



## LIST OF THE BREEDING BIRDS OF ARABIA

(Please note this list, including the nomenclature and taxonomic order is under review and will be brought in line with that of the *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Arabia* which was published in July 2010. Also the status notes do not in all cases reflect the up to date situation. This is also being reviewed).

The species listed here are those known to have bred in Arabia or are very likely to breed. The order follows the *List of recent Holarctic bird species* by K. H. Voous (published by the British Ornithologists Union, 1977) but certain changes have been made to bird names to accord with present usage. The reference number shown on the left is the number to be inserted in Column 2 of the ABBA Report sheet Form 3. The few breeding species not on the Voous list (these are mainly ferally breeding exotics) are given a separate sequence commencing with 2001.

The Breeding Evidence Code (BEC) used by the ABBA project should be read in conjunction with this list. Details of species additional to the list, for which breeding is proven (BEC 10 or higher), will be published in future issues of *Phoenix*. Observers suspecting or proving breeding of species not shown on the list should make a full report. Highly sedentary species are identified with an asterisk (\*). Because presence of these species, even outside the breeding season, is a good indication of local breeding. BEC "XX" may be used to report occurrence in suitable habitat at any time. Atlasers should be aware that many species which breed also occur as visitors. Because of the possibility of confusion with migrants certain BEC's are irrelevant for a number of species, for example Codes 00 and 01 for the Hoopoe *Upupa epops*. This is because a Hoopoe can appear anywhere in Arabia as a migrant during the breeding season. BEC 03 should also be suspect because two birds associating together may be migrants or a breeding pair. Observers should also be aware that the breeding season of a species may vary in different parts of the peninsula, according to altitude or recent rainfall.

Some general subjects for which reports are welcomed are shown at the end of this list. These subjects can be reported on the same forms as birds.

- 0001** *Struthio camelus* **OSTRICH** Native birds extinct, but reintroduced, also escapes.
- 0007** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* **LITTLE GREBE** Migrant and winter visitor. Opportunist breeder in fresh water habitats.
- 0009** *Podiceps cristatus* **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** Scarce winter visitor and breeder.
- 0012** *Podiceps nigricollis* **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** Winter visitor and opportunistic breeder in fresh water habitats. A pelagic species.
- 0035** *Bulweria fallax* **JOUANIN'S PETREL** Pelagic. Breeds Socotra.
- 0049** *Puffinus lherminieri* **AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER** Occurs off coasts of southern Arabia. Has bred Kuria Muria Islands.
- 0064** *Phaethon aethereus* **RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD** Breeds islands and coastal cliffs southern Arabian Gulf, the Gulfs of Oman and Aden and the Red Sea.
- 0068** *Sula dactylatra* **MASKED BOOBY** Breeds on islands of southern Oman and Red Sea.

- 0070** *Sula leucogaster* **BROWN BOOBY** Breeds Red Sea islands. Seen along whole length of Red Sea and eastwards to Dhofar.
- 0072** *Phalacrocorax carbo* **Great Cormorant** Mainly winter visitor, has bred Bahrain.
- 0081** *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis* **SOCOTRA CORMORANT** Main breeding islands are in the Arabian Gulf, but also occurs Gulfs of Oman and Aden, rarely southern Red Sea.
- 0088** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* **GREAT WHITE PELICAN** Winter visitor. One old breeding record from Kuwait.
- 0090** *Pelecanus rufescens* **PINK-BACKED PELICAN** Breeds islands of southern Red Sea. Observed whole of Red Sea and shores of eastern Yemen.
- 0098** *Ixobrychus minutus* **LITTLE BITTERN** A migrant which also occasionally breeds.
- 0099** *Ixobrychus sinensis* **YELLOW BITTERN** Scarce visitor Dhofar and probably breeds.
- 0104** *Nycticorax nycticorax* **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON** Migrant and winter visitor. Has bred Arabian Gulf and Riyadh.
- 0107** *Butorides striata* **STRIATED HERON** Resident all coasts except the northern Arabian Gulf.
- 0108** *Ardeola ralloides* **SQUACCO HERON** Has bred Arabian Gulf and Riyadh.
- 0111** *Bubulcus ibis* **CATTLE EGRET** Resident south west coastlands. Migrant elsewhere. Has attempted to breed at Riyadh.
- 0118** *Egretta gularis* **WESTERN REEF HERON** Breeds all coasts.
- 0122** *Ardea cinerea* **GREY HERON** Common visitor and scarce breeder.
- 2031** *Ardea melanocephala* **BLACK-HEADED HERON** Breeds rarely south-west Arabia
- 0124** *Ardea purpurea* **PURPLE HERON** Has bred southern Red Sea and central Arabia but the majority of all records are of migrants.
- 0125** *Ardea goliath* **GOLIATH HERON** Straggles to all coasts, breeds southern Red Sea.
- 0126** *Scopus umbretta* **HAMERKOP** Resident freshwater habitats in south west.
- 0132** *Ciconia abdimii* **ABDIM'S STORK** Breeding summer visitor to Yemen.
- 0142** *Threskiornis aethiopicus* **SACRED IBIS** Breeds south-west Arabia and introduced elsewhere.
- 0144** *Platalea leucorodia* **EURASIAN SPOONBILL** Scarce migrant to most coastal areas resident and breeds Red Sea coast.
- 2044** *Platalea alba* **AFRICAN SPOONBILL** May breed, south-west Arabia.
- 0147** *Phoenicopterus roseus* **GREATER FLAMINGO** Common widespread visitor which has bred Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Red Sea coast.

- 0148** *Phoeniconaias minor* **LESSER FLAMINGO** Erratic occurrence coasts of southern Arabia where has built nesting mounds.
- 0170** *Alopochen aegyptiaca* **EGYPTIAN GOOSE** Introduced and now established as a resident on the UAE coast, especially in areas of mangroves.
- 0171** *Tadorna ferruginea* **RUDDY SHELDUCK** Erratic occurrence; has bred eastern Saudi Arabia.
- 0186** *Anas platyrhynchos* **MALLARD** Migrant. Also resident at a few sites in Saudi Arabia and UAE.
- 0194** *Anas clypeata* **NORTHERN SHOVELLER** Common visitor. Has bred eastern Saudi Arabia.
- 0202** *Aythya nyroca* **FERRUGINOUS DUCK** A migrant and winter visitor that has bred in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
- 0235** *Elanus caeruleus* **BLACK-WINGED KITE** Rare visitor (possibly residents) to south west where it has bred. Vagrant other areas.
- 0238** *Milvus migrans* **BLACK KITE** Migrant all areas. Resident population in the south west from Jeddah to Dhofar.
- 0246** *Gypaetus barbatus* **BEARDED VULTURE** Resident in western highlands. Decreasing and now rare in Saudi Arabia.
- 0247** *Neophron percnopterus* **EGYPTIAN VULTURE** Widespread resident except northern Arabia.
- 0251** *Gyps fulvus* **GRIFFON VULTURE** Widespread except the north east where only a straggler. Not known to breed in Oman and UAE.
- 0254** *Torgos tracheliotos* **LAPPET-FACED VULTURE** Widespread breeding in central plains and northern Oman/UAE. Absent western highlands.
- 0256** *Circaetus gallicus* **SHORT-TOED EAGLE** Mainly a migrant and visitor, but breeds occasionally.
- 0257** *Terathopius ecaudatus* **BATELEUR** Resident in south west.
- 0265** *Melierax metabates* **DARK CHANTING GOSHAWK** Resident in south west.
- 0266** *Micronisus gabar* **GABAR GOSHAWK** Resident in south west.
- 0272** *Accipiter badius* **SHIKRA** Resident in south west. Scarce visitor (breeding?) to UAE.
- 0288** *Buteo rufinus* **LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** Widespread but uncommon resident.
- 2034** *Buteo 'socotrae'* **SOCOTRA BUZZARD** Resident Socotra. (Nomenclature under review)
- 0294** *Aquila rapax* **TAWNY EAGLE** Resident in south west.
- 0296** *Aquila chrysaetos* **GOLDEN EAGLE** Widespread but uncommon resident. central plains and Oman.
- 0297** *Aquila verreauxii* **VERREAUX'S EAGLE** Scarce resident, highlands of Dhofar, southern and western Arabia.

- 0299** *Hieraaetus fasciatus* **BONELLI'S EAGLE** Scarce but widespread resident.
- 0301** *Pandion haliaetus* **OSPREY** Breeds islands, all coasts, also a migrant, including inland.
- 0303** *Falco naumanni* **LESSER KESTREL** Has bred once in northern Saudi Arabia, also a migrant.
- 0304** *Falco tinnunculus* **COMMON KESTREL** Widespread breeding bird but also common migrant and winter visitor.
- 0312** *Falco concolor* **SOOTY FALCON** Breeding summer visitor to islands of the Red Sea, southern Arabia and southern Arabian Gulf. One inland breeding record.
- 0314** *Falco biarmicus* **LANNER FALCON** Widespread but rare and apparently decreasing.
- 0320** *Falco peregrinus* **PEREGRINE FALCON** Migrant, breeding status needs confirmation.
- 0321** *Falco pelegrinoides* **BARBARY FALCON** Widespread resident.
- 0355** *Alectoris chukar* \* **CHUKAR** Highlands of the extreme north west and Musandam and UAE. Also introduced Abu Dhabi islands.
- 0360** *Alectoris philbyi* \* **PHILBY'S CHUKAR** South western highlands.
- 0361** *Alectoris melanocephala* \* **ARABIAN PARTRIDGE** Western highlands, eastern Yemen, Dhofar and northern Oman.
- 0362** *Ammoperdix griseogularis* **SEE SEE PARTRIDGE** Introduced Sir Bani Yas island, UAE.
- 0363** *Ammoperdix heyi* \* **SAND PARTRIDGE** Widespread except in north east.
- 0364** *Francolinus francolinus* \* **BLACK FRANCOLIN** Introduced UAE coastlands.
- 0365** *Francolinus pondicerianus* \* **GREY FRANCOLIN** Bahrain, Qatar, UAE and Northern Oman. Extending northwards.
- 0370** *Coturnix coturnix* **COMMON QUAIL** Uncommon and local breeding bird, also widespread common migrant.
- 2001** *Coturnix delegorguei* **HARLEQUIN QUAIL** Erratic occurrence in south west coastlands. Breeding very likely but status needs confirmation.
- 2035** *Pavo cristatus* **INDIAN PEAFOWL** Has bred in semi protected situations, e.g. Sir Bani Yas island UAE.
- 0398** *Numida meleagris* \* **HELMETED GUINEAFOWL** Lowlands of south west Arabia. Decreasing and threatened.
- 0400** *Turnix sylvaticus* **COMMON BUTTON QUAIL** Very few records, south west lowlands. Likely to be sedentary.
- 0407** *Rallus aquaticus* **WATER RAIL** Migrant and winter visitor, breeds sparingly.

- 0408 *Porzana porzana* **SPOTTED CRAKE** Winter visitor, breeds northern Arabian Gulf.
- 0410 *Porzana parva* **LITTLE CRAKE** Widespread, scarce migrant. Has bred northern Arabia.
- 0424 *Gallinula chloropus* **COMMON MOORHEN** Opportunistic breeder in freshwater habitats, also a migrant and winter visitor.
- 0427 *Porphyrio porphyrio* **PURPLE SWAMPHENGALLINULE** Has bred Kuwait. Vagrant elsewhere.
- 0429 *Fulica atra* **COMMON COOT** Opportunistic breeder in open freshwater habitats. Also winter visitor.
- 0431 *Fulica cristata* **RED-KNOBBED COOT** Scarce visitor, escapes have bred.
- 2036 *Balearica regulorum* **GREY CROWNED CRANE** Free flying birds have bred in the Arabian Gulf
- 0444 *Chlamydotis macqueenii* **ASIAN HOUBARA** Winter visitor to mainly eastern Arabia, breeds in small numbers northern Saudi Arabia, southern Oman and eastern Yemen. Reintroduced central Saudi Arabia.
- 0445 *Ardeotis arabs* **ARABIAN BUSTARD** Uncommon extreme south west lowlands. Threatened.
- 0447 *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* **PHEASANT-TAILED JACANA** Has bred Dhofar.
- 0455 *Himantopus himantopus* **BLACK-WINGED STILT** Opportunistic breeder wetland habitats, also common migrant.
- 0456 *Recurvirostra avosetta* **PIED AVOCET** Opportunistic breeder in wetland habitats, also scarce migrant.
- 0458 *Dromas ardeola* **CRAB PLOVER** Breeds Arabian Gulf and Red Sea islands and southern Arabia.
- 0459 *Burhinus oedicephalus* **EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW** Winter visitor, has bred.
- 0461 *Burhinus capensis* **SPOTTED THICK-KNEE** Uncommon south west foothills and Tihama, also Oman.
- 0464 *Cursorius cursor* **CREAM-COLOURED COURSER** Widespread breeding and apparently a local migrant.
- 0465 *Glareola pratincola* **COLLARED PRATINCOLE** Widespread occasional breeding and common migrant.
- 0469 *Charadrius dubius* **LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** Breeding summer visitor to freshwater wetlands. Also common migrant.
- 0477 *Charadrius alexandrinus* **KENTISH PLOVER** Breeds all coasts and inland freshwater sites, also common migrant.
- 0479 *Charadrius leschenaultii* **GREATER SAND PLOVER** Widespread migrant and rare breeder northern Arabian Gulf
- 0487 *Vanellus spinosus* **SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** Disjointed breeding range in the west. Rare visitor elsewhere.

- 0490** *Vanellus indicus* **RED-WATTLED LAPWING** Resident UAE and Oman. Vagrant other parts of eastern Arabia.
- 0492** *Vanellus leucurus* **WHITE-TAILED LAPWING** Has bred eastern Saudi Arabia and UAE wetlands. Otherwise widespread. Scarce migrant.
- 0571** *Larus hemprichii* **SOOTY GULL** Red Sea southern Arabian and southern Arabian Gulf.
- 0572** *Larus leucophthalmus* **WHITE-EYED GULL** Red Sea and coast of south west Arabia.
- 0588** *Larus genei* **SLENDER-BILLED GULL** Common visitor and rare breeder Arabian Gulf.
- 0605** *Sterna nilotica* **GULL-BILLED TERN** Occurs all coasts and inland, mainly winter and spring. Has bred.
- 0606** *Sterna caspia* **CASPIAN TERN** Widespread breeding sometimes colonially.
- 0608** *Sterna bergii* **SWIFT TERN** Breeding summer visitor, all coasts; probably some resident southern Red Sea.
- 0609** *Sterna bengalensis* **LESSER CRESTED TERN** Breeding summer visitor.
- 0611** *Sterna sandvicensis* **SANDWICH TERN** Widespread migrant and visitor, has bred northern Gulf.
- 0614** *Sterna dougallii* **ROSEATE TERN** Scarce summer visitor, breeds Oman.
- 0620** *Sterna repressa* **WHITE-CHEEKED TERN** Breeding summer visitor.
- 0622** *Sterna anaethetus* **BRIDLED TERN** Breeding summer visitor.
- 0623** *Sterna fuscata* **SOOTY TERN** Has bred Oman. Scarce visitor elsewhere.
- 0624** *Sterna albifrons* **LITTLE TERN** Uncommon migrant. Has bred freshwater and brackish areas of eastern Saudi Arabia and possibly Red Sea.
- 0625** *Sterna saundersi* **SAUNDERS'S TERN** Summer visitor to coasts, some likely to be resident.
- 628** *Chlidonias leucopterus* **WHITE-WINGED TERN** Widespread migrant, has bred Kuwait.
- 0630** *Anous stolidus* **BROWN NODDY** Summer visitor to Red Sea, southern Arabia and Oman.
- 0657** *Pterocles lichtensteinii* \* **LICHTENSTEIN'S SANDGROUSE** Widespread in rocky habitats - not present in central and north eastern areas.
- 0658** *Pterocles coronatus* **CROWNED SANDGROUSE** Widespread, common only in Oman.
- 0659** *Pterocles senegallus* **SPOTTED SANDGROUSE** Widespread but common only in Oman.
- 0660** *Pterocles exustus* **CHESTNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE** Widespread except central and northern areas.
- 0662** *Pterocles alchata* **PIN-TAILED SANDGROUSE** Widespread, often common, winter visitor to

northern Arabia. Has bred.

- 0665** *Columba livia* **ROCK DOVE** Widespread. Confusable with feral pigeons. (The code for feral pigeons is 2032).
- 0670** *Columba palumbus* **common WOOD PIGEON** Resident Oman highlands, scarce northern and eastern Arabia.
- 2009** *Columba arquatrix* **african OLIVE PIGEON** Breeding locally in south west highlands.
- 0683** *Streptopelia roseogrisea* **AFRICAN COLLARED DOVE** Western and south western Arabia.
- 0684** *Streptopelia decaocto* **EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE** Range expanding towards south west.
- 0685** *Streptopelia semitorquata* **RED-EYED DOVE** Local in south west.
- 0687** *Streptopelia turtur* **EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE** Common migrant and widespread breeding bird.
- 0688** *Streptopelia lugens* **DUSKY TURTLE DOVE** Highlands of south west.
- 0690** *Streptopelia senegalensis* **LAUGHING DOVE** Common and widespread.
- 0692** *Oena capensis* **NAMAQUA DOVE** Widespread and erratic occurrence and breeding.
- 0703** *Treron waalia* **BRUCE'S GREEN PIGEON** Summer visitor to south west and Dhofar.
- 0712** *Psittacula krameri* **ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET** Introduced exotic, established in most large towns where resident.
- 2024** *Psittacula eupatria* **ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET** Introduced exotic, present Bahrain, UAE.
- 2017** *Cacatua galerita* **SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO** Introduced, has bred.
- 2008** *Melopsittacus undulatus* **BUDGERIGAR** Introduced, has bred.
- 715** *Clamator jacobinus* **JACOBIN CUCKOO** Scarce migrant and breeder south west.
- 0720** *Chrysococcyx caprius* **DIDERIC CUCKOO** Summer visitor to south west, parasitizes Rüppell's weaver.
- 0721** *Chrysococcyx klaas* **KLAAS'S CUCKOO** Summer visitor to south west.
- 0724** *Cuculus canorus* **COMMON CUCKOO** Widespread migrant, breeds Musandam.
- 2002** *Centropus superciliosus* \* **WHITE-BROWED COUCAL** Resident south west lowlands.
- 0735** *Tyto alba* \* **BARN OWL** Widespread resident.
- 2003** *Otus senegalensis* **AFRICAN SCOPS OWL** Probably sedentary in south west and Dhofar.
- 0738** *Otus brucei* **PALLID SCOPS OWL** Breeds UAE and northern Oman. Scarce elsewhere also a migrant.

- 2033 *Otus sokotranus* **SOCOTRA SCOPS OWL** Resident Socotra. (Taxonomy under review)
- 0744 *Bubo ascalaphus* **DESERT EAGLE OWL** Widespread in north and central areas.
- 0745 *Bubo africanus* **SPOTTED EAGLE OWL** South west and Oman.
- 0757 *Athene noctua* \* **LITTLE OWL** Widespread in desert areas.
- 0762 *Strix butleri* \* **HUME'S OWL** Widespread in rocky habitats.
- 0772 *Caprimulgus inornatus* **PLAIN NIGHTJAR** Breeding summer visitor. Scarce in south west.
- 0773 *Caprimulgus nubicus* **NUBIAN NIGHTJAR** Breeding summer visitor. Scarce in south west.
- 2018 *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* **MONTANE NIGHTJAR** Local resident western Saudi Arabian highlands.
- 0796 *Apus pallidus* **PALLID SWIFT** Migrant, and widespread breeding summer visitor.
- 2038 *Apus berliozi* **FORBES-WATSON'S SWIFT** Socotra and possibly coasts of southern Arabia.
- 0798 *Tachymarptis melba* **ALPINE SWIFT** Breeds central plains and south west; scarce migrant elsewhere.
- 0800 *Apus affinis* **LITTLE SWIFT** Resident in south west, vagrant other areas.
- 0802 *Cypsiurus parvus* **AFRICAN PALM SWIFT** South west coastlands in the vicinity of Doum Palm.
- 827 *Halcyon smyrnensis* **WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER** Scarce visitor Arabian Gulf, has bred Kuwait.
- 0829 *Halcyon leucocephala* **GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER** Summer visitor to south west.
- 2004 *Todiramphus chloris* \* **COLLARED KINGFISHER** Local resident Oman/UAE and Red Sea coast.
- 2005 *Alcedo cristata* **MALACHITE KINGFISHER** Scarce resident eastern Yemen.
- 0837 *Merops albicollis* **WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER** Summer visitor to south west. Vagrant elsewhere.
- 0838 *Merops orientalis* **GREEN BEE-EATER** Widespread except the north and north east.
- 0839 *Merops superciliosus* **BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** Breeds locally in eastern Arabia, common migrant elsewhere.
- 0840 *Merops apiaster* **EUROPEAN BEE-EATER** Breeds locally in eastern Arabia, common migrant elsewhere.
- 0841 *Coracias garrulus* **EUROPEAN ROLLER** Migrant, has bred UAE cultivations.
- 0842 *Coracias abyssinicus* **ABYSSINIAN ROLLER** Resident in south west.
- 0843 *Coracias benghalensis* **INDIAN ROLLER** Oman and UAE, scarce winter visitor to north east.

- 0846 *Upupa epops* **HOOPOE** Common migrant. Widespread but scarce breeding.
- 0847 *Tockus nasutus* \* **AFRICAN GREY HORNBILL** South west.
- 0890 *Dendrocopos dora* \* **ARABIAN WOODPECKER** Western highlands and foothills.
- 0952 *Mirafra cantillans* **SINGING BUSH LARK** Southern lowlands including Dhofar.
- 0953 *Eremopterix nigriceps* **BLACK-CROWNED SPARROW LARK** Widespread resident but also nomadic with erratic occurrence in many areas.
- 0954 *Eremalauda dunnii* **DUNN'S LARK** Widespread and nomadic.
- 0955 *Ammomanes cinctura* **BAR-TAILED LARK** Widespread and nomadic.
- 0957 *Ammomanes deserti* \* **DESERT LARK** Sedentary. Widespread in rocky areas.
- 0958 *Alaemon alaudipes* \* **GREATER HOOPOE LARK** Widespread open deserts.
- 0960 *Ramphocoris clotbey* **THICK-BILLED LARK** Winter visitor northern and central Arabia. Breeds rarely in north.
- 0962 *Melanocorypha bimaculata* **BIMACULATED LARK** Winter visitor especially to north, where has remained to breed.
- 0967 *Calandrella blanfordi* \* **BLANFORD'S SHORT-TOED LARK** South west highlands.
- 0968 *Calandrella brachydactyla* **GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK** Widespread in winter, a few remain to breed.
- 0970 *Calandrella rufescens* **LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** Widespread winter visitor, some remaining to breed in north.
- 0972 *Galerida cristata* \* **CRESTED LARK** Widespread resident.
- 0979 *Eremophila bilopha* **TEMMINCK'S LARK** Northern and central Arabia. Vagrant Yemen.
- 0990 *Ptyonoprogne obsoleta* **PALE CRAG MARTIN** Widespread, rocky areas.
- 0992 *Hirundo rustica* **BARN SWALLOW** Widespread and common migrant; breeding only known from Musandam.
- 0995 *Cecropis daurica* **RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** Breeds south west highlands and locally in central Arabia, scarce migrant elsewhere.
- 1002 *Anthus cinnamomeus* **AFRICAN PIPIT** Small resident population in south west highlands. A vagrant in other areas.
- 1007 *Anthus similis* **LONG-BILLED PIPIT** Resident south west Dhofar and eastern highlands.
- 1017 *Motacilla flava* **YELLOW WAGTAIL** Migrant, has bred.

- 1035 *Pycnonotus leucogenys* **WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL** Arabian Gulf, introduced Riyadh.
- 1036 *Pycnonotus xanthopygos* \* **WHITE-SPECTACLED BULBUL** Widespread and common except north east.
- 2006 *Pycnonotus cafer* \* **RED-VENTED BULBUL** Introduced and has bred in several Gulf towns.
- 2007 *Pycnonotus jocosus* \* **RED-WHISKERED BULBUL** Introduced Gulf and Riyadh.
- 1089 *Prunella fagani* \* **ARABIAN ACCENTOR** Yemen highlands.
- 1095 *Cercotrichas galactotes* **RUFOUS-TAILED SCRUB ROBIN** Widespread migrant, uncommon but widespread breeding species.
- 1096 *Cercotrichas podobe* **BLACK SCRUB ROBIN** Common south west and central regions; range expanding eastwards.
- 1135 *Cercomela melanura* **BLACKSTART** Rocky deserts except in the east and north east.
- 1139 *Saxicola torquatus* **COMMON STONECHAT** Common migrant and winter visitor. Resident south west highlands.
- 1144 *Oenanthe isabellinus* **ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** Winter visitor, may breed eastern highlands some years.
- 1145 *Oenanthe bottae* \* **RED-BREASTED WHEATEAR** South west highlands.
- 1149 *Oenanthe deserti* **DESERT WHEATEAR** Winter visitor, has bred.
- 1151 *Oenanthe moesta* **RED-RUMPED WHEATEAR** Scarce, not proved to breed (north-west only).
- 1154 *Oenanthe lugens* **MOURNING WHEATEAR** Widespread winter visitor, resident in northern and north central areas.
- 2020 *Oenanthe lugentoides* **ARABIAN WHEATEAR** South west highlands, east Yemen and Dhofar.
- 1155 *Oenanthe monacha* \* **HOODED WHEATEAR** Scarce but widespread resident.
- 1156 *Oenanthe albonigra* **HUME'S WHEATEAR** Rocky northern parts of Oman and UAE.
- 1157 *Oenanthe leucopyga* \* **WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR** Widespread in rocky areas, status in eastern and southern Arabia is unclear.
- 1161 *Monticola rufocinereus* \* **LITTLE ROCK THRUSH** South west highlands.
- 1182 *Turdus menachensis* **YEMEN THRUSH** South west highlands.
- 1225 *Parisoma buryi* \* **YEMEN WARBLER** South west highlands and foothills.
- 2016 *Cisticola haesitatus* \* **SOCOTRA CISTICOLA** Socotra.
- 1226 *Cisticola juncidis* \* **ZITTING CISTICOLA** South west coastlands, single records Dhofar and

Kuwait.

- 2015 *Incana incana* \* **SOCOTRA WARBLER** Socotra.
- 1227 *Prinia gracilis* \* **GRACEFUL PRINIA** Widespread but local in central Arabia.
- 1231 *Scotocerca inquieta* \* **SCRUB WARBLER** Widespread except north eastern areas.
- 1238 *Locustella luscinioides* **SAVI'S WARBLER** Scarce migrant, has bred.
- 1241 *Acrocephalus melanopogon* **MOUSTACHED WARBLER** Local breeder. Winter visitor to north.
- 1251 *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* **EURASIAN REED WARBLER** Common migrant, breeds where dense reedbeds present.
- 2021 *Acrocephalus avicenniae* **RED SEA REED WARBLER** Red Sea mangroves.
- 1252 *Acrocephalus stentoreus* **CLAMOROUS REED WARBLER** Breeding resident coastal mangroves. Scarce migrant.
- 1253 *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* **GREAT REED WARBLER** Migrant, increasing numbers breed.
- 2048 *Acrocephalus griseldis* **BASRA REED WARBLER** Scarce migrant, has bred Kuwait and Riyadh.
- 1255 *Hippolais pallida* **OLIVACEOUS WARBLER** Migrant and breeding summer visitor.
- 1256 *Hippolais rama* **SYKES'S WARBLER** Scarce migrant and winter visitor, breeds mangroves coast of Gulf of Oman.
- 1271 *Sylvia leucomelaena* \* **ARABIAN WARBLER** Western Arabia to Dhofar.
- 1281 *Phylloscopus umbrovirens* **BROWN WOODLAND WARBLER** South west highlands.
- 1336 *Muscicapa gambagae* **GAMBAGA FLYCATCHER** South west highlands and foothills.
- 1353 *Terpsiphone viridis* **AFRICAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER** South west and Dhofar.
- 1378 *Turdoides caudata* **COMMON BABBLER** Has recently colonised Kuwait.
- 1379 *Turdoides squamiceps* \* **ARABIAN BABBLER** Widespread except the north east.
- 1492 *Hedydipna metallica* **NILE VALLEY SUNBIRD** South west to Dhofar.
- 1493 *Cinnyris asiaticus* **PURPLE SUNBIRD** UAE and northern Oman.
- 1494 *Cinnyris habessinicus* **SHINING SUNBIRD** Western Arabia to Dhofar.
- 1495 *Cinnyris osea* **PALESTINE SUNBIRD** Western Arabia to Dhofar.
- 2014 *Chalcomitra balfouri* **SOCOTRA SUNBIRD** Socotra.

- 1501 *Zosterops palpebrosus* **ORIENTAL WHITE-EYE** Resident Mahawt island Oman.
- 1504 *Zosterops abyssinicus* **ABYSSINIAN WHITE-EYE** South western highlands to Dhofar.
- 1508 *Oriolus oriolus* **EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE** Uncommon migrant, has bred.
- 1509 *Tchagra senegala* **BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA** South western to Dhofar.
- 1514 *Lanius isabellinus* **RED-TAILED SHRIKE** Common migrant, has bred eastern highlands.
- 1516 *Lanius vittatus* **BAY-BACKED SHRIKE** Scarce visitor, has bred Oman.
- 1520 *Lanius meridionalis* **SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE** Widespread resident, also a common migrant and winter visitor.
- 1549 *Pica pica* \* **EURASIAN MAGPIE** Local, highlands of south west Saudi Arabia.
- 1562 *Corvus splendens* **HOUSE CROW** Coasts of northern UAE and Oman, Aden and major ports elsewhere.
- 1571 *Corvus ruficollis* **BROWN-NECKED RAVEN** Widespread and common.
- 1574 *Corvus rhipidurus* **FAN-TAILED RAVEN** Rocky areas of western and central Arabia and Dhofar.
- 1575 *Onychognathus tristramii* **TRISTRAM'S STARLING** Western highlands to Dhofar.
- 2010 *Onychognathus frater* **SOCOTRA STARLING** Socotra.
- 2011 *Onychognathus blythi* **SOMALI STARLING** Socotra.
- 1576 *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* **VIOLET-BACKED STARLING** Summer visitor to the south west.
- 1577 *Sturnus pagodarum* **BRAHMINY STARLING** Exotic, has bred UAE.
- 1582 *Sturnus vulgaris* **COMMON STARLING** Winter visitor, has bred UAE.
- 2039 *Sturnus contra* **ASIAN PIED STARLING** Introduced, has bred UAE.
- 2026 *Lamprotornis superbus* **SUPERB STARLING** Introduced UAE.
- 1587 *Acridotheres tristis* **COMMON MYNA** Introduced and breeds many large towns.
- 1588 *Acridotheres ginginianus* **BANK MYNA** Introduced, UAE.
- 1591 *Passer domesticus* \* **HOUSE SPARROW** Common and widespread except Masirah, Socotra and Farasan, not present isolated desert areas and parts of Yemen and Oman.
- 1592 *Passer hispaniolensis* **SPANISH SPARROW** A winter visitor which increasingly breeds.
- 2012 *Passer insularis* **SOCOTRA SPARROW** Socotra.
- 2073 *Passer hemileucus* **ABD AL-KURI SPARROW** Abd Al-Kuri island only.

- 1600 *Passer euchlorus* **ARABIAN GOLDEN SPARROW** Tihama of the south west.
- 1601 *Carpospiza brachydactyla* **PALE ROCKFINCH** Erratic migrant and winter visitor. Opportunist breeder.
- 1602 *Gymnoris xanthocollis* **YELLOW-THROATED SPARROW** Breeding summer visitor to northern Oman and UAE.
- 1603 *Gymnoris dentata* **BUSH PETRONIA** Local resident Yemen highlands.
- 1612 *Ploceus galbula* **RÜPPELL'S WEAVER** Resident south west, introduced Riyadh where has bred.
- 2019 *Ploceus philippinus* **BAYA WEAVER** Introduced, has bred.
- 2028 *Ploceus manyar* **STREAKED WEAVER** Introduced, has bred.
- 2040 *Ploceus intermedius* **LESSER MASKED WEAVER** Introduced, has bred Sharjah.
- 2053 *Ploceus jacksoni* **GOLDEN-BACKED WEAVER** Introduced UAE.
- 1616 *Estrilda rufibarba* \* **ARABIAN WAXBILL** South west.
- 2029 *Amandava amandava* **RED AVADAVAT** Introduced, has bred.
- 1617 *Amandava subflava* \* **ORANGE-BREASTED WAXBILL** Introduced, Yemen.
- 2063 *Foudia madagascariensis* **RED FODY** Escape, breeds Bahrain
- 1618 *Lonchura malabarica* **INDIAN SILVERBILL** Indigenous to eastern Arabia. Has been introduced to central and western parts of the peninsula.
- 1619 *Lonchura cantans* **AFRICAN SILVERBILL** Resident western Arabia to Dhofar.
- 2042 *Lonchura punctulata* **SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA** Exotic - has bred
- 1645 *Serinus rothschildi* **ARABIAN SERIN** Resident south west highlands and foothills.
- 1646 *Serinus menachensis* **YEMEN SERIN** Resident south west highlands.
- 1647 *Rhynchostruthus socotranus* **GOLDEN-WINGED GROSBEAK** Resident south west highlands Dhofar and Socotra.
- 1653 *Carduelis carduelis* **EURASIAN GOLDFINCH** Scarce visitor, breeds north west.
- 1661 *Carduelis yemenensis* **YEMEN LINNET** Resident south west highlands.
- 1674 *Rhodospiza obsoleta* **DESERT FINCH** Resident north west Arabia, range extending to central Arabia.
- 1676 *Bucanetes githagineus* **TRUMPETER FINCH** Widespread resident, arid rocky areas.
- 1688 *Carpodacus synoicus* **SINAI ROSEFINCH** Resident north west.

- 1863** *Emberiza striolata* **HOUSE BUNTING** Widespread resident, arid rocky areas.
- 1864** *Emberiza tahapisi* **CINNAMON-BREASTED BUNTING** Resident south west highlands.
- 2013** *Emberiza socotrana* **SOCOTRA BUNTING** Socotra.
- 1882** *Emberiza calandra* **CORN BUNTING** Winter visitor, has bred eastern Arabia.

**Environmental issues and general subjects which may be reported in respect of local sites**

- 5008 HABITATS** This code can be used to report general aspects of local bird habitats especially those regularly reported, or those that are of special relevance to birds or are unique.
- 5009 HUNTING** Notes on all forms of hunting except falconry - which has a separate reporting code.
- 5010 FALCONRY** All issues
- 5011 CONSERVATION** Report any issues relevant to bird conservation but note subject such as pollution, wildlife exploitation and the oil industry have separate reporting codes.
- 5012 POLLUTION** All issues
- 5014 WEATHER/CLIMATE** Issues relating to climate or weather that may affect breeding birds, for example the condition or absence of winter/spring rains, affect of storms on breeding seabirds etc.
- 5016 FARMING-AGRICULTURE** New habitats provided by farms and how birds are utilising farmland habitats as well as agriculture related subjects. .
- 5018 WILDLIFE EXPLOITATION** All issues
- 5019 FARMING-ANIMAL HUSBANDRY** How birds utilise domestic animal habitats.
- 5021 URBANISATION** Urban and industrial development issues relating to birds.
- 5024 OIL INDUSTRY** Issues relating to birds in in respect of oil exploration, transportation, processing and storage.

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