

THE FIRST REPORT OF THE SEYCHELLES BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The Seychelles Bird Records Committee was formed in 1992. Its first task was to draw up two lists of the birds of Seychelles: one list for species considered to be resident, annual breeding visitors and annual migrants for which records were not required, and one list for species of less than annual occurrence for which records should be submitted. Notices were then posted in the world's leading bird journals and magazines appealing for past records, and advertising the availability of lists to interested parties.

The list of species of less than annual occurrence had been based on collected published and unpublished information. Critical examination of some records (including some published records) led to their rejection. Meanwhile, new records of species never previously reported from Seychelles were received and accepted by the Committee. In addition, this original list made no attempt to indicate relative scarcity of each species. Hence, it is now of little value.

The following report combines the list of species of annual occurrence with records accepted up to 31st August 1995 for species of less than annual occurrence. Records are required for all vagrants and, of course, any species which does not appear in the report. In addition, records of other species, which may be seen outside their normal range, are required. For example, Black-naped Tern breeds in the Amirantes and further west, but records are required east of the Amirantes, that is, the granitic islands, Bird, Denis, Platte and Coetivy.

- Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*
Vagrant. One record; Dec. South-east Island/Mahé (1 bird)
- Southern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus*
Vagrant. One record; July-Oct. Mahe (1 bird)
- Pintado Petrel** *Daption capense*
Vagrant. One record; Sept. Between Cosmoledo and Assumption (1 bird)
- Jouanin's Petrel** *Bulweria fallax*
Vagrant. Four records; Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb. near Aldabra 1, between Farquhar and Desnoeufs 3 (9 birds)
- Flesh-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus carneipes*
Vagrant. Two records; May, Oct. between Fregate and Recif 1, and near Farquhar 1 (2 birds)
- Wedge-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus pacificus*
Breeds Aride, Cousin, Bird, Recif, St. Joseph Atoll, Desnoeufs, Marie-Louise, and possibly elsewhere
- Audubon's Shearwater** *Puffinus lherminieri*
Breeds Aride, Cousin, Bird, Desnoeufs, Marie-Louise, Aldabra and possibly elsewhere
- Wilson's Storm-petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*
Vagrant. Three records; Oct, Nov. near Bird 1, near Farquhar 1, near Desnoeufs 1 (7 birds)
- Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus*
Vagrant. One record; all months. Bird (1 bird)
- Red-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon rubricauda*
Breeds Aride, Aldabra, Cosmoledo. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles.
- White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus*
Breeds Mahe, Praslin, Fregate, Aride, Cousin, Cousine, Silhouette, Aldabra and possibly elsewhere. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles.
- Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*
Breeds Aldabra, Cosmoledo. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles.
- Masked Booby** *Sula dactylatra*
Breeds Desnoeufs, Boudeuse, Cosmoledo. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles.
- Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*
Breeds Desnoeufs and possibly Cosmoledo. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles.
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Vagrant. One record; Jan. Near Cousin (1 bird)
- Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor*
Breeds Aldabra. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles

- Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*
Breeds Aldabra. Annual visitor to rest of Seychelles
- Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*
Breeds Mahe, Praslin, La Digue, Curieuse
- Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*
Vagrant. Two records; Oct-Nov. Aride 1, Praslin 1 (2 birds)
- Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
Vagrant. One record; Oct. Fregate (1 bird)
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Vagrant. Four records; Mar, May, Oct.. Mahe (4 birds)
- Green-backed Heron** *Butorides striatus*
Breeds throughout Seychelles. Race *B.s. degens* in granitic islands and race *B.s. crawfordi* in Aldabra group and probably Amirantes
- Malagasy Squacco Heron** *Ardeola idae*
Breeds Aldabra
- Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*
Vagrant. One record; May-Nov. Mahe (1 bird)
- Cattle Egret** *Bulbulcus ibis seychellarum*
Breeds throughout Seychelles
- Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
Race *E.g. dimorpha* resident Aldabra group. Unknown race vagrant to granitic islands: 12 records; Jan-May, Oct, Nov. Mahe 11, Fregate 1 (24 birds)
- Great White Egret** *Egretta alba*
Vagrant. Three records; Oct, Nov, Feb. Praslin 2, Mahe 1 (3 birds)
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
Resident throughout Seychelles
- Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
Vagrant. Seven records; Feb, Sept, Oct, Nov. Bird 3, Mahe 1, La Digue 1, Aride 1, Mahe 1 (7 birds)
- White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*
Vagrant. Two records; Dec-Feb. Mahe 1, Bird 1 (4 birds)
- Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopica*
Race *T.a. abbotti* resident Aldabra. Race *T.a. aethiopicus* vagrant. One record; Feb. Aldabra (1 bird)
- Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber*
Breeds Aldabra. Vagrant elsewhere. Three records; Oct, Jan-May, Oct, Dec. Mahe 1, Fregate 1, Farquhar 1 (3 birds)
- White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*
Vagrant. Three records; Sept, Apr, Jun. Aldabra (3 birds)

- Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
Vagrant. One record; Dec. Mahe (1 bird)
- Pintail** *Anas acuta*
Vagrant. Four records; Feb, Nov, Dec. Mahe 2, Aride 1, Cousin 1 (10 birds)
- Garganey** *Anas querquedula*
Annual migrant
- Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*
Vagrant. Two records; Oct. Fregate 1, Assumption 1 (2 birds)
- Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
Vagrant. Four records; Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec. Aldabra (4 birds)
- Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
Vagrant. One record; Feb. Fregate (1 bird)
- Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Mahe (1 bird)
- Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni*
Vagrant. One record; Apr-May. Praslin (1 bird)
- Malagasy Kestrel** *Falco newtoni*
Resident Aldabra
- Seychelles Kestrel** *Falco araea*
Resident Mahe, Praslin, Silhouette, La Digue
- Eleonora's Falcon** *Falco eleonora*
Vagrant. Six records; Oct-Dec. Aldabra (8 birds)
- Sooty Falcon** *Falco concolor*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Fregate (1 bird)
- Western Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Bird (1 bird)
- European Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*
Vagrant. Two records; Jan, Dec. Mahe (2 birds)
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
Vagrant. Three records; Nov, Dec, Mar. Aldabra 2, Cousin 1 (3 birds)
- Grey Francolin** *Francolinus pondicerianus*
Resident Desroches, Coetivy
- White-throated Rail** *Dryolimnas cuvieri aldabranus*
Resident Aldabra
- Corncrake** *Crex crex*
Vagrant. Two records; Oct, Nov. Bird 1, Aride 1 (2 birds)

White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Vagrant. One record; Dec. Mahe (1 bird)	
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Resident granitic islands	
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
Vagrant. Three records; All months. Mahe 2, Aldabra 1 (4 birds)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Vagrant. One record; Sept. Praslin (1 bird)	
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
Annual migrant	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Vagrant. Three records; Oct, Nov, Jan. Praslin 2, Fregate 1 (3 birds)	
Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarus</i>
Vagrant. Two records; Oct-Dec. Mahe 1, Praslin 1 (3 birds)	
Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>
Vagrant. Three records; Nov, Dec, Apr. Mahe 1, Fregate 1, Alphonse 1 (3 birds)	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Vagrant. Six records; Oct-Nov, Jan. Mahe 4, Fregate 1, Cousin 1 (8 birds)	
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Annual migrant	
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Annual migrant	
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
Annual migrant	
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>
Vagrant. Ten records; June, Aug-Mar. Praslin 4, Bird 2, Mahe 1, Fregate 1, Silhouette 1, Farquhar 1 (15 birds)	
Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>
Vagrant. One record; Oct. Praslin. (1 bird)	
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Annual migrant	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Annual migrant	
Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Vagrant. Two records; Mar, Apr. Mahe (2 birds)	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Annual migrant	

Little Stint Annual migrant	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Temminck's Stint Vagrant. Three records; Sept, Oct, Dec. Mahe 2, Bird 1 (3 birds)	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
Long-toed Stint Vagrant. One record; Nov. Mahe (1 bird)	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
Pectoral Sandpiper Vagrant. Two records; Oct. Bird 1, Praslin 1 (2 birds)	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Vagrant. Two records; Oct-Feb, July. Mahe (2 birds)	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Curlew Sandpiper Annual migrant	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Ruff Vagrant. Eleven records; Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. Mahe 3, Fregate 3, Cousin 2, Bird 2, Praslin 1 (11 birds)	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
Buff-breasted Sandpiper Vagrant. One record; Mar. Bird (1 bird)	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
Black-tailed Godwit Vagrant. Two records; Oct, Nov. Bird 1, Alphonse 1 (2 birds)	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit Annual migrant	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Little Curlew Vagrant. One record; Oct-Apr. Bird (1 bird)	<i>Numenius minutus</i>
Whimbrel Annual migrant	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Western Curlew Annual migrant	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Redshank Vagrant. One record; Feb. Mahe (1 bird)	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Marsh Sandpiper Vagrant. Four records; Jan, May, Nov. Mahe (6 birds)	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Greenshank Annual migrant	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Green Sandpiper Vagrant. Two records; Jan, Nov. Mahe (2 birds)	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Wood Sandpiper Annual migrant	<i>Tringa glareola</i>

Terek Sandpiper Annual migrant	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Common Sandpiper Annual migrant	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler Vagrant. One record; Apr. Mahe. (1 bird)	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>
Turnstone Annual migrant	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Red-necked Phalarope Vagrant. Two records; Nov. Mahe 1, Denis 1 (2 birds)	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Common Snipe Vagrant. Four records; Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb. Mahe 2, La Digue 1, Fregate 1 (2 birds)	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Great Snipe Vagrant. One record; Nov-Dec. Praslin (1 bird)	<i>Gallinago media</i>
Pintail Snipe Vagrant. One record; Nov. Aldabra (1 bird)	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
Antarctic Skua Annual migrant	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>
Black-headed Gull Vagrant. Ten records; Dec, Jan, Feb. Mahe 5, Praslin 4, between Praslin and Cousin 1 (16 birds)	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull Annual migrant	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Gull-billed Tern Annual migrant	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>

- Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*
Breeds Aldabra. Annual Astove, Cosmoledo. Vagrant to rest of Seychelles with one record; Nov. Between Aride and Bird (1 bird)
- Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*
Breeds Aldabra and possibly Cosmoledo, Etoile, African Banks. Annual visitor elsewhere. One vagrant record showing characters of *S.b. velox*; Sept-Oct Bird (1 bird)
- Lesser Crested Tern** *Sterna bengalensis*
Annual migrant
- Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*
Vagrant. Two records; Dec. Cousin 1, Mahe 1 (2 birds)
- Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*
Breeds Aride, African Banks, Etoile and possibly Farquhar. Annual elsewhere
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*
Annual migrant
- Black-naped Tern** *Sterna sumatrana*
Breeds Aldabra and possibly Astove, Cosmoledo, Farquhar, Providence, St. Joseph's Atoll and African Banks. Vagrant Bird, one record; June (1 bird)
- Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*
Breeds Aride, Cousin, Cousine, Recif and some of the other smaller granitic islands. May also breed Cosmoledo. Has bred Bird (1994). Annual visitor elsewhere
- Sooty Tern** *Sterna fuscata*
Breeds Aride, L'Ilot Fregate, Recif, Bird, African Banks, Etoile, Desnoeufs, Farquhar, Cosmoledo. Annual visitor elsewhere
- Saunders' Tern** *Sterna saundersi*
Annual migrant
- Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybridus*
Vagrant. Two records; Mar, Apr. Mahe (2 birds)
- White-winged Black Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus*
Annual migrant
- Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus*
Breeds Aride, Cousin, Cousine, some of smaller granite islands, Bird, Denis, Amirantes, Farquhar, Aldabra group, Coetivy, Platte and Providence. Annual visitor elsewhere
- Lesser Noddy** *Anous tenuirostris*
Breeds Aride, Cousin, Cousine Bird and some smaller granitic islands. Also Remire, Marie-Louise
- Fairy Tern** *Gygis alba*
Breeds throughout Seychelles
- Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia*
Resident on larger granite islands and Assumption. Introduced
- Malagasy Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia picturata*

Race *S.p. picturata*, introduced from Madagascar, has inter-bred with the Seychelles race, *S.p. rostrata* to the extent that the latter probably no longer exists in its pure form; *S.p. picturata* and hybrids resident throughout the granitic islands. Birds of the race *S.p. aldabrana* of the Amirantes, resident on D'Arros and Remire only; also inter-bred with *S.p. picturata* to a similar extent. Race *S.p. coppingeri* resident Aldabra and Cosmoledo

Barred Ground Dove *Geopelia striata*
Resident on all larger granitic islands, Bird, Denis, Coetivy, D'Arros, St Joseph, Desroches, Farquhar and Assumption. Introduced

Comoro Blue Pigeon *Alectroenas sganzzini minor*
Resident Aldabra

Seychelles Blue Pigeon *Alectroenas pulcherrima*
Resident larger wooded granitic islands

Black Parrot *Coracopsis nigra barklyi*
Resident Praslin and recorded regularly Curieuse

Grey-headed Lovebird *Agapornis cana*
Vagrant or unsuccessful introduction. One record of unknown origin (presumably introduced); Apr. Assumption (1 bird). Formerly introduced to granitic islands, now extinct.

Jacobin Cuckoo *Cuculus jacobinus*
Vagrant. One record; Mar. Bird (1 bird)

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
Vagrant. One record; Oct. Bird (1 bird)

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
Vagrant. Seven records; Sept, Nov, Dec, Apr. Mahe 6, Aride 1 (7 birds)

Asian Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus*
Vagrant. Two records; Nov, Dec. Mahe 1, Fregate 1 (2 birds)

Malagasy Coucal *Centropus toulou insularis*
Resident Aldabra

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
Resident larger granitic islands. Introduced. Extinct Aldabra

Seychelles Bare-legged Scops-owl *Otus insularis*
Resident Mahe

Brown Fish-owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Mahe (1 bird)

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*
Vagrant. One record; Dec. Bird (1 bird)

Malagasy Nightjar *Caprimulgus madagascariensis aldabrensis*
Resident Aldabra

Seychelles Swiftlet *Collocalia elaphra*

Resident Mahe, Praslin, La Digue and Felicite

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*

Vagrant. One record; Nov. Mahe (2 birds)

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Vagrant. Ten records; Sept-Nov, Mar. Bird 5, Aldabra 2, Assumption 2, Fregate 1 (12 birds)

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

Vagrant. Nine records; Oct, Nov, Jan, May. Bird 7, Fregate 1, Farquhar 1 (13 birds)

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Vagrant. One record; Dec. Mahe (1 bird)

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*

Vagrant. Four records; Mar, May, Oct, Nov-Dec. Aldabra 1, Mahe 1, Bird 1, Cousin 1 (9 birds)

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Vagrant. Fourteen records; Oct-Mar. Aldabra 4, Mahe 3, Praslin 3, Aride 2, Bird 1, African Banks 1 (15 birds)

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

Near-annual migrant to Aldabra group; vagrant elsewhere. Twenty nine records; Feb, Oct-Dec, Mar. Aldabra 22, Cosmoledo 3, Bird 2, Providence 1, Fregate 1 (31 birds)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Vagrant. Seven records; Nov, Dec, Jan, Mar, May, June. Fregate 3, Mahe 2, Aldabra 2 (9 birds)

Mascarene Martin *Phedina borbonica*

Vagrant. Five records; Oct, Nov, May. Aldabra 2, 1 Assumption 1, Desnoeufs 1, Bird 1 (5 birds)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Near-annual migrant. Thirty five records; Sept-May. Aldabra 20, Fregate 5, Mahe 3, Aride 3, Assumption 1, Desnoeufs 1, Bird 1, between Praslin and Cousin 1 (63 birds)

House Martin *Delichon urbica*

Vagrant. Three records; Oct, Mar. Aldabra 2, Farquhar 1 (4 birds)

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Near-annual migrant. Thirty three records; Oct-Jan, Mar. Aldabra 11, Fregate 8, Mahe 3, Aride 3, Bird 3, La Digue 1, Cousin 1, African Banks 1, Etoile 1, Alphonse 1, (53 birds)

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Vagrant. Eight records; Oct- Mar. 3 Fregate, 2 Praslin, 1 Mahe, 1 Bird, 1 Alphonse (17 birds)

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Vagrant. Ten records; Oct-Dec, Feb, Mar. Aldabra 4, Mahe 3, Bird 2, Fregate 1 (11 birds)

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Vagrant. Three records; Oct, Nov. Bird 1, Fregate 1, Marie-Louise 1 (5 birds)

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Vagrant. Seven records; Nov-Jan, Mar. Mahe 3, Aldabra 2, Bird 1 (9 birds)

Red-whiskered Bulbul Resident Assumption. Introduced	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
Seychelles Bulbul Resident larger granitic islands	<i>Ixos crassirostris</i>
Malagasy Bulbul Resident Aldabra	<i>Ixos madagascariensis rostratus</i>
Seychelles Magpie Robin Resident Fregate, Cousin	<i>Copsychus sechellarum</i>
Common Redstart Vagrant. Four records; Oct-Nov. Aride 2, Cousin 1, Bird 1 (4 birds)	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Whinchat Vagrant. One record; Nov. Bird (1 bird)	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
Northern Wheatear Near-annual migrant. Twenty nine records; Oct, Dec-Mar. Aldabra 22, Bird 4, Mahe 1, Fregate 1, Aride 1 (31 birds)	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
Isabelline Wheatear Vagrant. One record; Nov. Praslin (1 bird)	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
Rock Thrush Vagrant. Two records; Oct. Fregate 1, Farquhar 1 (2 birds)	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>
Aldabran Brush Warbler Resident Aldabra. Possibly extinct	<i>Nesillas aldabranus</i>
Sedge Warbler Vagrant. One record; Nov. Cousin (1 bird)	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>
Seychelles Warbler Resident Cousin, Cousine, Aride	<i>Acrocephalus sechellensis</i>
Icterine Warbler Vagrant. One record; Nov. Aride (1 bird)	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>

- Malagasy Grass Warbler** *Cisticola cherina*
Resident Astove, Cosmoledo
- Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Fregate (1 bird)
- Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Cousin (1 bird)
- Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*
Vagrant. One record; Oct. Aldabra (1 bird)
- Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*
Vagrant. One record; Dec. Curieuse (1 bird)
- Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*
Vagrant. Sixteen records; Nov, Dec, Mar. Aldabra 13, Bird 1, Cousin 1, Aride 1 (18 birds)
- Seychelles Black Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone corvina*
Resident La Digue
- Seychelles Sunbird** *Nectarinia dussumieri*
Resident granitic islands
- Souimanga Sunbird** *Nectarinia sovimanga*
Resident Aldabra (Race *N.s. aldabrensis*), Assumption (Race *N.s. abbotti*) and Cosmoledo/Astove (Race *N.s. buchenorum*)
- Malagasy White-eye** *Zosterops maderaspatana*
Resident Aldabra (Race *Z.m. aldabrensis*) and Cosmoledo/Astove (Race *Z.m. maderaspatana*)
- Seychelles Grey White-eye** *Zosterops modesta*
Resident Mahe
- Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*
Vagrant. Four records; Oct, Nov, Mar. Aldabra 2, Bird 1, Aride 1 (4 birds)
- Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*
Vagrant. Two records; Mar. Aldabra 1, Cosmoledo 1 (2 birds)
- Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor*
Vagrant. One record; Mar. Aldabra (1 bird)
- Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*
Vagrant. One record; Apr. Aride (1 bird)
- House Crow** *Corvus splendens*
Resident Mahe. Recorded Bird, Silhouette, Praslin, Cousin and Aride. Introduced, but no recent sightings and possibly now eradicated.

- Pied Crow** *Corvus albus*
Resident Aldabra, Assumption, Cosmoledo
- Rose-coloured Starling** *Sturnus roseus*
Vagrant. One record; Oct-Feb. Fregate (1 bird)
- Common Mynah** *Acridotheres tristis*
Resident granitic islands. Introduced
- Yellow-fronted Canary** *Serinus mozambicus*
Resident Assumption
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus*
Resident D'Arros, St. Joseph's Atoll, Desroches, Poivre, Marie-Louise, Desnoeufs, Alphonse, Bijoutier, St. Francois
- Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild*
Resident Mahe, La Digue, Alphonse and possibly St. Joseph. Formerly considered introduced but possibly a natural coloniser.
- Madagascar Fody** *Foudia madagascariensis*
Resident granitic islands, Desroches, Poivre, D'Arros, St Joseph Atoll, Remire, Providence and Farquhar. Formerly considered introduced but possibly a natural coloniser
- Red-headed Forest Fody** *Foudia eminentissima aldabrana*
Resident Aldabra
- Seychelles Fody** *Foudia sechellarum*
Resident Cousin, Cousine, Fregate, and introduced to D'Arros
- Aldabra Drongo** *Dicrurus aldabranus*
Resident Aldabra
- Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*
Vagrant. One record; Nov. Aride (1 bird)

Further records will be published in "Birdwatch", the quarterly journal of the Seychelles Bird Group and future reports and other details will be published in "Phelsuma" the annual scientific journal of the Nature Protection Trust of Seychelles (NPTS). Annual subscriptions are £10 and £15 respectively, available from Ron Gerlach, PO Box 207, Seychelles (cheques payable to NPTS).

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