

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records have been accepted by Seychelles Bird Records Committee:

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

One at 0.82°S, 53.83°E (193 miles north-northwest of Bird) on board *SS Kent* for 9 hours, departing flying south on 23 October 1962 (NGC Cheshire).

This old record appears on the website of Royal Naval Birdwatching Society. Links have recently been established between RNBWS and SBRC and the record has been accepted.

Chronologically, this is the first record for Seychelles and the total number of accepted records for the species is increased to eight.



Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

One immature at the helipad and north plateau, Cousine on 20 September 2012 (J Gane, I Olivier, M Keeley).

This is the 5th record east of Aldabra (where it breeds). It is considered by SBRC to be probably the same individual recorded at Ile Perseverance from 5 October 2012 to 24 February 2013 (a record that has already been accepted).

Photo: Julie Gane

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Three at various locations, Bird on 22 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips, TR Bresson).

One non-breeding adult at beach section HI and DE, Alphonse 24-26 November 2012 (A Duhec R Jeanne).

One at La Promenade, Mahe 6-8 December 2012 (AP Skerrett).

This raises the number of Seychelles records to 30.

Photo: Adrian Skerrett



Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

One 1CY at Hironnelle, Bird on 24 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips).
This is the 31st record for Seychelles.



Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One at the coast and hotel area, Bird on 23 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, TR Bresson, VE Phillips, RJ Allen, C Allen).

This is the first record for Seychelles. A subsequent sighting at Grand Soeur on 29 December 2012 accepted in April was probably the same individual given the absence of any previous reports of this distinctive species.

Photo: John Phillips

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

One at pools near the Coastguard Station, Ile Perseverance 9-18 November 2012 (G McKinlay).
Two at the north end of the airstrip, Bird 18-24 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips, TR Bresson).

This raises the number of Seychelles records to 20.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

One non-breeding adult at the airstrip, Desroches on 9 November 2012 (T Jupiter, K Machin).
This is the eighth record for Seychelles.

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

One at the airstrip, Bird 28-29 October 2012 (J Ferdinand, H Galow, R Bresson).
This is the 19th record for Seychelles.



European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

One 2CY at the airstrip, Alphonse on 22 January 2013 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

This is the 9th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Richard Jeanne

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

One found dead and one other *Cuculus sp.* present in grounds of Seychelles College, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles on 30 December 1974 (J High).

One collected at Mahé, Seychelles on 4 September 1974 (J High).

These old specimen records held at Cambridge Museum were pending by SBRC until a committee member was able to visit to take photos and measurements confirming identification. The second record above is the earliest recorded date for this species. The number of accepted Seychelles records is increased to 46.

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*

One female or 1CY at Hironnelle, Bird on 19 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips).
This is the fifth record for Seychelles.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

One 1CY over the tern colony, Bird on 17 November 2012, accepted with a caveat re other possible all-dark swifts (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips).
Two between Takamaka hut and the coast on 30 January 2013, accepted with a caveat re other possible all-dark swifts (G McKinlay, T Mahoune).
This raises the number of Seychelles records to 20.

European Roller *Coracias garrulous*

One 1CY at various locations Denis from early November to 10 December 2012 (RM Mason).
This is the 46th record for Seychelles.



Madagascar Kingfisher *Alcedo vintsioides*

One at the Research Station, Picard, Aldabra on 20 March 2013 (C Ferguson, A de Groene, C Quanz). This is the first record of this species for Seychelles.

Photo: Calum Ferguson

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

One 1CY at Passe Hironnelle, Bird 29-30 October 2012 (J Ferdinand, H Galow).
This is the 25th record for Seychelles.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

At least one among 10 hirundines at the northern tip, Bird Island on 28 October 2012 (J Ferdinand, H Galow).
One at various locations over the island, Bird 12-14 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips).
One at pools near the Coastguard Station, Ile Perseverance on 18 November 2012 (G McKinlay).
This raises the number of Seychelles records to 30.

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

One at the northern tip, Bird Island on 26 October 2012 (J Ferdinand, H Galow).
This is the sixth record for Seychelles.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

One 1CY at the west coast, Bird on 16 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips, TR Bresson).
This is the fifth record for Seychelles.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

One, possibly two 1CY males at various locations, Bird on 15 November and 17-21 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips).
This is the sixteenth record for Seychelles.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

One at the tern colony, Bird 17-19 November 2012 (NJ Phillips, VE Phillips, CJ Feare).
One female at Desroches on 17 November 2012 (T Jupiter).
This is the fourth record for Seychelles.



Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One adult male at the Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 4 February 2013 (C Onezia, J Brice, M Green).
This is the 64th record for Seychelles (including 35 from Aldabra).

Photo: Catherina Onezia

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe*

One 1CY male at Denis 7-9 December 2012 (RM Mason).
This is the fifth record for Seychelles.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

One at near Passe Hironnelle, Bird on 29 October 2012 (J Ferdinand, H Galow).
This is the 44th record for Seychelles.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Six at the airstrip, Desroches 17-25 November 2012 (T Jupiter, K Machin, M Curran).
Two adults at the airstrip, Alphonse on 23 November 2012 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).
This is the 26th record for Seychelles.