

Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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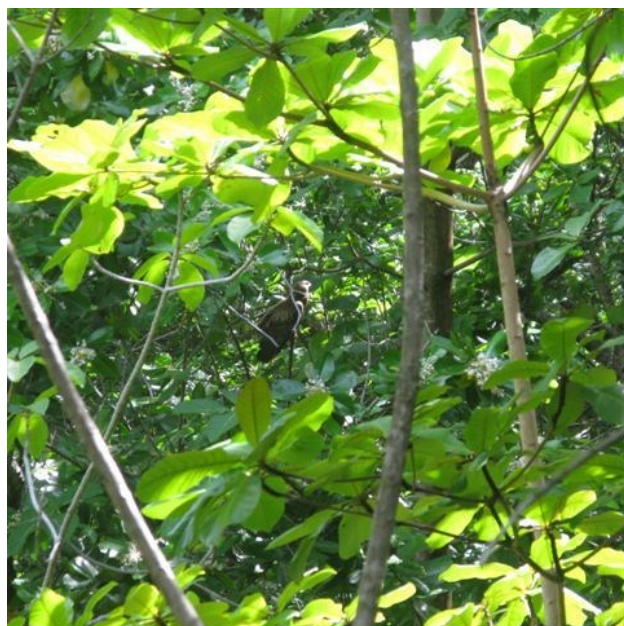
The following records were accepted during May 2012

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

One at Anse Cimetiere, North Island on 19 November 2011, accepted with a caveat that Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* could not be ruled out (E Mokhobo, J Nicolaas, J Van Vuuren). This is the 6th record for Seychelles. Oriental Honey Buzzard has never been recorded in Seychelles but patterns of migration and vagrancy suggest it is a possibility, albeit less likely than European Honey Buzzard.

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

One at the Indian Village, Desroches on 9 October 2011 (T Jupiter, A Nahaboo). This is the 3rd Seychelles record in this category. At present, SBRC consider it is unlikely that a definitive record can be accepted for either species in the absence of details of tail feathers.



Probable European Honey Buzzard (Elliott Mokhobo)



Pintail Snipe or Swinhoe's Snipe (Tony Jupiter)

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

One at the airstrip, Alphonse on 14 October 2011 (R Jeanne). This is the sixth record for Seychelles.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

One juvenile at the airstrip, Alphonse on 20 November 2011 (A Duhec, R Jeanne). This is the fifth record for Seychelles.



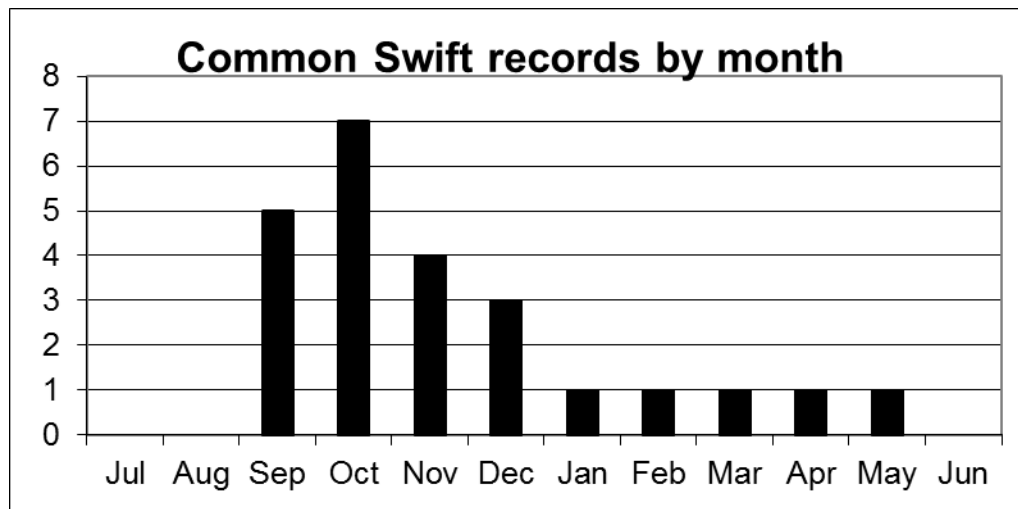
Pectoral Sandpiper (Richard Jeanne)



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (Richard Jeanne)

Common Swift *Apus apus*

One at the airstrip, Desroches on 29 September 2011, accepted with a caveat that other all-dark swift species could not be ruled out (T Jupiter, A Commettant). This is the 24th record for Seychelles.

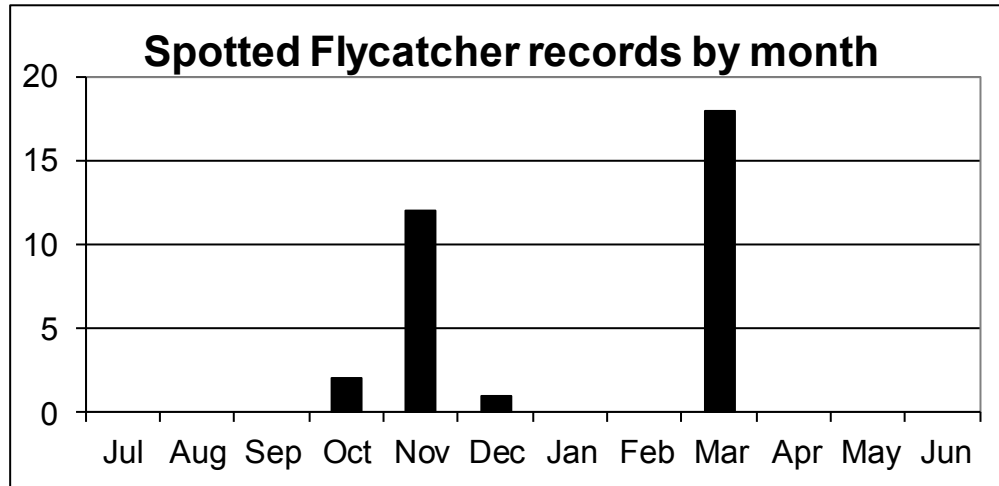


Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

One at Settlement Beach, Picard, Aldabra on 5 November 2011 (C Onezia)

One at Anse Mais, Grand Terre, Aldabra 10-11 November 2011 (C Onezia, J Hoareau, B Narty and J Estico)

This raises the number of accepted Seychelles records to 32 of which 24 are from Aldabra.



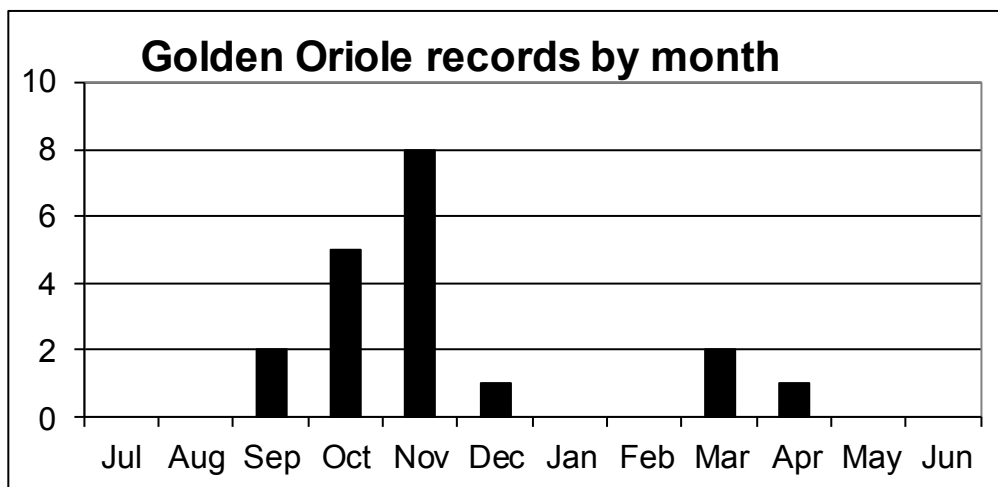
Common Swift (Tony Jupiter)



Spotted Flycatcher (Catherina Onezia)

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

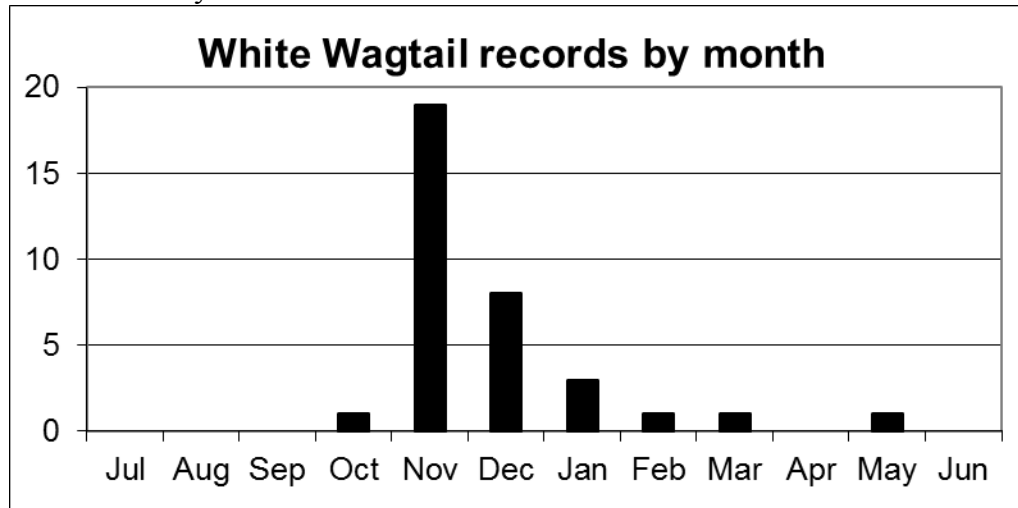
One immature at the Old Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 18-19 October 2011 (C Onezia, J Souyave). This is the 19th record for Seychelles.



White

Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

One adult male at the Research Station, Picard, Aldabra on 16 November 2011 (C Onezia). This is the 31st record for Seychelles.



Eurasian Golden Oriole (Catherina Onezia)



White Wagtail (Catherina Onezia)

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

One first-winter at the Old Settlement, Picard, Aldabra on 26 October 2011 (C Onezia, J Souyave).

This is the 5th record for Seychelles and the 1st for the outer islands.



Ortolan Bunting (Catherina Onezia)