

The OSME Regional List of Birds – Non-passerines – Consultative Draft October 2007

A fuller explanation is given in [Explanation of the ORL](#), but briefly, **green shading** indicates former presence of a form in the OSME Region. Grey shading indicates a taxon where authorities differ on presence in the OSME Region or where recent splits require clarification of the status of the 'new' taxon in the OSME Region. For taxa that have unproven and probably unlikely presence, see the Hypothetical List. **Red font** indicates added information since the previous version, and **Red font with yellow highlighting** in the 'Notes' column usually indicates that further documentation is sought. Not all synonyms have been examined. Serial numbers (SN) are not final. **Key:** Compass cardinals (eg N = north, SE = southeast are used. Abbreviated References are explained after the Table.

Notes

- PT=Parent Taxon** (used because many records will antedate splits, especially from recent research) – we use the concept of **PT** with a degree of latitude, roughly equivalent to the formal term *sensu lato*, 'in the broad sense'.
- The term 'reported' indicates the occurrence is unconfirmed.
- IOC English names not used are placed in curly brackets {...}.
- We use square brackets [...] to indicate superspecies that comprise two or more allospecies – we use the same convention for semispecies (Terms such as 'superspecies' are explained in [Ornithological Basis of the ORL](#), where examples are given).
- We use round brackets where the status of a taxon is not entirely clear-cut – the evidence may not be wholly convincing and subject to debate, it may not yet be fully available, we may have overlooked it or not found it, or the evidence on one part of a taxon's range may differ from that in another. In its simplest form, this is our 'Don't know' category.

We seek information backed by references to develop and improve the three parts of this Consultative Draft List.

| SN | English Name | Family, Species or Taxon | Working Notes – this is usually additional information to standard references like Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
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| | | Struthionidae | |
| 1 | Common Ostrich | <i>Struthio camelus</i> | <i>S.c syriacus</i> extinct Syria & Arabia c1966 (Clements 2000, 2007), HBW1 (Jordan) – first reintroductions 1972 another ssp (HBW1). Egypt Avibase (Avib), Birding Egypt (BE) |
| | | Numididae | |
| 2 | Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | Sub-Saharan sp. SW Arabia. Meinertzhagen suggested introduced to Region, cited in Lever 2005. |
| | | Phasianidae | |
| 3 | Hazel Grouse | <i>Tetrastes bonasia</i> (formerly <i>Bonasa bonasia</i>) | Europe E to Kazakhstan Kreuzberg-Mukhina & Kreuzberg (K-M&K) 2005, rare resident W&O 2007. |
| 4 | Western Capercaillie | <i>Tetrao urogallus</i> | N Kazakhstan- Madge & McGowan (M&M) 2002, <i>uralensis</i> & <i>taczanowskii</i> W&O 2007. (Black-billed Capercaillie <i>T. parvirostris</i> is extralimital, although has reached 86°30' E, 67°30' N, but is in serious decline Rogacheva 1992) |
| 5 | Black Grouse | <i>Lyrurus tetrix</i> (formerly <i>Tetrao tetrix</i>) | N Kazakhstan- M&M, <i>viridanus</i> (N) & <i>mongolicus</i> (E), W&O 2007, Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |
| 6 | Caucasian Grouse (Caucasian Black Grouse) | <i>Lyrurus mlokosiewiczii</i> (formerly <i>Tetrao mlokosiewiczii</i>) | Caucasus, NE Turkey NW Iran, HBW2, scarce breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 7 | Rock Ptarmigan | <i>Lagopus muta</i> | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan. <i>L.m. macrorhyncus</i> , Clements 2000, M&M 2002, <i>nadezdae</i> (rare) Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 8 | Willow Ptarmigan (Willow Grouse) | <i>Lagopus lagopus</i> | Kazakhstan. <i>L.l. rossicus</i> , <i>koreni</i> & <i>brevirostris</i> likely, Clements 2000, M&M 2002, <i>maior</i> & <i>brevirostris</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 9 | Snow Partridge | <i>Lerwa lerwa</i> | E Afghanistan-HBW2, possibly NE Afghanistan Rasmussen & Anderton (R&A) 2005), mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. |
| 10 | Caucasian Snowcock | <i>Tetraogallus caucasicus</i> | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Asia Area Checklist (AAC), M&M 2002. N slopes of Caucasus- HBW2. |
| 11 | Caspian Snowcock | <i>Tetraogallus caspius</i> | SE Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran & S Turkmenistan, M&M 2002. Also Iraq, HBW2. |
| 12 | Himalayan Snowcock | <i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i> | Kyrgyzstan AAC, Ven 2002, <i>saurensis</i> & <i>sewerzowi</i> E Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Tadjikistan & Afghanistan HBW2, R&A 2005, Afghanistan Clements 2000, M&M 2002, mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. NB Introduced USA Alderfer 2006. |
| 13 | Tibetan Snowcock | <i>Tetraogallus tibetanus</i> | E Tadjikistan, M&M 2002, HBW2. Afghanistan, HBW2. Easternmost Afghanistan (E end of 'China strip' – Wakhan) map in R&A 2005. |
| 14 | Altai Snowcock | <i>Tetraogallus altaicus</i> | E Kazakhstan, M&M 2002, rare W&O 2007. |
| 15 | Chukar Partridge (Chukar) | <i>Alectoris chukar</i> | Widespread, Caucasus, S CA (W&O 2007), Iran, HBW2, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Probably introduced Oman, UAE (ssp <i>werae</i> , link to St Helena; C Richardson pers comm), Lever 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Large-scale introductions CA possibly blur ssp ID. |
| 16 | Philby's Partridge | <i>Alectoris philbyi</i> | W of SW Arabia, HBW2. |
| 17 | Barbary Partridge | <i>Alectoris barbara</i> | NE Egypt Avib, BE |
| 18 | Arabian Partridge | <i>Alectoris melanocephala</i> | Upland littoral SW Red Sea, W to Salalah (Oman), also in E Oman, HBW2. |
| 19 | See-see Partridge | <i>Ammoperdix griseogularis</i> | Iraq, Afghanistan, HBW2, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002, N&S Afghanistan R&A 2005. Armenia, Ananian 2004. |
| 20 | Sand Partridge | <i>Ammoperdix heyi</i> | Low hilly or sandy hinterland NE, NW Red Sea, SW Red Sea, W to Oman hinterland (Reported as far S as Wadi A'Shuwaymiyah Dec 06 IH pers comm), HBW2. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 21 | Black Francolin | <i>Francolinus francolinus</i> | Iraq, Afghanistan, HBW2, E Iran R&A 2005, Scott & Adhami 2006. SW Turkmenistan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. |
| 22 | Grey Francolin | <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> | One record SE Afghanistan M&M 2002, SE Iran R&A 2005, Scott & Adhami 2006. Introduced UAE (partly of natural origin? C. Richardson pers comm), Lever 2005. |
| 23 | Grey Partridge | <i>Perdix perdix</i> | N & SE Kazakhstan M&M 2002, some hybridisation from introduced (?) <i>perdix</i> with <i>P. dauurica</i> W&O 2007. , Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, scarce resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 24 | Daurian Partridge | <i>Perdix dauurica</i> | SE Kazakhstan (W&O 2007), Kyrgyzstan, Madge & McGowan 2002. |
| 25 | Common Quail | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> | Widespread in N of OSME Region, winters India, breeds & migrant Afghanistan R&A 2005, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 26 | Harlequin Quail | <i>Coturnix delegorguei</i> | African species with foothold in SW Arabia on Red Sea littoral, HBW2. |

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| 27 | Koklass Pheasant | <i>Pucrasia macrolopha</i> | Afghanistan, M&M 2002. NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 28 | Himalayan Monal | <i>Lophophorus impejanus</i> | Afghanistan, M&M 2002. NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 29 | Red Junglefowl | <i>Gallus gallus</i> | On-line for Afghanistan, M&M 2002 & HBW2 disagree. Long history widespread introductions to W Asia, to Americas via E Asia, Lever 2005. Accepted, but only on historical grounds. Today, extent of chicken farming makes introgression of domestic/feral chicken genes ubiquitous. |
| 30 | Cheer Pheasant | <i>Catreus wallichi</i> | Afghanistan, Clements (2000) & HBW2, <i>contra</i> M&M 2002 (NB McGowan editor HBW2 pheasant texts.) EN |
| 31 | Common Pheasant (Ring-necked Pheasant) | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | In all Caucasus & Central Asia Republics in OSME Region M&M 2002, NW, NC Afghanistan R&A 2005, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. NB Large-scale introductions or reared stock Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| | | Anatidae | |
| 32 | Fulvous Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | Much of subtropics, wanders to OSME Region, HBW1. Stanton 2000. |
| 33 | Lesser Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna javanica</i> | Water shortages may force wanderers into Iran and elsewhere from Pakistan, HBW1 |
| 34 | Swan Goose | <i>Anser cygnoides</i> (<i>Cygnopsis cygnoides</i> some Russian refs) | Uzbekistan, vagrant Madge & Burn (M&B) 1988, former breeder & decreasing vagrant Kazakhstan Wassink & Oreel (W&O) 2007 |
| PT | Bean Goose PT | <i>Anser fabalis</i> | Egypt Avib, BE. NB In N Krasnoyarsk Republic (Pyasina River), intergrades of <i>fabalis</i> , <i>middendorffii</i> & <i>serrirostris</i> may comprise above 15% of population; majority of all Krasnoyarsk populations migrate S & E, but a few (mostly in N) migrate W & SW (Rogacheva 1992). |
| 35 | Tundra Bean Goose | <i>Anser (fabalis) serrirostris</i> | Likely only in W of OSME Region, HBW1. Rare (cited as <i>A. serrirostris</i>) passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 36 | Taiga Bean Goose (Western Tundra Bean Goose – Rogacheva 1992) | <i>Anser (fabalis) fabalis</i> | Taiga BG form likely Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan in winter or on migration, HBW1, irregular winter Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006 (probably <i>fabalis</i> group), rare passage, winter Kazakhstan W&O 2007. NB Rogacheva 1992 applies 'Taiga' only to <i>middendorffii</i> , <i>serrirostris</i> being 'Eastern Siberian Tundra BG'. |
| 37 | Pink-footed Goose | <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> | Vagrant Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999. |
| PT | Greylag Goose PT | <i>Anser anser</i> | |
| 38 | Western Greylag Goose | <i>Anser anser anser</i> | Breeds in N CA, winters further S, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE. NB introduced <i>rubrirostris</i> & domestic stock (pink bills) interbreeding may confuse in W OSME Region. |
| 39 | Eastern Greylag Goose | <i>Anser anser rubrirostris</i> | Breeds, passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Uncommon, irregular winter UAE (UAE Checklist) |
| 40 | Greater White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser albifrons</i> | Migrant W CA from W of Yenisey (Rogacheva 1992), winters locally S CA, HBW1, irregular winter Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 41 | Lesser White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser erythropus</i> | Migrant in W CA (common Kazakhstan W&O 2007, possibly Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002) from Taymyr (Rogacheva 1992), winters around S Caspian area, HBW1. Likely 3 rd record Oman IH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 42 | Bar-headed Goose | <i>Anser indicus</i> (<i>Eulabia indica</i> in some Russian references) | Rare vagrant Uzbekistan, Kreuzberg-Mukhina & Kreuzberg (K-M&K 2005), E Afghanistan R&A 2005, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan M&B 1988; rare breeder Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002. Vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. May breed easternmost Wakhan, Afghanistan – map Mackinnon & Phillipps (M&P) 2000. |
| 43 | Snow Goose | <i>Chen caerulescens</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan – G&G 2005, W&O 2007. |
| 44 | Brent Goose {Brant Goose} (Dark-bellied Brent Goose) | <i>Branta (bernicla) bernicla</i> | Straggler, vagrant to OSME Region, HBW1. Escape? PT aspect – Dark-bellied (rare passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007), Pale bellied & Black Brant? Egypt Avib, BE |
| 45 | Barnacle Goose | <i>Branta leucopsis</i> | Old record (1921) Egypt Goodman & Meininger 1989, vagrant Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999. Vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 46 | Red-breasted Goose | <i>Branta ruficollis</i> (<i>Rufibrenta ruficollis</i> some Russian references) | Common passage W & N Kazakhstan W&O 2007 from main breeding area Krasnoyarsk Republic, Rogacheva 1992. Also Azerbaijan, Aral Sea – HBW1, rare winterer Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 47 | Mute Swan | <i>Cygnus olor</i> | Local breeder, winterer CA, winters mostly further S, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 48 | Bewick's Swan {Tundra Swan} (Whistling Swan) | <i>Cygnus (columbianus) bewickii</i> | Migrant (very rare Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002), local winterer CA, mostly S Caspian or in Caspian region, HBW1. Vagrant Saudi Arabia, Meadows & Musalami 2004. |
| 49 | Whooper Swan | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> | Rare breeder Kazakhstan (W&O 2007), (Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002), winters locally CA, Iran HBW1, Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 50 | Knob-billed Duck [{Comb Duck}] | <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i> | Drought may drive sporadic occurrences from E Pakistan into OSME Region, HBW1. [Comb Duck is now separated as <i>Sarkidiornis sylvicola</i>]. |
| 51 | Egyptian Goose | <i>Alopothen aegyptiaca</i> | African & former SE European (Hagemeijer & Blair 1997) species; sedentary, but droughts drive movements, HBW1. Introduced UAE, Lever 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 52 | Common Shelduck | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> | Breeds, partly resident Turkey, Caucasus, CA, HBW1. Resident Iran, winters Afghanistan R&A 2005, occasionally Oman <i>eg</i> Dec 06 IH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 53 | Ruddy Shelduck | <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, Iran, Afghanistan (resident where favourable), migrant and winterer further S, HBW1. Common breeding passage migrant and rare resident Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 54 | Cotton Pygmy Goose (Cotton Teal) | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, E Afghanistan R&A 2005, winters further S HBW1. Vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, Jordan Bashford 1997. |
| 55 | Cape Teal | <i>Anas capensis</i> | Egypt Avib |
| 56 | Gadwall | <i>Anas strepera</i> | Breeds CA, N Iran, N Afghanistan (R&A 2005) winters further S, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 57 | Falcated Duck (Falcated Teal) | <i>Anas falcata</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan KM&K 2005, Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999. Some winter Afghanistan R&A 2005. Last recorded Iran before 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006. Reported Oman Dec 06 status uncertain IH pers comm. |
| 58 | Eurasian Wigeon | <i>Anas penelope</i> | Breeds NE Kazakhstan, winters locally in N OSME Region, HBW1, also S to Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 59 | Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | Almost ubiquitous breeder N hemisphere, winters in ice-free areas to S; abundant, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 60 | Feral Duck | <i>Anas platyrhynchos forma domestica</i> | Ubiquitous, abundant, commensal, & little studied or reported; probably has significant effect on genetic identity of <i>A. platyrhynchos</i> & congeners and potentially serious effect on gene pool of many duck species capable (though unlikely otherwise in the wild) of hybridisation. |

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| | | | Egypt Avib, BE |
| PT | Spot-billed Duck | <i>Anas poecilorhynca</i> | NB Separated from Eastern Spot-billed Duck <i>A. (p) zonorhynca</i> (IOC), (qv in Hypothetical List) |
| 61 | Indian Spot-billed Duck | <i>Anas (poecilorhynca) poecilorhynca</i> | Vagrant Uzbekistan K-M&K 2005 Introduced (?) Oman, Lever 2005 App B. NB Westernmost breeding populations in westward range expansion up to 1990 at least Rogacheva 1992. |
| 62 | Blue-winged Teal | <i>Anas discors</i> | Egypt Avib, BE – NA migrant, escape? |
| 63 | Northern Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Breeds Caucasus, N CA (Afghanistan R&A 2005), winters further S, HBW1. Introduced Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, may now be extinct, Lever 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 64 | Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> | As for <i>A. clypeata</i> , but slightly further N, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 65 | Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Breeds as per <i>A. clypeata</i> , but most winter beyond OSME Region to S, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 66 | Baikal Teal | <i>Anas formosa</i> | Afghanistan, vagrant, M&B 1988, Vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan K-M&K 2005, 95% decrease in western populations 1970-90 (breeds W to Yenisey), possibly due to development of relatively small wintering area in China (Rogacheva 1992). |
| 67 | Eurasian Teal (Common Teal) | <i>Anas crecca</i> | Abundant breeder, sometimes resident in N OSME Region, winters extensively further S, HBW1, common passage migrant across E OSME Region SW Siberia to India (Veen <i>et al</i> 2005) (Route?). PT aspect – Eurasian & Green-winged? Egypt Avib, BE |
| 68 | Marbled Duck (Marbled Teal) | <i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i> | Central Asia save Kyrgyzstan- K-M&K 2005. Also Iraq, Afghanistan, HBW1, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Vagrant or introduced (?) Oman, Lever 2005 App B. Egypt Avib, BE. Rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, vagrant (former breeder) Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 69 | Red-crested Pochard | <i>Netta rufina</i> | CA, N Iran, N Iraq, Caucasus, moult migration unpredictable, winters Black/Caspian Seas, locally S, SE Afghanistan (R&A 2005) mostly India, M&B 1988. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 70 | Southern Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> | African species, wanders to SW Arabia, M&B 1998. Israel, Shirihai 2000. |
| 71 | Common Pochard | <i>Aythya ferina</i> | Abundant breeder on latitude of N CA, winters extensively to S, rarer Arabia, M&B 1998. Breeds E Iran, winters SE Afghanistan, India R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 72 | Ferruginous Duck | <i>Aythya nyroca</i> | CA HBW1, Afghanistan, Iran; declining in W, winters S Caspian region, head of Gulf, India, M&B 1998. Egypt Avib, BE. Some winter, Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Rare breeder, passage Kazakhstan, N limit uncertain Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 73 | Tufted Duck | <i>Aythya fuligula</i> | Breeds in N OSME Region, winters extensively to S, M&B 1998. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 74 | Greater Scaup | <i>Aythya marila</i> | Polytypic – <i>marila</i> & <i>nearctica</i> ; latter possible vagrant; breeds Palearctic High Arctic, winters mainly oceans, also Black, Caspian Seas, M&B 1998, E Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. Vagrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Scarce non-breeder (<i>marila</i>) any season Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 75 | King Eider | <i>Somateria spectabilis</i> | Arctic breeder, winters high latitudes. Vagrant Kazakhstan K-M&K 2005; but occurrence this latitude likely misorientation (Berthold 1999). |
| 76 | Common Eider | <i>Somateria mollissima</i> | Winter vagrant to Black Sea, W Caucasus, M&B 1998. |
| 77 | Velvet Scoter | <i>Melanitta fusca</i> | Collinson <i>et al</i> 2006. Breeds Kazakhstan (rare Kazakhstan W&O 2007), seen Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002, winters S Caspian. Vagrant Kuwait, Pilcher & Shehab 1994. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 78 | Asian White-winged Scoter {White-winged Scoter} (Hump-billed Velvet Scoter) | <i>Melanitta (deglandi) stejnegeri</i> (formerly <i>M. (fusca) deglandi</i>) | Collinson <i>et al</i> 2006. IOC. HBW1 <i>M.d. stejnegeri</i> suggested breeds E of Yenisey easternmost Kazakhstan (Collinson <i>et al</i> 2006). Seen Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002. Confirmed breeds s Altai, Kazakhstan G&G 2005, W&O 2007 – may reach Caspian, Aral Seas, other CA lakes. NB Disjunct populations possible Krasnoyarsk Republic (Rogacheva 1992 – Khatanga in N, Sayan Mts in S) may have different migration routes & timings. |
| PT | Black Scoter | <i>Melanitta [nigra] nigra</i> | IOC split to Black (<i>nigra</i>)& American (<i>americana</i>), but WP usage of Common (formerly <i>M. n. nigra</i>) retained. NB All scoters are black. |
| 79 | Common Scoter [(Black Scoter)] | <i>Melanitta [nigra] nigra</i> | Collinson <i>et al</i> 2006. May breed northernmost Kazakhstan (vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007), rare winterer N OSME Region. <i>M. americana</i> is American (or Black) Scoter, HBW1, IOC. |
| 80 | Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw) | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i> | Arctic breeder; regular overland migration to lakes and seas CA and slightly further S; mostly winters oceans, M&B 1998. Some regularly winter Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Rare passage & visitor Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 81 | Common Goldeneye | <i>Bucephala clangula</i> | Taiga hole-nester, widespread breeder in N OSME Region, winters to S, sometimes wanders far, <i>eg</i> Afghanistan, M&B1988. |
| 82 | Smew | <i>Mergellus albellus</i> | Breeds NW Kazakhstan (W&O 2007), winters widely across CA, M&B 1988, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 83 | Goosander {Common Merganser} | <i>Mergus merganser</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, winters extensively in CA waters and further S, M&B 1988, NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. G&G cite <i>comatus</i> present in E Kazakhstan, W&O 2007 cite only <i>merganser</i> . Egypt Avib, BE |
| 84 | Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, winters CA waters, M&B 1988, SE Iran coast R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 85 | White-headed Duck | <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> | Breeds CA (also N Iraq, N Iran – rare resident Scott & Adhami 2006), winters to S, even to Afghanistan, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE. Vagrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Mostly declining, with local increases Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| | | Gaviidae | |
| 86 | Red-throated Diver {Red-throated Loon} | <i>Gavia stellata</i> | A few may breed as far S as northernmost Kazakhstan. (Rare passage W&O 2007); wintering populations S Caspian, Black Seas, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 87 | Black-throated Diver {Arctic, Black-throated Loon} | <i>Gavia arctica</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, winters Caspian, Black Seas, HBW1; once bred Issyk Kul, NE Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. NB Treated as separate from Pacific Loon <i>G. pacifica</i> . |
| 88 | Great Northern Diver {Great Northern, Common Loon} | <i>Gavia immer</i> | Vagrant OSME Region, HBW1. |
| | | Diomedeiidae | PT aspect – extent subject to disagreement – this record has insufficient data to distinguish – here we are guided by Tickell 2000. |
| 89 | Shy Albatross | <i>Thalassarche cauta</i> | Probably this taxon – ID in records lags advances in albatross ID and taxonomy, but 'status of taxa' far from settled, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS records (as <i>Diomedea cauta</i>) Feb 81 Aqaba (later found dead (MC Jennings), Sep 86 at 11:50:0.0N+51:35:0.0E (off Cape Guardafui). NB future sightings may determine ssp <i>cauta</i> (Tasmanian Albatross) or <i>steadii</i> (White-capped), possibly separate species. |
| | | Procellariidae | |

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| 90 | Cape Petrel (Cape Pigeon, Pintado Petrel) | <i>Daption capense</i> | Individuals wander widely above 25°S normal northern Indian Ocean limit, HBW1. |
| 91 | Atlantic Petrel (Schlegel's Petrel) | <i>Pterodroma incerta</i> | Indian Ocean current/wind patterns likelier to produce species other than this S Atlantic specialist, HBW1. Rare in Indian Ocean, vagrant Eilat Onley & Scofield (O&S) 2007 |
| 92 | Soft-plumaged Petrel | <i>Pterodroma mollis</i> | O&S 2007 settle on 2 ssp, that in Indian Ocean likely <i>P.m. dubia</i> . Immatures thought to wander widely in Indian Ocean, HBW1. |
| 93 | Fea's Petrel | <i>Pterodroma feae</i> | Rare EC Atlantic species, but individuals seem to wander widely except to S, but includes E Mediterranean (Israel?), HBW1. |
| PT | Cory's Shearwater | <i>Calonectris diomedea</i> | PT vagrant Iranian waters Scott & Adhami 2006. Several RNBWS records Gulf of Suez |
| 94 | Scopoli's Shearwater (Cory's Shearwater) | <i>Calonectris (diomedea) diomedea</i> | <i>C. edwardsii</i> , Cape Verde Shearwater, split, but this unlikely to occur in OSME Region (BLI 2005). <i>C.d. diomedea</i> regular in small numbers off Egypt's Mediterranean coast, irregular Red Sea coast, Goodman & Meininger 1989. Likely wanders around Mediterranean (Israel, Lebanon), HBW1 N coast Cyprus (Blair, own notes). RNBWS record Little Bitter Lakes Sep 86 at 30:13:0.0N+32:33:0.0E |
| 95 | Cory's Shearwater | <i>Calonectris (diomedea) borealis</i> | Essentially Atlantic form, but regular passing into Mediterranean in numbers at Gibraltar, & likely wandering to E Mediterranean, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE. Documentation? |
| 96 | Streaked Shearwater | <i>Calonectris leucomelas</i> | W Pacific species, but vagrant to OSME Region, HBW1, Eilat & Aqaba O&S 2007. |
| 97 | Wedge-tailed Shearwater | <i>Puffinus pacificus</i> | Regular wanderer N from sub-equatorial breeders in W Indian Ocean, HBW1. Off E Iran coast R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| PT | Manx Shearwater PT | <i>Puffinus puffinus</i> | Egypt Avib |
| 98 | Yelkouan Shearwater (Levantine or Mediterranean) Shearwater | <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i> | Resident E Mediterranean, RP pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS record large numbers S Black Sea Jun 59 at 41:0:0.0N+29:0:0.0E |
| 99 | Balearic Shearwater | <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i> | Small & declining population, probably only on a few W Mediterranean islands, HBW1. One record Israel 1982, Shirihai 1996. Egypt Avib |
| 100 | Tropical Shearwater {Audubon's Shearwater} (Persian Shearwater) | <i>Puffinus bailloni</i> (formerly <i>P. lherminieri</i>) | Complicated taxonomic history. Atlantic ssp <i>P. lherminieri</i> was separated from Macaronesian <i>P. baroli</i> (?) <i>baroli</i> & <i>P.b</i> (?) <i>boydi</i> . BOU followed Austin <i>et al</i> 2004 <i>Auk</i> 121:847-864 (Atlantic only). This suggested Indian Ocean ssp (<i>bailloni</i> , <i>nicolai</i> , <i>temptator</i> , <i>colstoni</i>) kept in <i>lherminieri</i> , not in <i>P. assimilis</i> , <i>pro tem</i> . However O&S 2007 confine <i>lherminieri</i> as Audubon's to 3 ssp, all in Atlantic longitudes, leaving <i>P. bailloni</i> ssp <i>bailloni</i> as Tropical Shearwater from the Mascarene Islands, ssp <i>dichrous</i> western breeding range Maldives, Chagos & Aldabra; they also place <i>temptator</i> with the next species – ssp <i>nicolai</i> & <i>colstoni</i> may not be valid. Breeds Laccadives, India, R&A 2005. |
| 101 | Persian Shearwater (also Arabian Shearwater) | <i>Puffinus persicus</i> (formerly <i>P. lherminieri persicus</i>) | Oman, Socotra. BLI 2005; breeds Kuria Muria Islands. E Iran coast R&A 2005. Austin <i>et al</i> 2004 revision, but O&S 2007 suggest ssp <i>persicus</i> in Arabian Sea and <i>temptator</i> around Comoros. Rare Dec record Oman IH pers comm 06. |
| 102 | Little Shearwater | <i>Puffinus assimilis</i> | BOU cites Austin <i>et al</i> 2004 <i>Auk</i> 121:847-864. <i>P.a. tunneyi</i> & <i>elegans</i> wander into Indian Ocean. |
| 103 | Sooty Shearwater | <i>Puffinus griseus</i> | Regular in numbers in all oceans bar Indian Ocean, but present there in small numbers year-round, HBW1, Gulf of Oman S Aspinall pers obs. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 104 | Flesh-footed Shearwater (Pale-footed Shearwater) | <i>Puffinus carneipes</i> | Regular off S Arabia, HBW1. Off E Iran coast R&A 2005. Dec 06 report Oman IH pers comm. |
| 105 | Great Shearwater | <i>Puffinus gravis</i> | Although Atlantic species, regular vagrant into Indian Ocean, HBW1. |
| 106 | Jouanin's Petrel | <i>Bulweria fallax</i> | Breeds Socotra, Taleb, 2002. |
| | | Hydrobatidae | |
| 107 | Wilson's Storm Petrel | <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i> | Ubiquitous ocean wanderer, HBW1. Off E Iran coast R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 108 | White-faced Storm Petrel (Frigate Petrel) | <i>Pelagodroma marina</i> | Regular off S Arabia, HBW1. |
| 109 | White-bellied Storm Petrel | <i>Fregatta grallaria</i> | Rare vagrant to S OSME Region coasts, HBW1. |
| 110 | Black-bellied Storm Petrel | <i>Fregatta tropica</i> | Regular off S Arabia, HBW1. |
| 111 | European Storm Petrel | <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i> | Regular in E Mediterranean, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 112 | Band-rumped Storm Petrel (Madeiran or Harcourt's Petrel) | <i>Oceanodroma castro</i> | Wanderer to E Mediterranean, possibly also to S Arabian coasts, HBW1. |
| 113 | Swinhoe's Storm Petrel | <i>Oceanodroma monorhis</i> | Oman small numbers Gulf & S coast mainly Aug-Nov (IH <i>in litt</i>). Atlantic wanderers also possible E Mediterranean, HBW1. |
| 114 | Leach's Storm Petrel | <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i> | Wanderer to E Mediterranean, HBW1; few records Egypt's Mediterranean coast Goodman & Meininger 1989. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Podicipedidae | |
| 115 | Little Grebe (Dabchick) | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Breeds most of N OSME Region, resident in much of Asia Minor to Iran, HBW1, Afghanistan, R&A (R&A) 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 116 | Red-necked Grebe | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | Breeds much of N OSME Region, dispersive winter, incl Iran, also ice-free inland waters, especially larger bodies, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 117 | Great Crested Grebe | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | Breeds N OSME Region, winters much of mid-Region, southern Africa, HBW1, also India R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 118 | Horned Grebe (Slavonian Grebe) | <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan (rare W&O 2007), winters further S (Caspian), but many probably W to Black Sea & beyond, HBW1, including W Afghanistan R&A 2005. Widespread breeder Kyrgyzstan, winters partly Issyk Kul (NE), Ven 2002. |
| 119 | Black-necked Grebe | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> | Breeds N OSME Region, winters mid-Region, Gulf, HBW1, & Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Phoenicopteridae | RNBWS record of dead flamingo sp Socotra Mar 62. |
| 120 | Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> (formerly <i>P. ruber roseus</i>) | Breeds Turkey, locally N CA S to Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, (Afghanistan R&A 2005), migrant Kyrgyzstan (Ven 2002), winters warm coasts OSME Region, migrates across Region, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 121 | Lesser Flamingo | <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> (formerly <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>) | Local breeder Rift Valley, (isolated population NW India/Pakistan) winters dispersed widely, S Red Sea, Oman, UAE, wanderer, sometimes large irregular movements, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Ciconiidae | |
| 122 | Yellow-billed Stork | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | Widespread resident African species (HBW1), occasional Egypt Goodman & Meininger 1989, has reached Arabia. Rare Israel, vagrant S Turkey. Qatar, Hellyer 2000. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS report one shipboard SE of Aden Sep 74 at 11:30:0.0N+46:0:0.0E |

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| 123 | Black Stork | <i>Ciconia nigra</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, (N Iran? – rare summer resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006), scarce winter Arabia, mostly sub-Saharan Africa, India, also SE Iran, migrates across OSME Region, HBW1, vagrant Oman IH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 124 | Abdim's Stork | <i>Ciconia abdimii</i> | African species, population SW Arabia, winters E Africa below equator, HBW, vagrant Oman (IH pers comm). |
| 125 | Woolly-necked Stork | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> | Vagrant to Iran, but not since 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006 <i>contra</i> SE Iran R&A 2005: Indian & sub-Saharan resident populations, HBW1. |
| PT | White Stork PT | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | Likely many records (eg Scott & Adhami 2006) still do not separate <i>ciconia</i> and <i>asiatica</i> ; urgent need for scrupulous observations. |
| 126 | Western White Stork | <i>Ciconia (ciconia) ciconia</i> | C & E Europe, Caucasus, Turkey, winters sub-Saharan Africa, funnel migration (see Berthold 1999) Levant, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 127 | Eastern White Stork | <i>Ciconia (ciconia) asiatica</i> (=C. <i>ciconia asiatica</i>) | Turkmenistan. Tadzhikistan, SE Kazakhstan (S Kazakhstan W&O 2007), winters S Iran, Pakistan, India, HBW1. Likely this form scarce breeder E of Ferghana, Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 - also mapped wintering Afghanistan R&A 2005. NB Oriental Stork C. <i>boyciana</i> separated. |
| 128 | Marabou Stork | <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i> | African species, partly commensal scavenger, vagrant Israel, HBW1. Yemen, al-Safadi 1990. |
| | | Threskiornithidae | |
| 129 | Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | Resident, water-nomadic African species, with population SE Iraq, wintering Iran, recorded Kuwait, Yemen, HBW1, introduced Bahrain & breeding Jennings 2007b. Introduced UAE, Lever 2005. Formerly Egypt Avib, BE |
| 130 | Northern Bald Ibis (Waldraapp) | <i>Geronticus eremita</i> | Once wild colony in Turkey now semi-captive, tiny population Syria, now satellite-tracked to an Ethiopian wintering site; NW African 'stronghold', HBW1. Formerly Egypt Avib, BE |
| 131 | Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, W Kazakhstan W&O 2007, (N Iran? –summer resident Scott & Adhami 2006), winters Iran, Afghanistan, notoriously nomadic, HBW1. UAE vagrant and naturalised; C. Richardson pers comm. |
| 132 | Eurasian Spoonbill | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i> | Breeds W Red Sea coasts and islands, N CA S to Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters Iran, N Red Sea, nomadic, migrates through OSME Region to India, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 133 | African Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | African species, nomadic, vagrant Oman, may breed S Yemen, HBW1. Al-Saghier & Porter 1997a. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Ardeidae | |
| 134 | Eurasian Bittern (Bittern) | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | Breeds locally Caucasus, CA (rare resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006), winters S Caspian & suitable locations to S, HBW1, including Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 135 | Little Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, Iran (Afghanistan R&A 2005), migrants expected en route to India, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 136 | Yellow Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> | Indian & SE Asian species, occasionally wanders W, following water availability, HBW1. Eriksen & Eriksen 1999. Reported Socotra 2006, Jennings 2007b. |
| 137 | von Schrenk's Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus eurhythmus</i> | Egypt Avib |
| 138 | Cinnamon Bittern (Chestnut Bittern) | <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i> | One Oman record, Simon Aspinall pers comm. Indian & SE Asian species, occasionally wanders W, following water availability, HBW1. |
| 139 | Black Bittern | <i>Dupetor flavicollis</i> | One isolated record from the bay marking the S end of the Iran-Pakistan border; see map R&A 2005. |
| 140 | Black-crowned Night Heron (Night Heron) | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA, Iraq, N Iran, (Afghanistan R&A 2005), breeds N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, widely dispersive, winters Africa, including Red Sea, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 141 | Striated Heron (Green-backed Heron, Little Green Heron) | <i>Butorides striata</i> | Resident Red Sea, post-breeding dispersal, HBW1. Birds in Gulf in winter may be from large Indian population; see R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 142 | Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | Breeds locally CA, W Kazakhstan W&O 2007, (suspected occurs W Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002), locally Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan (? Probably R&A 2005), winters N Gulf, Africa, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 143 | Indian Pond Heron | <i>Ardeola grayii</i> | Resident S Iran; follows water availability, occurred Oman S Arabia, HBW1. |
| 144 | Chinese Pond Heron | <i>Ardeola bacchus</i> | One record in Kyrgyzstan, G&G 2005. |
| 145 | Malagasy Pond Heron (Madagascar Pond Heron) | <i>Ardeola idae</i> | Despite breeding Madagascar & wintering in E Africa N only to equator (HBW1), has reached Arabia. |
| PT | Cattle Egret PT | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Easternmost records may include coromandus. |
| 146 | Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus (ibis) ibis</i> | Resident W Caspian, W Kazakhstan W&O 2007, very locally in CA, some Iraq, SW Iran, but wanders; spreads commensally where livestock farmed, HBW1. Breeding UAE, Aspinall 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 147 | Indian Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus (ibis) coromandus</i> (=B. <i>ibis coromandus</i>) | Not an IOC split. Breeds W to Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Lack of records perhaps due to lack of awareness of split & ID differences; see R&A 2005 Vol 2 p58. Reported Oman Jun 06 and Mar 2007 (as <i>B.i. coromandus</i>). |
| 148 | Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Colonial; widespread, sometimes local breeder N OSME Region, also Iran, Afghanistan (R&A 2005) winters commonly further S, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 149 | Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | African species, wanders to SW Arabia, HBW1, flock of 19 reported 2005 Hodeidah, Saudi Arabia Jennings 2007b. Egypt Avib |
| 150 | Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | African species, with population in SW Arabia; drought-driven nomadism Also breeds S Iraq, Iran, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 151 | Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | Widespread local breeder N & mid-Region, winters mid-Gulf mostly Africa; some resident S Iraq/Iran, HBW1, some winter Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 152 | Great Egret (Great White Egret) | <i>Ardea alba</i> (formerly <i>Egretta alba</i>) | Widespread local breeder N & mid-Region, winters Iran, Gulf but mostly Africa, HBW1, occasional breeder commoner winterer Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, resident Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. Need for PT re modestus as Eastern Great Egret? |
| 153 | Intermediate Egret {Yellow-billed Egret} | <i>Egretta intermedia</i> (some place in genus <i>Mesophoyx</i>) | Accidental CA and elsewhere in Region, HBW1. NB Many egret spp have yellow bills, hence retention of older English name. |
| 154 | Black Heron (Black Egret) | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | Although sedentary African species, has occurred Arabia, HBW1. Al-Saghier & Porter 1997b. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 155 | Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Breeds locally CA, winters Gulf, resident populations round Arabian coasts, HBW1, resident Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 156 | Western Reef Heron (Reef Egret) | <i>Egretta gularis</i> | Dark morphs occur; breeds mainly Red Sea, S Arabia and Gulf, but also Iraq, HBW1 (<i>schistacea</i>), breeds E Iran coast R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Phaethonitidae | |

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| 157 | Red-billed Tropicbird | <i>Phaethon aethereus</i> | Breeds Gulf (including Iraq) Red Sea, S Arabia, HBW1. Off E Iran coast R&A 2005. Other 2 <i>Phaethon</i> sp not unlikely wanderers. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 158 | Red-tailed Tropicbird | <i>Phaethon rubricauda</i> | Ranges deep into the Arabian Sea, Nelson 2005, Schreiber & Schreiber 1993. Vagrant at 13:53:0.0N+42:52:0.0E Dec 60 RNBWS |
| 159 | White-tailed Tropicbird | <i>Phaethon lepturus</i> | Accidental once, at 10:0:0.0N+60:42:0.0E Jan 88 & one record just E of Region at 20:30:0.0N+64:0:0.0E Nov 89 RNBWS |
| | | Fregatidae | |
| 160 | Great Frigatebird | <i>Fregata minor</i> | Breeds S Indian Ocean, Immatures, non-breeders wander widely, HBW1. Vagrant Oman, first recorded 1982 IH in press. |
| 161 | Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata ariel</i> | Breeds W & S Indian Ocean, Immatures, non-breeders wander widely, HBW1. RNBWS record Jan 55 Trucial coast at 24:30:0.0N+53:0:0.0E |
| | | Scopidae | |
| 162 | Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | SE Red Sea hinterland Saudi, SW Yemen, HBW1. |
| | | Pelecanidae | |
| 163 | Great White Pelican (White Pelican) | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | Breeds locally & decreasingly Kazakhstan (W&O 2007), Uzbekistan Turkmenistan, Iran, Turkey, probably Iraq (Nelson 2005), rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winters SW SE Iran, N Gulf, Red Sea, Africa, HBW1, likely W Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 164 | Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> | Mainly African resident; small populations off Yemeni Red Sea coast & just N of SW Arabia on Red Sea coast, HBW1, Nelson 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 165 | Dalmatian Pelican | <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> | Breeds locally Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey (Nelson 2005), rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, rare resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters locally further S, SE Iraq E to China coast, HBW1, probably breeds W Afghanistan R&A 2005. 1 st record Oman 2005 IH in press. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Sulidae | |
| 166 | Northern Gannet | <i>Morus bassanus</i> | Occasional E Mediterranean coasts, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 167 | Cape Gannet | <i>Morus capensis</i> | Vagrant to S OSME Region coasts, HBW1. Eriksen 2004. |
| 168 | Masked Booby | <i>Sula dactylatra</i> | Breeds off S Arabian coast, Red Sea, recorded year-round in S OSME Region waters, HBW1. |
| 169 | Red-footed Booby | <i>Sula sula</i> | Juveniles or long-range foragers likely off S Arabian coast, HBW1. Possible RNBWS record Jan 90 at 15:30:0.0N+41:42:0.0E. 2 other RNBWS records (Sep 98 & Jan 99) just E of 61:24:00 and 1 to S (Mar64). |
| 170 | Brown Booby | <i>Sula leucogaster</i> | Red Sea, SW Arabian coast most likely, but not unexpected along warm coasts of OSME Region, HBW1. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Phalacrocoracidae | |
| 171 | Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> | African species, wanders to SW Arabia, HBW1 |
| 172 | Pygmy Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i> | Scarce resident mid-CA, breeds also Turkey, Iran (Nelson 2005), migrant & likely scarce breeder N Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002, S Kazakhstan W&O 2007, winters more widely, largely within OSME Region, HBW1, including Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 173 | Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | Breeds locally N OSME Region, scarce resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters to S, including Gulf, N Red Sea coast, HBW1; breeds W Tien Shan & N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 174 | Socotra Cormorant | <i>Leucocarbo nigrogularis</i> (formerly <i>Phalacrocorax nigrogularis</i>) | SW Arabian waters, Socotra, breeds Gulf (27 300bp reported Hawar, Bahrain Jennings 2007b), probably Iran coast, HBW1, confirmed scarce resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 175 | European Shag | <i>Leucocarbo aristotelis</i> (formerly <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>) | E Mediterranean, W Turkey (Nelson 2005), Black Sea, HBW1. Colony recently found in S Russia G&G 2003. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Anhingidae | |
| PT | African Darter PT | <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | Present taxonomy conservative – only other sp New World <i>A. anhinga</i> – many records, eg Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, in previous taxonomy. |
| 176 | Darter (African Darter) | <i>Anhinga (rufa) melanogaster</i> (= <i>A. rufa melanogaster</i>) | Iraq, BWP1, HBW2. Extirpated Amik Gölu in Turkey 1950s after drainage, HBW2. <i>A.m. rufa</i> sole ssp in Region, Nelson 2005. PT aspect not entirely clear. Have Asian ssp <i>melanogaster</i> , <i>novahollandiae</i> reached OSME Region, or W Madagascan <i>vulsini</i> ? Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Falconidae | |
| 177 | Lesser Kestrel | <i>Falco naumanni</i> | Colonial, breeds widely N OSME Region (rare breeder Afghan Pamirs Argandeval 1983), including Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, few resident, some winter S of Region, most to Africa, easternmost OSME populations may winter in India, Naoroji 2006.; declining, Ferguson-Lees & Christie (F-L&C) 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 178 | Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Resident in much of OSME Region, migratory in N, FL&C 2001. Resident & winterer Afghanistan Argandeval 1983. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 179 | Red-headed Falcon {Red-necked Falcon} (Red-headed Merlin) | <i>Falco chicquera</i> | NB recent split (not yet IOC) to <i>F. horsbrughii</i> , Red-necked Falcon, Africa by F-L&C (2005), hence reversion here to previous English, non-IOC name. Possibly occurred SE Iran since Zarudny (1911), but no records since 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006, (Afghanistan?) R&A 2005, mapped to Afghan border Grimmert <i>et al</i> 1998, rare Pakistani side of Khyber pass Naoroji 2006. |
| 180 | Red-footed Falcon (Western Red-footed Falcon) | <i>Falco vespertinus</i> | Breeds N Caucasus, N Caspian, N Kazakhstan, migrant to southern Africa, F-L&C 2001, vagrant Kyrgyzstan, scarce migrant (?), Ven 2002, possibly Afghanistan R&A 2005 (accidental or on passage Dasht-e-Navar Mts Afghanistan Argandeval 1983), reported (1 st) UAE Oct 06, vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. |
| 181 | Amur Falcon (Eastern Red-footed Falcon) | <i>Falco amurensis</i> | Migrates 11000km from E China to southern Africa, occurs OSME Region although most cross Indian Ocean, F-L&C 2001. Reported Dec 06 Oman IH pers comm & UAE PH pers comm. |
| 182 | Eleonora's Falcon | <i>Falco eleonorae</i> | Migrates Oct-Nov from W Mediterranean mostly to Madagascar (juveniles 2 weeks after fledging) via Suez (Israel) & Red Sea, F-L&C 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 183 | Sooty Falcon | <i>Falco concolor</i> | Related to <i>F. eleonorae</i> , breeds Suez, Red Sea, Oman, Gulf, scarce breeders Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, W Pakistan coast Naoroji 2006, 450+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a, migrates Oct, wintering Madagascar, Angola, F-L&C 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 184 | Merlin | <i>Falco columbarius</i> | Holarctic taiga breeder, N Kazakhstan, widespread resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winters mid-OSME Region to Pakistan, rare in India |

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| | | | Naoroji 2006, wanders widely, F-L&C 2001, winterer Afghanistan R&A 2005, common winterer Afghan Pamirs Argandeval 1983. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 185 | Eurasian Hobby (Northern Hobby) | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | Breeds N Eurasia, N OSME Region, Iran, Levant, Afghanistan (R&A 2005) (common winterer, may breed Kabul Region Argandeval 1983) E as far as Bhutan Naoroji 2006, winters southern Africa, F-L&C 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 186 | Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | Scattered populations Turkey, Middle East, Caucasus, N Iraq, F-L&C 2005, scarce resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 187 | Laggar Falcon | <i>Falco jugger</i> | S Tadjhikistan, NE Afghanistan R&A 2005 (Nuristan Argandeval 1983). Afghanistan & (formerly?) some other CA countries, F-L&C (2005), extralimital Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006; possibly vagrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Iran once, Misonne 1976. |
| PT | Saker Falcon PT | <i>Falco cherrug</i> | Rare in winter Oman eg Dec 06 IH pers comm. |
| 188 | Saker Falcon | <i>Falco cherrug</i> | <i>F.c coatsi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan (mostly winterers of <i>F.c. cherrug</i>) F-L&C (2005), scarce, widespread breeder, protection poorly enforced Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, scarce resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. NB cline <i>cherrug/milvipes</i> intergrades C Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 189 | 'Eastern Saker Falcon' | <i>Falco cherrug milvipes</i> | Breeds NW Afghanistan (Pamirs Argandeval 1983), E Kazakhstan W&O 2007, R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Separability of <i>cherrug</i> & <i>milvipes</i> bedevilled by gradual cline of plumage change from brown (west) to barred russet-brown & grey (east), highly variable populations in between, and variable individuals within, W&O 2007. |
| 190 | Altai Falcon (Altai Gyrfalcon) | ' <i>Falco altaicus</i> ' | Treated here as an imprecisely-known and possibly undefinable taxon; known to be related to <i>F. cherrug</i> & <i>F. rusticolus</i> . E Kazakhstan, E Tadjhikistan, F-L&C (2005), breeds Sayan Mts Rogacheva 1992. G&G 2005 treat as sp, but W&O properly more cautious. |
| 191 | Gyrfalcon | <i>Falco rusticolus</i> | N Kazakhstan F-L&C (2005) but only as vagrant by W&O 2007, vagrant N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, rare winter visitor G&G 2005, possibly NE Afghanistan R&A 2005, accidental or rare Afghan Pamirs Argandeval 1983. |
| PT | Peregrine Falcon PT | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | PT includes <i>pelegrinoides pro tem</i> due to unclear status of this taxon |
| 192 | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | <i>F.p. brookei</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Scarce in most CA (<i>calidus</i> & <i>peregrinus</i> breeding Kazakhstan W&O 2007), may breed Iran, but winterer, passage migrant Scott & Adhami 2006, Afghanistan (likely ssp <i>calidus</i> in winter R&A 2005) F-L&C (2005), migrant & rare winterer Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winterer (<i>calidus</i>) Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. NB All Peregrine taxa probably recently diverged from common ancestral population (Naoroji 2006). Argandeval 1983 gives PT as breeding Nuristan (Aghanistan). |
| 193 | 'Red-capped Falcon', Red-naped Shaheen | <i>Falco peregrinus (F. pelegrinoides?) babylonicus</i> | Molecular data give weight to <i>babylonicus</i> as ssp of <i>peregrinus</i> , but differentiation of many taxa less than clear Wink <i>et al</i> 2000. Probably this taxon in easternmost CA, breeds Afghanistan, resident SE Afghanistan F-L&C (2005), NW Pakistan Naoroji 2006. Confused taxonomic attribution of <i>babylonicus</i> to <i>F. peregrinus</i> or <i>F. pelegrinoides</i> , including superspecies to include all these taxa (summarised well by Naoroji 2006, who notes <i>F.p. peregrinator</i> (Shaheen) sedentary resident India, NE Pakistan, unlikely vagrant OSME Region.) |
| 194 | Barbary Falcon | <i>Falco pelegrinoides</i> | Good, but not all-encompassing case for treating <i>pelegrinoides</i> & <i>babylonicus</i> as allospecies within <i>peregrinus</i> superspecies Wink <i>et al</i> 2000 (see Naoroji 2006). <i>F.pel. babylonicus</i> resident Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, Kazakhstan G&G 2005, W&O 2007. CA K-M&K 2005; scarce resident N & SW Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Also Afghanistan F-L&C (2005). Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Accipitridae | |
| 195 | Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan, locally elsewhere in OSME Region, winters southern Africa, NE Afghanistan (R&A 2005), Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006; resident coasts Red Sea, S Arabia (800+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a), Gulf, F-L&C 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 196 | European Honey Buzzard (Western Honey-buzzard) | <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | Breeds, N Kazakhstan (rare W&O 2007), NW Turkey, Caucasus, N Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), migrant Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002 Kabul Region Afghanistan Argandeval 1983, winters southern Africa, although some seen at any month, F-L&C 2001. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 197 | Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental or Eastern Honey Buzzard) | <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i> | Wanderers likely; migration from E Kazakhstan (Scarce W&O 2007), Kyrgyzstan, Tadjhikistan, F-L&C (2005); vagrant Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999, uncommon (under-reported?) migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Scarce winter Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Resident India (<i>ruficollis</i>) Naoroji 2006. |
| 198 | Black-winged Kite (Black-shouldered Kite) | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | Also Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005), NE Afghanistan R&A 2005, numerous breeder Afghan Pamirs Argandeval 1983. Iraq, Salim 2002. May breed, possibly resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, a few Arabia Jennings 2007a. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Resident India (<i>vociferus</i>) Naoroji 2006. 2 RNBWS records, Gulf of Aden Aug 88 at 12:40:0.0N+51:0:0.0E & Suez Feb 91 at 30:30:0.0N+32:20:0.0E |
| 199 | Scissor-tailed Kite (African Swallow-tailed Kite) | <i>Chelictinia riocourii</i> | African species. Vagrant S Yemen. |
| 200 | Red Kite | <i>Milvus milvus</i> | Best regarded as former vagrant to Iraq, F-L&C (2005). Persistent poorly-documented sightings Afghanistan R&A 2005. Winter vagrancy Iran (Scott & Adhami 2006) needs confirmation of elimination of <i>M. lineatus</i> (qv). Egypt Avib, BE |
| PT | Black Kite PT | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | Both old and current records in appropriate locations may include <i>lineatus</i> under <i>migrans</i> . |
| 201 | Black Kite | <i>Milvus (migrans) migrans</i> | IOC does not follow splits. Separated from Black-eared Kite <i>M. lineatus</i> (qv). Breeds Caucasus, CA (not Kazakhstan W&O 2007 – no evidence or credible sightings. Note also no hybrid <i>migrans/lineatus</i> found despite searches since 2000), Arabia, Iran, Afghanistan, winters to S, India, sub-Saharan Africa, F-L&C 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 202 | Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus (migrans) aegyptius</i> (formerly <i>M. migrans aegyptius</i>) | Egypt, S Red Sea, S Arabia, F-L&C 2005. Egypt BE |
| 203 | Black-eared Kite | <i>Milvus (migrans) lineatus</i> (formerly <i>M. migrans lineatus</i>) | Turkmenistan (Bukreev 1997) as <i>M. migrans lineatus</i> . As full species, F-L&C 2005, rare to common breeder Kazakhstan W&O 2007 (no intergrades with <i>M. migrans</i> found in NW), Tadjhikistan, Kyrgyzstan, E Afghanistan; breeds N Kyrgyzstan, large-scale migration, Ven 2002. Scarce passage, winter visitor UAE (Simon Aspinall pers comm), commonly so India Naoroji 2006. |
| 204 | Brahminy Kite | <i>Haliaastur indus</i> | Probably breeds SE Afghanistan on Pakistani NW Frontier (ssp <i>indus</i> Naoroji 2006); wanders, F-L&C (2005). |
| 205 | African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaastur vocifer</i> | Egypt Avib, BE |
| 206 | Pallas's Fish Eagle (Pallas's Sea Eagle) | <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> | Formerly (1950s) bred Kazakhstan W&O 2007, now vagrant, resident certainly Uzbekistan and Tadjhikistan, F-L&C (2005), also locally Afghanistan R&A 2005, but (formerly [?]) common breeder Afghan Pamirs Argandeval 1983; few modern records Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |

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| | | | Scarce winterer Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. RNBWS report Apr 79 Jebel Dhanna at 24:10:0.0N+52:35:0.0E |
| 207 | White-tailed Eagle (White-tailed Fish or Sea Eagle) | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> | Rare, quite widespread breeder Kazakhstan W&O 2007, likely also Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, F-L&C (2005); former Kyrgyzstan breeder, but common winterer, Ven 2002; in winter Afghanistan R&A 2005, on passage Kabul Region Argandeval 1983, also reaching Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Rare breeder, common winterer Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 208 | Lammergeier (Bearded Vulture) | <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> | <i>G.b. aureus</i> & <i>hemechalanus</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. CA, Afghanistan (resident Argandeval 1983), Iran, F-L&C (2005); resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, rarer resident SE Kazakhstan W&O 2007, extralimital montane Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS report of pair Bandar Abbas Nov 77 at 27:11:0.0N+56:17:0.0E |
| 209 | Egyptian Vulture | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | Scarce to rare CA, Iran, F-L&C (2005), SE Kazakhstan W&O 2007, commoner Afghanistan Argandeval 1983; sometimes overwinters Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, extralimital Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. |
| 210 | Hooded Vulture | <i>Neosyrtes monachus</i> | African sp. RNBWS record of bird on 01 Sep 59 settling on board ship at approx 20:0:0.0N+38:0:0.0E (centreline of Red Sea). |
| 211 | White-rumped Vulture (Indian White-backed Vulture) | <i>Gyps bengalensis</i> | SE Iran (may breed or be rare resident Scott & Adhami 2006), S Afghanistan, F-L&C 2005, C Afghanistan R&A 2005, Argandeval 1983. Single USSR record, location not given, Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. NB Rare & decreasing Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| 212 | Indian Vulture (Indian Long-billed Vulture) | <i>Gyps indicus</i> | On-line report for Afghanistan. Likely former range included stragglers to eastern CA & Afghanistan, recent ID improvements suggest. However, drastic population crash through chemical-implicated disease makes recurrence in OSME Region unlikely F-L&C (2005). Doubtful record Afghanistan R&A 2005. Documentation!!! |
| 213 | Himalayan Griffon Vulture {Himalayan Vulture} | <i>Gyps himalayensis</i> | Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tadjikistan, Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005), NE Afghanistan R&A 2005 rare resident E Kazakhstan W&O 2007 extralimital distributed to Bhutan Naoroji 2006. |
| 214 | Rüppell's Vulture | <i>Gyps rueppellii</i> | Sub-Saharan African species wanders to Arabia, F-L&C 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 215 | Eurasian Griffon Vulture {Griffon Vulture} | <i>Gyps fulvus</i> | Caucasus, Iran, CA rare SE Kazakhstan W&O 2007 (mountains), Afghanistan F-L&C (2005), Argandeval 1983, & just into Pakistan Naoroji 2006. Resident & often recorded Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 216 | Cinereous Vulture (Eurasian Black Vulture) | <i>Aegypius monachus</i> | Caucasus, CA (mountains), Afghanistan (rare/accidental Argandeval 1983), Iran, F-L&C (2005), probably Afghanistan R&A 2005, resident on Afghanistan-Pakistan border Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 217 | Lappet-faced Vulture | <i>Aegypius tracheliotos</i> (formerly <i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>) | Sub-Saharan African species with populations in Saudi Arabia and Oman, wanders, F-L&C 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 218 | Short-toed Snake Eagle (Short-toed Eagle) | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> | <i>C.g. heptneri</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Caucasus, CA, probably Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005), likely the rare/accidentals in Argandeval 1983 in Afghan Pamirs (resident Indian ssp also reaches SE Afghanistan R&A 2005), summer resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 219 | Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | Sub-Saharan African species, with population in SW Arabia, F-L&C (2005) Egypt Avib, BE |
| 220 | Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Now split; (E Marsh Harrier <i>C. spilonotus</i> male & juv distinctive; NB hybrids occur); resident Caucasus, N Iran, S Turkmenistan, breeds CA, F-L&C (2005), Afghanistan R&A 2005, winters to S & India. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 221 | Eastern Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus spilonotus</i> (formerly <i>C. aeruginosus spilonotus</i>) | Probably occurs E Kazakhstan, E Tadjikistan, E Kyrgyzstan, F-L&C (2005), vagrant E Kazakhstan W&O 2007; NB G&G 2005 record as undocumented. Possible first record 2001 Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002. Documentation? NB Vagrant winter Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| 222 | Hen Harrier {Northern Harrier} | <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, winters CA, Iran, Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005), which source separates Nearctic's Northern Harrier as <i>C. hudsonius</i> . E' most Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Often recorded spring Kyrgyzstan but breeding unproven, Ven 2002. |
| 223 | Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | Breeds E Tadjikistan, Kazakhstan (W&O 2007), occurs migration CA, Caucasus, Iran (may breed Scott & Adhami 2006), Afghanistan (some may winter) F-L&C (2005). Breeds N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winters also Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 224 | Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan, N Tadjikistan, N Uzbekistan, Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), occurs on migration Caucasus, CA, Iran Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005); widespread breeder Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 winters also India Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 225 | Dark Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax metabates</i> | African species, population in SW Arabia, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, est 1000 birds Jennings 2007a. |
| 226 | Gabar Goshawk | <i>Micronisus gabar</i> | African species, perhaps small population in SW Arabia, Porter <i>et al</i> 199, est 200 birds Jennings 2007a. 6 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 227 | Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | <i>A.b. cenchroides</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds CA (rare Kazakhstan S-C, SE W&O 2007), Iran, Afghanistan F-L&C (2005) (Kabul Region & Nuristan Argandeval 1983), 400+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a; breeds N Kyrgyzstan, migrant, Ven 2002. Extralimital resident Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| 228 | Levant Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter brevipes</i> | Breeds NW Kazakhstan, local Iran, E Caucasus, CA (Vagrant (?) Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002), Iran, Afghanistan, F-L&C 2005. Egypt Avib BE |
| 229 | Eurasian Sparrowhawk (Northern Sparrowhawk) | <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | <i>A.n dementjevi</i> & <i>nisus</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, Kazakhstan W&O 2007 (<i>nisosimilis</i> rare passage). Breeds Caucasus, N Kazakhstan, Dare-Adzhar Mts & Kabul Region Afghanistan (common passage) Argandeval 1983, rare Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters CA, Iran, Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005); widespread resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 230 | Northern Goshawk | <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> | Resident Caucasus, N Kazakhstan (rare W&O 2007 Kazakh ssp <i>buteoides</i> & <i>schwedowi</i> ., idespread on migration), Tadjikistan, N Kyrgyzstan, rare Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, rare breeder Bāmiān, Band-e Amir & Dare Adzhar Mts Afghanistan Argandeval 1983, winters CA, Iran, Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005). G&G 2005 – <i>schwedowi</i> breeds N Kazakhstan (winters Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006), <i>buteoides</i> on migration. Report UAE Dec 06 PH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 231 | White-eyed Buzzard White-eyed Buzzard-Hawk) | <i>Butastur teesa</i> | Iran, perhaps summer visitor NE Afghanistan, F-L&C (2005), rare on passage Abe-Istada Afghanistan Argandeval 1983, rare breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. 1 st record Oman Mar 04 IH in press. Most resident Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| PT | Buzzard, Common Buzzard PT | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | PT line included to cover possible separation of <i>japonicus</i> as argued by workers in NE & E Kazakhstan. |
| 232 | Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo b. buteo</i> | Odd occurrences likely in Caucasus, decreasingly so further E, breeds Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, migrates through CA, Afghanistan, Iran, F-L&C (2005). Egypt Avib, BE |
| 233 | Steppe Buzzard | <i>Buteo b. vulpinus</i> | <i>B.b. menetriesi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds N Kazakhstan, & in scattered CA locations; probably this form widespread resident Kyrgyzstan (<i>B. buteo</i> , Ven 2002), migrates via CA, Afghanistan (common Kabul Region Argandeval 1983), Iran, F-L&C (2005). Reported |

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| 234 | 'Eastern Buzzard' | <i>Buteo (buteo) japonicus</i> | G&G 2005, W&O 2007 (see Kruckenhauser <i>et al</i> 2004) elevate <i>japonicus</i> to full species; rare E Kazakhstan mountain resident (G&G 2005) or rare passage migrant W&O 2007, as <i>B. japonicus</i> . |
| 235 | Socotra Buzzard | <i>Buteo sp?</i> | Relationships to other <i>Buteo</i> taxa uncertain. Description in prep – R Porter. |
| 236 | Long-legged Buzzard | <i>Buteo rufinus</i> | Caucasus, CA, Iran, Afghanistan (Kabul Region & Nuristan Argandeval 1983), 800+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a, N populations migratory, widespread resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. NB Turkish populations suggested as <i>B.b. menetriesi</i> , F-L&C (2005). Egypt Avib, BE |
| 237 | Upland Buzzard | <i>Buteo hemilasius</i> | Central Asia, vagrant Uzbekistan (K-M&K 2005). Resident SE Kazakhstan (spreading S&W), Tadzhikistan, Kyrgyzstan, F-L&C (2005) also in SW Kazakhstan W&O 2007; migrant & winterer Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Superspecies with <i>B. rufinus</i> , some hybridisation in band across Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 238 | Rough-legged Buzzard {Roughleg} | <i>Buteo lagopus</i> | Winter visitor mostly to Kazakhstan (common Bāmiān & Band-e Amir Mts Afghanistan Argandeval 1983), but sporadically further S in CA, F-L&C (2005); winters N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |
| 239 | Lesser Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila pomarina</i> | Breeds Caucasus, N Iran (rare Scott & Adhami 2006), F-L&C (2005). Separation from Indian <i>hastata</i> noted, Vāli 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. Rare winterer Oman, IH pers comm Dec06. |
| 240 | Greater Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila clanga</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan (NW & NE W&O 2007), perhaps easternmost Kyrgyzstan, on migration CA, Azerbaijan, Iran, Afghanistan F-L&C (2005) (accidental Bāmiān & Band-e Amir Mts Argandeval 1983); rare migrant N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Widespread winter Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| PT | Steppe/Tawny/Indian Tawny Eagle PT | <i>Aquila rapax/nipalensis</i> | |
| 241 | Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> | In OSME Region, resident SW Arabia (African species) (F-L&C 2005). Has occurred Cyprus, Egypt (?), Israel. F-L&C 2001 had mapped this sp also as occurring near Iran-Pakistani coast. F-L&C (2005) omit this but indicate that the line of separation for Indian Tawny Eagle <i>A. vindhiana</i> (recent split) covers that location in Iran and also E Oman. However, F-L&C (2005) map Steppe Eagle <i>A. nipalensis</i> as occurring across the Iran location (as did F-L&C 2001). Suggest that the Iran location came from the time when these three species were regarded as conspecific. Proof below, but more ideally needed. Egypt Avib, BE (one old record, 1924, Egypt, but associated with Meinertzhagen – all Meinertzhagen records suspect unless verifiable – Garfield 2007). |
| 242 | Indian Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila (rapax) vindhiana</i> (formerly <i>A. rapax vindhiana</i>) | Sight records (D Scott, R. Porter pers obs). May breed or be rare resident Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Once bred SE Iranian Baluchestan, rare rest of province Zarudny 1911. NB1 'Zarudny' specimen in Iran may be <i>nipalensis</i> A Khaleghizadeh pers comm). NB2 Deforestation since 1960s likely deters wanderers. NB3 Rare resident near eastern Pakistan-Iran border & resident Pakistan Khyber Naoroji 2006. |
| 243 | Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan, possibly Caucasus, also rarely other CA, occurs Afghanistan (likely this sp in Argandeval 1983 as 'Steppe Eagle' rare to very rare on passage & winter Afghanistan), Iran migrant F-L&C (2005), scarce winterer Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, now (2006) rare also winter Oman PH pers comm; common migrant, doubtful breeder Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. G&G 2005 treat as 2 ssp <i>nipalensis</i> & <i>orientalis</i> . Egypt Avib, BE. NB Common winterer Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| 244 | Eastern Imperial Eagle {Asian Imperial Eagle} | <i>Aquila heliaca</i> | Breeds Caucasus, most of CA, occurs widely on migration, F-L&C (2005); former, doubtfully present breeder Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Accidental passage, winter Bāmiān & Band-e Amir Mts Afghanistan Argandeval 1983. Rare resident, commoner winterer Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, extraliminally W&C Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Spanish Imperial Eagle <i>A. adalberti</i> treated as separate. |
| 245 | Golden Eagle | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> | <i>A.c. homeyeri</i> & <i>daphanea</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Thinly widespread Caucasus, CA (Kazakh ssp <i>chryslaetos</i> & <i>canadensis</i> W&O 2007), Afghanistan, Iran, F-L&C (2005) east as far as Bhutan Naoroji 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 246 | Verreaux's Eagle | <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> | Egypt Avib, BE |
| 247 | Booted Eagle | <i>Aquila pennata</i> (formerly <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>) | Central Asia (K-M&K 2005). <i>A.p. pennata</i> & <i>fasciata</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds Caucasus, CA, Afghanistan (rare on passage Abe-Istada Afghanistan Argandeval), Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), F-L&C (2005). Egypt Avib, BE. NB Winters extensively Indian sub-continent Naoroji 2006. |
| 248 | Bonelli's Eagle | <i>Aquila fasciatus</i> (formerly <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>) | Vagrant Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan (K-M&K 2005, Ven 2002), Kazakhstan W&O 2007, breeds Afghanistan (rare on passage Dasht-e-Navar Afghanistan Argandeval 1983), Iran (resident Scott & Adhami 2006), Iraq, F-L&C (2005). Egypt Avib, BE. NB Main population Indian subcontinent Naoroji 2006. |
| | | Otididae | |
| 249 | Great Bustard | <i>Otis tarda</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan (declining Kazakhstan W&O 2007), Kyrgyzstan, W Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), Iraq (Mudhafar Salim pers comm to RP). Winters to S of Region, HBW3, incl Afghanistan R&A 2005. Rare breeder, migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 250 | Arabian Bustard | <i>Ardeotis arabs</i> | SW Yemen N just into SW Saudi Arabia Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| 251 | Houbara Bustard | <i>Chlamydotis undulata</i> | Not east of Egypt, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 252 | Macqueen's Bustard | <i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i> | Caucasus, CA, Middle East to Afghanistan (declining Iran Mansoori 2006), HBW3. Rare breeder & migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. BOU separation from <i>C. undulata</i> . <i>Ibis</i> , 144, 707-710; we note concerns of Peter Cowan (BB 2004a) re elevation and response from Martin Collinson (BB 2004b) . Egypt Avib, BE |
| 253 | Little Bustard | <i>Tetrax tetrax</i> | CA, wintering Turkey, Iran (may breed Scott & Adhami 2006), Caucasus, HBW3, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Some recovery apparent Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Rallidae | |
| 254 | Water Rail | <i>Rallus aquaticus</i> | <i>R.a. korejewi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Resident Caucasus, breeds CA, Afghanistan, Iran, HBW3, migrates to Gulf, Pakistan. Origin in Kuwait (?) Lever 2005 App B. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 255 | Corncrake {Corn Crane} | <i>Crex crex</i> | Breeds Caucasus, Iran (possibly, certainly passage Scott & Adhami 2006), W Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, possibly elsewhere in |

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| | | | CA, HBW3, migrates Africa. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 256 | White-breasted Waterhen (White-breasted Bush-hen) | <i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i> | Breeds Pakistan to SE Asia. Winters Oman, UAE (SW Iran?) Taylor & van Perlo (T&vP) 1998. Vagrant Yemen, Kirwan 1994. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 257 | Little Crake | <i>Porzana parva</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA (mostly in N; not Turkmenistan) HBW3, Afghanistan, T&vP 1998. Winters Iran (certainly passage, Scott & Adhami 2006) Gulf hinterland, S Iraq, Kuwait, E Syria, Oman. Origin Kuwait (?) Lever 2005 App B. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 258 | Baillon's Crake | <i>Porzana pusilla</i> | Breeds scattered locations CA less Turkmenistan, W Caucasus, Afghanistan, resident SW Iran, HBW3 T&vP 1998, scarce breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Winters Pakistan, India. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 259 | Spotted Crake | <i>Porzana porzana</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, HBW3, E Uzbekistan (probably across borders), uncertain (local) in rest of CA, scarce breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, migrant S Afghanistan R&A 2005, vagrant Socotra T&vP 1998. Winters India, rare UAE PH pers comm. Bred Kuwait 2001, al-Ghanem 2007. Origin Kuwait (?) of possible introductions, Lever 2005 App B. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 260 | Watercock | <i>Gallixrex cinerea</i> | Range Pakistan E to Japan, Philippines, Dickinson 2003. Vagrant to Oman Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 261 | Purple Swamphen [Purple Gallinule] | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> | Turkey-Syria coast, N, SW Iran, SE Iraq, Kuwait, T&vP 1998, <i>P.p. caspius</i> . Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, <i>P.p. seistanicus</i> . Resident Azerbaijan, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, perhaps Kazakhstan (N Caspian) occasional winter UAE PH pers comm. More widely spread than HBW3 indicates, may occur SW Afghanistan, T&vP 1998. Egypt Avib, BE? NB Some treat as <i>P.p. poliocephalus</i> or <i>P. poliocephalus</i> Grey-headed Swamphen (Sangster 1998, <i>P. porphyrio</i> occurring at OSME W margins, W&O 2007 W Kazakhstan), but here <i>poliocephalus</i> regarded as in India and points E. Validity of several ssp debated, as is name Grey-headed, which could be reasonably applied to other populations or parts thereof. |
| 262 | African Swamphen | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> | Egypt, Israel T&vP 1998, African species, reported Sep 06 Israel Dawn Balmer pers comm, UAE 2006 Jennings 2007b. |
| 263 | Allen's Gallinule | <i>Porphyro alleni</i> (= <i>Porphyrio alleni</i>) | Some retain sp in <i>Porphyrio</i> . African species T&vP 1998, vagrant Cyprus, Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 264 | Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Resident Caucasus, N Iran, Tigris-Euphrates, Afghanistan, scattered through S OSME Region. CA breeding populations winter in S of Region, HBW3, T&vP 1998. |
| 265 | Lesser Moorhen | <i>Gallinula angulata</i> | African species. Vagrant Oman 1994 (OBRC 1994), also Egypt, Haavisto & Strand 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 266 | Red-knobbed Coot (Crested Coot) | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | African species. Vagrant Oman, Gustad & Schjolberg 2002. |
| 267 | Eurasian Coot (Common Coot) | <i>Fulica atra</i> | Resident Turkey, Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, resident (Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and breeder CA, wintering Iran & round Gulf. Common passage migrant across E OSME Region SW Siberia to India (Veen <i>et al</i> 2005) (Route?). Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Gruidae | |
| 268 | Demoiselle Crane | <i>Anthropoides virgo</i> (some subsume in <i>Grus</i>) | Sometimes in <i>Grus</i> , HBW3. CA. Breeds W&N Kazakhstan W&O 2007 as <i>Grus</i> . Migrant through OSME Region, including Afghanistan R&A 2005, vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 269 | Siberian Crane (Siberian White Crane) | <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> | Sole OSME wintering grounds Iran, HBW3; migrates through Turkmenistan & Uzbekistan, Ven 2002, rare passage E Kazkhstan W&O 2007 (NB a few appear in Astrakhan Volga delta, may drift into Kazakhstan), scarce winter visitor Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Vagrant Jordan, Hamidan 2003, Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999 & elsewhere. |
| 270 | White-naped Crane | <i>Grus vipio</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005). No recent records G&G 2005, last confirmed 1913 W&O 2007. |
| 271 | Common Crane | <i>Grus grus</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan (rare, <i>lifordi</i> W&O 2007), migrant through Region (K-M&K 2005), including Afghanistan R&A 2005. Breeds SE Kazakhstan, autumn migrant Kyrgyzstan, increased wintering in Uzbekistan, Ven 2002, winters Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 272 | Hooded Crane | <i>Grus monacha</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005). No recent records G&G 2005, last confirmed 1855 W&O 2007. Vagrant breeder W to c88°E, 69°N (1970s) Rogacheva 1992. |
| | | Turnicidae | |
| 273 | Kurrichane Buttonquail (Andalusian Hemipode, or Little or Common Buttonquail) | <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i> | Possibly E Iran, HBW3. May breed Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| | | Burhinidae | |
| 274 | Eurasian Stone-curlew (Eurasian Thick-knee) | <i>Burhinus oediconemus</i> | <i>B.o. harterti</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Widespread breeder, including Kazakhstan W&O 2007, some resident in N of Gulf, HBW3, scarce breeder N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, NW & S Afghanistan, SE Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 275 | Senegal Thick-knee | <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i> | African species, vagrant Saudi Arabia, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 276 | Spotted Thick-knee (Spotted Dikkop) | <i>Burhinus capensis</i> | African species, resident SW Yemen, S Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| 277 | Great Stone-curlew (Great Stone Plover) | <i>Esacus recurvirostris</i> | SE Iran coastal region, HBW3, scarce resident Scott & Adhami 2006. RNBWS record Nov 87 at sea off Masirah. |
| | | Haematipodidae | |
| 278 | Eurasian Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> | <i>H.o. buturlini</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds Caucasus, CA (<i>longipes</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007), scarcer to E Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, scarce breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters Afghanistan (R&A 2005), on coasts to S, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Dromadidae | |
| 279 | Crab-plover (Crab Plover) | <i>Dromas ardeola</i> | Rarely more than 1km from sea, HBW3, warm OSME shorelines, E Iran coast R&A 2005 (resident and summer breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006), vagrant Turkey Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Ibidorhynchidae | |
| 280 | Ibisbill | <i>Ibidorhynca struthersii</i> | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, HBW3. Breeds high mountain streams C&E Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, SE Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, not Tadzhikistan (K-M&K 2005), possibly NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| | | Recurvirostridae | |

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| 281 | Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | Breeds Caucasus, across upper CA, also Afghanistan (R&A 2005), Iran Scott & Adhami 2006 (some resident), winters mostly amongst resident populations beyond Region to S, HBW3. Formerly Egypt Avib, BE |
| 282 | Pied Avocet (Avocet) | <i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i> | Breeds Caucasus, across N CA, also Afghanistan (R&A 2005), Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters Gulf or along E African coast, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Charadriidae | |
| 283 | Northern Lapwing | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | Breeds in N CA, wintering Iran (some breed Scott & Adhami 2006), Iraq, HBW3, Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 284 | Spur-winged Lapwing (Spur-winged Plover) | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> (formerly <i>Hoplopterus spinosus</i>) | African species, scattered populations from N Turkey SW to SW Yemen, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, winter vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 285 | Black-headed Lapwing (Black-headed Plover) | <i>Vanellus tectus</i> (formerly <i>Hoplopterus tectus</i>) | African species, once Jordan, vagrant Israel, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 286 | Red-wattled Lapwing (Red-wattled Plover) | <i>Vanellus indicus</i> (formerly <i>Hoplopterus indicus</i>) | <i>V.i. aigneri</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Resident Iran, Iraq, HBW3, summer visitor NW Iran HBW3. E Iran, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Range greater than shown in HBW3. Some winter UAE. |
| 287 | Sociable Lapwing (Sociable Plover) | <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> (formerly <i>Chettusia gregaria</i>) | Migrant Afghanistan R&A 2005. Breeds W&N Kazakhstan W&O 2007 (Flocks of 250+ 2006, rare migrant in E), migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winters scattered through southern OSME Region HBW3, 7 reported Oman Jan 07 IH pers comm, 2600+ Turkey, Syria Jan 2007 (BirdLife website). Egypt Avib, BE |
| 288 | White-tailed Lapwing (White-tailed Plover) | <i>Vanellus leucurus</i> (formerly <i>Chettusia leucura</i>) | Breeds S CA (W Kazakhstan W&O 2007, rare), winters Iran, Gulf, HBW3; migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, Breeds NW Aghanistan, E Iran winters SE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 289 | Eurasian Golden Plover {European Golden Plover} | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> | Winters S Caspian, HBW3, rare migrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 290 | Pacific Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i> | Tundra breeder NE of E Kazakhstan Rogacheva 1992, some migrate through region to Somali or Indian wintering grounds, vagrant, passage, or winter visitor to S OSME Region, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996 Egypt Avib, BE. Autumn migrant NE Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, spring & autumn Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 291 | American Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> | Vagrant Turkey, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, rare passage W Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Oman, Grieve <i>et al</i> 2005, perhaps through accompanying <i>P. fulva</i> from common breeding grounds in W Alaska? |
| 292 | Grey Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | Migrates over Region to and from warm sea-coast wintering grounds, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 293 | Common Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | S Caspian, Iran, Iraq wintering grounds, passage <i>tundrae</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Widespread passage migrant through Middle East, some oversummer, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Migrant through Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 294 | Little Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | Widespread breeder (mostly <i>curonicus</i>) in CA region, HBW3, including Afghanistan R&A 2005, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 295 | Kittlitz's Plover | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> | African species. Regular but scarce winter Israel, vagrant Cyprus, Bahrain, UAE, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 296 | Kentish Plover | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | Widespread Middle East, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Resident in S, breeds in CA, Caucasus HBW3. E Iran, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 297 | Three-banded Plover (formerly Collared Plover) | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> | Southern African vagrant to Egypt and Western Palearctic, Hoath 2000. Egypt Avib, BE. NB The name Collared Plover now allocated (IOC) to <i>C. collaris</i> of Latin America. |
| PT | Lesser Sand Plover PT | <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> | Not IOC split |
| 298 | Mongolian Sand Plover | <i>Charadrius (mongolus) mongolus</i> | Any OSME record of <i>stegmanni</i> or <i>mongolus</i> ? Documentation? Wanderers possible on coasts in E OSME Region. |
| 299 | Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Sand Plover) | <i>Charadrius (mongolus) atrifrons</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan G&G 2005, W&O 2007 (as <i>C.m pamirensis</i>), probably breeds up to 5500m SE Kazakhstan, Tadjikistan HBW3; breeds montane plateaus Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Winters sea-coasts to S, the Gulf, Red Sea, Arabia, passage birds to eastern coastlines of Africa. Breeds NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 300 | Greater Sand Plover | <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> | <i>C.l. crassirostris</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, S Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Breeds CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan, HBW3, Kazakhstan G&G 2005, Iran (scarce) Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 301 | Caspian Plover | <i>Charadrius asiaticus</i> | Scarce on passage or rare Middle East, widespread ME, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Breeds Caspian, similar latitudes to E in CA, HBW3; migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE. |
| 302 | Oriental Plover | <i>Charadrius veredus</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan (K-M&K 2005), but W&O 2007 remove from Kazakh list – 1910 skin lost. |
| 303 | Eurasian Dotterel | <i>Charadrius morinellus</i> (<i>Eudromias morinellus</i> in numerous references) | Breeds E Kazakhstan, migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, winters in N Gulf, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS record Apr 60 E Masirah. |
| | | Rostratulidae | |
| 304 | Greater Painted Snipe | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | Some Egypt; 3 widely-separate main populations, bred Israel, accidental Oman, Jordan, Afghanistan, HBW3. Resident NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Iran once, Misonne 1976, now vagrant Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Jacaniidae | |
| 305 | Pheasant-tailed Jacana | <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i> | Indian & SE Asian species; non-breeders wander, Oman, S Yemen, HBW3. Breeds Afghanistan R&A 2005. Bred Oman 1993 <i>et seq</i> , Jennings <i>in litt</i> , spread to Qatar Jennings 2007b. |
| | | Scolopacidae | |
| 306 | Eurasian Woodcock | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> | Breeds Caucasus, Kazakhstan (E&SE W&O 2007), winters Iran, Iraq, HBW3. Breeds, occasional resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 307 | Jack Snipe | <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan (rarely W&O 2007), winters from S Caspian southwards, HBW3 (last breeding 1913 Kazakhstan W&O 2007), Aghanistan R&A 2005, migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 308 | Solitary Snipe | <i>Gallinago solitaria</i> | May breed easternmost Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan, & winter E Afghanistan, but main area just E of this border, HBW3. Widespread resident Kyrgyzstan up to 5000m, Ven 2002. Winters E&SE Afghanistan R&A 2005, but wintering records from as high as 55°N Rogacheva 1992. |

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| | | | Breeds w Altai, Tien Shan Kazakhstan G&G 2005, rare resident W&O 2007. |
| 309 | Pin-tailed Snipe (Pintail Snipe) | <i>Gallinago stenura</i> | Breeds easternmost Kazakhstan (rare W&O 2007), some migrating through CA, HBW3. Vagrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 Vagrant OSME Region, several recent passage records S coast Iran, Derek Scott pers comm, Scott & Adhami 2006, also Oman (IH pers comm 2006). |
| 310 | Swinhoe's Snipe | <i>Gallinago megala</i> | Breeds NE Kazakhstan (rare W&O 2007), may migrate through E OSME Region, HBW3. Casual passage migrant Uzbekistan E Kreuzberg-Mukhina pers comm. |
| 311 | Great Snipe | <i>Gallinago media</i> | Breeds N & NW Kazakhstan, most migrate through W OSME Region, HBW3 (Scarce, possibly former breeder Kazakhstan W&O 2007. No proof breeds Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 312 | Common Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | Breeds N Kazakhstan, Afghanistan (R&A 2005), probably Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan, migrates post-breeding to moult sites en route, thence to sub-tropics, HBW3. Some winter Iran & points S in region Scott & Adhami 2006. Breeds N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 313 | Long-billed Dowitcher | <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> | Vagrant to Region, perhaps misorientation (Berthold 1999) (mainly juveniles?) from NE Palearctic breeding grounds Anabar River to Chukotka Rogacheva 1992)? Reported Oman Dec 06 IH pers comm. |
| 314 | Asian Dowitcher (Asiatic Dowitcher) | <i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i> | Breeds NE Kazakhstan, HBW3, in 2 areas straddling border with Russia Flint <i>et al</i> 1984, accidental breeder W&O 2007 rare migrant throughout. Occurrences in S OSME Region apparently vagrants misoriented (see Berthold 1999) from Sundas wintering area, but perhaps unknown wintering area around Arabian Sea? |
| 315 | Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | Breeds around latitude of S Kazakhstan (ssp <i>limosa</i> C&N), (ssp <i>melanuroides</i> vagrant W&O 2007), winters from S Caspian latitudes southwards, HBW3. Winters also SW Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Evidence mounting for future split, European <i>L. (limosa) limosa</i> , Icelandic <i>L. (limosa) islandica</i> and Siberian <i>L. (limosa) melanuroides</i> (Richard Porter pers comm), but are data adequate across breeding distributions? |
| 316 | Bar-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | Palearctic Arctic breeder, winters along warm OSME Region shores, occurs mostly on migration within Region, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 317 | Little Curlew (Little Whimbrel) | <i>Numenius minutus</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan K-M&K 2005 W&O 2007. Breeds E Palearctic, one migratory route to & from Australia, but prone to wander widely, HBW3. Westernmost breeding (rare) c100°E at c64°N Rogocheva 1992. |
| 318 | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Breeds W Russia Arctic, scattered areas to S & E, eg Volga-Zhayyq (Ural) interfluvium (Kazakhstan <i>alboaxillaris</i> W&O 2007); winters warm shores, migrant (<i>phaeopus</i>) CA, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 319 | Slender-billed Curlew | <i>Numenius tenuirostris</i> | Nearing extinction. CA breeding area unknown. Very rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Widely dispersive migration strategy, differing for males, females. Winters warm shores, HBW3 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 320 | Eurasian Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | Breeds around & N of S Kazakhstan latitude; most winter on warm shores; occurs on migration widely, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 321 | Eastern Curlew (Far Eastern Curlew) | <i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> | Vagrant from E Sino-Siberian breeding grounds, winters Sundas, Australia, HBW3, vagrant Iran, but not since 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006. Westernmost breeding c100°E at c63°N Rogocheva 1992. |
| 322 | Spotted Redshank | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | Widespread on migration to & from Arctic breeding areas; many winter Iran, Iraq, HBW3, some Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 323 | Common Redshank | <i>Tringa totanus</i> | Breeds CA, winters just S and beyond, HBW3 <i>totanus</i> & <i>ussuriensis</i> breed & on passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Isolated breeders SE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 324 | Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan, most migrate directly across Region, few stopover, winter widely along warm shores S to S Africa and Australia, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 325 | Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Similar distribution to <i>T. stagnatilis</i> , but more numerous; more stopover; larger breeding area to E & N, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 326 | Lesser Yellowlegs | <i>Tringa flavipes</i> | Vagrant Israel 1977 Shirihai 1994, Oman 1993, Turkey 2006 (Erciyas <i>et al</i> in prep) |
| 327 | Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | Breeds similar distribution (but further N) to <i>T. stagnatilis</i> , but isolated E Kyrgyzstan breeders, HBW3, Ven 2002, occasional breeder Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 328 | Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Similar to <i>T. stagnatilis</i> , HBW3, common passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 329 | Terek Sandpiper | <i>Xenus cinerea</i> | Similar to <i>T. stagnatilis</i> , (further N) but main passage through Caspian region, HBW3, Kazakhstan W&O 2007 mostly in W. Winters SE Iran coast R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Loop migration suggested from observations before & after breeding Rogacheva 1992. |
| 330 | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | IOC, BOU revert to <i>Actitis</i> . Breeds Caucasus, CA, Iran, Afghanistan, HBW3, rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 331 | Spotted Sandpiper | <i>Actitis macularia</i> | IOC, BOU revert to <i>Actitis</i> . Follow BOU for <i>macularia</i> , not IOC <i>macularia</i> . Vagrant OSME Region, HBW3. |
| 332 | Ruddy Turnstone | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | Arctic Breeder, migrant though Region to winter on most shores below 40°N in OSME Region, HBW3. |
| 333 | Great Knot | <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i> | Vagrant in most of CA, but some winter E Oman coast, HBW3, likely SE Iran coast R&A 2005, regular small numbers Derek Scott pers comm. |
| 334 | Red Knot | <i>Calidris canutus</i> | Mostly transient migrant or vagrant in OSME Region, but wanders widely, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 335 | Sanderling | <i>Calidris alba</i> | Winters warm coasts OSME Region, but passage migrant mostly in small numbers, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 336 | Red-necked Stint (Rufous-necked Stint) | <i>Calidris ruficollis</i> | Vagrant OSME Region, HBW3. Rare passage migrant Kazakhstan G&G 2005. NB westward breeding range expansion to c80°E Rogacheva 1992. |
| 337 | Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Winters warm coasts and at S inland waters of OSME Region, also quite common migrant, HBW3. Autumn migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, sometimes abundant migrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 338 | Temminck's Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | Winters on parts of warm coasts in OSME Region, but fairly common migrant, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 339 | Long-toed Stint | <i>Calidris subminuta</i> | Kazakhstan (hinted, G&G 2005) said to hold one of several disjunct breeding populations (NB W&O 2007 assign only vagrant status), but likely main migration E & not through OSME Region, HBW3, Rogacheva 1992. Autumn migrant E Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 340 | White-rumped Sandpiper | <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i> | Nearctic vagrant to Turkey, Browne 1997 Israel 1998 Richard Porter pers comm. |
| 341 | Baird's Sandpiper | <i>Calidris bairdii</i> | Nearctic vagrant (small Palearctic breeding area Chukotska Peninsula), vagrant Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| 342 | Pectoral Sandpiper | <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | E Palearctic Arctic breeder, migrates ESE, but widespread occurrence of individuals to W & SW, high vagrancy likely in OSME Region, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE. One reported Cyprus 28 Sep 06. |

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| 343 | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | <i>Calidris acuminata</i> | Despite mainly E Palearctic breeding area & Australasian wintering ground, fairly regular on migration E Kazakhstan, HBW3 (NB W&O 2007 treat as vagrant), probably from isolated population on Ob river 500km N of E Kazakhstan, Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. |
| 344 | Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | C & E Palearctic Arctic breeder, widespread southern wintering areas, expected in OSME Region anywhere on migration, HBW3; autumn migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 345 | Purple Sandpiper | <i>Calidris maritima</i> | Vagrant Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005). W&C Palearctic Arctic breeding area, but winters to W in N hemisphere, HBW3. |
| 346 | Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | Widespread Holarctic Arctic breeder, and warm coasts and ice-free inland waters in winter; common migrant in OSME Region, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 347 | Broad-billed Sandpiper | <i>Limicola falcinellus</i> | Disjunct breeding areas Palearctic Arctic, quite small population, disjunct warm coastal wintering areas, regular migrant in small numbers, HBW3. Rare autumn migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, rare but widespread migrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. |
| 348 | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> | Claimed Nearctic vagrant to Turkey, cited in Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, but here agree with doubts expressed by Kirwan <i>et al</i> 1999 of 1930 Wahby claim. However, 1 st record Oman <i>Sandgrouse</i> 29 (2) IH. Egypt Avib, BE; (1928 Meinertzhagen record – suspect unless verifiable – Garfield 2007). |
| 349 | Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Widespread Arctic, subarctic & Kazakhstan-latitude breeder; common migrant OSME Region, winters warm coastal/ice-free inland waters, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 350 | Wilson's Phalarope | <i>Steganopus tricolor</i> (formerly <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>) | Follow HBW for <i>Steganopus</i> . Nearctic vagrant Turkey, Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. 1 st report UAE Dec06 PH per comm. |
| 351 | Red-necked Phalarope | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> | Holarctic Arctic breeder, winters in Arabian Sea, migrant across OSME Region, HBW3. Migrant autumn (?) Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, sometimes abundant both seasons Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE. Flock 200+ Oman Dec 06 IH pers comm. |
| 352 | Red Phalarope (Grey Phalarope) | <i>Phalaropus fulicaria</i> | HBW says <i>fulicaria</i> correct. E Palearctic & Nearctic Arctic breeder, vagrant in OSME Region (winters SW Africa), HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Glareolidae | |
| 353 | Egyptian Plover (Crocodyle-bird) | <i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i> | Sub-Saharan African species. Formerly Egypt Avib, BE |
| 354 | Cream-coloured Courser | <i>Cursorius cursor</i> | <i>C.c. bogolubovi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Iran, Afghanistan HBW3, NW Afghanistan (resident in SE) R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 355 | Collared Pratincole | <i>Glareola pratincola</i> | Breeds wetlands CA (Kazakhstan in S&C W&O 2007), some locations Iran, Iraq. HBW3, NW Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 356 | Oriental Pratincole | <i>Glareola maldivarum</i> | Irruptive, vagrant to Region, HBW3. Recorded recently Khuzestan, Iran by WIWO team. Derek Scott pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 357 | Black-winged Pratincole | <i>Glareola nordmanni</i> | Breeds S Kazakhstan HBW3 (<i>contra</i> W&O 2007, C & N); migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Occasional breeder elsewhere, vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, wanders. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 358 | Small Pratincole (Little Pratincole) | <i>Glareola lactea</i> | E Afghanistan HBW3, R&A 2005, vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| | | Laridae | Main taxonomic authority followed is Yésou 2002. Note Malling Olsen & Larsson (MO&L) 2004 largely in alignment. For probable explanation of lack of taxonomic clarity of gull taxa, see Newton 2003 for overview; also see Kerr <i>et al</i> 2007 for results of genetic 'barcode' large-scale trial. |
| 359 | White-eyed Gull | <i>Larus leucophthalmus</i> | Red Sea endemic. MO&L 2004, vagrant Iran. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 360 | Sooty Gull | <i>Larus hemprichii</i> | Mostly Red Sea, S Arabia (Socotra), but also into Gulf and E African coast (MO&L 2004). Resident SE Iran, SW Pakistan coasts, R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 361 | Common Gull [{Mew Gull}] | <i>Larus (canus) canus</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan; mostly migrant <i>L.c. heinei</i> in OSME Region, wintering S Caspian, W Med, Georgia MO&L 2004, E Iran R&A 2005, reported E Afghanistan R&A 2005. Mew Gull = Nearctic (NW N America Howell & Dunn 2007) <i>L. brachyrhynchus</i> . PT required? Egypt Avib, BE |
| 362 | Audouin's Gull | <i>Larus audouinii</i> | Mostly confined to Mediterranean, occasionally inland in Turkey, Egypt, (MO&L 2004). Egypt Avib, BE |
| 363 | Great Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus marinus</i> | Vagrant to E Mediterranean, MO&L 2004. Reported Oman Feb 06. Iran Checklist lists as vagrant Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS record off Aspheron Peninsula, Caspian Sea Dec98 at 40:5:47.0N+50:15:15.0E |
| 364 | Kelp Gull | <i>Larus dominicanus</i> | Reported Oman 06? Await OBRC determination. |
| 365 | Glaucous Gull | <i>Larus hyperboreus</i> | Vagrant to Black & Caspian Seas, occasional E Mediterranean, N Red Sea, MO&L 2004, vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 366 | Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | Recently found E Mediterranean R Porter pers comm. Separated from <i>L. smithsonianus</i> , American Herring Gull MO&L 2004. |
| PT | East Siberian Gull, Mongolian Gull PT | <i>Larus vegae</i> | Following Yésou 2002. Rogacheva 1992 suggests breeds as far W as Anabar River mouth in Arctic, clear hybrids not being uncommon. |
| 367 | Vega Gull | <i>Larus (vegae) vegae</i> | Variable leg colour; nominate ssp of East Siberian Gull, Yésou 2002. Documentation! |
| 368 | Mongolian Gull | <i>Larus (vegae) mongolicus</i> | Variable leg colour; S ssp of East Siberian Gull (or full sp: eg Clements 2007 & Shimba 2007). Yésou 2002. Apparently occurs Kyrgyzstan (Ven 2002). Breeding range may reach E-most Kazakhstan MO&L 2004. Expected E Kazakhstan G&G 2005, but reports lacking – Documentation! W&O 2007 do not address issue: ID & taxonomic uncertainties? Once considered ssp of <i>cachinnans</i> (MO&L) |
| 369 | Yellow-legged Gull | <i>Larus michahellis</i> | Follow MO&L 2004, BOU. In Region, breeds Black Sea, E Med (sedentary), may also wander to Red Sea, MO&L 2004. |
| 370 | Armenian Gull | <i>Larus armenicus</i> | BOU; near <i>michahellis</i> , not <i>cachinnans</i> . Breeds Turkey, Iran, Armenia, winters E Med, some to Gulf (confusion with <i>L. barabensis</i> ?) MO&L 2004. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 371 | 'Lake Beysehir Gull' | <i>Larus armenicus x michahellis</i> | Small, stabilised hybrid population on islands in Lake Beysehir in Turkey, Liebers & Helbig. 1999. English name informal ©OSME. |
| 372 | Caspian Gull | <i>Larus cachinnans</i> | As per MO&L 2004, breeds widely throughout N CA, Caspian. Most winter Red Sea/Gulf/S Arabia waters with <i>L. barabensis</i> . Immatures move W. NB 'ponticus' invalid, Yésou 2002. Egypt Avib, BE. NB Those ' <i>cachinnans</i> ' ringed Lake Chany, SW Siberia & recovered E Caspian & Uzbekistan, & those recovered near Chany but ringed in SE Kazakhstan also attributed to ' <i>cachinnans</i> '; may be <i>barabensis</i> taxon: Veen <i>et al</i> 2005. |
| PT | Lesser Black-backed Gull PT | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | Egypt Avib, BE |

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| 373 | Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus intermedius</i> | Follow MO&L 2004, wanders to E Mediterranean. Retain <i>intermedius</i> as ssp (75%, not 90% rule), Yésou 2002. |
| 374 | Baltic (Lesser Black-backed) Gull | <i>Larus f. fuscus</i> | Follow MO&L 2004, Turkey, E Med, migrates to Gulf, S Arabia, Red Sea, winters E Africa. Rare vagrant Kazakh Caspian G&G 2005, W&O 2007 remove record; no skins, descriptions – one such claim from former Kazakh territory. Reported Dec 06 Oman IH pers comm, UAE Jan 07 PH pers comm. Scattered RNBWS records Red & Arabian Seas 1953-95, but up to 105 Bay of Suez 1988 |
| PT | Heuglin's Gull PT | <i>Larus heuglini</i> | NB may have been recorded under <i>L. cachinnans</i> , <i>L. armenicus</i> or ' <i>taimyrensis</i> ' in past, Yésou 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 375 | Heuglin's Gull | <i>Larus (heuglini) heuglini</i> | MO&L 2004, occurs Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan (K-M&K 2005); rare migrant N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, common migrant Kazakh Caspian & Aral Seas W&O 2007, migrates through Region; ' <i>taimyrensis</i> ' x Vega Gull <i>L. vegae</i> hybrids declining phenomenon; ' <i>taimyrensis</i> ' invalid taxon, Yésou 2002. Migrant Afghanistan R&A 2005. Link <i>L. (c.) barabensis</i> records? Winters, Gulf, Red Sea, around Arabian Sea. |
| 376 | Steppe Gull (Baraba Gull) | <i>Larus (heuglini) barabensis</i> | Likely superspecies with <i>L. heuglini</i> ? (MO&L 2004). Breeds NE Kazakhstan, winters with <i>L. cachinnans</i> on warm coasts, MO&L 2004. Taxonomy uncertain. Best treated as ssp of <i>heuglini</i> , degree of reproductive isolation unproven, Yésou 2002. NB Those ' <i>cachinnans</i> ' ringed Lake Chany, SW Siberia & recovered E Caspian & Uzbekistan, & those recovered near Chany but ringed in SE Kazakhstan also attributed to ' <i>cachinnans</i> ', may be <i>barabensis</i> taxon: Veen <i>et al</i> 2005. |
| 377 | Great Black-headed Gull (Pallas's Gull) | <i>Larus ichthyaetus</i> | Breeder mostly C & E CA, but with significant Caspian population at risk from restoration of sea-levels, MO&L 2004. Rare Kyrgyzstan resident, some winter movements, Ven 2002, scarce local breeder Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Winters coasts Myanmar W to Somalia, also inland India. Egypt Avib, BE. Ringing recoveries suggest exchange of breeders between Caspian & SW Siberia, crossing Kazakhstan, Veen <i>et al</i> 2005. |
| 378 | Brown-headed Gull | <i>Larus brunnicephalus</i> | Breeds Tadzhikistan, occurs Uzbekistan, MO&L 2004, possibly elsewhere in N OSME Region, not certainly recorded Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002; vagrant to Gulf. Winters SE Iran coast R&A 2005, more likely accidental, Derek Scott pers comm. RNBWS records Arabian Gulf (incl by WRP Bourne) at eg 25:0:0.0N+53:0:0.0E |
| 379 | Grey-hooded Gull (Grey-headed Gull) | <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i> | African species. Has occurred Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Israel, MO&L 2004. |
| 380 | Common Black-headed Gull | <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | Breeds in N OSME Region, scarce breeder Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, winters in W & S; common on migration, MO&L 2004 winters Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 381 | Slender-billed Gull | <i>Larus genei</i> | Widespread scattered breeder CA, MO&L 2004, winters on warm coasts. Resident SE Iran, SW Pakistan coasts R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 382 | Mediterranean Gull | <i>Larus melanocephalus</i> | Winters in W Mediterranean, breeds Turkey, MO&L 1994. Wanders to Kazakh (& Iranian Scott & Adhami 2006) Caspian shores G&G 2005, W&O 2007, UAE Jan 07 PH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 383 | Relict Gull | <i>Larus relictus</i> | Disjunct breeding areas Kazakhstan E of Lake Balkash, K-M&K (2005) & MO&L 2004. E Kazakhstan breeders likely part of Chinese population distribution G&G 2005 - 3 Kazakh ringing recoveries China, 1 Vietnam, 1 Bulgaria, 1 Turkey W&O 2007. |
| 384 | Franklin's Gull | <i>Larus pipixcan</i> | Nearctic vagrant, Israel, E Mediterranean, MO&L 2004. |
| 385 | Little Gull | <i>Larus minutus</i> | Breeds Kazakhstan, widespread in CA on migration & in winter, especially Caspian, MO&L 2004 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 386 | Sabine's Gull | <i>Xema sabini</i> (formerly <i>Larus sabini</i>) | Vagrant Israel, E Mediterranean, UAE, Jordan, Egypt, MO&L 2004. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 387 | Black-legged Kittiwake (Kittiwake) | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> | Rare E Mediterranean, Gulf of Aqaba, vagrant Turkey Iran Syria Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, UAE C Richardson pers comm. Vagrant Kazakh Caspian G&G 2005, record removed W&O 2007 – skin lost, no descriptions. Iran (Caspian?) Scott & Adhami 2006, extreme vagrant Issyk Kul (1932), Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE. RNBWS records: small numbers Aspheron, Caspian 97/98 at 40:5:47.0N+50:15:15.0E & 40:0:0.0N+51:4:0.0E, Jan, Feb, Apr, Nov & Dec. |
| | | 'Sternidae' | |
| 388 | Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> (formerly <i>Sterna nilotica</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826 cites Bridge <i>et al</i> 2005 <i>Mol. Phylogenet. Evol</i> 35 :459-469. Breeds throughout (mostly C) CA & in Afghanistan (R&A 2005), resident & winter visitor in S, HBW3 Egypt Avib, BE |
| 389 | Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> (formerly <i>Sterna caspia</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826. Breeds locally in much of CA (also E Iran, W Afghanistan R&A 2005), disperses widely, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 390 | Lesser Crested Tern | <i>Sterna bengalensis</i> | Rare breeder & migrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Iraq, HBW3, resident Red Sea, Gulf. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 391 | Sandwich Tern | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | N Caspian breeder, winter S Caspian, Gulf, S Arabia, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 392 | Swift Tern (Great Crested Tern) | <i>Sterna bergii</i> | Gulf, Red Sea resident, most warm shores winter, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 393 | River Tern | <i>Sterna aurantia</i> | Sight records NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Recorded recently SE Caspian by WIWO team Foekens & Schlevs 2006. One record from former USSR, N Caspian 1990? Koblik <i>et al</i> 2006. |
| 394 | Roseate Tern | <i>Sterna dougallii</i> | Mostly around E & S Oman waters in winter, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 395 | Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | Breeds extensively in N OSME Region (also Afghanistan R&A 2005), some Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, some Oman winter, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 396 | White-cheeked Tern | <i>Sterna repressa</i> | Breeds Gulf, Red Sea, resident N Somalia coast, some near Oman winter, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 397 | Arctic Tern | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> | Non-breeders, 'lost' return migrants, in OSME waters in small numbers, usually well offshore, HBW3. NB breeds on Ob N of Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. Some overland migration along rivers to Caspian? |
| 398 | Little Tern | <i>Sternula (albifrons) albifrons</i> (formerly <i>Sterna (albifrons) albifrons</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826. Widespread breeder through N OSME Region (including Afghanistan R&A 2005), less so further S, winters along warm coasts, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 399 | Saunders's Tern | <i>Sternula (albifrons) saundersi</i> (formerly <i>Sterna (albifrons)</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826. IOC. Breeds Red Sea, Socotra, Gulf, winters further S, HBW3. Breeds SE Iran, SW Pakistan coasts R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |

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| | | <i>saundersi</i>) | |
| 400 | Bridled Tern | <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i> (formerly <i>Sterna anaethetus</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826. Resident Gulf, Red Sea, probably disperses widely, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 401 | Sooty Tern | <i>Onychoprion fuscata</i> (formerly <i>Sterna fuscata</i>) | <i>Ibis</i> (2005), 147 : 821–826. Breeds S Red Sea, Aden, probably disperses widely, HBW3, occurs Afghanistan R&A 2005. Wanders Oman late autumn, IH pers comm, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006 . |
| 402 | Whiskered Tern | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> | Breeds locally in much of N OSME Region, irregular migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, Iran, Iraq, disperse widely, some remain in Gulf, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 403 | White-winged Tern (White-winged Black Tern) | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | Shares similar breeding area to <i>C. hybrida</i> (E Iran R&A 2005 <i>contra</i> Scott & Adhami 2006; passage only), but over area larger overall, almost regular migrant N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Winters Gulf or disperses further, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 404 | Black Tern | <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | Largely similar breeding area to <i>C. hybrida</i> , extending further N, but usually scarcer; post-breeding often N then W, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 405 | Brown Noddy (Common Noddy) | <i>Anous stolidus</i> | Breeds S Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Masirah, some remaining in general area year-round, HBW3. |
| 406 | Sooty Noddy (Lesser Noddy) | <i>Anous tenuirostris</i> | Wintering population around E Oman, HBW3. NB Black Noddy now <i>A. minutus</i> . |
| 407 | African Skimmer | <i>Rynchops flavirostris</i> | African species, Egypt, vagrant Yemen, Israel, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 408 | Indian Skimmer | <i>Rynchops albicollis</i> | Indian species, vagrant Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| | | Stercorariidae | |
| 409 | South Polar Skua | <i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i> (formerly <i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>) | Follow BOU re <i>Stercorarius</i> Sangster <i>et al</i> 2004 & Dudley <i>et al</i> 2006. Antarctic breeder, winters N Hemisphere oceans, wanders widely Indian Ocean; uncommon in OSME Region, HBW3. Probable 5 th Oman record Dec 06 IH pers comm. |
| 410 | Brown Skua {Subantarctic Skua} | <i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i> (formerly <i>Catharacta antarcticus</i>) | Follow BOU re <i>Stercorarius</i> Sangster <i>et al</i> 2004 & Dudley <i>et al</i> 2006, assume <i>antarcticus</i> . Breeds, winters subantarctic, wanderers likely juveniles – those in Indian Ocean probably Subantarctic Skua <i>S. lonnbergi</i> , called Brown Skua Australasia, where previously treated as <i>S. [C.] (a.) lonnbergi</i> , as in Scott & Adhami 2006, Iran. 3 RNBWS records, Aug 64 at 11:0:0.0N+53:30:0.0E (off C Guardafui), Nov 88 Jebel Ali at 25:6:0.0N+55:12:0.0E & Sep 90 (South Polar Skua <i>S. maccormicki</i> not ruled out here) in the Gulf at 25:0:0.0N+54:0:0.0E |
| 411 | Great Skua | <i>Stercorarius skua</i> (formerly <i>Catharacta skua</i>) | Vagrant to W Mediterranean, one immature ringing recovery W of Astrakhan (Wernham <i>et al</i> 2001), otherwise confined to Atlantic, HBW3. Egypt Avib, BE. Non-Mediterranean OSME records require review to comply with Sangster <i>et al</i> 2004 & Dudley <i>et al</i> 2006. See also Arkhipov & Blair 2007. |
| 412 | Pomarine Skua (Pomarine Jaeger) | <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> | Separated from <i>S. skua</i> after <i>S. skua</i> ancestor separated from other large skuas Cohen <i>et al</i> 1997. Regular migrant, some perhaps wintering in Gulf, Gulf of Oman, off S Arabian coasts, mostly Arabian Sea or wandering further. Extensive overland migration across OSME Region from High-Arctic breeding grounds (HBW3, Arkhipov & Blair 2007), however, current status vagrant Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Routes uncertain, but loop migration (Berthold 1999) likely. Egypt Avib, BE. Recorded Aral Sea Rogacheva 1992. |
| 413 | Arctic Skua {Parasitic Jaeger} | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> | As for <i>S. pomarinus</i> , but spring migrants partly from Atlantic (BWP3); immature ringing recoveries C Sudan, C Congo (Wernham <i>et al</i> 2002) implying regular overland movements. Once Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan Ven 2002, rare passage Kazakhstan W&O 2007, noted c60°N Yenisey Rogacheva 1992 (see also Arkhipov & Blair 2007). Transequatorial migrant (HBW3), but occurs any month Arabian Sea (non-breeders) (Francis Ward <i>in litt</i>). Egypt Avib, BE |
| 414 | Long-tailed Skua {Long-tailed Jaeger} | <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i> | Most pelagic of skuas (HBW3); vagrant Iran Scott & Adhami 2006, some overland migration through OSME Region occurs (Francis Ward <i>in litt</i>). Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Alcidae | |
| 415 | Razorbill | <i>Alca torda</i> | Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Pteroclididae | |
| 416 | Tibetan Sandgrouse | <i>Syrhaptes tibetanus</i> | Tadzhikistan K-M&K (2005). Internet report for Afghanistan; if so, on NE border - Documentation? |
| 417 | Pallas's Sandgrouse | <i>Syrhaptes paradoxus</i> | Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, HBW4 vagrant winter Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 418 | Pin-tailed Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles alchata</i> | <i>P.a. caudacutus</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, winters N Iran, HBW4. Resident Tadzhikistan, Afghanistan, E Iran R&A 2005, Scott & Adhami 2006. Rare migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 419 | Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles exustus</i> | Edges of Arabian peninsula, SE Iran, HBW4 SE Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 420 | Spotted Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles senegallus</i> | S Iran, S Iraq, Arabian peninsula, Levant to Egypt, HBW4, SW Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 421 | Black-bellied Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles orientalis</i> | <i>P.o. arenarius</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Resident below Caucasus-N Iran line to Gulf, breeds CA (uncommon Kazakhstan W&O 2007), HBW4, Afghanistan, E Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 422 | Crowned Sandgrouse (Coroneted Sandgrouse) | <i>Pterocles coronatus</i> | Resident Iran, S Arabian peninsula, Egypt, HBW4, SW Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 423 | Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i> | Resident SE Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), Bahrain, S Arabian peninsula, Egypt, S Jordan, S Israel, HBW4, Socotra Jennings 2007b. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Columbidae | |
| 424 | Rock Dove {Common Pigeon} | <i>Columba livia</i> | <i>C.l. livia</i> & <i>neglecta</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Widespread CA & Caucasus, Gibbs <i>et al</i> 2001, Iran, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 425 | Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia forma domestica</i> | Egypt Widespread amongst human habitation, but poorly & rarely documented – need for better reporting. |
| 426 | Hill Pigeon | <i>Columba rupestris</i> | <i>C.r. turkestanica</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Resident E CA, Gibbs <i>et al</i> 2001, HBW4, Afghanistan R&A 2005. NB Kazakhstan status uncertain – hybridisation with <i>C. livia</i> may have caused recent local extinction W&O 2007 |
| 427 | Snow Pigeon | <i>Columba leuconota</i> | Kazakhstan (vagrant W&O 2007, last noted 1956), Tadzhikistan, Kyrgyzstan (Rare resident S Ferghana, Ven 2002, not Turkmenistan (K-M&K 2005), EC & E Afghanistan R&A 2005, mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. Note rarely enters trees Bates & Lowther 1952. |

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| 428 | Speckled Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | Vagrant Yemen, Stanton 1998. |
| 429 | Stock Dove (Stock Pigeon) | <i>Columba oenas</i> | Widespread SE & NW CA & Caucasus, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001), wintering E Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 430 | Yellow-eyed Pigeon (Pale-backed Pigeon) (Eastern Stock Dove) | <i>Columba eversmanni</i> | CA, Iran, Afghanistan, HBW4, SE Turkmenistan, SE Uzbekistan, S Tadjikistan, S, C&E Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Afghanistan R&A 2005. Migrant, rare, confined to steep wooded valleys Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 |
| 431 | Common Woodpigeon (Common Wood Pigeon) | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | <i>C.p. iranica</i> & <i>casiotis</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Much of CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001), NE Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 432 | African Olive Pigeon | <i>Columba arquatrix</i> | African species. Rare and local SW Saudi Arabia & Yemen, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| 433 | European Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | <i>S.t arenicola</i> Turkestan. Widespread breeder CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001), E Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 434 | Dusky Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia lugens</i> | SW Arabia – African species, HBW4. |
| PT | Rufous Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i> | |
| 435 | Oriental Turtle Dove (Rufous Turtle Dove) | <i>Streptopelia (orientalis) orientalis</i> | May wander from westernmost distribution C Siberia, Gibbs <i>et al</i> 2001. |
| 436 | Rufous Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia (orientalis) meena</i> | Not IOC split. Eastern & S CA, Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001), Iran (vagrant Scott & Adhami 2006) & NE Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. PT aspect? Egypt Avib, BE. Occasional Oman IH pers comm |
| 437 | Eurasian Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | Turkmenistan, Tadjikistan, Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001), Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Iran R&A 2005. Introduced Bahrain, Lever 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 438 | African Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i> | SW Arabia – African species, HBW4. Egypt Avib, BE. Single RNBWS record in Region at Aden Feb 91 at 12:0:0.0N+45:0:0.0E |
| 439 | Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | SW Arabia – African species, HBW4. Single RNBWS record Oct 73 at Ras Binnah at 11:4:0.0N+53:0:0.0E |
| 440 | Red Turtle Dove (Red Collared Dove) | <i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i> | Vagrant Iran, Oman (3 rd report October 2006), Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001); possibly Afghanistan R&A 2005 (Meinertzhagen report - suspect unless verifiable – Garfield 2007). |
| 441 | Spotted Dove | <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> | E Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001); one record NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Popular cagebird, has been introduced in many countries, Lever 2005. |
| 442 | Laughing Dove (Palm Dove) | <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> | <i>S.s. ermanni</i> Turkestan. Undetermined ssp in SE Kazakhstan, S Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan & Kyrgyzstan, sporadic in N; Iran, Afghanistan, Gibbs <i>et al</i> (2001). Also some introductions, <i>eg</i> Almaty, Kazakhstan G&G 2005; ssp <i>ermanni</i> W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE. |
| 443 | Black-billed Wood Dove | <i>Turtur abyssinicus</i> | African species. Occurred Yemen, Stanton 2005. |
| 444 | Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | Largely African species, resident Arabian peninsula, mostly to W, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Origin Kuwait (?) Lever 2005 App B. Egypt Avib, BE, occasional UAE winter PH pers comm. |
| 445 | Zebra Dove | <i>Geopelia striata</i> | Reported as resident Doha Corniche (Sheraton) Qatar 11Mar 07 |
| 446 | Bruce's Green Pigeon (Yellow-bellied Pigeon) | <i>Treron waalia</i> | African species. SW Arabia, Yemen to S Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| | | Loridae | |
| 447 | Alexandrine Parakeet | <i>Psittacula eupatria</i> | SE Afghanistan, HBW4. NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Also common introduction worldwide, including UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Lever 2005, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 448 | Rose-ringed Parakeet (Ring-necked Parakeet) | <i>Psittacula krameri</i> | Introductions: Iraq until 1960s, Iran cities, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Israel (Kuwait?), Lever 2005. Probably natural Iran-S Afghanistan border, HBW4. NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. 3 RNBWS records Red Sea Feb 87, 20:0:0.0N+38:0:0.0E, Gulf Nov 89 & Oct 90, 25:0:0.0N+54:0:0.0E & 25:0:0.0N+55:0:0.0E |
| 449 | Slaty-headed Parakeet (Himalayan Parakeet) | <i>Psittacula himalayana</i> | E Afghanistan, HBW4, R&A 2005, mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. |
| | | Cuculidae | |
| 450 | Senegal Coucal | <i>Centropus senegalensis</i> | Egypt, BoA III. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 451 | White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | SW Arabia, HBW4. |
| 452 | Pied Cuckoo {Jacobin Cuckoo} | <i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i> (formerly <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>) | <i>Oxylophus</i> because of plumage and wing-shape differences, HBW4. Oman, S Arabia migration overshoots from Indian breeding areas, HBW4. Note Dec 06 report Oman IH pers comm. Breeds SE Iran, R&A 2005, but possibly only one record since 1900, Derek Scott pers comm uncertain status Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 453 | Great Spotted Cuckoo | <i>Clamator glandarius</i> | Breeds N Iraq, Levant, occasional Arabia, HBW4, scarce breeder Scott & Adhami 2006. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 454 | Asian Koel | <i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i> | Vagrant Socotra (RP pers comm) Oman, HBW4, Bahrain Jennings 2007b, breeds NE Aghanistan R&A 2005. Accidental SE Iran 1970s, Derek Scott pers comm. |
| 455 | Dideric Cuckoo (Didric Cuckoo) | <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i> | SE Oman, HBW4. Juveniles being fed by Rüppell's Weavers <i>Ploceus galbula</i> Oman, Jennings <i>in litt</i> . |
| 456 | Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | Overshoot from Africa, HBW4. |
| 457 | Grey-bellied Cuckoo [(Plaintive Cuckoo)] | <i>Cacomantis passerinus</i> | Vagrant Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. [Plaintive Cuckoo now <i>C. merulinus</i>]. Migration overshoot ex NW Pakistan? – HBW4. 1 st official record Oct 06 Oman? - Harrison pers comm, awaits OBRC. |
| 458 | Common Hawk-Cuckoo (Indian Hawk-Cuckoo) | <i>Hierococcyx varius</i> (=Cuculus varius) | Vagrant from Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. Overshoots from India? |
| 459 | Lesser Cuckoo (Indian Cuckoo) | <i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i> | Internet report for Afghanistan. Documentation? Vagrant Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan (K-M&K 2005) |
| 460 | Oriental Cuckoo (Himalayan Cuckoo) | <i>Cuculus saturatus</i> (Some authorities <i>C. optatus</i>) | Breeds extensively Kazakh SW Altai region G&G 2005; W&O 2007 treat as <i>C. optatus</i> . In N of range N of Kazakhstan, parasitizes Olive-backed Pipit <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i> & White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i> Rogacheva 1992. Possible migrant overshoot from Kashmir, HBW4. Vagrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. Likely just into NE Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. Superspecies with <i>C. horsfieldi</i> ? IOC regard as conspecific, but HBW4 do not. |

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| 461 | Horsfield's Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus horsfieldi</i> | Not IOC, but HBW4 species. Breeds N Kazakhstan, HBW4 - elsewhere vagrant or migration overshoot? See <i>C. saturatus</i> . |
| 462 | Common Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | <i>C.c. subtelephonus</i> Turkestan. Widespread breeder N OSME Region, HBW4. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Tytonidae | |
| 463 | Barn Owl | <i>Tyto alba</i> | Scattered throughout the Middle East, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996 (950+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a). S Iraq, S Iran, König <i>et al</i> (1999), |
| | | Strigidae | |
| 464 | Collared Scops Owl (Indian Scops Owl) | <i>Otus bakkamoena</i> | SE Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999). |
| 465 | Pallid Scops Owl (Striated or Bruce's Scops Owl) | <i>Otus brucei</i> | N Middle East, Afghanistan - König <i>et al</i> (1999) (3100 birds Arabia Jennings 2007a), all 'stans (K-M&K 2005) (S&E of Aral Flint <i>et al</i> 1984), resident Uzbekistan (Kreuzberg-Mukhina <i>et al</i> 2005), Iran Scott & Adhami 2006; mostly W Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 rare breeder S-C & SE Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 466 | African Scops Owl | <i>Otus senegalensis</i> | Resident SW Yemen (just into Saudi Arabia) & NE to S Oman, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. |
| 467 | Eurasian Scops Owl (European or Common Scops Owl) | <i>Otus scops</i> | In all CA countries (24000 birds Arabia Jennings 2007a), mostly away from CA desert & semi-desert centre, Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999), Egypt Avib, BE |
| 468 | 'Socotra' Scops Owl' | <i>Otus</i> sp | Description in prep- R Porter. Song as <i>O. sunia</i> , nearest population of which is in W India; DNA not done yet. König <i>et al</i> (1999) speculate ssp of <i>O. brucei</i> , <i>O. senegalensis</i> , or full sp. English name informal @ OSME. |
| 469 | Snowy Owl | <i>Bubo scandiaca</i> (formerly <i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>) | Wintering birds only in CA, König <i>et al</i> 1999. Follow BOU re <i>Bubo</i> . Vagrant NW Pakistan R&A 2005. Rare winter visitor N Kazakhstan G&G 2005, W&O 2007. Irregular winter visitor Iran S Caspian shores (Ghaemi 2006), vagrant Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| PT | Eagle Owl | <i>Bubo bubo</i> | PT – ascalaphus & interpositus reported often as <i>B. bubo</i>. Egypt BE. NB 1450+ birds Arabia Jennings 2007a. |
| 470 | Eurasian Eagle Owl {Eurasian Eagle-Owl} | <i>Bubo (bubo) bubo</i> | <i>B.b. turcomanus</i> & <i>omissus</i> Turkestan. Breeds Caucasus, CA, Iran, Afghanistan, HBW5. Rare across Kazakhstan, but 6 ssp involved (including <i>interpositus</i> , see below, but omitting <i>omissus</i> W&O 2007) G&G 2005; Kazakh ssp <i>ruthenus</i> , <i>yenisseensis</i> , <i>turcomanus</i> , <i>hemechalanus</i> rare breeders in separate habitat niches, <i>sibiricus</i> winter W&O 2007. Existence and extent of clines unknown. Apparent 'quarantine corridor' between this and <i>B. coromandus</i> from coast mid-Pakistan N to Kashmir then SE to Nepal. ??? R&A 2005. |
| 471 | 'Byzantine Eagle Owl' {Eurasian Eagle-Owl} | <i>Bubo (bubo) interpositus</i> (=B. <i>interpositus</i> ?) | König <i>et al</i> (1999) cite DNA work of Wink & Heidrich (1999) to support full species. Caucasus, Asia Minor S to Palestine, E to Iran. Common SW Kazakhstan W&O 2007. English name informal © OSME |
| 472 | Pharaoh Eagle Owl {Pharaoh Eagle-Owl} (Desert Eagle Owl) | <i>Bubo (bubo) ascalaphus</i> | Egypt N to Syria, E to Gulf, SE to Oman, HBW5. On-line report for Iraq; disagree, but see <i>B. (b.) interpositus</i> above. Documentation? Egypt Avib, BE |
| 473 | Spotted Eagle Owl {Spotted Eagle-Owl} | <i>Bubo africanus</i> | Mainly sub-equatorial African species, but populations in SW Saudi Arabia-N Yemen and Oman (4000 birds Jennings 2007a) possibly represent full species, HBW1. RNBWS record Kuria Muria Is Nov 87. |
| 474 | Brown Fish Owl | <i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i> | NW Levant, Iran (scarce Scott & Adhami 2006), ssp <i>semenowi</i> ; Iraq König <i>et al</i> (1999), on-line report for S Afghanistan. Documentation? |
| 475 | Tawny Owl | <i>Strix aluco</i> | <i>S.a. wilkenskii</i> , <i>haermsi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997; König <i>et al</i> (1999) not mapped here; cite 'Turkestan'. CA (Kazakhstan, <i>siberiae</i> vagrant <i>harmsi</i> rare resident W&O 2007), (Iran Scott & Adhami 2006) not Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999), NE Afghanistan, R&A 2005. |
| 476 | Hume's Owl (Hume's Tawny Owl) | <i>Strix butleri</i> | Patchily from S Israel to Arabian Peninsula, HBW5 (1700 birds Arabia Jennings 2007a). Perhaps Iran König <i>et al</i> (1999), but unlikely, Derek Scott pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE. Aural report S Oman Wadi A'Shuwaymiah Dec 06, 2 Khor Mughsayl Jan 07, IH pers comm. |
| 477 | Ural Owl | <i>Strix uralensis</i> | N Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005), HBW5, rare easternmost resident W&O 2007. Breeds also Altai G&G 2005. Probably also just inside NE Kazakh border Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. |
| 478 | Great Grey Owl | <i>Strix nebulosa</i> | N Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005), HBW5, rare resident easternmost Kazakhstan W&O 2007 <i>lapponica</i> . |
| 479 | Northern Hawk-Owl | <i>Surnia ulula</i> | Easternmost Kazakhstan (<i>ulula</i> rare, <i>tianschanica</i> common W&O 2007), Kyrgyzstan König <i>et al</i> (1999), perhaps Tadzhikistan, HBW5. Isolated population N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002 (Tadzhikistan?). |
| 480 | Eurasian Pygmy Owl | <i>Glaucidium passerinum</i> | N Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005), König <i>et al</i> (1999), HBW5, e-most Kazakhstan only, rare W&O 2007. Also SE Kazakhstan G&G 2005. |
| 481 | Collared Owlet | <i>Glaucidium brodiei</i> | Afghanistan not supported in König <i>et al</i> (1999), map stops conveniently just short of Afghanistan corridor to China (the 'China strip'), as does that in HBW5. However, resident NE Afghanistan in R&A 2005, mapped Grimmer <i>et al</i> 1998. |
| 482 | Little Owl | <i>Athene noctua</i> | <i>A.n. bactriana</i> & <i>orientalis</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997, these & <i>indigena</i> & <i>plumipes</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007. (5700 birds Arabia Jennings 2007a) CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999), E Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 483 | Spotted Owlet (Spotted Little Owl) | <i>Athene brama</i> | SE Iran, Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999). R&A say verification (specimen) needed, mapped Grimmer <i>et al</i> 1998.. |
| 484 | Boreal Owl (Tengmalm's Owl) | <i>Aegolius funereus</i> | Caucasus, N & SE Kazakhstan, König <i>et al</i> (1999), ssp <i>pallascens</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Possibly Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, N Afghanistan – map HBW5. Presumed resident (NE Afghanistan) R&A 2005. Widespread resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002, confirming Flint <i>et al</i> 1984. |
| 485 | Long-eared Owl | <i>Asio otus</i> | CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999) winters to S, HBW5. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 486 | Short-eared Owl | <i>Asio flammeus</i> | CA, Caucasus, Afghanistan König <i>et al</i> (1999); HBW5 has wintering not breeding CA, Iran Afghanistan. Egypt Avib, BE. Occasional Oman IH pers comm eg Dec 06. |
| | | Caprimulgidae | |
| 487 | European Nightjar (Eurasian Nightjar) | <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i> | <i>C.e. unwini</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds Caucasus, CA (ssp passage <i>europaeus</i> , breeding <i>sarudnyi</i> & rare passage <i>plumipes</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007), Iran, Afghanistan, winters E Africa, HBW5. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 488 | Egyptian Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i> | <i>C.a. arenicolor</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Breeds mid-C CA (rare S-C Kazakhstan W&O 2007), likely on migration any OSME country-Cleere & Nurney (C&N) 1998, breeds SW Afghanistan, E Iran R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. Not confirmed Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |
| 489 | Sykes's Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus mahrattensis</i> | SE Iran, SE Afghanistan-C&N 1998, HBW5, R&A 2005. |
| 490 | Nubian Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus nubicus</i> | Largely African species with populations along E Red Sea & S Arabian coast, HBW5. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 491 | Montane Nightjar (Mountain or | <i>Caprimulgus poliocephalus</i> | Probably resident SW Saudi Arabia, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. NB Ruwenzori Nightjar <i>C. ruwenzorii</i> formerly was called Montane Nightjar-C&N |

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| | Abyssinian Nightjar | | 1998. |
| 492 | Indian Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i> | Indian/SE Asian species HBW5, vagrant SE Iran, Porter <i>et al</i> 1996, may breed Scott & Adhami 2006. Reported NW Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 493 | Plain Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus inornatus</i> | African sub-Saharan species with breeding population SE Red Sea coast, winters Africa, HBW5. RNBWS record Kuria Muria Is Nov 87. |
| | | Apodidae | |
| 494 | White-throated Needletail | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> | Uzbekistan? Kazakhstan (K-M&K 2005). Map - breeding NE Kazakhstan, HBW5, perhaps Kyrgyzstan (supported by map in Shimba 2007). Possible Kazakh Altai breeder G&G 2005, map in Flint <i>et al</i> 1984 supportive, W&O 2007 treat as vagrant. |
| 495 | African Palm Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | African species with population in SW Arabia, HBW5. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 496 | Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymartus melba</i> (formerly <i>Apus melba</i>) | <i>T.m tuneti</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. CA (K-M&K 2005), Chantler & Driessens (1995), Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, HBW5. SE Uzbekistan, S Tadjikistan R&A 2005. Rare breeder S Kazakhstan G&G 2005, W&O 2007. Egypt Avib, BE. Breeds N Kyrgyzstan & W Tien Shan, Ven 2002. |
| 497 | Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | <i>A.a. pekinensis</i> Turkmenistan Bukreev 1997, this & <i>apus</i> Kazakhstan W&O 2007. Caucasus, CA, Iran, Afghanistan, HBW5. Egypt Avib BE |
| 498 | Pallid Swift | <i>Apus pallidus</i> | Breeds Middle East, S Iran, winters sub-Saharan Africa, some (resident Scott & Adhami 2006) in SE Iran, HBW5. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 499 | Forbes-Watson's Swift | <i>Apus berliozii</i> | Resident Socotra, encountered occasionally in S of Region, HBW5, reported 2006 islands near Aden Jennings 2007b.. |
| 500 | Fork-tailed Swift (Pacific Swift) | <i>Apus pacificus</i> | Breeds E Kazakhstan (SW Altai G&G 2005), rare W&O 2007, migrant easternmost OSME Region, vagrant elsewhere, HBW5. |
| 501 | Little Swift (House Swift) | <i>Apus affinis</i> | <i>A.af. gallejensis</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. African species, but resident also SW Arabia, breeds Levant, Iran, very locally CA, HBW5. Breeds E Afghanistan, SE Tadjikistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE. Vagrant Oman Oct 06 IH pers comm, also UAE PH pers comm. |
| 502 | White-rumped Swift | <i>Apus caffer</i> | Sub-Saharan African species, recorded Arabia, HBW5. |
| | | Coraciidae | |
| 503 | Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller | <i>Coracias naevius</i> | African species, vagrant Yemen, HBW6. |
| 504 | Indian Roller | <i>Coracias benghalensis</i> | Partly resident Iraq, Iran, Oman, HBW6. NE Afghanistan R&A 2005. |
| 505 | Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudatus</i> | African species, vagrant Yemen, HBW6. |
| 506 | Abyssinian Roller | <i>Coracias abyssinicus</i> | African species, resident population SW Yemen, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 507 | European Roller | <i>Coracias garrulus</i> | <i>C.g. semenowi</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997 this & <i>semenowi</i> W&O 2007. Breeds Caucasus, CA (avoiding most desert Flint <i>et al</i> 1984), Iran, Afghanistan, winters Africa, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Alcedinidae | |
| 508 | White-throated Kingfisher (White-breasted Kingfisher) | <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> | Resident W Mediterranean coasts, Iraq, Kuwait, Iran, NE Afghanistan, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 509 | Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | Resident African species, with breeding populations SW Arabia S Yemen just to Oman, HBW6. |
| 510 | Collared Kingfisher (White-collared Kingfisher) | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i> (formerly <i>Halcyon chloris</i>) | Africa to S Pacific; S Red Sea coasts, hinterland, SW Arabia, Oman, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 511 | Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo cristata</i> | African species, 2 records (resident?) Yemen, HBW6. Recorded Oman 2004, IH, in press. |
| 512 | Common Kingfisher (European Kingfisher) | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | Resident Caucasus, SE Iraq, SW & NW Iran, breeds CA, Afghanistan, winters N Red Sea, Gulf, S Iran, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 513 | Crested Kingfisher | <i>Megaceryle lugubris</i> | NE Afghanistan-AAC, IOC, Fry <i>et al</i> 1992, HBW6. |
| 514 | Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Fry <i>et al</i> 1992, resident Levant, Syria, Iraq, SW Iran, NW Afghanistan; HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Meropidae | |
| 515 | White-throated Bee-eater | <i>Merops albicollis</i> | African species with breeding population SW Arabia, HBW6. |
| 516 | Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater) | <i>Merops orientalis</i> | Resident Israel, Egypt, round Arabian coasts, C Arabia, S Iran, HBW6, perhaps Afghanistan (Meinertzhagen - suspect unless verifiable – Garfield 2007), R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 517 | Blue-cheeked Bee-eater [Madagascar Bee-eater] | <i>Merops persicus</i> (formerly subsumed in <i>M. superciliosus</i>) | Breeds E Caucasus, CA (not C & N Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984, but W & S Kazakhstan W&O 2007), Iran, Afghanistan, winters Africa, HBW6. Rare breeder N Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. NB <i>M. superciliosus</i> is now Madagascar Bee-eater. Late report: Dec 06 Oman IH pers comm. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 518 | European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA (incl NE Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984), Iran, Afghanistan, winters Africa, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Upupidae | |
| 519 | Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | Breeds Caucasus, CA (largely absent between Caspian and Aral & much of C & N Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984), Iran (some resident), Afghanistan, winters to S; resident Arabia, HBW6. Egypt Avib, BE |
| | | Bucerotidae | |
| 520 | African Grey Hornbill | <i>Tockus nasutus</i> | African species, resident population SW Arabia, HBW5. |
| | | Picidae | |
| 521 | Eurasian Wryneck | <i>Jynx torquilla</i> | Breeds W Caucasus, N-C & NE Kazakhstan, migrant through Region to India or sub-Saharan Africa, HBW7. Egypt Avib, BE. Migrant Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |
| 522 | Speckled Piculet | <i>Picumnus innominatus</i> | NE Afghanistan- Winkler <i>et al</i> (1995), HBW7. |
| 523 | Lesser Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos minor</i> | Resident Caucasus, Iraq, NW Iran, N Kazakhstan (rare resident W&O 2007), HBW7. |
| 524 | Brown-fronted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i> | NE Afghanistan, Winkler <i>et al</i> (1995), IOC, HBW7, mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. |
| 525 | Arabian Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos dora</i> | SW Arabia, E Red Sea coast, HBW7. |
| 526 | Middle Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos medius</i> | Caucasus, Iraq (?), N-C & NE Kazakhstan, N & SW Iran, HBW7 |

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| 527 | White-backed Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i> | Caucasus, NW & NE Kazakhstan (rare resident W&O 2007), HBW7. |
| 528 | Himalayan Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i> | NE Afghanistan, Winkler <i>et al</i> (1995), IOC, HBW7, mapped Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998. |
| 529 | Sind Woodpecker (Pied Woodpecker) | <i>Dendrocopos assimilis</i> | SE Iran, perhaps into Afghanistan (?), HBW7, R&A 2005, map in Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998 suggests Afghanistan possible. |
| 530 | Syrian Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i> | Caucasus, NE Iraq, W Iran, HBW7, possibly W Afghanistan R&A 2005. Egypt Avib, BE |
| 531 | White-winged Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i> | CA (SE Kazakhstan Flint <i>et al</i> 1984, scarce W&O 2007) (K-M&K 2005). <i>D.l. albipennis</i> & <i>leptorhynchus</i> Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. CA, perhaps N Iran, HBW7, but all suitable habitat in extreme NE has disappeared, Derek Scott pers comm no records since 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006. N Afghanistan, R&A 2005. Resident Kyrgyzstan, Ven 2002. |
| 532 | Great Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | Caucasus, N Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, HBW7, not S Kazakhstan W&O 2007, Iran Scott & Adhami 2006. |
| 533 | Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker | <i>Picoides tridactylus</i> | N & SE Kazakhstan (Easternmost & SE Kazakhstan only, ssp <i>tridactylus</i> & <i>tianschanicus</i> rare residents W&O 2007), Kyrgyzstan, K-M&K (2005). NB separated from Nearctic American Three-toed Woodpecker <i>P. dorsalis</i> . |
| 534 | Black Woodpecker | <i>Dryocopus martius</i> | Caucasus, N Iran, N & NE Kazakhstan (rare resident W&O 2007), HBW7. |
| 535 | Scaly-bellied Woodpecker | <i>Picus squamatus</i> | <i>P.s. flavirostris</i> SE Turkmenistan, Bukreev 1997. Afghanistan, Winkler <i>et al</i> (1995), HBW7; mapped Afghanistan Grimmett <i>et al</i> 1998; E Iran R&A 2005, but unlikely since Zarudny (1911), habitat lacking, Derek Scott pers comm, no records since 1950s Scott & Adhami 2006 . |
| 536 | European Green Woodpecker (Eurasian Green Woodpecker) | <i>Picus viridis</i> | Caucasus, NE Iraq, N Iran, HBW7. |
| 537 | Grey-faced Woodpecker {Grey-headed Woodpecker} | <i>Picus canus</i> | N Kazakhstan, HBW7, <i>canus</i> vagrant <i>jessoensis</i> rare breeder e'most Kazakhstan W&O 2007. NB Grey-headed Woodpecker is now name used for <i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i> of E Sudan to Tanzania. |

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