

Wildlife Recorder Species Database – Update 112 January 2023

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Introduction

This update implements the following:

- IOC World Bird List 13.1
- 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 111 August 2022)

Clements Taxonomy Changes

No changes

IOC Taxonomy Changes

Implemented changes in IOC 13.1 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 |
|---|
| White-breasted Waterhen [midnicobaricus] (<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus midnicobaricus</i>) |
| Principe Scops Owl (<i>Otus bikegila</i>) |
| Oceanic Eclectus Parrot (<i>Eclectus infectus</i>) |
| Thorn-tailed Rayadito [subantarctica] (<i>Aphrastura spinicauda subantarctica</i>) |
| Yellow-rumped Honeyguide [radcliffi] (<i>Indicator xanthonotus radcliffi</i>) |
| Yellow-rumped Honeyguide [xanthonotus] (<i>Indicator xanthonotus xanthonotus</i>) |
| Wangi-wangi White-Eye (<i>Zosterops paruhbesar</i>) |
| Crimson Rosella (Adelaide) [adelaidae] (<i>Platycercus elegans adelaidae</i>) |

New Groups

| Group Name |
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| Chestnut-naped Spurfowl (Northern) (<i>Pternistis castaneicollis castaneicollis</i>) |
| Chestnut-naped Spurfowl (Black-fronted) (<i>Pternistis castaneicollis atrifrons</i>) |
| Fiery-necked Nightjar (Black-shouldered) (<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis nigriscapularis</i>) |
| Fiery-necked Nightjar (Fiery-necked) (<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis [pectoralis-group]</i>) |
| Guadalcanal Dwarf Kingfisher (Malaita) (<i>Ceyx nigromaxilla malaitae</i>) |
| Guadalcanal Dwarf Kingfisher (Guadalcanal) (<i>Ceyx nigromaxilla nigromaxilla</i>) |
| Lesser Honeyguide (Thick-billed) (<i>Indicator minor conirostris/ussheri</i>) |
| Lesser Honeyguide (Lesser) (<i>Indicator minor [minor-group]</i>) |
| White-crested Tyrannulet (Sulphur-bellied) (<i>Serpophaga subcristata subcristata/straminea</i>) |
| White-crested Tyrannulet (White-bellied) (<i>Serpophaga subcristata munda</i>) |
| Horsfield's Bushlark (Singing) (<i>Mirafrja javanica [cantillans-group]</i>) |
| Horsfield's Bushlark (Australasian) (<i>Mirafrja javanica [javanica-group]</i>) |
| Aberrant Bush Warbler (Sunda) (<i>Horornis flavolivaceus [vulcanius-group]</i>) |
| Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (Sulawesi) (<i>Cyornis omissus [omissus-group]</i>) |
| Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (Tanahjampea) (<i>Cyornis omissus djampeanus</i>) |
| White-browed Shrike-babbler (Dalat) (<i>Pteruthius aeralatus annamensis</i>) |
| Black-and-white Mannikin (Black-and-white) (<i>Spermestes bicolor bicolor/poensis</i>) |
| Black-and-white Mannikin (Red-backed) (<i>Spermestes bicolor nigriceps/woltersi</i>) |
| Fawn-breasted Waxbill (Fawn-breasted) (<i>Estrilda paludicola [paludicola-group]</i>) |
| Fawn-breasted Waxbill (Abyssinian) (<i>Estrilda paludicola ochrogaster</i>) |

Deleted Groups

| Species/Sub-species Name | Reason |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Olive-striped Flycatcher (Western) (<i>Mionectes olivaceus galbinus/hederaceus</i>) | No longer a group in Clements |
| Olive-striped Flycatcher (Eastern) (<i>Mionectes olivaceus venezuelensis/fasciaticollis</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 |
|--|---|
| Bornean Crested Fireback [macartneyi] (<i>Lophura ignita macartneyi</i>) | considered an unstable hybrid between <i>L. rufa</i> and a hypothesized relict (or introduced) population of <i>L. ignita</i> |
| Black-necked Weaver [po] (<i>Ploceus nigricollis po</i>) | Included in nominate |
| Gould's Emerald (<i>Riccordia elegans</i>) | Regarded as a "taxon of uncertain status" by WGAC and is classified as a "doubtful taxon" by the AOS in NACC 2022-C-3. |
| Great Barbet [mayri] (<i>Psilopogon virens mayri</i>) | Included in <i>clamator</i> |
| Crimson Rosella (Crimson) [fleurieuensis] (<i>Platycercus elegans fleurieuensis</i>) | Included in <i>adelaidae</i> |
| Indian Nuthatch [castanea] (<i>Sitta castanea castanea</i>) | Monotypic |
| Indian Nuthatch [prateri] (<i>Sitta castanea prateri</i>) | " |

Splits

| Species | Split From |
|--|--|
| White-throated Piping Guan (<i>Pipile grayi</i>) | Blue-throated Piping-Guan (<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>) |
| Western Crested Guineafowl (<i>Guttera verreauxi</i>) with ssp. <i>verreauxi</i> , <i>sclateri</i> | Crested Guineafowl (<i>Guttera pucherani</i>) |
| Eastern Crested Guineafowl (<i>Guttera pucherani</i>) | “ |
| Southern Crested Guineafowl (<i>Guttera edouardi</i>) with ssp. <i>barbata</i> , <i>edouardi</i> | “ |
| Malayan Crestless Fireback (<i>Lophura erythrophthalma</i>) | Crestless Fireback (<i>Lophura erythrophthalma</i>) |
| Bornean Crestless Fireback (<i>Lophura pyronota</i>) | “ |
| Malayan Crested Fireback (<i>Lophura rufa</i>) | Crested Fireback (<i>Lophura ignita</i>) |
| Bornean Crested Fireback (<i>Lophura ignita</i>) with ssp. <i>nobilis</i> , <i>ignita</i> | “ |
| Sabah Partridge (<i>Tropicoperdix graydoni</i>) | Chestnut-necklaced Partridge (<i>Tropicoperdix charltonii</i>) |
| Whyte's Francolin (<i>Scleroptila whytei</i>) | Shelley's Francolin (<i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>) |
| Green Inca (<i>Coeligena conradii</i>) | Collared Inca (<i>Coeligena torquata</i>) |
| Gould's Inca (<i>Coeligena inca</i>) with ssp. <i>omissa</i> , <i>inca</i> | “ |
| Perija Starfrontlet (<i>Coeligena consita</i>) | Golden-bellied Starfrontlet (<i>Coeligena bonapartei</i>) |
| Golden-tailed Starfrontlet (<i>Coeligena eos</i>) | “ |
| Green-bellied Hummingbird (<i>Saucerottia viridigaster</i>) with ssp. <i>viridigaster</i> , <i>iodura</i> | Green-bellied Hummingbird (<i>Saucerottia viridigaster</i>) |
| Copper-tailed Hummingbird (<i>Saucerottia cupreicauda</i>) with ssp. <i>duidae</i> , <i>cupreicauda</i> , <i>laireti</i> , <i>pacaraimae</i> | “ |
| Enggano Imperial Pigeon (<i>Ducula oenothorax</i>) | Green Imperial Pigeon (<i>Ducula aenea</i>) |
| African Woolly-necked Stork (<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>) | Woolly-necked Stork (<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>) |
| Asian Woolly-necked Stork (<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>) with ssp. <i>episcopus</i> , <i>neglecta</i> | “ |
| Malayan Blue-banded Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo peninsulae</i>) | Blue-banded Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo euryzona</i>) |
| Javan Blue-banded Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo euryzona</i>) | “ |
| Sangihe Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx sangirensis</i>) | Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx fallax</i>) |
| Moluccan Eclectus (<i>Eclectus roratus</i>) with ssp. <i>vosmaeri</i> , <i>roratus</i> , <i>westermani</i> | Eclectus Parrot (<i>Eclectus roratus</i>) |
| Sumba Eclectus (<i>Eclectus cornelia</i>) | “ |

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| Tanimbar Eclectus (<i>Eclectus riedeli</i>) | “ |
| Papuan Eclectus (<i>Eclectus polychloros</i>) with ssp. <i>polychloros</i> , <i>solomonensis</i> , <i>macgillivrayi</i> | “ |
| Blue-fronted Fig Parrot (<i>Cyclopsitta guliemiterti</i>) | Orange-breasted Fig Parrot (<i>Cyclopsitta guliemiterti</i>) |
| Black-fronted Fig Parrot (<i>Cyclopsitta nigrifrons</i>) with ssp. <i>nigrifrons</i> , <i>amabilis</i> | “ |
| Dusky-cheeked Fig Parrot (<i>Cyclopsitta melanogenia</i>) with ssp. <i>melanogenia</i> , <i>suavissima</i> , <i>fuscifrons</i> | “ |
| Black-breasted Gnateater (<i>Conopophaga snethlageae</i>) with ssp. <i>snethlageae</i> , <i>pallida</i> | Chestnut-belted Gnateater (<i>Conopophaga aurita</i>) |
| Choco Elaenia (<i>Myiopagis parambae</i>) with ssp. <i>absita</i> , <i>parambae</i> | Grey Elaenia (<i>Myiopagis caniceps</i>) |
| Amazonian Elaenia (<i>Myiopagis cinerea</i>) | “ |
| Grey-headed Elaenia (<i>Myiopagis caniceps</i>) | “ |
| Northern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (<i>Nesotriccus incomtus</i>) with ssp. <i>eremonomus</i> , <i>incomtus</i> | Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (<i>Nesotriccus murinus</i>) |
| Southern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (<i>Nesotriccus murinus</i>) with ssp. <i>wagae</i> , <i>murinus</i> | “ |
| Marañon Tyrannulet (<i>Nesotriccus maranonicus</i>) | “ |
| Bahia Wagtail-Tyrant (<i>Stigmatura bahiae</i>) | Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant (<i>Stigmatura napensis</i>) |
| Olive-streaked Flycatcher (<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>) | Olive-striped Flycatcher (<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>) |
| Mouse-grey Flycatcher (<i>Myiophobus crypterythrus</i>) | Bran-colored Flycatcher (<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>) |
| Rufescent Flycatcher (<i>Myiophobus rufescens</i>) | “ |
| Northern Tropical Pewee (<i>Contopus bogotensis</i>) with ssp. <i>brachytarsus</i> , <i>rhizophorus</i> , <i>aithalodes</i> , <i>bogotensis</i> , <i>surinamensis</i> | Tropical Pewee (<i>Contopus cinereus</i>) |
| Southern Tropical Pewee (<i>Contopus cinereus</i>) with ssp. <i>cinereus</i> , <i>pallescens</i> | “ |
| Rufous-browed Chat-Tyrant (<i>Ochthoeca superciliosa</i>) | Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>) |
| Choco Manakin (<i>Cryptopipo litae</i>) with ssp. <i>suffusa</i> , <i>litae</i> | Green Manakin (<i>Cryptopipo holochlora</i>) |
| Malawi Batis (<i>Batis dimorpha</i>) with ssp. <i>sola</i> , <i>dimorpha</i> | Cape Batis (<i>Batis capensis</i>) |

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| Comoros Blue Vanga (<i>Cyanolanius comorensis</i>) with ssp. <i>bensoni</i> , <i>comorensis</i> | Blue Vanga (<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>) |
| Madagascar Blue Vanga (<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>) | “ |
| Northern Shriketit (<i>Falcunculus whitei</i>) | Crested Shriketit (<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>) |
| Western Shriketit (<i>Falcunculus leucogaster</i>) | “ |
| Eastern Shriketit (<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>) | “ |
| Sharpe's Lark (<i>Mirafra sharpii</i>) | Rufous-naped Lark (<i>Mirafra africana</i>) |
| Rufous-crowned Prinia (<i>Prinia khasiana</i>) | Black-throated Prinia (<i>Prinia atrogularis</i>) |
| Brown-crowned Scimitar Babbler (<i>Pomatorhinus phayrei</i>) with ssp. <i>phayrei</i> , <i>stanfordi</i> , <i>albogularis</i> , <i>orientalis</i> , <i>dickinsoni</i> | Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler (<i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i>) |
| Black-crowned Scimitar Babbler (<i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i>) | “ |
| Tenggara Hill Myna (<i>Gracula venerata</i>) | Common Hill Myna (<i>Gracula religiosa</i>) |
| Burmese Myna (<i>Acridotheres burmannicus</i>) | Vinous-breasted Starling (<i>Acridotheres burmannicus</i>) |
| Vinous-breasted Myna (<i>Acridotheres leucocephalus</i>) | “ |
| Ethiopian Thrush (<i>Turdus simensis</i>) | Groundscraper Thrush (<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>) |
| Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis camarinensis</i>) | Blue-breasted Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis herioti</i>) |
| Kalao Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis kalaoensis</i>) | Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis omissus</i>) |
| Philippine Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx poliogyna</i>) with ssp. <i>poliogyna</i> , <i>andersoni</i> , <i>mindorensis</i> , <i>sillimani</i> , <i>brunneiceps</i> , <i>malindangensis</i> , <i>mindanensis</i> | White-browed Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>) |
| Bornean Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx erythrogyna</i>) | “ |
| Sumatran Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx saturata</i>) | “ |
| Javan Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>) | “ |
| Flores Shortwing (<i>Brachypteryx floris</i>) | “ |
| Izu Robin (<i>Larvivora tanensis</i>) | Japanese Robin (<i>Larvivora akahige</i>) |
| Amber Mountain Rock Thrush (<i>Monticola erythronotus</i>) | Forest Rock Thrush (<i>Monticola sharpei</i>) |
| Buff-breasted Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe bottae</i>) | Red-breasted Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe bottae</i>) |
| Rusty-breasted Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe frenata</i>) | “ |
| Olive-naped Weaver (<i>Ploceus brachypterus</i>) | Black-necked Weaver (<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>) |
| Chestnut-and-black Weaver (<i>Ploceus castaneofuscus</i>) | Vieillot's Black Weaver (<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>) |
| Red Weaver (<i>Anaplectes jubaensis</i>) | Red-headed Weaver (<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>) |
| Red-cowled Widowbird (<i>Euplectes laticauda</i>) with ssp. <i>laticauda</i> , <i>suahelicus</i> | Red-collared Widowbird (<i>Euplectes ardens</i>) |

White-bellied Tanager (*Tangara brasiliensis*)

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)

Lumps

| Species | Lumped into |
|--|--|
| Black-fronted Francolin (<i>Pternistis atrifrons</i>) | Chestnut-naped Spurfowl (<i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i>) |
| Black-shouldered Nightjar (<i>Caprimulgus nigriscapularis</i>) | Fiery-necked Nightjar (<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>) |
| Malaita Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx malitae</i>) | Guadalcanal Dwarf Kingfisher (<i>Ceyx nigromaxilla</i>) |
| Thick-billed Honeyguide (<i>Indicator conirostris</i>) | Lesser Honeyguide (<i>Indicator minor</i>) |
| White-bellied Tyrannulet (<i>Serpophaga munda</i>) | White-crested Tyrannulet (<i>Serpophaga subcristata</i>) |
| Himalayan Shrike-Babbler (<i>Pteruthius ripleyi</i>) | White-browed Shrike-Babbler (<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>) |
| Blyth's Shrike-Babbler (<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>) | " |
| Singing Bushlark (<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>) | Horsfield's Bushlark (<i>Mirafra javanica</i>) |
| Sunda Bush Warbler (<i>Horornis vulcanius</i>) | Aberrant Bush Warbler (<i>Horornis flavolivaceus</i>) |
| Tanahjampea Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis djampeanus</i>) | Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis omissus</i>) |
| Dalat Shrike-Babbler (<i>Pteruthius annamensis</i>) | White-browed Shrike-Babbler (<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>) |
| Red-backed Mannikin (<i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>) | Black-and-white Mannikin (<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>) |
| Abyssinian Waxbill (<i>Estrilda ochrogaster</i>) | Fawn-breasted Waxbill (<i>Estrilda paludicola</i>) |
| Landana Firefinch (<i>Lagonosticta landanae</i>) | African Firefinch (<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>) |

Sub-Species Reassigned to New Species

| Subspecies | Moved to |
|--|---|
| Green-breasted Mango (Ecuadorian) (<i>Anthracothorax prevostii iridescens</i>) | Black-throated Mango (<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>) |
| Golden-crowned Flycatcher [minor] (<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor</i>) | Golden-bellied Flycatcher (<i>Myiodynastes hemichrysus</i>) |
| Golden-crowned Flycatcher [cinerascens] (<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus cinerascens</i>) | " |

Common Name changes

| Old Common Name | New Common Name |
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| Christmas Island Swiftlet (<i>Collocalia natalis</i>) | Christmas Swiftlet |
| Yellow-margined Flatbill (<i>Tolmomyias flavotectus</i>) | Yellow-winged Flatbill |
| Zimmer's Flatbill (<i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>) | Yellow-margined Flatbill |
| Black-winged Starling (<i>Acridotheres melanopterus</i>) | Black-winged Myna |

Scientific name changes

| Old Scientific Name | New Scientific Name |
|--|--|
| Congo Bay Owl (<i>Phodilus prigoginei</i>) | Itombwe Owl (<i>Tyto prigoginei</i>) |
| Fraser's Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo poensis</i>) | <i>Ketupa poensis</i> |
| Akun Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo leucostictus</i>) | <i>Ketupa leucosticta</i> |
| Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo lacteus</i>) | <i>Ketupa lacteal</i> |
| Shelley's Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo shelleyi</i>) | <i>Ketupa shelleyi</i> |
| Blakiston's Fish Owl (<i>Bubo blakistoni</i>) | <i>Ketupa blakistoni</i> |
| Barred Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo sumatranus</i>) | <i>Ketupa sumatrana</i> |
| Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>) | <i>Ketupa nipalensis</i> |
| Dusky Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo coromandus</i>) | <i>Ketupa coromanda</i> |
| Philippine Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo philippensis</i>) | <i>Ketupa philippensis</i> |
| Shovel-billed Kookaburra (<i>Clytoceyx rex</i>) | <i>Dacelo rex</i> |
| African Piculet (<i>Sasia africana</i>) | <i>Verreauxia Africana</i> |
| White-rumped Falcon (<i>Polihierax insignis</i>) | <i>Neohierax insignis</i> |
| Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>) | <i>Nesotriccus murinus</i> |
| Tumbesian Tyrannulet (<i>Phaeomyias tumbezana</i>) | <i>Nesotriccus tumbezanus</i> |
| Sharpe's Starling (<i>Poeoptera sharpii</i>) | <i>Pholia sharpii</i> |
| Abbott's Starling (<i>Poeoptera femoralis</i>) | <i>Arizelopsar femoralis</i> |
| Timor Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis hyacinthinus</i>) | <i>Eumyias hyacinthinus</i> |
| Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis hoevelli</i>) | <i>Eumyias hoevelli</i> |
| Matinan Blue Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis sanfordi</i>) | <i>Eumyias sanfordi</i> |
| Flores Jungle Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis oscillans</i>) | <i>Eumyias oscillans</i> |
| Sumba Jungle Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis stresemanni</i>) | <i>Eumyias stresemanni</i> |
| Grey-winged Robin-Chat (<i>Cossypha polioptera</i>) | <i>Sheppardia polioptera</i> |