

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

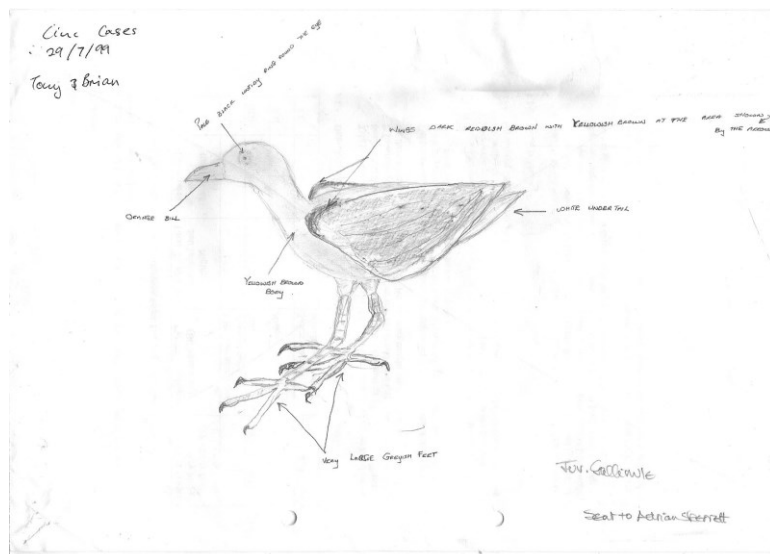
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The following records were accepted during April 2013

Lesser Moorhen *Gallinula angulata*

One juvenile at Basin Flamant, Grand Terre, Aldabra on 29 July 1999 (T Jupiter, B Betsy)

This record was initially submitted as an unidentified species and was accepted as "Gallinule sp." but kept on file.



In the light of the first confirmed record of Lesser Moorhen at Desroches in 2012, the committee decided to re-examine the evidence, including a sketch taken at the time.

Upon recirculation, it was accepted as described above, chronologically the first Seychelles record of this species. Interestingly, Tony Jupiter was also the lead observer of both the 1999 and 2012 records!

Common Swift *Apus apus*

One high over Silhouette 6 December 2000 (R Prys-Jones). Accepted with a caveat that other all-dark swifts are not ruled out.

One at Pointe Huteau, Alphonse on October 31, 2007 (PA Adam). Accepted with a caveat that other all-dark swifts are not ruled out.

One at Picard, Aldabra on 27 December 2012 (C Onezia, J Souyave). Accepted with a caveat that other all-dark swifts are not ruled out.

The first two records were previously accepted only as "Apus sp." However, given the absence so far of any other all-dark swift species to be recorded in Seychelles they were recirculated for reconsideration and accepted as above. This raises the number of accepted records to 30.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*

One pale morph at the Settlement, Assumption 14-21 November 2012 (T Mahoune). This is the 35th record for Seychelles.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One at Grand Soeur 29 December 2012 (G Saout). SBRC consider this very probably the same

individual recorded on Bird Island 23 November 2012, given the absence of any previous Seychelles records of this species.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One in early May 2012 at Assumption (T Mahoune, P Benoit, I Labrosse, J Agricole), This is the 5th record for Seychelles.



Photo: Terence Mahoune

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One female at the airstrip, Alphonse on 27 December 2012 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

One male in breeding plumage at the beach crest, Bijoutier on 21 January 2013 (A Duhec, R Jeanne). This raises the number of accepted records to 63.



Photos: At Alphonse (Aurélie Duhec) and Bijoutier (Richard Jeanne)

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

One adult at the IDC guest house and staff accommodation, Alphonse 2-11 December 2012 (A Duhec, R Jeanne). This is the 24th record of Seychelles.