

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records were accepted during March 2014



Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*

Two 1CY at the airstrip and adjacent areas, Alphonse 25-28 December 2013, one remaining to 30 December 2013 (A Duhec, R Jeanne, S Balderson).

This is the 40th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Aurélie Duhec

Black-winged/Oriental Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni/maldivarum*

One at the fish freezers, D'Arros 30 October-10 November 2013 (C Boyes).

There have been two previous records accepted in the category. There are also 19 records accepted as Oriental Pratincole and 13 accepted as Black-winged Pratincole.

Photo: Black-winged or Oriental Pratincole (Chris Boyes)



Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
One 1CY at Cousin 16 December 2013 (A Underwood, J Souyana)

This is the 48th record for Seychelles.



Photo: Common Cuckoo (Jason Souyana)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*
One at La Rosiere Hill, Mahe 29 December 2013 - 12 January 2014 (P Desnousse).

This is the 2nd record for Seychelles. Interestingly, the observer noted that the sighting coincided with the appearance of a significant number of dragonflies, identified by Pat Matyot as Globe Skimmer or Wandering Glider *Pantala flavescens*, a migratory species known to cross the Indian Ocean.



Photos: left Alpine Swift, right Globe Skimmer (Paul Desnousse)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

One at the airstrip, Alphonse on 10 February 2014 (S Balderson).
This is the 33rd record for Seychelles.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

One 2CY at the airstrip, Alphonse on 24 January 2014 and possibly the same individual
on 12 February 2014 (S Balderson).
This is the 48th record for Seychelles.



**Photos: clockwise from top left, Sand
Martin, European Roller, Northern
Wheatear
(Sam Balderson)**

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One female at Point Dot, Alphonse on 16
February 2014 (S Balderson).

This is the 67th record for Seychelles.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One at the Research Station, Picard, Aldabra on 10 December 2013 (W Falcon, C Onezia, H Richards, S Marie).

This is the 6th record for Seychelles.

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

One female or 2CY north of the Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 17-23 January 2014 (W Falcon Linero, J van de Crommenacker, G Rose, M van Dinther, H Richards).

This is the 26th record for Seychelles.



**Photos: left Wood Warbler, right European Golden Oriole
(Wilfredo Falcon, Janske van de Crommenacker and Seychelles Islands Foundation)**