



Ceylon Bird Club Rarities and Records Committee

Appendix II

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White-headed Petrel *Pterodroma lessonii*

One report of three sightings. One bird on each occasion, off Wellawatta, Colombo, 1 September 1990. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 4 and 5.

Soft-plumaged Petrel *Pterodroma mollis*

One report of four sightings. Possibly the same bird each time, off Wellawatta, Colombo, 7 and 10 September 1988. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 4 and 5.

Audubon's Shearwater *Puffinus lherminieri*

One report of one sighting. One bird, 1982. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 4 and 5.

Comment: The taxonomic status of subspecies recognised formerly under *P. lherminieri* have been revised and many are now recognised as distinct species. Many of them in turn, including the present *P. lherminieri*, cannot occur in Sri Lankan waters. At least two of them can. However, it is not possible to identify the bird in the report to either of these species, as the report lacks details of the bird. (Before the revision Rasmussen and Anderton, 2005 (p.46) have reasoned from this sighting that possibly either this species or Persian Shearwater *P. persicus* is a vagrant to Sri Lanka).

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

One report of one sighting. Two birds, Yala National Park Block I, 14 February 1982. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 4.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*

One report of one sighting. Four birds, in a lagoon near Hambantota, 4 January 1983. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 1.

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

One report of three sightings. Number of birds seen on each occasion not known. Two sightings at Debarawewa near Tissa, and one near Chilaw, 1983. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 1.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

One report of several sightings. "Two or three pairs", between Jaffna and Chavakachcheri, 19th Century. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 1.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

One report of one bird shot. "Topoor" Tank, in the North, 19th Century. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 1.

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Chilaw Sandspit, 10 January 1993. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 3 and 4.

Spotted Greenshank (Nordmann's Greenshank) *Tringa guttifer*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Hevativu Island in Puttalam Lagoon, 23 February 1991. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 3 and 4.

Red Phalarope (Grey Phalarope) *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Karagan Lewaya, 16 November 1985. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 4.

Black Noddy *Anous minutus*

One report of several sightings, the same bird each time. Galle Face, Colombo, November 1990. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 4 and 5.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

One specimen-based record. Bird collected in North-Western Province, April 1896. Previously in Sri Lanka List. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 6.

Small Sunbird *Leptocoma minima*

Reports of several old sightings. Jaffna Peninsula and near Colombo, 19th Century. Previously in Sri Lanka List. Listed in this Appendix under Criteria 3 and 4.

Java Sparrow *Padda oryzivora*

Exotic. Popular cage bird in the country from 19th Century to date. Reported several times to be living in the wild and sometimes breeding in and around Colombo, last breeding report apparently 1967, but none of these small populations survived as a self-sustaining feral population. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 8.

Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Bundala National Park, 31 December 2003. Listed in this Appendix under Criterion 4.