

# *Seychelles Bird Records Committee*

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**The following records were accepted during July 2015**

## **Reed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus***



One at the coastal beacon, Assumption on 3 April 2015 (P Banville).

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles, 5 of which come from the Aldabra group.

**Photo: Patrick Banville**

## **Madagascar Pond Heron *Ardeola idea***

One adult at Menai, Cosmoledo on 22 June 1999 (M Betts).

There are now 6 Seychelles records. Chronologically, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seychelles out-of-range record (at anywhere other than Aldabra, where it breeds).

## **Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni***



One adult female at the airstrip, Alphonse 15-16 March 2015 (S Balderson, C Narty).

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

**Photo: Sam Balderson**

## **Seychelles Kestrel *Falco araea***

One at La Passe, La Digue on 10 April 2015 (D Rosengren).

Although Malcom Penny's *The birds of Seychelles and the outlying islands* refers to irregular sightings on La Digue, this is the first documented and confirmed report.

**Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus***



One at Coco Transects pool, Cinq Cases, Grande Terre, Aldabra on 5 April 2015 (C Onezia).

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Seychelles and the first for the outer islands.

**Photo: Catherina Onezia**

**Little Tern *Sternula albifrons***



Two adults at Providence, Mahe on 6 March and one on 7 March 2015 (T Hibbert, L Booth)

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Photo: Tom Hibbert**

**Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava***



One adult male *beema/flava* at Cinq Cases, Grand Terre, Aldabra on 14 March 2015 (F Gamble)

This is the 47<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Photo: Frankie Gamble**

**Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus***

One at the main beach, Cousin on 5 January 2015 (T Hibbert)  
This is the 50<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Sand Martin *Riparia riparia***



One at Point Huteau, Alphonse 28-29 May 2015  
(C Narty)  
One at the hotel staff village, Alphonse on 14  
June 2015 (C Narty).

These are the 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> records for  
Seychelles. There are now 8 Alphonse records,  
more than from any other island.

**Photo: Chris Narty**

**Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum***



One at the airstrip, Alphonse 15-17 April 2015  
(L Martin, S Balderson).

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles. Fourteen  
of these have occurred since 2007.  
Four have occurred on Alphonse.

**Photo: Lucy Martin**

**Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe Oenanthe***



One 2CY male breeding at the Back Path, Picard,  
Aldabra on 6 January 2015 (G Rose, C Onezia).  
One adult female at southeastern Desroches 10-13  
February 2015 (P Nogués, A Fernández).

These are the 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Photo: Catherina Onezia**

**Rufous Vanga *Schetba rufa***

One adult male at Takamaka, Grand Terre, Aldabra on 19 January 2015 (F Gamble, M Dubel).

This is a remarkable 1<sup>st</sup> record for Seychelles of this Madagascar endemic.

**Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis***

One at Pointe Sicon, Grand Ile, Cosmoledo on 20 November 2008 (R Nolin, A Labiche).

This is the first out-of-range record for the Aldabra Group.

**Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea***



One immature at Settlement Beach, Picard, Aldabra on 24 May 2015 (S Decommarmond).

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles of which 4 are from Aldabra.

**Photo: Sheril Decommarmond**