

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records were accepted during March 2015

Madagascar Pond Heron *Ardeola idae*



Two immatures at the pig farm, North Island, Farquhar 2-6 February 2015 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

This is the 7th record east of Aldabra, where this species breeds.

It is the first record for the Farquhar Group.

Photo: Richard Jeanne

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*



One at the southern end of the airstrip, Alphonse 1 February-17 March 2015 (S Balderson, M Betts)

This is the 11th record for Seychelles.

It is the second record for the outer islands (both Alphonse).

Photo: Sam Balderson

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*



One 3rd year race *heuglini* between the Creole village and Castaway, Desroches 1-16 December 2014 (P Nogués, A Fernández, J-C Camille and A Commettant).

This is the 11th accepted record of this species, 6 as *heuglini* and two as *heuglini/barabensis*.

Photo: Pep Nogués



One race *fuscus* at the south beach, Alphonse on 16-19 December 2014 (S Balderson).

This is the 12th accepted record of this species, 4 as *fuscus*

Photo: Sam Balderson

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*



One adult near the fishing centre, Alphonse on 19 December 2014 (S Balderson, C Narty).

This is the 37th record for Seychelles

It is the 5th record for Alphonse.

Photo: Sam Balderson

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*



One adult male at the airstrip, Alphonse on 31 January-18 February 2015 (S Balderson).

This is the 67th record for Seychelles.

It is the 9th record for Alphonse.

Photo: Sam Balderson

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*



Maximum 6-7 around the Garden and after staff house # 6, flying Inland and along the coast, Picard, Aldabra on 2-10 December 2014 (C Onezia, G Rose, D Romain).

It is the 9th record for Aldabra. It is also unusual in being the highest number of individuals recorded at any one time in Seychelles (most records are solitary individuals).

Photos: Catherina Onezia

