

# *Seychelles Bird Records Committee*

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The following records were accepted during February 2015

## **Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus***



Wilson's Storm Petrel (Hadoram Shirihai)

One c. 5 miles north of Denis on 25 November 2014.  
Three at 03° 37'S 055.36'E on 25 November 2014.  
Three at 03° 29'S 055° 47'E on 25 November 2014.  
Three at 03° 35'S 055° 43'E on 25 November 2014.  
About 15 (maximum seen at any one location along slick seven) at 03° 47'S 056° 11'E on 26 November 2014 (H Shirihai, AP Skerrett).

There have been 7 previous records of this species; this total is now raised to 12.

## **Matsudaira's Storm Petrel *Hydrobates matsudairae***



Matsudaira's Storm-petrel (Hadoram Shirihai)

One c. 15 miles north of Denis on 25 November 2014.  
Five at 03° 37'S 055.36'E on 25 November 2014.  
Four at 03° 29'S 055° 47'E on 25 November 2014.  
One at 03° 35'S 055° 43'E on 25 November 2014.  
Three at 03° 47'S 056° 11'E on 26 November 2014  
(H Shirihai, AP Skerrett).

There has been just 1 previous record of this species; this total is now raised to 6.

## **White-faced Storm Petrel *Pelagodroma marina***

One at approximately 5°26'S 56°38'E on 26 July 2014 (Emma Juxon).

One at approximately 5°29'S 57°16'E on 27 July 2014 (Emma Juxon).

These are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> records for Seychelles.

**Black-bellied Storm-petrel *Fregetta tropica***



**Black-belled Storm-petrel (Hadoram Shirihai)**

One at approximately 4°27'S 56°46'E on 28 July 2014 (Emma Juxon).

One off Denis Island at 03° 47'S 056° 11'E on 26 November 2014 (H Shirihai, AP Skerrett).

These are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> records for Seychelles.

**Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria fallax***

Two at approximately 5°14'S 57°41'E on 23 June 2014 (Emma Juxon).  
This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax***

One at approximately 5°17'S 56°53'E on 3 July 2014 (Emma Juxon).

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.



**Jouanin's Petrel (Emma Juxon)**



**Flesh-footed Shearwater (Emma Juxon)**

**Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes***

100+ at approximately 4°49'S 57°31'E from 4-26 July 2014 (Emma Juxon, Isabelle Sikora).  
One off Denis island at 03° 29'S, 055° 47'E on 25 November 2014 (H Shirihai, AP Skerrett).

These are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> records for Seychelles.



Location of pelagic sightings of Emma Juxon

**Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis***

One adult male at the Creole Village, Desroches 31 October to 1 November 2014 (A Fernández, E Nancy, P Nogués, A Commettant).

This is the first record for the outer islands.

**Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca***

One 1CY male and one 1CY female at the Creole Village, Desroches on 13 November 2014 (P Nogués, A Fernández, A Commettant).

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles and the first for the outer islands.



Yellow Bittern (Pep Nogués)



Ferruginous Duck (Pep Nogués)

**Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora***



At least 3 birds at the Research Station, Picard, Aldabra between 29 October and 6 November 2014, including one dark phase 2CY and one 2CY/3CY pale phase (C Onezia).

This is the 41<sup>st</sup> record for Seychelles.

Left: Eleonora's Falcon (Catherina Onezia)



Right: 'Heuglin's Gull' (Andre Dufrenne)

**Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus heuglini* ('Heuglin's Gull')**

One 3CY/4CY *heuglini* at Ste Anne National Park (including Anse Torti, Ste Anne Resort, Moyenne and Round) 28 April to around end-July 2014 (A Dufrenne, P Theresine, T Uranie, S Morel, K Rayeroux, J Mortimer, G Rocamora, G Gendron).

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> record of this species for Seychelles, 5 of which have been accepted certainly and two possibly this race.

**European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur***



One 1CY at La Cour, Aride 2-4 November 2014 (J Michel, M Curran).

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

European Turtle Dove (Juan Michel)

**Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus***

One 1CY at La Passe, from ICS office to the Eco Centre, Silhouette 13-2 December 2014 (A Street).

One 1CY at Settlement Beach, Picard, Aldabra on 19 November 2014 (G Rose, C Onezia).  
These are the 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> records for Seychelles.



**Common Cuckoo (left: Angela Street, right: Catherina Onezia)**

**Common Swift *Apus apus***



Two in the vicinity of the Research Station to Old Settlement and at the Back Path, Picard Aldabra 6-17 October 2014 (C Onezia, P Haupt, J. Souyave, H. Richards).

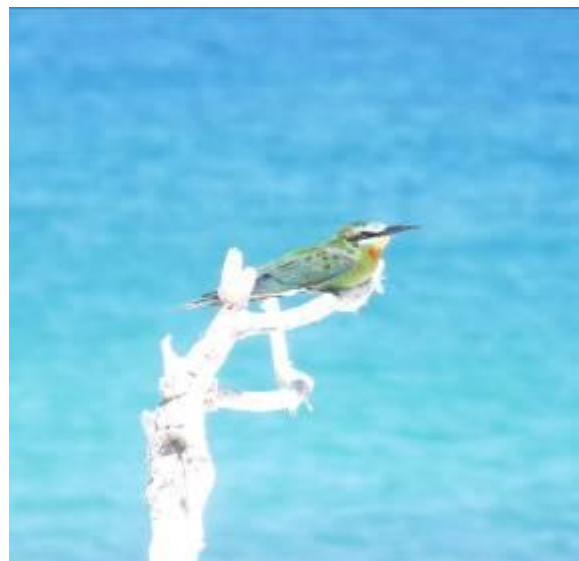
This is the 35<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Left: Common Swift (Catherina Onezia)**

**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus***

One 1CY at Cousin 16-17 November 2014 (A Burt, A Underwood).

There have been 21 records plus 4 years of invasions (with multiple records) recorded for this species.



**Right: Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (April Burt)**

**European Roller *Coracias garrulus***

One 1CY at St Joseph, Praslin mid-October to 16 November 2014 when still present (M Dubel).

One at Denis Island 17-24 November 2014 (AP Skerrett, RM Mason).

One at the airstrip, Alphonse on 2 December 2014 (S Balderson).

With the addition of these records, this species now meets the SBRC criteria to be considered annual and the status has been changed accordingly. SBRC will continue to collect all reports and henceforth, these shall be automatically accepted from reliable observers. Photos will continue to be welcomed including for the purpose of ageing birds.



European Roller (left: Sam Balderson, right: Marcus Dubel)

**Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus***

One adult at the Creole Village, Desroches on 7-21 November 2014 (A Fernández, P Nogués, J-C Camille and A Commettant).

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> record east of Aldabra, where it is an annual visitor.

**Sand Martin *Riparia riparia***

One at Muraille Bon Dieu, Desroches 4-6 June 2014 (P Nogués).

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum***

One probably adult at the airstrip, Desroches at the airstrip on 2 May 2015 (P Nogués).

2-5 including at least 2 1CY at Settlement Beach to the Research Station and the Back Path, Picard Aldabra 23-26 October 2014 (C Onezia, J Souyave).

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.



**Sand Martin (Pep Nogués)**



**Common House Martin (Catherina Onezia)**

**Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus***

Two at the airstrip, Alphonse on 26 November 2014 (S Balderson).

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.



**Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata***

One at the staff housing and coast, Picard, Aldabra  
13 November 2014 (C Onezia, G. Rose, A. Banane,  
J. Souyave).

This is the 45<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Spotted Flycatcher (Catherina Onezia)**

**Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus***

One at the hotel area and to the south, Denis on 26 May 2014 (CJ Feare).

This is the 28<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio***

One at Takamaka, Grand Terre, Aldabra on 31 March 2014 (H Richards, R Filippin, T Mahoune  
and O Guy).

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.



**Resident sunbird meets visiting shrike (Heather Richards)**