

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records were accepted during January 2014

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

One non-breeding adult at the beach, Alphonse on 18 November 2013 and presumably the same individual at the lagoon, St Francois 20 November 2013 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

This is the 7th record for Seychelles and the first for the Amirantes.

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*

One adult at the Settlement area at Assumption 4-6 August 2013 (L Koehler).

This is the 8th record for Seychelles.



Squacco Heron at Alphonse (Aur lie Duhec)



Yellow-billed Kite at Assumption (L Koehler)

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

One at the Cosmic Lagoon, St Francois on 12 December 2013 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

This is the 35th record for Seychelles and the first for St Francois.



Little Egret at St Francois (Aur lie Duhec)





Eleonora's Falcon at Denis (left, RM Mason) and at Assumption (above, P Bauville).

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*

One adult dark morph over the airstrip at Assumption 13 November 2013 (P Bauville).

One 1CY at Denis Island on 11-12 December 2013 (RM Mason).

These are the 38th and 39th records for Seychelles, including the first record for Denis.



Spotted Crane at Etoile (Gérard Rocamora)



Location of Common Moorhen sighting at African Banks (Jeanne Mortimer)

Spotted Crane *Porzana porzana*

One adult at Etoile on 26 November 2013 (G Rocamora).

This is the second record for Seychelles and the first for the outer islands.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

One adult at a small marsh, African Banks on 28 November 2013 (JA Mortimer).

This is the first record for the outer islands.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

One near the stores, Cousine Island 2-30 November 2013 (I Olivier, J Gane, C Goddard).

This is the 9th record for Seychelles and the first for Cousine Island.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

One at the staff canteen, Alphonse on 4 December 2013 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

This is the 35th record for Seychelles.



Pectoral Sandpiper at Cousine (Iain Oliver)



Ruff at Alphonse (Richard Jeanne)



Madagascar Coucal at Assumption (J Moumou)

Madagascar Coucal *Centropus toulou*

One adult at the Settlement area at Assumption 29 January 2013 and at scattered locations on sporadic dates thereafter to at least 12 November 2013 (J Moumou, P Bauville, L Koehler)

This is the first record for more than 100 years from Assumption, where it used to breed, but is believed to have been wiped out shortly after the commencement of guano mining in 1907.

Cuckoo sp. *Cuculus sp.*

One at the west coast track Assumption 24 June and 4 July 2013, presumably the same individual (J Moumou).

This is the 33rd record accepted in this category.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

One adult at the beach, Alphonse on 12 December 2013 (R Jeanne)

This is the 47th record for Seychelles.

Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus*

One 2CY at the eastern plateau, North Island on 15 January 2011 (G Wepener, E Mokhobo, L Vanherck).

One adult at the Settlement area at Assumption 29 October 2013 (J Moumou, P Bauville, L Koehler).

These are the 19th and 20th records for Seychelles.



Common Cuckoo at Alphonse (Richard Jeanne)



Lesser Cuckoo at North Island (Greg Wepener)

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

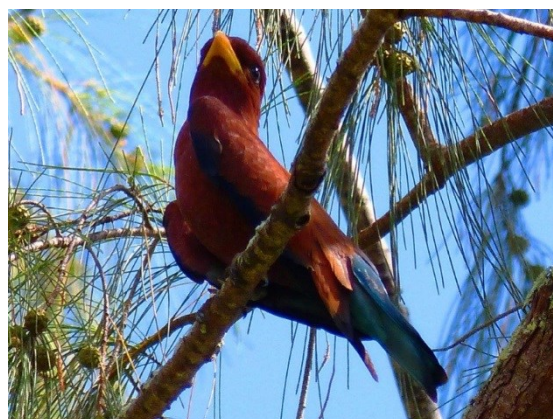
One 1CY at the airstrip, Alphonse on 11 December 2013 (R Jeanne, A Duhec, C Alberba, R Akeria)

This is the 47th record for Seychelles.

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

One at the hotel garden, Alphonse on 13 December 2013 (A Latif, R Jeanne).

This is the 20th record from east of the Aldabra Group, where it is an annual visitor. It is also the 8th record from Alphonse.



European Roller (left, Aurélie Duhec) and Broad-billed Roller (right, Richard Jeanne) at Alphonse

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

One adult male race *samamiscus* at the Conservation Centre, Aride on 12 December 2013 (J

Cotin).

This is the 17th record for Seychelles. It is the first confirmed record of race *samamiscus*.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

One 1CY at the airstrip, Remire on 27 November 2013 (G Rocamora).

This is the 29th record for Seychelles.



Common Redstart at Aride (Javier Cotin)



Red-throated Pipit at Remire (Gérard Rocamora)