

Wildlife Recorder Species Database – Update 115 January 2024

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Introduction

This update implements the following:

- IOC World Bird List 14.1
- Corrections to distribution and distribution texts.

New

In species distribution, extinct species are separable from species of uncertain or historic occurrence. In previous versions this was not possible. This change allows the exclusion of extinct species from Species Checklists and the results of queries such as “Where To Go”.

This species update requires version 4.1.140 or later of Wildlife Recorder 4. This update is not compatible with Wildlife Recorder 3.

Taxonomy Support

Important notice for users of Howard and Moore and HBW taxonomies.

It has been some years since the publication of Howard and Moore and there seems to be no sign that a new version will appear. We will no longer be updating the HM taxonomy in future versions of the database. You may continue to use your existing version of H&M taxonomy, but it will no longer be updated.

Since the HBW databases have been taken over by Cornell (eBird) and will use the Clements/eBird taxonomy, we will no longer be updating the HBW taxonomy. You may continue to use your existing version of the HBW taxonomy, but it will no longer be updated.

Changes to the Bird Species Database in previous versions

A complete list of all the changes contained in each version of the species database can be found in the Wildlife Recorder User Area on our website.

Changes to the Bird Species Database since last update (version 114 November 2023)

Clements Taxonomy Changes

No changes

IOC Taxonomy Changes

Implemented changes in IOC 14.1 taxonomy. In addition to the changes noted below there are many species sequence changes in this update. For full details of the IOC changes see the [IOC website](#)

New Species and Sub-species

Species/Sub-species Name
Brush Cuckoo (Australasian) [major] (<i>Cacomantis variolosus major</i>)
Brush Cuckoo (Australasian) [obscuratus] (<i>Cacomantis variolosus obscuratus</i>)
Brush Cuckoo (Australasian) [fortior] (<i>Cacomantis variolosus fortior</i>)
Bar-tailed Godwit (European) [yamalensis] (<i>Limosa lapponica yamalensis</i>)
Little Tern [placens] (<i>Sternula albifrons placens</i>)
Atlantic Black-throated Trogon [muriciensis] (<i>Trogon chrysochloros muriciensis</i>)
Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher [captus] (<i>Ceyx rufidorsa captus</i>)
Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher [jungei] (<i>Ceyx rufidorsa jungei</i>)
Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher [vargasi] (<i>Ceyx rufidorsa vargasi</i>)
Yellow-crested Cockatoo [paulandrewi] (<i>Cacatua sulphurea paulandrewi</i>)
Philippine Pitta (Philippine) [thompsoni] (<i>Erythropitta erythrogaster thompsoni</i>)
North Moluccan Pitta [obiensis] (<i>Erythropitta rufiventris obiensis</i>)
Papuan Pitta [oblita] (<i>Erythropitta macklotii oblita</i>)
Ruby-throated Bulbul (Yellow-eyed) (<i>Rubigula dispar dispar</i>)
Ruby-throated Bulbul (Red-eyed) (<i>Rubigula dispar matamerah</i>)
Clay-colored Thrush [suarezi] (<i>Turdus grayi suarezi</i>)
Ornate Sunbird (Ornate) [blanfordi] (<i>Cinnyris ornatus blanfordi</i>)

New Groups

Group Name
Sulawesi Pitta (Sulawesi) (<i>Erythropitta celebensis celebensis</i>)
Sulawesi Pitta (Siau) (<i>Erythropitta celebensis palliceps</i>)
Sulawesi Pitta (Sangihe) (<i>Erythropitta celebensis caeruleitorques</i>)
Tropical Royal Flycatcher (Amazonian) (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus coronatus/castelnaui</i>)
Tropical Royal Flycatcher (Northern) (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus mexicanus/fraterculus</i>)
Tropical Royal Flycatcher (Pacific) (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus occidentalis</i>)
Metallic-winged Sunbird (Southern) (<i>Aethopyga pulcherrima pulcherrima</i>)
Metallic-winged Sunbird (Luzon) (<i>Aethopyga pulcherrima jefferyi</i>)
Metallic-winged Sunbird (Bohol) (<i>Aethopyga pulcherrima decorosa</i>)
Ruby-throated Bulbul (Yellow-eyed) (<i>Rubigula dispar dispar</i>)
Ruby-throated Bulbul (Red-eyed) (<i>Rubigula dispar matamerah</i>)

Deleted Species and Sub-species

(N.B. These will still be in the database but marked “not in taxonomy”)

Species/Sub-species Name	Reason
Horus Swift (Horus) (<i>Apus horus horus</i>)	Treated as monotypic
Horus Swift (Brown-rumped) (<i>Apus horus fuscobrunneus</i>)	“
Brush Cuckoo (Australasian) [oreophilus] (<i>Cacomantis variolosus oreophilus</i>)	Included in <i>infaustus</i>
Bicolored Antpitta [rufocinerea] (<i>Grallaria rufocinerea rufocinerea</i>)	Treated as monotypic
Bicolored Antpitta [romeroana] (<i>Grallaria rufocinerea romeroana</i>)	“
Oriental Skylark [dharmakumarsinhjii] (<i>Alauda gulgula dharmakumarsinhjii</i>)	Included in nominate
Oriental Skylark [herberti] (<i>Alauda gulgula herberti</i>)	“
Oriental Skylark [sala] (<i>Alauda gulgula sala</i>)	Included in <i>coelivox</i>
Oriental Skylark [wolfei] (<i>Alauda gulgula wolfei</i>)	Included in <i>wattersi</i>
Asian Short-toed Lark [kukunoorensis] (<i>Alaudala cheleensis kukunoorensis</i>)	Included in nominate

Splits

Species	Split From
Yellow-billed Egret (<i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>)	Intermediate Egret (<i>Ardea intermedia</i>)
Medium Egret (<i>Ardea intermedia</i>)	“
Plumed Egret (<i>Ardea plumifera</i>)	“
Northern Black-throated Trogon (<i>Trogon tenellus</i>)	Black-throated Trogon (<i>Trogon rufus</i>)
Choco Black-throated Trogon (<i>Trogon cupreicauda</i>)	“
Amazonian Black-throated Trogon (<i>Trogon rufus</i>) with ssp. <i>rufus</i> , <i>sulphureus</i> , <i>amazonicus</i>	“
Atlantic Black-throated Trogon (<i>Trogon chrysochloros</i>) with ssp. <i>muriciensis</i> , <i>chrysochloros</i>	“
Western Dwarf Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus hartlaubi</i>)	Black Dwarf Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus hartlaubi</i>)
Eastern Dwarf Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus granti</i>)	“
Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>) with ssp. <i>erithaca</i> , <i>macrocarus</i>	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>)
Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx rufidorsa</i>) with ssp. <i>rufidorsa</i> , <i>motleyi</i> , <i>captus</i> , <i>jungei</i> , <i>vargasi</i>	“
Blue-eared Barbet (<i>Psilopogon cyanotis</i>) with ssp. <i>cyanotis</i> , <i>orientalis</i> , <i>stuarti</i>	Blue-eared Barbet (<i>Psilopogon duvaucelii</i>)
Black-eared Barbet (<i>Psilopogon duvaucelii</i>) with ssp. <i>duvaucelii</i> , <i>gigantorhinus</i> , <i>tanamassae</i>	“
Western Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta sordida</i>) with ssp. <i>cucullata</i> , <i>mulleri</i> , <i>bangkana</i> , <i>sordida</i> , <i>palawanensis</i> , <i>sanghirana</i>	Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta sordida</i>)
Nicobar Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta abbotti</i>)	“
Minahasa Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta forsteni</i>)	“
Eastern Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta novaeguineae</i>) with ssp. <i>novaeguineae</i> , <i>goodfellowi</i> , <i>mefoorana</i>	“
Biak Hooded Pitta (<i>Pitta rosenbergii</i>)	“
Western Long-tailed Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus albocristatus</i>) with ssp. <i>albocristatus</i> , <i>macrourus</i>	White-crested Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus albocristatus</i>)
Eastern Long-tailed Hornbill (<i>Horizocerus cassinii</i>)	“
White-gorgeted Fantail (<i>Rhipidura coultasi</i>)	Cockerell's Fantail (<i>Rhipidura cockerelli</i>)

White-winged Fantail (<i>Rhipidura cockerelli</i>) with ssp. <i>septentrionalis</i> , <i>interposita</i> , <i>floridana</i> , <i>cockerelli</i> , <i>lavellae</i> , <i>albina</i>	“
Bougainville Fantail (<i>Rhipidura drownei</i>)	Brown Fantail (<i>Rhipidura drownei</i>)
Guadalcanal Fantail (<i>Rhipidura ocularis</i>)	“
New Caledonian Streaked Fantail (<i>Rhipidura verreauxi</i>)	Streaked Fantail (<i>Rhipidura verreauxi</i>)
Vanuatu Streaked Fantail (<i>Rhipidura spilodera</i>)	“
Fiji Streaked Fantail (<i>Rhipidura layardi</i>) including ssp. <i>rufilateralis</i> , <i>layardi</i> , <i>erythronota</i>	“
Supertramp Fantail (<i>Rhipidura semicollaris</i>) including ssp. <i>celebensis</i> , <i>mimosae</i> , <i>sumbensis</i> , <i>semicollaris</i> , <i>elegantula</i> , <i>reichenowi</i> , <i>hamadryas</i> , <i>squamata</i> , <i>henrici</i>	Arafura Fantail (<i>Rhipidura dryas</i>)
Gilolo Fantail (<i>Rhipidura torrida</i>)	Rufous Fantail (<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>)
Australian Rufous Fantail (<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>) with ssp. <i>intermedia</i> , <i>rufifrons</i>	“
Louisiade Fantail (<i>Rhipidura louisiadensis</i>)	“
Santa Cruz Fantail (<i>Rhipidura melaenolaema</i>) with ssp. <i>agilis</i> , <i>melanolaema</i> , <i>utupuae</i>	“
Micronesia Rufous Fantail (<i>Rhipidura versicolor</i>) with ssp. <i>uraniae</i> , <i>saipanensis</i> , <i>mariae</i> , <i>versicolor</i>	“
Solomons Rufous Fantail (<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>) with ssp. <i>commoda</i> , <i>rufifrons</i> , <i>granti</i> , <i>brunnea</i> , <i>russata</i> , <i>kuperi</i> , <i>ugiensis</i>	“
Madagascar Martin (<i>Riparia cowani</i>)	Brown-throated Martin (<i>Riparia paludicola</i>)
Eye-ringed Parrotbill (<i>Suthora ricketti</i>)	Brown-winged Parrotbill (<i>Suthora brunnea</i>)
Mourning Babbler (<i>Pellorneum malaccense</i>)	Short-tailed Babbler (<i>Pellorneum malaccense</i>)
Glissando Babbler (<i>Pellorneum saturatum</i>)	“
Leaflietter Babbler (<i>Pellorneum poliogene</i>)	“
Malayan Swamp Babbler (<i>Pellorneum rostratum</i>)	White-chested Babbler (<i>Pellorneum rostratum</i>)
Bornean Swamp Babbler (<i>Pellorneum macropterum</i>)	“
Pink-breasted Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum keiense</i>) with ssp. <i>keiense</i> , <i>fulgidum</i>	Mistletoebird (<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>)
Cambodian Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum cambodianum</i>)	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>)
Sumatran Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum beccarii</i>)	“
Fire-throated Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum luzoniense</i>) with ssp. <i>luzoniense</i> , <i>bonga</i> , <i>apo</i>	“
Ornate Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris ornatus</i>) with ssp.	Olive-backed Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>)

Garden Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>) with ssp. <i>obscurior</i> , <i>jugularis</i> , <i>woodi</i>	“
Palawan Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris aurora</i>)	“
Sahul Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris frenatus</i>) with ssp. <i>plateni</i> , <i>robustirostris</i> , <i>frenatus</i> , <i>flavigastra</i>	“
Tukangbesi Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris infrenatus</i>)	“
Flores Sea Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris teysmanni</i>)	“
South Moluccan Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris clementiae</i>) with ssp. <i>buruensis</i> , <i>clementiae</i> , <i>keiensis</i>	“
Mamberamo Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris idenburgi</i>)	“

Lumps

Species	Lumped into
Siau Pitta (<i>Erythropitta palliceps</i>)	Sulawesi Pitta (<i>Erythropitta celebensis</i>)
Sangihe Pitta (<i>Erythropitta caeruleitorques</i>)	“
Amazonian Royal Flycatcher (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>)	Tropical Royal Flycatcher (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>)
Northern Royal Flycatcher (<i>Onychorhynchus mexicanus</i>)	“
Pacific Royal Flycatcher (<i>Onychorhynchus occidentalis</i>)	“
Luzon Sunbird (<i>Aethopyga jefferyi</i>)	Metallic-winged Sunbird (<i>Aethopyga pulcherrima</i>)
Bohol Sunbird (<i>Aethopyga decorosa</i>)	“

Sub-Species Reassigned to New Species

Subspecies	Moved to
Tropical Scrubwren [idenburgi] (<i>Sericornis beccarii idenburgi</i>)	Large Scrubwren (<i>Sericornis nouhuysi</i>)
Rock Martin [pusilla] (<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula pusilla</i>)	Pale Crag Martin (<i>Ptyonoprogne obsoleta</i>)

Common Name changes

Old Common Name	New Common Name
Worcester's Buttonquail (<i>Turnix worcesteri</i>)	Luzon Buttonquail
Wandering Albatross (<i>Diomedea exulans</i>)	Snowy Albatross
Cocos Flycatcher (<i>Nesotriccus ridgwayi</i>)	Cocos Tyrannulet
Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>)	Pale-chinned Flycatcher
Blue-cheeked Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum mauei</i>)	Red-chested Flowerpecker
Purple-naped Sunbird (<i>Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum</i>)	Purple-naped Spiderhunter
Black-crowned Tanager (<i>Phaenicophilus palmarum</i>)	Black-crowned Palm-tanager
Grey-crowned Tanager (<i>Phaenicophilus poliocephalus</i>)	Grey-crowned Palm-tanager
Red-breasted Blackbird (<i>Leistes militaris</i>)	Red-breasted Meadowlark
White-browed Blackbird (<i>Leistes superciliaris</i>)	White-browed Meadowlark
Band-tailed Oropendola (<i>Cacicus latirostris</i>)	Band-tailed Cacique
Casqued Oropendola (<i>Cacicus oseryi</i>)	Casqued Cacique
Cabanis's Seedeater (<i>Amaurospiza concolor</i>)	Blue Seedeater

Scientific name changes

Old Scientific Name	New Scientific Name
Double-striped Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>)	<i>Hesperoburhinus bistriatus</i>
Peruvian Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus superciliaris</i>)	<i>Hesperoburhinus superciliaris</i>
Rufous-chested Plover (<i>Charadrius modestus</i>)	<i>Zonibyx modestus</i>
Eurasian Dotterel (<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>)	<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>
Hooded Dotterel (<i>Thinornis cucullatus</i>)	Hooded Plover (<i>Charadrius cucullatus</i>)
Black-fronted Dotterel (<i>Elseyaornis melanops</i>)	<i>Charadrius melanops</i>
Shore Dotterel (<i>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</i>)	Shore Plover (<i>Charadrius novaeseelandiae</i>)
Caspian Plover (<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus asiaticus</i>
Oriental Plover (<i>Charadrius veredus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus veredus</i>
Tibetan Sand Plover (<i>Charadrius atrifrons</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus atrifrons</i>
Siberian Sand Plover (<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus mongolus</i>
Greater Sand Plover (<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus leschenaultii</i>
Double-banded Plover (<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus bicinctus</i>
New Zealand Plover (<i>Charadrius obscurus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus obscurus</i>
Wilson's Plover (<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus wilsonia</i>
Mountain Plover (<i>Charadrius montanus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus montanus</i>
Collared Plover (<i>Charadrius collaris</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus collaris</i>
Puna Plover (<i>Charadrius alticola</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus alticola</i>
Two-banded Plover (<i>Charadrius falklandicus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus falklandicus</i>
Madagascar Plover (<i>Charadrius thoracicus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus thoracicus</i>
Kittlitz's Plover (<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus pecuarius</i>
St. Helena Plover (<i>Charadrius sanctaehelenae</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus sanctaehelenae</i>
Red-capped Plover (<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus ruficapillus</i>
Snowy Plover (<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus nivosus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover (<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus pallidus</i>
Malaysian Plover (<i>Charadrius peronii</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus peronii</i>
White-fronted Plover (<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus marginatus</i>
Javan Plover (<i>Charadrius javanicus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus javanicus</i>
Kentish Plover (<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>
White-faced Plover (<i>Charadrius dealbatus</i>)	<i>Anarhynchus dealbatus</i>
Saunders's Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus saundersi</i>)	<i>Saundersilarus saundersi</i>
White-backed Night Heron (<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>)	<i>Calherodius leuconotus</i>
White-eared Night Heron (<i>Gorsachius magnificus</i>)	<i>Oroanassa magnifica</i>
Green Barbet (<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>)	<i>Cryptolybia olivacea</i>
Brown-breasted Barbet (<i>Lybius melanopterus</i>)	<i>Pogonornis melanopterus</i>
Black-backed Barbet (<i>Lybius minor</i>)	<i>Pogonornis minor</i>
Double-toothed Barbet (<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>)	<i>Pogonornis bidentatus</i>

Bearded Barbet (<i>Lybius dubius</i>)	<i>Pogonornis dubius</i>
Black-breasted Barbet (<i>Lybius rolleti</i>)	<i>Pogonornis rolleti</i>
Orange-backed Woodpecker (<i>Reinwardtipicus validus</i>)	<i>Chrysocolaptes validus</i>
Sao Paulo Tyrannulet (<i>Phylloscartes paulista</i>)	<i>Pogonotriccus paulista</i>
Serra Do Mar Tyrannulet (<i>Phylloscartes difficilis</i>)	<i>Pogonotriccus difficilis</i>
Araripe Manakin (<i>Antilophia bokermanni</i>)	<i>Chiroxiphia bokermanni</i>
Helmeted Manakin (<i>Antilophia galeata</i>)	<i>Chiroxiphia galeata</i>
Cream-striped Bulbul (<i>Hemixos leucogrammicus</i>)	<i>Ixos leucogrammicus</i>
Forest Swallow (<i>Petrochelidon fuliginosa</i>)	<i>Atronanus fuliginosus</i>