

This Western Palearctic (WP) bird species list is published by the Commissie Systematiek Nederlandse Avifauna / Dutch committee for avian systematics (CSNA) and contains all species recorded up to 1 January 2025 in Europe with Macaronesia, all countries bordering the Black or Mediterranean Sea, the Arabian Peninsula (sensu lato) and Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran. This area overlaps the WP region as defined by, eg, Martins & Hirschfeld (Sandgrouse 20: 108-134, 1998), Roselaar (Br Birds 99: 602-618, 2006), Rueda et al (J Biogeogr 40: 2215-2225, 2013) and Shirihaï & Svensson (2018) but there are a few small differences following from the fact that country borders are followed. Socotra and the Asian part of Kazakhstan are not included.

Species only recorded in Yemen and/or the Asir region, Saudi Arabia, are marked by \*\*; and those recorded only in Iran are marked purple.

Scientific (sub)species names (taxonomy) are in accordance with decisions by CSNA and are used by, eg, Dutch Birding and The Sound Approach. Recent changes dating from 2023-24 are highlighted in red (including some not yet officially accepted by relevant rarities committee).

Dutch and English vernacular names are taken from *Birds of the world: recommended English names* by Gill, Donsker & Rasmussen (2024).

The sequence of passerines follows Sangster et al in Ibis 152: 180-186, 2010, 158: 206-212, 2016, and that of grouse and waders Sangster et al in Ibis 154: 874-883, 2012. The order in which families of non-passerines are listed (and most taxa in these families) follows Cracraft's contribution to *The Howard and Moore complete checklist of the birds of the world* 1: Non-passerines, fourth edition, volume 1, by Dickinson & Remsen (2013).

The list does include taxa which have gone extinct in the world since 1840 (Eskimo Curlew, Slender-billed Curlew, Great Auk and Cape Verde Kite). Some subspecies are listed as well: these concern a selection of taxa which, at times, have been considered specifically distinct by various authorities. When subspecies are mentioned, the commonest European taxon is not repeated when that also happens to be the nominate (with the exception of a few confusion cases).

























































































