

# *Seychelles Bird Records Committee*

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**The following records were accepted during June 2012**

## **Red-billed Duck *Anas erythrorhyncha***

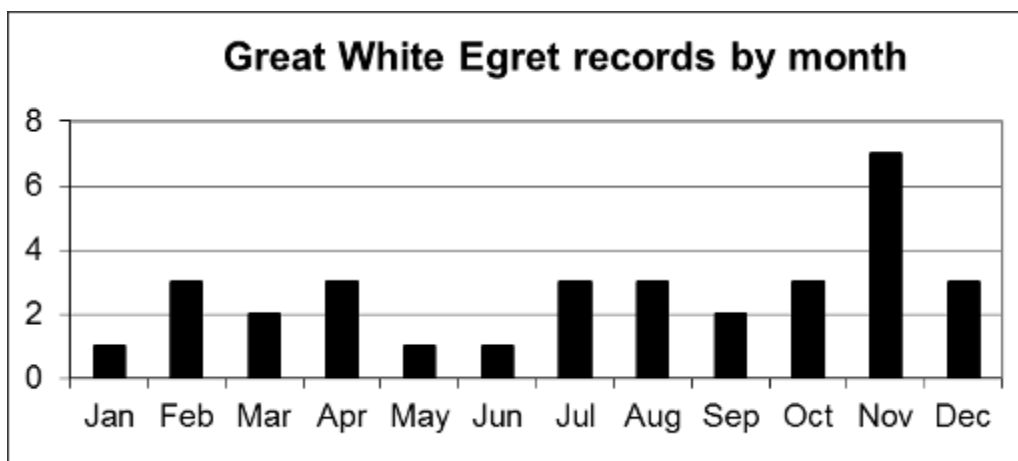
One adult on pool at Coco transect, Grande Terre, Aldabra on 10 January 2012 (J Souyave & D Rose). This is the first record for Seychelles.

## **Great Egret *Egretta alba***

One adult breeding at Passe Hoareau, Aldabra on 14 November 2011 (C Onezia). This is the 17<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles. SBRC members noted that the fact it was in breeding plumage at this time of year suggests an African or Madagascan origin rather than a Eurasian one.

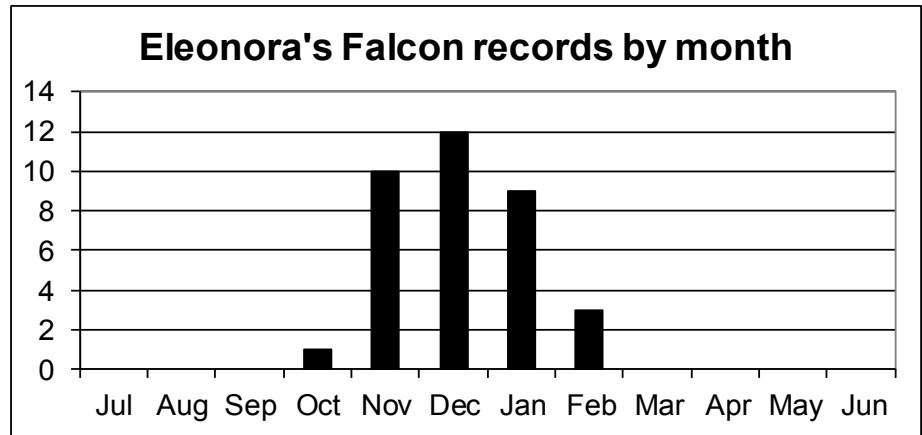
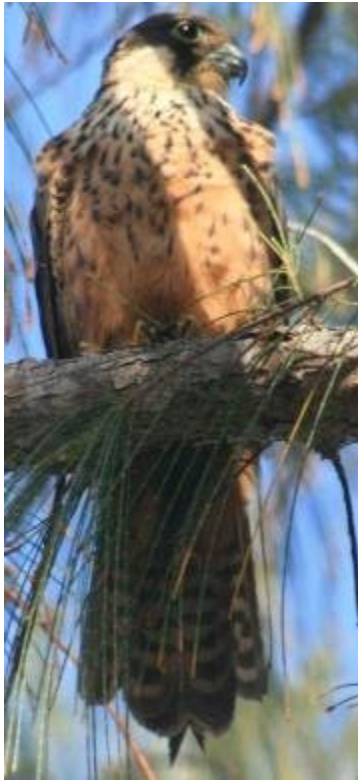


Above: Red billed Duck (Joel Souyave)  
Right: Great Egret (Catherina Onezia)



**Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae***

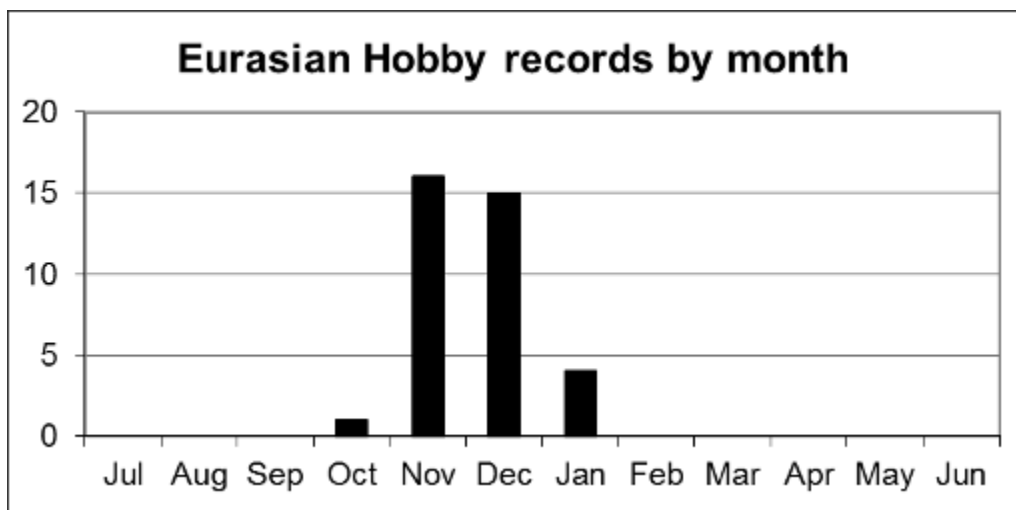
One adult pale morph between the Research Station and Old Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 23 November 2011 (J Souyave, C Onezia). This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> record for Seychelles.



Eleonora's Falcon (Joel Souyave)

**Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo***

One first-winter at the airstrip, Alphonse on 19 November 2011 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).  
One first-winter at the boatshed, Picard Aldabra on 11 December 2011 (M Šúr, R Baxter, H Quatre). This raises to 30 the number of accepted records from Seychelles.





Eurasian Hobby at Alphonse (left, Richard Jeanne) and Aldabra (right, Michal Šúr)

**Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius***

One at the airstrip, Alphonse 18-23 January 2012 (A Duhec, R Jeanne).

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles. All six previous records were from Aldabra. This is the world's most easterly record for the species.



Yellow-billed Kite (Aurélie Duhec)

**Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura* or Swinhoe's Snipe *G. megala***

One at the airstrip, Alphonse on 8 January 2012 (A Duhec, R Jeanne)

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> record accepted in this category.



Pintail/Swinhoe's Snipe (Aurélie Duhec)

**Great Snipe *Gallinago media***

One at the airstrip, Alphonse 12-13 October 2011 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles and the first record for the outer islands.



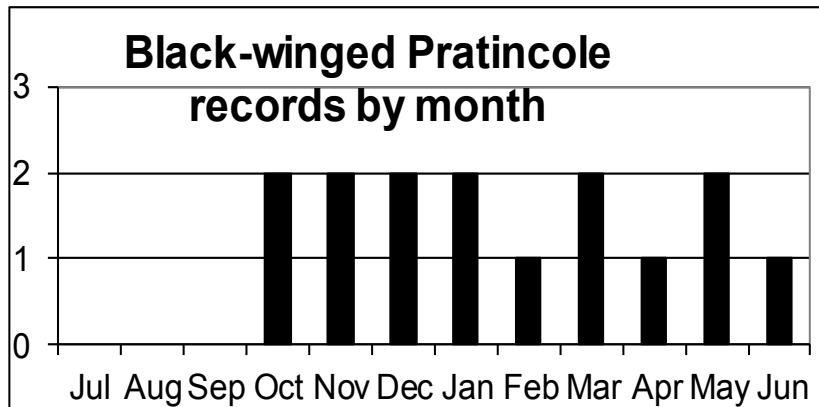
Great Snipe (Richard Jeanne)



Black-winged Pratincole (Catherina Onezia)

**Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni***

One at Cinq Cases, Grand Terre, Aldabra on 11 January 2012 (C Onezia, J Souyave and J Hoareau). This is the 12<sup>th</sup> record for Seychelles.



**White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa***

One first-winter at the beach, Aride 2-3 January 2012 (A Barra, T Catry, I Catry). This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Seychelles.

**Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis***

One adult female at the back path, Picard, Aldabra 11-15 December 2011 (M Šúr). This is the first record for Seychelles.



Namaqua Dove (Michal Šúr)

**Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus***

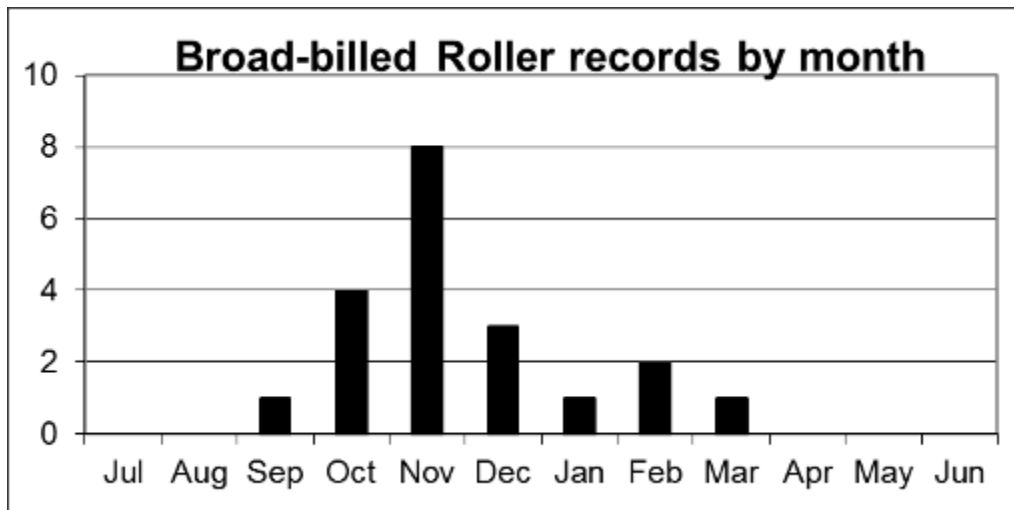
One at the IDC Creole village, Desroches 13-19 October 2011 (A Commettant, T Jupiter, A Nahaboo, D Jupiter).

One adult nominate race at the GPS Garden, Alphonse on 19 November 2011 (R Jeanne, A Duhec).

This raises to 18 the number of records east of the Aldabra Group (where it is an annual visitor).



Broad-billed Roller (Richard Jeanne)



**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus***

Four at the north end of Settlement Beach, Picard, Aldabra on 16 December 2011, three remaining to 21 December 2011 (M Šúr). There have been four invasion years with many sightings throughout the islands and 18 other isolated records including this one.



Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (Michal Šúr)

**Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe***

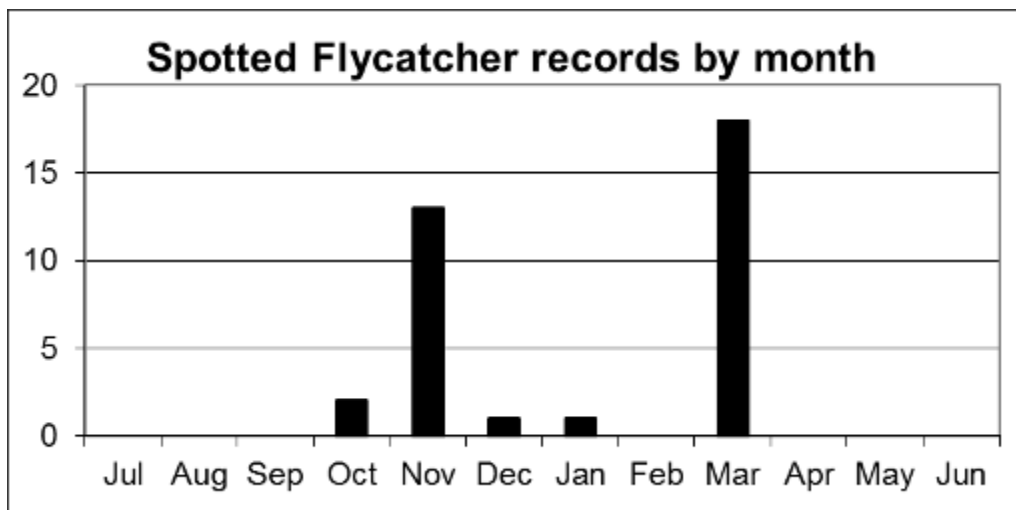
One adult male at Cinq Cases, Picard, Aldabra on 11 January 2012 (C Onezia, J Souyave, J Hoareau). One first-winter at the airstrip, Alphonse on 11 January 2012 (R Jeanne). This raises the number of accepted records to 50, including 31 records from Aldabra.



Two Northern Wheatears on the same day in January at Aldabra (left, Catherina Onezia) and Alphonse (right, Richard Jeanne)

**Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata***

One at old ruins before Old Settlement on 24 November and one presumed to be the same individual after Zone 4 Settlement Beach, Picard, Aldabra on 26 November 2011 (C Onezia). One behind staff houses at the Settlement, Picard, Aldabra 3-14 January 2012 (C Onezia, J Souyave). This raises the number of accepted records to 34 including 26 from Aldabra.



**White Wagtail *Motacilla alba***

One female or first-winter at the airstrip, Alphonse 15-20 November 2011 (A Duhec, E Duhec). One behind the canteen, Alphonse 21-23 December 2011 (R Jeanne, A Duhec). This raises the number of accepted records to 33.



Two White Wagtails at Alphonse (above, Richard Jeanne below, Aurélie Duhec)

