



Ceylon Bird Club Rarities and Records Committee

List of Rejections (after 1990*)

Updated: April 2019

Dalmation Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Bundala National Park, 13 and 14 March 1994.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

One report of one sighting. One bird, near Sigirya, 24 December 1993.

Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris*

Two reports of two sightings. One bird, Koggala, 13 February 1985 and one bird, “Ambalangoda-Hungama Road”, 15 April 1994.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Maha Lewaya at Hambantota, 12 March 1994.

Australian Stilt (White-headed Stilt) *Himantopus [himantopus] leucocephalus*

Reports of several sightings. Mainly South-East, from January 1996.

Comment: Stilts with certain plumage features resembling those of the Australian taxon have been recorded regularly during the Northern winter migrant season since 1996, and a record of such a bird in 1971 subsequently came to light. They are individuals in the migrant population of the nominate subspecies of the Black-winged Stilt *H. h. himantopus* in a range of variations of plumage (with two extremes, resemblance to the Australian taxon and to the American taxon).

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

One report of one sighting. One bird, in Yala Block I, on 10th December 2014.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

One report of one sighting. One bird, near Palatupana, 16 April 1994.

Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Horton Plains National Park, 26 March 1994.

Pale-footed Bush-Warbler *Urosphena pallidipes*

One report of one sighting. One bird, Sigiriya, 5 March 1993.

* Finalizing of material for *Checklist of the Birds of Sri Lanka*, 1994. D.P. Wijesinghe, Ceylon Bird Club, after evaluation of existing reports.

Grey-headed Starling, white-headed race *Sturnia mamlarica blythii*
(Malabar White-headed Starling *Sturnia blythii*)
One report of one sighting. Two birds, Puttalam, 30 December 1993.