



## Ceylon Bird Club Rarities and Records Committee

### Rarity list

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The following are the taxa or plumage forms of bird species which are presently in the Sri Lanka List or its two Appendices and of which any report needs to be evaluated by the CBCRRC. Each is either a rare or/and 'confusion' species or subspecies or a plumage form which can be difficult to identify. The CBC requests that if an observation is made of any of these a report be submitted to the CBCRRC according to the format in the [Rarity Report Form](#), so that it will be properly included in ornithological records if ratified.

#### Petrels and Shearwaters **Procellariidae**

Cape Petrel *Daption capense*  
Barau's Petrel *Pterodroma barau*  
Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii*  
Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*  
Streaked Shearwater *Calonectris leucomelas*  
Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*  
White-headed Petrel *Pterodroma lessonii*  
Soft-plumaged Petrel *Pterodroma mollis*

#### Storm-petrels **Oceanitidae**

White-faced Storm Petrel *Pelagodroma marina*  
Black-bellied Storm Petrel *Fregetta tropica*

#### Pelicans **Pelecanidae**

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

#### Gannets and Boobies **Sulidae**

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*

#### Frigatebirds **Fregatidae**

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel* - especially immature birds  
Great Frigatebird *Fregata minor* - especially immature birds  
Christmas Frigatebird *Fregata andrewsi* - especially immature birds

#### Hérons and Egrets **Ardeidae**

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*  
Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*  
Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

Storks **Ciconiidae**

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Flamingos **Phoenicopteridae**

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopus minor*

Geese and Ducks (Waterfowl) **Anatidae**

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

Common Pochard *Aythya farina*

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

Hawks, Kites, Eagles and Vultures **Accipitridae**

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* – females and immature birds

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo burmanicus*

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

Greater Spotted Eagle *Clanga clanga*

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus*

Falcons **Falconidae**

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

Red-headed Falcon *Falco chicquera*

Buttonquails **Turnicidae**

Small Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*

Rails, Crakes, Gallinules and Coots **Rallidae**

Eastern Water Rail *Rallus indicus*

Corn Crake *Crex crex*

Plovers **Charadriidae**

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*

Sociable Plover *Vanellus gregarius*

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus*

Sandpipers and allies **Scolopacidae**

Wood Snipe *Gallinago nemoricola*

Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala*

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* – 'Eastern' subspecies *melanuroides*

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* – in non-breeding plumage

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* – especially in non-breeding plumage

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis*  
Spotted Greenshank *Tringa guttifer*  
Red Phalarope (Grey Phalarope) *Phalaropus fulicaria*

Skuas and jaegers **Stercorariidae**

South Polar Skua *Catharacta maccormicki*  
Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger) *Stercorarius parasiticus*  
Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* – especially immature birds

Gulls **Laridae**

Sooty Gull *Larus hemprichii*  
'Steppe' Gull *Larus fuscus barabensis*

Terns **Sternidae**

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana*  
White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*  
Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*  
Black Noddy *Anous minutus*

Pigeons and doves **Columbidae**

Pale-capped Woodpigeon *Columba punicea*  
Red Collared-dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Cuckoos **Cuculidae**

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*  
Lesser Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Nightjars **Caprimulgidae**

Great Eared-Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

Swifts **Apodidae**

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*  
Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

Kingfishers **Alcedinidae**

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

Larks **Alaudidae**

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

Swallows and Martins **Hirundinidae**

Dusky Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne concolor*  
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*  
Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* – subspecies *nepalensis*  
Streak-throated Swallow *Hirundo fluvicola*  
Northern House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Pipits and Wagtails **Motacillidae**

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* – subspecies *leucopsis*  
White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla maderaspatensis*  
Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* – subspecies *feldegg*  
Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*  
Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Shrikes **Laniidae**

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

Old World Flycatchers and Chats **Muscicapidae**

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher *Ficedula zanthopygia*

Blue-and-White Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Grasshopper-warblers and Bush-warblers **Locustellidae**

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*

Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*

Indian Broad-tailed Grass-Warbler *Schoenicola platyurus*

Reed-warblers **Acrocephalidae**

Booted Warbler *Iduna caligata*

Leaf-warblers **Phylloscopidae**

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Western Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus occipitalis*

Sylvia Warblers **Sylviidae**

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

Desert Whitethroat *Sylvia minula*

Sunbirds **Nectariniidae**

Small Sunbird *Nectarinia minima*

Buntings **Emberizidae**

Grey-necked Bunting *Emberiza buchanani*

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*

Finches **Fringillidae**

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Old World Sparrows **Passeridae**

Yellow-throated Sparrow *Petronia xanthcollis*

Starlings and Mynas **Sturnidae**

Grey-headed Starling *Sturnia malabarica*

Orioles **Oriolidae**

European Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* – especially immature birds

Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*

Fairy-bluebirds **Irenidae**

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*