

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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The following records were accepted during October 2013:

Round Island Petrel *Pterodroma arminjoniana*

One, showing characteristics mainly of Trindade Petrel, south of Coëtivy on the edge of Seychelles EEZ at approximately 8°50'S, 56°15'E on 9 February 2011 (A Ross, M Barnett and 3 other observers aboard *Costa Romantica*). This is the first sight record for Seychelles, but 30 geolocator records have also been accepted.

Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*

At least thirty from near Agalega, about 60 nautical miles south of Seychelles EEZ approximately 9°45'S, 56°28'E to near Coëtivy at approximately 7°50'S, 56°05'30"E on 9 February 2011 (A Ross, M Barnett and 3 other observers aboard *Costa Romantica*). This is the 12th record for Seychelles.



Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*

15-20 at the Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 12 April 2013 (C Onezia, J Souyave). This is the 36th record for Seychelles. It is remarkable in that only one of the previous 35 records has involved more than a single bird (three at Picard, Aldabra 21 November 1972, CB Frith).

Eleonora's Falcon
(Photos: Catherina Onezia)



Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

One adult at Brilliant Point, Victoria 10-12 February 2011 (M Barnett, A Ross, P Constance). This is the 6th record for Seychelles (chronologically, the 5th record).



Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

One immature at the west beach, Bird Island on 8 July 2013 (CJ Feare, C Larose). This is the 5th record for Seychelles.

**Arctic Skua
(Photo: Chris Feare)**

Madagascar Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*

Four at Anse Porche, Malabar, Aldabra on 9 August 2013 declining to two by 30 August and one on Picard 18 August-15 September, possibly from this same group (C Onezia, J Brice, B Marengo, R Moustache, H Richards, S Basset, J Raguain, C Quanz, I Mellie, S. Basset). This is the 2nd record for Seychelles.



Madagascar Bee-eater (Photos: Heather Richards, above left; Catherina Onezia, above right)

Mascarene Martin *Phedina borbonica*

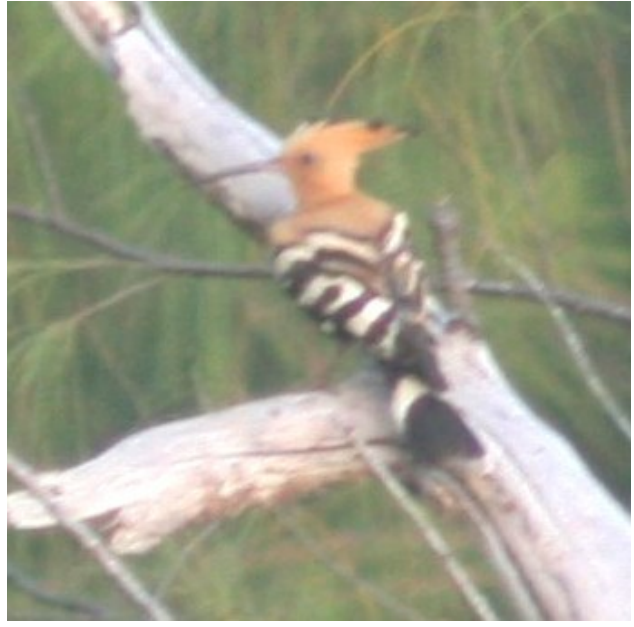
One in the vicinity of Anse Chaux and Anse Zeblo, Picard, Aldabra 21-28 August 2013 (J Brice, C Onezia, C Quanz, H Richards, J Souyave). This is the 12th record for Seychelles.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

One at the airstrip, Bird on 22 April 2013 (P Woods, N Dunn). This is the 17th record for Seychelles.



Common House Martin
(Photo: Patrick Woods)



Common Hoopoe
(Photo: Catherina Onezia)

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

One at Middle Camp, Malabar, Aldabra 1-2 August 2013 (C Onezia, R Moustache, R Gabriel).
This is the 4th record for Seychelles.