

Wildlife Recorder Species Database – Update 109 January 2022

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Introduction

This update implements the following:

- IOC World Bird List 12.1
- 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 108
August 2021)**

Clements Taxonomy Changes

No changes

IOC Taxonomy Changes

Implemented changes in IOC 12.1 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-chinned Petrel [aequinoctialis] (<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis aequinoctialis</i>)
White-chinned Petrel [steadii] (<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis steadii</i>)
Common Flameback [raveni] (<i>Dinopium javanense raveni</i>) N.B this was previously called <i>borneonense</i> in older versions
Azure-rumped Parrot [sangirensis] (<i>Tanygnathus sumatranus sangirensis</i>)
Sulawesi Bush Warbler [castanea] (<i>Locustella castanea castanea</i>)
Sulawesi Bush Warbler [everetti] (<i>Locustella castanea everetti</i>)
Asian Glossy Starling [nesodramus] (<i>Aplonis panayensis nesodramus</i>)
Ruvu Weaver (<i>Ploceus holoxanthus</i>)
Blue Duck [hymenolaimus] (<i>Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos hymenolaimus</i>)
Blue Duck [malacorhynchos] (<i>Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos malacorhynchos</i>)
Magnificent Frigatebird [magnificens] (<i>Fregata magnificens magnificens</i>)
Magnificent Frigatebird [rothschildi] (<i>Fregata magnificens rothschildi</i>)
Buffy Fish Owl [pageli] (<i>Ketupa ketupu pageli</i>)
Azure Kingfisher [yamdenae] (<i>Ceyx azureus yamdenae</i>)
Yellow-crested Cockatoo (Yellow-crested) [djampeana] (<i>Cacatua sulphurea djampeana</i>)
Yellow-crested Cockatoo (Yellow-crested) [occidentalis] (<i>Cacatua sulphurea occidentalis</i>)
Sulawesi Fantail [coomansi] (<i>Rhipidura teysmanni coomansi</i>)
Arafura Fantail [henrici] (<i>Rhipidura dryas henrici</i>)
Louisiade White-eye [ottomeyeri] (<i>Zosterops griseotinctus ottomeyeri</i>)
Sooty-capped Babbler [affine] (<i>Malacopteron affine affine</i>)
Sooty-capped Babbler [phoeniceum] (<i>Malacopteron affine phoeniceum</i>)
Short-tailed Babbler [saturatum] (<i>Pellorneum malaccense saturatum</i>)
Brown Fulvetta [brunneicauda] (<i>Alcippe brunneicauda brunneicauda</i>)
Brown Fulvetta [eriphaea] (<i>Alcippe brunneicauda eriphaea</i>)
Common Hill Myna (Common) [miotera] (<i>Gracula religiosa miotera</i>)
Brown-throated Sunbird (Brown-throated) [anambae] (<i>Anthreptes malacensis anambae</i>)
Brown-throated Sunbird (Brown-throated) [erixanthus] (<i>Anthreptes malacensis erixanthus</i>)
Black-faced Munia [molucca] (<i>Lonchura molucca molucca</i>)
Black-faced Munia [propinqua] (<i>Lonchura molucca propinqua</i>)

New Groups

Group Name
Brown Honeyeater (Indonesian) (<i>Lichmera indistincta limbata</i>)
Brown Honeyeater (Brown) (<i>Lichmera indistincta [indistincta-group]</i>)
Radde's Accentor (Radde's) (<i>Prunella ocularis ocularis</i>)
Radde's Accentor (Arabian) (<i>Prunella ocularis fagani</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
Spectacled Monarch (Australian) [melanorrhous] (<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus melanorrhous</i>)	Included in <i>gouldii</i>
Polynesian Ground Dove [erythroptera] (<i>Pampusana erythroptera erythroptera</i>)	Monotypic
Polynesian Ground Dove [albicollis] (<i>Pampusana erythroptera albicollis</i>)	“
Polynesian Imperial Pigeon [aurorae] (<i>Ducula aurorae aurorae</i>)	“
Polynesian Imperial Pigeon [wilkesii] (<i>Ducula aurorae wilkesii</i>)	“
Wrinkled Hornbill [rugosus] (<i>Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus rugosus</i>)	“
Wrinkled Hornbill [corrugatus] (<i>Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus corrugatus</i>)	“
Guam Kingfisher (Miyako-Jima I.) (<i>Todiramphus cinnamominus miyakoensis</i>)	“
Guam Kingfisher (Guam) (<i>Todiramphus cinnamominus cinnamominus</i>)	“
Red-and-blue Lory [talautensis] (<i>Eos histrio talautensis</i>)	Included in <i>challengeri</i>
Island Monarch [nigrirostris] (<i>Monarcha cinerascens nigrirostris</i>)	Included in <i>impediens</i>
Crested Tit-warbler [meissneri] (<i>Leptopoecile elegans meissneri</i>)	Monotypic
Crested Tit-warbler [elegans] (<i>Leptopoecile elegans elegans</i>)	“
Fluffy-backed Tit-babbler [reclusus] (<i>Macronus ptilosus reclusus</i>)	Included in <i>trichorrhos</i>
Spot-throat [pressa] (<i>Modulatrix stictigula pressa</i>)	Monotypic
Spot-throat [stictigula] (<i>Modulatrix stictigula stictigula</i>)	“
Brown-backed Flowerpecker [everetti] (<i>Dicaeum everetti everetti</i>)	“
Brown-backed Flowerpecker [bungurensis] (<i>Dicaeum everetti bungurensis</i>)	“

Deleted Groups

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

Group Name	Reason
Spectacled Monarch (Australian) (<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i> <i>gouldii</i> / <i>melanorrhous</i>)	<i>Ssp melanorrhous</i> included in <i>gouldii</i>

Splits

Species	Split From
Elgon Francolin (<i>Scleroptila elgonensis</i>)	Moorland Francolin (<i>Scleroptila psilolaema</i>)
Wetar Scops Owl (<i>Otus tempestatis</i>)	Moluccan Scops Owl (<i>Otus magicus</i>)
Sulawesi Lilac Kingfisher (<i>Cittura cyanotis</i>)	Lilac Kingfisher (<i>Cittura cyanotis</i>)
Sangihe Lilac Kingfisher (<i>Cittura sanghirensis</i>)	“
Brown-breasted Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon gularis</i>)	White-throated Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)
Rufous-crowned Bee-eater (<i>Merops americanus</i>)	Blue-throated Bee-eater (<i>Merops viridis</i>)
Malabar Flameback (<i>Chrysocolaptes socialis</i>)	Greater Flameback (<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>)
Blue-backed Parrot (<i>Tanygnathus everetti</i>) with ssp. <i>duponti</i> , <i>freeri</i> , <i>everetti</i> , <i>burbidgii</i>	Blue-backed Parrot (<i>Tanygnathus sumatranus</i>)
Azure-rumped Parrot (<i>Tanygnathus sumatranus</i>) with ssp. <i>sumatranus</i> , <i>sangirensis</i>	“
Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant (<i>Euscarthmus fulviceps</i>)	Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant (<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus</i>)
Huon Bowerbird (<i>Amblyornis germanus</i>)	MacGregor's Bowerbird (<i>Amblyornis macgregoriae</i>)
Bacan Myzomela (<i>Myzomela batjanensis</i>)	Sulawesi Myzomela (<i>Myzomela chloroptera</i>)
Louisiade Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus melanopterus</i>)	Spectacled Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i>)
Flores Leaf Warbler (<i>Phylloscopus floresianus</i>)	Timor Leaf Warbler (<i>Phylloscopus presbytes</i>)
Guadalcanal Thicketbird (<i>Cincloramphus turipavae</i>)	Melanesian Thicketbird (<i>Cincloramphus whitneyi</i>)
Santo Thicketbird (<i>Cincloramphus whitneyi</i>)	“
Arabian Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris hellmayri</i>) with ssp. <i>kinneari</i> , <i>hellmayri</i>	Shining Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>)
Sunda Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>)	Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>)
Australian Zebra Finch (<i>Taeniopygia castanotis</i>)	“
Siberian Long-tailed Rosefinch (<i>Carpodacus sibiricus</i>) with ssp. <i>sibiricus</i> , <i>ussuriensis</i> , <i>sanguinolentus</i>	Long-tailed Rosefinch (<i>Carpodacus sibiricus</i>)
Chinese Long-tailed Rosefinch (<i>Carpodacus lepidus</i>) with ssp. <i>lepidus</i> , <i>henrici</i>	“
Masked Bunting (<i>Emberiza personata</i>)	Black-faced Bunting (<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>)

Lumps

Species	Lumped into
Indonesian Honeyeater (<i>Lichmera limbata</i>)	Brown Honeyeater (<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>)
Arabian Accentor (<i>Prunella fagani</i>)	Radde's Accentor (<i>Prunella ocularis</i>)

Sub-Species Reassigned to New Species

Subspecies	Moved to
Australian Boobook (Boobook) [remigialis] (<i>Ninox boobook remigialis</i>)	Barking Owl (<i>Ninox connivens</i>)
Green-backed Woodpecker (Plain-backed) (<i>Campethera cailliautii permista</i>)	Little Green Woodpecker (<i>Campethera maculosa</i>)
Common Cicadabird [nisorium] (<i>Edolisoma tenuirostre nisorium</i>)	Grey-capped Cicadabird (<i>Edolisoma remotum</i>)
Spectacled Monarch (Seram) (<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus nigrimentum</i>)	Moluccan Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus bimaculatus</i>)

Family Reassignments

Species	Old Family	New Family
Crested Jayshrike (<i>Platylophus galericulatus</i>)	<i>Corvidae</i>	<i>Platylophidae</i>

Common Name changes

Old Common Name	New Common Name
Green-backed Woodpecker (<i>Campethera cailliauti</i>)	Little Spotted Woodpecker (<i>Campethera cailliauti</i>)
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant (<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus</i>)	Fulvous-crowned Scrub Tyrant
Raja Shelduck (<i>Radjah radjah</i>)	Radjah Shelduck
South American Snipe (<i>Gallinago paraguaiiae</i>)	Pantanal Snipe
Hornby's Storm Petrel (<i>Hydrobates hornbyi</i>)	Ringed Storm Petrel
De Filippi's Petrel (<i>Pterodroma defilippiana</i>)	Masatierra Petrel
Cuckoo Roller (<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>)	Cuckoo-roller
Yellowish-streaked Lory (<i>Chalcopsitta scintillata</i>)	Yellow-streaked Lory
Rufous-sided Pygmy Tyrant (<i>Euscarthmus rufomarginatus</i>)	Rufous-sided Scrub Tyrant
Dusky Friarbird (<i>Philemon fuscicapillus</i>)	Morotai Friarbird
Black-faced Friarbird (<i>Philemon moluccensis</i>)	Buru Friarbird
Dwarf Longbill (<i>Oedistoma iliolophus</i>)	Spectacled Longbill
Sangihe Shrikethrush (<i>Coracornis sanghirensis</i>)	Sangihe Whistler
Versicolored Monarch (<i>Mayrornis versicolor</i>)	Ogea Monarch
Black-chinned Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus boanensis</i>)	Boano Monarch
White-tailed Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus leucurus</i>)	Kai Monarch
White-tipped Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus everetti</i>)	Tanahjampea Monarch
Black-tipped Monarch (<i>Symposiachrus loricatus</i>)	Buru Monarch
Crested Jay (<i>Platylophus galericulatus</i>)	Crested Jayshrike
Henderson's Ground Jay (<i>Podoces hendersoni</i>)	Mongolian Ground Jay
Biddulph's Ground Jay (<i>Podoces biddulphi</i>)	Xinjiang Ground Jay
Pander's Ground Jay (<i>Podoces panderi</i>)	Turkestan Ground Jay
Pleske's Ground Jay (<i>Podoces pleskei</i>)	Iranian Ground Jay
Carolinian Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus syrinx</i>)	Caroline Reed Warbler
Kessler's Thrush (<i>turdus kessleri</i>)	White-backed Thrush
Stejneger's Stonechat (<i>Saxicola stejnegeri</i>)	Amur Stonechat
Flame-breasted Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum erythrothorax</i>)	Buru Flowerpecker

Scientific name changes

Old Scientific Name	New Scientific Name
Santarem Parakeet (Madeira) (<i>Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae</i>)	<i>Pyrrhura amazonum pallescens</i>
Ornate Lorikeet (<i>Saudareos ornatus</i>)	<i>Saudareos ornata</i>
Green Broadbill [caudacuta] (<i>Calyptomena viridis caudacuta</i>)	<i>Calyptomena viridis viridis</i>
Green Broadbill [viridis] (<i>Calyptomena viridis viridis</i>)	<i>Calyptomena viridis gloriosa</i>
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike (<i>Sakesphorus cristatus</i>)	<i>Sakesphoroides cristatus</i>
Caatinga Antwren (<i>Herpsilochmus sellowi</i>)	<i>Radinopsyche sellowi</i>
Scaly-crowned Honeyeater (<i>Lichmera lombokia</i>)	<i>Sugomel lombokius</i>
Rufous Monarch (<i>Monarcha rubiensis</i>)	<i>Symposiachrus rubiensis</i>
Blue Bird-of-paradise (<i>Paradisaea rudolphi</i>)	<i>Paradisornis rudolphi</i>
Short-tailed Babbler [poliogenis] (<i>Pellorneum malaccense poliogenis</i>)	<i>Pellorneum malaccense poliogene</i>
Sulawesi Thrush (<i>Cataponera turdoides</i>)	<i>Turdus turdoides</i>
White-tailed Flycatcher (<i>Cyornis concretus</i>)	<i>Leucoptilon concretum</i>
Angolan Cave Chat (<i>Cossypha ansorgei</i>)	<i>Xenocopsychus ansorgei</i>
Yellowish Pipit (<i>Anthus lutescens</i>)	<i>Anthus chii</i>