desroches on 10 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair).

The number of Seychelles records is now 40.



White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*

One 2cy at La Passe, La Digue on 27 April 2018 (D. Winzeler).

This is the 10th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Daniel Winzeler

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

One 2cy at Anse aux Poules Bleues, Mahe on 7 May 2019 (C. Brewster).

This is the 17th record for Seychelles.

Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops*

One at a guest villa, North Island on 31 December 2018 (H.-Günter Lang).

This is the 9th record for Seychelles.



Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*

One 1cy at the beach path, Aride on 17 December 2018 (T Lansley, N Khan).

This is the 18th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Nasreen Khan

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

One 2cy at the airstrip, Alphonse on 15 February 2019 (G Curd, G Fornham).

One 1cy near the tortoise sanctuary, Desroches on 20 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, A. Commetant).

The number of accepted Seychelles records is now 62.

Cuckoo sp. *Cuculus canorus*

One at the airstrip, Desroches on 8 February 2019 (A. Cupidon).
This is the 35th record for Seychelles in this category.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

One at the northeast coast, Desroches on 18 June 2019 (C. Nisbet). Accepted with caveat that other all-dark swifts could not be ruled out.
One at the tern colony, Bird Island on 2 October 2019 (K. Seymour). Accepted with caveat that other all-dark swifts could not be ruled out.
One at the airstrip, Desroches on 17 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair); accepted with a caveat that other all-dark swifts were not ruled out.
The number of accepted Seychelles records is now 42.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

One at Frégate beach, Cousin on 4 February 2019 (C. Tagg).
This is the 10th record for Seychelles.

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*

Three between the Indian village and airstrip, Desroches on 19 November 2019.
One at Desroches on 25 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair).
These are the 7th and 8th records for Seychelles.



Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

One at the Creole Village, Desroches on 14 January 2018 (M. Morgan, S. Contoret, A. Cupidon).
This is the 10th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Mathew Morgan



Mascarene Martin *Phedina borbonica*

One at Point Tamatave, Alphonse on 25 February 2019 (C. Narty).

This is the 17th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Chris Narty



Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*
One at the tortoise sanctuary, Desroches on 27 May 2019 (C. Nisbet)

This is the 24th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Craig Nisbet

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

One at Ile du Milieu, Farquhar on 30 October 2018 (T. Collier, L. Calabrese).
This is the 30th record east of the Aldabra group where it is an annual visitor.



Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

One, probably race *familiaris*, at the solar construction site, south side of Cousine, on 6-7 November 2019 (S. Dunlop, B. Dunlop).
This is the 1st record for Seychelles.

Photo: Stuart Dunlop

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

One, probably adult female, at the airstrip, Desroches on 25 November 2019 (C. Nisbet).
This is the 35th record for Seychelles.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

One at Cousine on 13 November 2018 (S. Dunlop).
This is the 49th record for Seychelles.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

One at the airstrip, Alphonse on 14-16 October 2019 (C. Narty, G. Curd).
This is the 57th record for Seychelles.

One 1cy at the south coast near the cemetery, Desroches on 17 October 2019 (C. Nisbet, F. Clair).

One adult female at the Indian Village, Desroches on 11 November 2019 (C. Nisbet, A. Commetant).

The number of Seychelles records is now 59.



Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One at La Cour, Aride 31 January-10 February 2019 (E Boniface, M. Curran, J. Uzice, E. Nancy, U. Samedi).

One, probably adult female, at the airstrip, Alphonse on 10 November 2019 (G. Curd).
The number of Seychelles records is now 82.

Photo: George Curd



Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

One at Bird 1-2 November 2018 (C. Courtaux, J. Courtaux, D. Isaac).

One 1cy male at North Island 12-14 November 2019 (T. Havemann, C.J. Havemann, D. Pietersen).

The number of Seychelles records is now 7.

Photos: Tarryn Havemann



Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*

One 1cy at the airstrip, Alphonse on 8 November 2019 (C. Narty).

This is the 5th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Chris Narty