

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records were accepted during May 2016

Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*

One between Mahe and Praslin on 10 October 2015 (K Petersen)

This is the 14th record for Seychelles.

Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*



One at 4°30'26"S
55°35'58"E between
Mahe and Praslin on 6
October 2014 (R Marsh).

This is the 8th record for
Seychelles.

Photo: Rhys Marsh

Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

One about 100 miles north of Mahé on 7 November 1984 (MG Creighton).

This is the 13th record for Seychelles.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*



One at landfill ponds
east of Victoria, Mahe
on 11 April 1990 (J
Nilsson).

This is the 3rd record for
Seychelles and the first
chronologically.

Photo: J Nilsson

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*



One adult in breeding plumage at Providence, Mahe on 14 February 2016 (AP Skerrett, S Agricole).

This is the 12th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Adrian Skerrett

Madagascar Pond Heron *Ardeola idae*



One non-breeding adult at the airstrip, Farquhar on 4 April 2016 (R Jeanne).

This is the 6th record for Seychelles east of Aldabra, where it breeds.

Photo: Richard Jeanne

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*



One at the airstrip and vegetable gardens, Denis on 2 March 2016 and seen sporadically up to 17 May (J van de Crommenacker, M van Dinther).

This is probably the same individual as seen on 3 December 2015, the 8th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Janske van de Crommenacker

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*



One 2cy male at the airstrip, Alphonse 28-31 March 2016 (P Nogués, A Fernández, C Narty).

This is the 10th record for Seychelles, including 5 from the Amirantes. 7 records have been on Spring migration, unlike most migrants

Photo Ariadna Fernández

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*



One adult at the airstrip, Bird on 25 October 2015 and one pratincoles sp. killed by aircraft propeller the previous day (D Milsom).

This is the 18th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Dave Milsom

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

One at the airstrip, Praslin on 19 October 1982 probably the same as a record already accepted of one at the same location 27 October-24 November 1982 (W Nezadal).

The number of Seychelles records remains at 21.

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*

One at the airstrip, Praslin on 19 October 1982 (W Nezadal).

This is the 6th record for Seychelles, three of which have been at Praslin.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

One at the harbour area, Victoria, Mahe on 22 October 1982 (W Nezadal).

This is the 4th record for Seychelles and the first chronologically.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*



Three at Providence, Mahé on 14 February 2016 (AP Skerrett, S Agricole).

This is the 22nd record for Seychelles.

Photo: Adrian Skerrett

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*



One female at Grand Anse, Praslin on 27 March 1990 (J Nilsson).

One adult at the north beach, Bird on 25 October 2015 (D Milsom).

This raises the number of accepted records to 36.

Photo: Dave Milsom

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*



One 2cy near the lighthouse, Desroches on 18 February 2016 (P Holden)

This is the 6th record for Seychelles and the first for the Amirantes.

Photo: Peter Holden

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*



One at Providence, Mahé
27 March-15 May 2016
(AP Skerrett).

This is the 9th record for
Seychelles, six of which
have been at Mahé
(including Ile
Perseverance).

Photo: Adrian Skerrett

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Three at the airstrip, Desroches on 11 February 2016 (P Holden).

This is the 37th record for Seychelles.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*



One at South Island, Farquhar on
5 February 2016 (R Jeanne).

This is the 8th record for
Seychelles.

Photo: Richard Jeanne

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*



One near the Fly-fishing House, North Island, Farquhar 2-17 January 2016 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

This is the 26th record for Seychelles east of the Aldabra Group, where it is an annual visitor.

Photo: Richard Jeanne

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*



One adult male near the IDC Office, North Island, Farquhar 11-14 December 2015 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

One adult at the beach, Providence on 21 March 2016 (AP Skerrett, U Tatarinov, P Matyot).

This raises the number of accepted records to 42.

Photo: Aurelié Duhec

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*



One adult, probably race *lutea* near the IDC Office, North Island, Farquhar on 9 February 2016 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

This is the 50th record for Seychelles.

Photo: Aurelié Duhec

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One female at the IDC workshop, North Island, Farquhar on 31 January 2016 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

One adult male at the airstrip, Alphonse on 12 and 16 February 2016 (T Crocker, A Fernández and others).

One adult female at the airstrip, Alphonse 23-25 February 2016 (C Narty, A Fernández).

This raises the number of accepted records to 74.



Female at Farquhar (Richard Jeanne)



Adult male at Alphonse (Ariadna Fernández)



Adult female at Alphonse (Chris Narty)