

## An Updated Checklist of the Birds of Iran

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### INTRODUCTION

The present checklist of the birds of Iran has its origins in a preliminary checklist compiled by personnel of the Ornithology Unit in the Iran Department of the Environment in the early 1970s (Scott 1973) during the preparation of *The Birds of Iran* – a field guide to the birds of Iran published in Persian by the Department of the Environment in 1975 (Scott *et al.* 1975). This preliminary checklist was based to a large extent on a provisional checklist of the birds of Iran by Jervis Read (1958) and the seminal works of Hübner & Etchécopar (1970) and Énard & Etchécopar (1970). *The Birds of Iran* and associated checklist (Scott 1975) listed a total of 490 species which were believed to have occurred in Iran at that time. Thirty-two of these were listed as “accidentals”.

The checklist was updated on several occasions during the 1990s, initially in conjunction with compilation of information on Important Bird Areas in Iran for BirdLife International, and latterly as a basis for the species list in the chapter on birds in *A Guide to the Fauna of Iran*, published in Persian in 2000 (Firouz 2000). This book lists 502 species for Iran. Further updating was carried out in 2002 during the preparation of the revised and enlarged edition of Firouz’s book, which was published in English in 2005 (Firouz 2005). This edition listed a total of 514 species of birds believed to occur in Iran. The discrepancy between the two editions of Firouz’s book was due partly to the inclusion of several species that had been recorded for the first time in Iran in the intervening years, and partly to the adoption of recent taxonomic changes that had

elevated former subspecies to full specific status.

The present list is a further update of the list adopted by Firouz (2005), and contains 517 species. Three of the species listed by Firouz (2005) have been omitted: Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*, Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* and Hume’s Owl *Strix butleri*. Hollom *et al.* (1988) refer to an old record of Upland Buzzard from south-eastern Iran, but the source of this information is unknown, and Porter *et al.* (1996) excluded the species from their list of the birds of the Middle East. The only record of Roseate Tern in Iran is a report by I. Green and J. Overfield of one or two seen off Hormoz Island in the Persian Gulf during a natural history tour in October 2000, but the record has never been adequately documented. As regards Hume’s Owl, it has often been suggested that this species could occur in southern Iran, but there do not appear to have been any confirmed records. Six species have been added to the list. Three of these result from recent taxonomic changes, with Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*, Desert Whitethroat *Sylvia minula* and Hume’s Whitethroat *S. althaea* now being given full specific status. One species, the Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*, was first recorded as long ago as the 1970s, but the original report by Reynolds (1978) was overlooked by the authors until 2005, when the species was rediscovered in south-eastern Iran by Hamidi (2006). Two other new species have been added to the Iranian list in recent years: the River Tern *Sterna aurantia* (Foekens & Schlegel 2006) and Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis* (H. Buck, pers. comm.). The latter presumably breeds in the extensive marshes

of the Hawr Al Azim on the Iran/Iraq border, but this huge wetland appears never to have been surveyed by ornithologists during the breeding season.

Several other potentially new species for Iran have been reported within the last few years, e.g. Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum* (WIWO in prep.), Sabine's Gull *Larus sabini* (Amini & Sehhatisabet 2005) and Asian Brown Flycatcher *Ficedula dauurica* (Sehhatisabet in press), but these have been excluded from the present list pending further confirmation and/or publication of the records.

In the following checklist, the sequence of families follows Morony *et al.* (1975). The sequence and treatment of species within families and the scientific nomenclature mostly follow Sibley & Monroe (1990, 1993). The English names mostly follow Beaman & Madge (1998),

with some commonly used alternatives given in brackets. The Persian names are taken from the *Encyclopaedia of Birds* (Adhami 2005) published by the Great Persian Encyclopaedia Foundation. This new nomenclature has been approved by the Ornithology Council of the Foundation\*\*, and includes most of the Persian names used in *A field guide to the birds of Iran* (Mansoori 2001). Alternative names used by Scott *et al.* (1975) and Firouz (2000) are given in brackets.

The checklist includes 29 species that are considered to be globally threatened or near-threatened by BirdLife International (2000): three in the category Critical (CR); one Endangered; 12 Vulnerable (VU); one Conservation Dependent (CD); two Data Deficient (DD); and ten Near Threatened (NT).

Some indication of the status of each species is given as follows:

- R - common resident (breeding; present year round)
- r - scarce resident
- S - common summer visitor (breeding)
- s - scarce summer visitor
- (b) - may breed
- W - common winter visitor
- w - scarce winter visitor
- Vw - scarce and irregular winter visitor (less than annual)
- P - common passage migrant (in spring and/or autumn)
- p - scarce passage migrant
- Vp - scarce and irregular passage migrant (less than annual)
- O - common non-breeding visitor to the Persian Gulf and/or Gulf of Oman
- Vo - scarce and irregular visitor to the Persian Gulf and/or Gulf of Oman
- V - vagrant (fewer than five records)
- ? - status uncertain
- I - introduced by man

An asterisk denotes that there have been no records for at least 50 years.

**\*\* The Editor:** In this checklist, some new Persian names are used, e.g. for Pelicans, Cormorants, Egrets, and Ibises. We still need to give Persian name for the ESTRILDIDAE, Pipits, Booby, etc. Readers are encouraged to give their suggestions.

**SYSTEMATIC LIST**

Family/ English Name	Scientific Name	Persian Name	Breeding	Wintering	Passage Migrant, Vagrant	Global Status
<b>GAVIIDAE</b>						
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>			Vw		
Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>			w		
<b>PODICIPEDIDAE</b>						
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		R	W		
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>		s	w		
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		R	W		
Horned Grebe (Slavonian Grebe)	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	( )		w		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		r	W	P	
<b>PROCELLARIIDAE</b>						
Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				V	
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>				V	
Persian Shearwater	<i>Puffinus persicus</i>		(b)		O	NT
<b>HYDROBATIDAE</b>						
Wilson's Storm Petrel (Wilson's Petrel)	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	( )			Vo	
<b>PHAETHONTIDAE</b>						
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>		r			
<b>PELECANIDAE</b>						
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	( )	S	W	P	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	( )	r	W		CD
<b>SULIDAE</b>						
Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>				Vo	
<b>PHALACROCORACIDAE</b>						
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	( )	r	W		NT
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	( )	r	W	P	
Socotra Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax nigrogularis</i>	( )	r			VU
<b>ANHINGIDAE</b>						
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	( )		Vw		
<b>ARDEIDAE</b>						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	( )	S	w	P	
Western Reef Heron (Western Reef Egret)	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	( )	R			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		r	W	P	
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	( )	r			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		S	w	P	
Great Egret (Great White Egret)	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	( )	R	W	P	
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		s	w	P	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		S	w	P	
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>		R			
Striated Heron (Little Green Heron)	<i>Butorides striatus</i>		r			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		S	w	P	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		S		P	
Great Bittern (Eurasian Bittern)	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	( )	r	W		

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**CICONIIDAE**

Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		s	w		
Woolly-necked Stork (White-necked Stork)	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	( )				V*
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	( )	S	W		

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE**

Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	( )	S	w	P	
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	( )	(b)	w		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		S	W	P	

**PHOENICOPTERIDAE**

Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus (ruber) roseus</i>	( )	R	W		
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	( )				V*

**ANATIDAE**

White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>		r	w	p	EN
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			W		
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>			W		
Bewick's Swan (Tundra Swan)	<i>Cygnus (columbianus) bewickii</i>			w		
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i> <sup>1</sup>			Vw		
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	( )		W		
Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>			w		VU
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		s	W		
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>			Vw		VU
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		R	W		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		R	W		
Cotton Pygmy Goose (Cotton Teal)	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	( )			V	
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>			W		
Falcated Duck	<i>Anas falcata</i>	( )				V*
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		r	W		
Eurasian Teal (Common Teal)	<i>Anas crecca</i>		(b)	W	P	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	( )	r	W		
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	( )		W	P	
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	( )	s		P	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas chrypeata</i>	( )		W	P	
Marbled Duck (Marbled Teal)	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	( )	R	W		VU
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		(b)	W		
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		r	W	P	
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		s	w	p	NT
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		(b)	W		
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>			w		
Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>			Vw		
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	( )		Vw		
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	( )		Vw		
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	( )		W		
Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	( )		W		
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	( )		W		
Goosander (Common Merganser)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	( )		w		

**PANDIONIDAE**

Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		r	W	P	
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**ACCIPITRIDAE**

European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		s		p
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	( )		w	
Black-winged Kite (Black-shouldered Kite)	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	( )	(b) ?r		
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			Vw	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	( )	S	W	P
Pallas's Fish Eagle (Pallas's Sea Eagle)	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	( )		Vw	VU
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		r	W	NT
Lammergeier (Bearded Vulture)	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>		R		
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	( )	S	w	P
White-rumped Vulture (Indian White-backed Vulture)	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	( )	(b) ?r		CR
Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	( )	R		
Eurasian Black Vulture (Cinereous Vulture)	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	( )	R		NT
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		S		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		R	W	P
Hen Harrier (Northern Harrier)	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			W	
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>		(b)	W	P NT
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		s		p
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		RS	w	
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>		s	p	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		r	W	
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		r	W	
White-eyed Buzzard (White-eyed Buzzard-Eagle)	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		r		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	( )	R		P
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		R		
Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>			w	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	( )	s		p
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	( )		W	VU
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i> <sup>2</sup>	( )	(b) ?r		
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	( )		w	P
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	( )	r	W	VU
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		R		
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>		R		
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		s	w	p

**FALCONIDAE**

Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	( )	S		P VU
Common Kestrel (Eurasian Kestrel)	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	( )	R	W	
Red-necked Falcon (Red-headed Merlin)	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	( )	?*		
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	( )			Vp
Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>	( )	s		
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	( )		W	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	( )	S		P
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>		r		
Laggar Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>				V
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	( )	r	W	P
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	( )	(b)	W	P

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Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	( )	R		
<b>TETRAONIDAE</b>					
Caucasian Grouse (Caucasian Black Grouse)	<i>Tetrao mlokosiewiczi</i>		r		DD
<b>PHASIANIDAE</b>					
See-see Partridge	<i>Ammoperdix griseogularis</i>		R		
Caspian Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus caspius</i>		R		
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		R		
Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>		R		
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		R		
Grey Partridge (Common Partridge)	<i>Perdix perdix</i>		r		
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		S	w	P
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		R		
<b>TURNICIDAE</b>					
Little Buttonquail (Small Buttonquail, Andalusian Hemipode)	<i>Turnix sylvatica</i>		(b) ?r		
<b>GRUIDAE</b>					
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides (Grus) virgo</i>	( )			Vp
Siberian Crane (Siberian White Crane)	<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>	( )		w	CR
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	( )		W	
<b>RALLIDAE</b>					
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		R	W	
Corncrake (Corn Crake)	<i>Crex crex</i>		(b)		P VU
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>				p
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>		s		p
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	( )	s		P
Purple Swamphen (Purple Gallinule)	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		R		
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	( )	R	W	
Eurasian Coot (Common Coot)	<i>Fulica atra</i>	( )	R	W	
<b>OTIDIDAE</b>					
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>		(b)	w	NT
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		s	w	VU
Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i> <sup>3</sup>		S	W	p NT
<b>ROSTRATULIDAE</b>					
Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	( )			V
<b>DROMADIDAE</b>					
Crab Plover (Crab-plover)	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>		RS		
<b>HAEMATOPODIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		s	W	P
<b>RECURVIROSTRIDAE</b>					
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		RS	W	P
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	( )	S	w	P
<b>BURHINIDAE</b>					
Stone Curlew (Stone-curlew, Eurasian Thick-knee)	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>		S		P
Great Thick-knee (Great Stone Plover)	<i>Esacus (Burhinus) recurvirostris</i>		r		
<b>GLAREOLIDAE</b>					
Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>		S		P
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		S		P

Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>			Vp	DD
Small Pratincole (Little Pratincole)	<i>Glareola lactea</i>			V	
<b>CHARADRIIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Golden Plover (European Golden Plover)	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	( )		W	
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>			w	
Grey Plover (Black-bellied Plover)	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			W	P
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	( )		W	P
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			S	P
Kentish Plover (Snowy Plover)	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			RS	W P
Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>			W	P
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	( )		s	W P
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>				P
Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>			w	p
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			S	W
Spur-winged Lapwing (Spur-winged Plover)	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>			Vw	
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>			R	
Sociable Lapwing (Sociable Plover)	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	( )			Vp VU
White-tailed Lapwing (White-tailed Plover)	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>			Rs	W P
<b>SCOLOPACIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>			W	
Solitary Snipe	<i>Gallinago solitaria</i>			?*	
Pin-tailed Snipe (Pintail Snipe)	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>				Vp
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>				p NT
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	( )		W	P
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>			W	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	( )		W	P
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			W	P
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			w	P
Slender-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	( )			Vp CR
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	( )		W	P
Far Eastern Curlew (Eastern Curlew)	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	( )			V*
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	( )		w	P
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			RS	W P
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			w	P
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			W	P
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			W	P
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	( )		w	P
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>			W	P
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			s	w P
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			W	P
Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>			w	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>			Vw	Vp
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			W	P
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			W	P
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			W	P
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			W	P
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	( )		w	P

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Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>			W	P
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			w	P
Red-necked Phalarope (Northern Phalarope)	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	( )			P
Red Phalarope (Grey Phalarope)	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	( )			Vp
<b>STERCORARIIDAE</b>					
Great Skua	<i>Catharacta skua</i> <sup>4</sup>	( )			V
Pomarine Skua (Pomarine Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	( )		w	p
Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	( )		w	p
Long-tailed Skua (Long-tailed Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	( )			V
<b>LARIDAE</b>					
White-eyed Gull	<i>Larus leucoptthalmus</i>				V
Sooty Gull (Hemprich's Gull)	<i>Larus hemprichii</i>				O
Common Gull (Mew Gull)	<i>Larus canus</i>			W	
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>				V
Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>			S	w
Yellow-legged Gull (Caspian Gull)	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	( )		W	P
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			w	p
Heuglin's Gull (Siberian Gull)	<i>Larus heuglini</i>			W	P
Pallas's Gull (Great Black-headed Gull)	<i>Larus ichthyæetus</i>			W	P
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>				V
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			s	W
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>			RS	W
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	( )			Vp
Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>			W	
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>				V
<b>STERNIDAE</b>					
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	( )		RS	W
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>			rs	w
River Tern (Indian River Tern)	<i>Sterna aurantia</i> <sup>5</sup>				V
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>			RS	
Greater Crested Tern (Swift Tern)	<i>Sterna bergii</i>			R	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	( )			W
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	( )		S	P
Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>			S	P
Saunders's Tern (Saunders's Little Tern)	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>	( )		S	w
White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>	)		S	
Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	( )		S	
Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i>	( )			Vo
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	( )		S	w
White-winged Tern (White-winged Black Tern)	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				P
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				p
<b>RYNCHOPIDAE</b>					
Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>				V
<b>PTEROCLIDAE</b>					
Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>	( )			Vw
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>	( )		R	W
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	( )		R	



Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	( )	R		
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	( )	R		
Crowned Sandgrouse (Coroneted Sandgrouse)	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>	( )	R		
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	( )	r		
<b>COLUMBIDAE</b>					
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		R		
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	( )	R	W	
Yellow-eyed Dove (Pale-backed Pigeon)	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>	( )	r		VU
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	( )	R	W	
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		S		P
Oriental Turtle Dove (Rufous Turtle Dove)	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>				Vp
Laughing Dove (Palm Dove)	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		R		
Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	( )			V
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		R		
<b>PSITTACIDAE</b>					
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	( )	I		
Rose-ringed Parakeet (Ring-necked Parakeet)	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		I		
<b>CUCULIDAE</b>					
Jacobin Cuckoo (Pied Cuckoo)	<i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i>	( )	?*		
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	( )	s		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	( )	S		P
Asian Koel (Common Koel)	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	( )			V
<b>TYTONIDAE</b>					
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	( )	r		
<b>STRIGIDAE</b>					
Pallid Scops Owl (Striated Scops Owl)	<i>Otus brucei</i>		R		
European Scops Owl (Eurasian Scops Owl)	<i>Otus scops</i>	( )	S		P
Eurasian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		R		
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>		r		
Snowy Owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>				V
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		R		
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		R		
Spotted Owlet (Spotted Little Owl)	<i>Athene brama</i>	( )	R		
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	( )	(b)	W	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>			W	
<b>CAPRIMULGIDAE</b>					
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	( )	S		P
Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>	( )	S		P
Sykes's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus mahrattensis</i>		r		
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>		(b)		?s
<b>APODIDAE</b>					
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	( )	S		
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	( )	S		P
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	( )	R		
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	( )	S		
<b>ALCEDINIDAE</b>					
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	( )	R		

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White-throated Kingfisher (White-breasted Kingfisher)	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>		R		
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		R		
<b>MEROPIDAE</b>					
Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	( )	R		
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (Persian Bee-eater)	<i>Merops persicus</i>		S		P
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	( )	S		P
<b>CORACIIDAE</b>					
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		S		P
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		R		
<b>UPUPIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		S	w	P
<b>PICIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	( )	(b)	w	P
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>		R		
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		R		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	( )	R		
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	( )	R		
White-winged Woodpecker (White-winged Spotted Woodpecker)	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>		?*		
Sind Woodpecker (Sind Pied Woodpecker)	<i>Dendrocopos assimilis</i>		r		
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		r		
Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Picus squamatus</i>	( )	?*		
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	( )	R		
<b>ALAUDIDAE</b>					
Black-crowned Sparrow-lark (Black-crowned Finch-lark)	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>	( )	S	w	
Bar-tailed Lark (Bar-tailed Desert Lark)	<i>Ammomanes cincturus</i>	( )	RS		
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	( )	R		
Greater Hoopoe-Lark (Bifasciated Lark)	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>		R		
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	( )	R	W	
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>		R	W	
White-winged Lark	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>			w	
Black Lark	<i>Melanocorypha yeltoniensis</i>			Vw	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		S		P
Hume's Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella acutirostris</i>	( )	s		
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>	( )	R	W	
Sand Lark (Indian Sand Lark)	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>		R		
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		R		
Wood Lark (Woodlark)	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		R	W	
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		R	W	
Oriental Skylark (Small Skylark)	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>		RS		
Horned Lark (Shore Lark)	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>		RS	W	
<b>HIRUNDINIDAE</b>					
Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		S		P
Plain Martin (Brown-throated Martin)	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>				V
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>		S		
Pale Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo obsoleta</i>	( )	RS		

Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	( )	S	w	P
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	( )	S		P
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		S		P
<b>MOTACILLIDAE</b>					
White Wagtail (Pied Wagtail)	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		R	W	P
Citrine Wagtail (Yellow-headed Wagtail)	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	( )	s	W	P
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	)	S		P
		(			
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		R	W	
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	( )		Vw	Vp
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	( )	S	w	P
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similes</i>		R		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		S		P
Olive-backed Pipit (Indian Tree Pipit)	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>				V
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			W	
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>			w	P
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		s	W	
Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>			Vw	
<b>PYCNONOTIDAE</b>					
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>		R		
<b>LANIIDAE</b>					
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		S		P
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>		S	W	P
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		rS		
Long-tailed Shrike (Rufous-backed Shrike)	<i>Lanius schach</i>		?*		
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		S		P
Great Grey Shrike (Northern Shrike)	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>			w	
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i> <sup>6</sup>		R	W	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	( )	S	w	P
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		S		p
<b>BOMBYCILLIDAE</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing (Waxwing)	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>			Vw	
<b>HYPOCOLIIDAE</b>					
Grey Hypocolius	<i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>		S	w	
<b>CINCLIDAE</b>					
White-throated Dipper (Dipper)	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		R		
<b>TROGLODYTIDAE</b>					
Winter Wren (Wren)	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		R	W	
<b>PRUNELLIDAE</b>					
Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>		R		
Radde's Accentor	<i>Prunella ocularis</i>		S	W	
Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>			Vw	
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	( )	r	W	
<b>TURDIDAE</b>					
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	( )	R	W	
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>				P
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	( )	S		
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		(b)	W	P

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White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>		S		
Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin (Rufous Bush Chat)	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>		S		
Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronota</i>			W	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		S	W	P
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	( )	S		P
Guldenstadt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus</i>		?*		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		s		P
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i> <sup>7</sup>	( )	R	W	
Pied Bushchat (Pied Stonechat)	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>		rS	W	
White-crowned Wheatear (White-crowned Black Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	( )			V*
Hooded Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monacha</i>	( )	R		
Hume's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe alboniger</i>	( )	R		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	( )	S		P
Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>		S	w	
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>		S	W	
Variable Wheatear (Eastern Pied Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>		S	W	
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	( )	S		P
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		S		P
Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe xanthopyrna</i> <sup>8</sup>	( )	S	W	
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		S	w	P
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		S	w	P
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush (Rock Thrush)	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>		S	w	P
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	( )	RS		
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>		s	W	
Eurasian Blackbird (Common Blackbird)	<i>Turdus merula</i>		R	W	
Dark-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus ruficollis</i> <sup>9</sup>			W	
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			W	
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	( )		W	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		r	W	
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	( )	r	W	
<b>TIMALIIDAE</b>					
Iraq Babbler	<i>Turdoides altirostris</i>	( )	r		
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>	( )	R		
<b>PANURIDAE</b>					
Bearded Reedling (Bearded Tit)	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			Vw	
<b>REGULIDAE</b>					
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			w	
<b>SYLVIIDAE</b>					
Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Cisticola)	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		R		
Scrub Warbler (Streaked Scrub Warbler)	<i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>		R		
Graceful Prinia (Graceful Warbler)	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	( )	R		
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		RS	W	
Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	( )	s		P
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>				Vp
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	( )			p
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>		RS	W	

Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	( )	s		P
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>		s		p
European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	( )	S		P
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	( )	s		p
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	( )	s		p
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	( )	S		P
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	( )	S	w	
Basra Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus griseldis</i>		?s		
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i> <sup>10</sup>		S		P
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>		S		P
Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>		S		
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	( )	S		P
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				P
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		S	W	P
Mountain Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus sindianus</i> <sup>11</sup>		s	w	
Plain Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i>	( )	S	W	
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>		(b) ?s		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				p
Yellow-browed Warbler (Inornate Warbler)	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>				Vp
Hume's Leaf Warbler (Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler)	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			W	
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>				Vp
Green Warbler (Green Leaf Warbler)	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>		S		P
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		S	w	P
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				P
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		S		P
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		S		P
Desert Whitethroat (Desert Lesser Whitethroat)	<i>Sylvia minula</i>			W	P
Hume's Whitethroat (Hume's Lesser Whitethroat)	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>		S	w	P
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia (nana) nana</i>		S	W	P
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	( )	s		P
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia (hortensis) crassirostris</i>		S	w	P
Ruppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>	( )			V*
Menetries's Warbler	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>		S	w	
<b>MUSCICAPIDAE</b>					
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>				V
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	( )	S		P
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	( )			p
Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i> <sup>12</sup>	( )	S		P
Red-breasted Flycatcher (Red-throated Flycatcher)	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		S		P
<b>AEGITHALIDAE</b>					
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			R	
<b>REMIZIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i> <sup>13</sup>		RS	W	
<b>PARIDAE</b>					
Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>			R	
Caspian Tit	<i>Parus hyrcanus</i>			r	

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Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	( )	R		
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		R		
Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus bokharensis</i>		r		
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		R		
Yellow-breasted Tit	<i>Parus (cyanus) flavipectus</i> <sup>14</sup>				V*
<b>SITTIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	( )	R		
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		R		
Eastern Rock Nuthatch (Large Rock Nuthatch)	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>		R		
<b>TICHODROMADIDAE</b>					
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		R	w	
<b>CERTHIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		r		
<b>NECTARINIIDAE</b>					
Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>		R		
<b>ZOSTEROPIDAE</b>					
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i> <sup>15</sup>		(b) ?r		
<b>EMBERIZIDAE</b>					
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			W	
Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>			W	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>				V*
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	( )	R		
Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>		S		P
Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>		s		NT
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	( )	S		P
White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>		(b) ?s		
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>				V*
House Bunting (Striolated Bunting)	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>		R		
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>				V
Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>				Vp
Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>				V
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		S		P
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>		S		
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	( )	r	W	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza (Miliaria) calandra</i>		R	W	
<b>FRINGILLIDAE</b>					
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		R	W	
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>			W	
Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>		R	W	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				V
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		R	W	
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	( )	r	W	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i> <sup>16</sup>	( )	R	W	
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>		R	W	
Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		R	W	
Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea</i>		R	W	
Trumpeter Finch	<i>Rhodopechys githaginea</i>		R		

Mongolian Finch (Mongolian Trumpeter Finch)	<i>Rhodopechys mongolica</i>	( )	r	w	
Desert Finch	<i>Rhodopechys obsoleta</i>		R	W	
Common Rosefinch (Scarlet Rosefinch)	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	( )	S		P
Common Crossbill (Red Crossbill)	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			Vw	
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	( )	r	w	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		R	W	
White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>		r		
<b>ESTRILDIDAE</b>					
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	( )	I		
Indian Silverbill (White-throated Munia)	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	( )	R		
<b>PASSERIDAE</b>					
Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri</i>		(b) ?r		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	( )	R		
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		R	W	
Jungle Sparrow (Sind Jungle Sparrow)	<i>Passer pyrrhonotus</i>		r		
Dead Sea Sparrow	<i>Passer moabiticus</i> <sup>17</sup>		R		
Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>	( )	?*		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		R		
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia (Yellow-throated Sparrow)	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>		S		
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		R		
Pale Rockfinch (Pale Rock Sparrow)	<i>Carpospiza (Petronia) brachydactyla</i>		S		P
White-winged Snowfinch (Eurasian Snowfinch)	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>		R		
<b>STURNIDAE</b>					
Rose-coloured Starling (Rosy Starling)	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>		s		P
Common Starling (European Starling)	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	( )	R	W	
Common Myna (Indian Myna)	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>		r		
<b>ORIOLIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		S		P
<b>DICRURIDAE</b>					
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>				V
<b>CORVIDAE</b>					
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		R		
Eurasian Magpie (Black-billed Magpie)	<i>Pica pica</i>		R		
Pleske's Ground Jay	<i>Podoces pleskei</i>	( )	R		
Eurasian Nutcracker (Spotted Nutcracker)	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	( )			V*
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	( )	R		
Alpine Chough (Yellow-billed Chough)	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	( )	R		
Western Jackdaw (Eurasian Jackdaw)	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		R	W	
House Crow (Indian House Crow)	<i>Corvus splendens</i>		I		
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>		R	W	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i> <sup>18</sup>		R	w	
Large-billed Crow (Jungle Crow)	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	( )	?*		
Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>		R		
Common Raven (Northern Raven)	<i>Corvus corax</i>		R		

1. The form concerned is most likely to be *johanseni*, one of the *fabalis* group (Taiga Bean Goose), but this requires confirmation.
2. The form occurring is Indian Tawny Eagle *Aquila (r.) vindhiana*.
3. The form occurring is Macqueen's Bustard *Chlamydotis (u.) macqueenii*.
4. The form occurring is probably Brown Skua *Catharacta (s.) lonnbergi*.
5. First recorded in January 2005 (Foekens & Schlevis 2006).
6. Includes *pallidirostris*, sometimes included within *Lanius excubitor*.
7. Includes European Stonechat *Saxicola (t.) rubicola* and Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola (t.) maura*.
8. Includes both the Rufous-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe (x.) xanthopyrna* and Red-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe (x.) chrysopygia*.
9. The form occurring regularly is Black-throated Thrush *Turdus (r.) atrogularis*. The red-throated form *Turdus (r.) ruficollis* has occurred as a vagrant.
10. Booted Warbler *Hippolais (c.) caligata* occurs as a passage migrant; Syke's Warbler *Hippolais (c.) rama* occurs as a summer visitor.
11. The form occurring is Caucasian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus (s.) lorenzii*.
12. Old reports of Collared Flycatcher *F. albicollis* in Iran are believed to refer to *semitorquata*, formerly considered to be a subspecies of *albicollis*.
13. Includes Black-headed Penduline Tit *Remiz (p.) macronyx* and White-crowned Penduline Tit *Remiz (p.) coronatus*.
14. Formerly listed as Azure Tit *Parus cyanus*.
15. First recorded by Reynolds (1978) but overlooked in previous checklists.
16. Includes Grey-crowned Goldfinch *Carduelis (c.) caniceps*.
17. Includes Afghan Scrub Sparrow *Passer (m.) yatii*.
18. Includes Oriental Crow *Corvus (c.) orientalis*, Hooded Crow *Corvus (c.) cornix*, and Mesopotamian Crow *Corvus (c.) capellanus*.

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