

PROVISIONAL CHECKLIST OF BIRDS IN EGYPT, SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT BY THE DECISIONS OF THE EGYPTIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL RARITIES COMMITTEE

Part 1. Non-passerines

Please see the Explanation of Content for the reasons that this checklist has provisional status, but the above title is largely self-explanatory. The Explanation of Content also contains the background to the taxonomic approach adopted, and to the English names used. In summary, his list does not claim to be a taxonomic authority, but it is based on the layout and organisation of the OSME Region List (ORL) compiled using two fundamental authorities, applicable worldwide; Dickinson 2003 for taxonomy and the current International Ornithological Congress on-line English names for bird species. Both references are cited in full at the head of the Reference List. It is clear from the many recent latest peer-reviewed bird research papers (both molecular and non-molecular) that intertwined subtleties revealed are not always easily translatable into clear taxonomic conclusions; the research approach now often concentrates on determining whether detected anomalies between molecular and non-molecular conclusions are real or apparent. It is likely for some related taxa that their current classification as just species or subspecies will be inadequate; there is an increasing need for an intermediate term to describe the relationships of some populations. In some cases in this list, we have made interim interpretations from the research in classifying taxa and doubtless some of these will have to be amended at some future date, but our approach emphasises the inherent indeterminacy of some populations. We believe it wrong to force such taxa into traditional ranks. The Explanation of Content briefly mentions how round or square brackets are used in scientific names, but a comprehensive summary of this and other matters is given in the Introductory Material of the ORL at www.osme.org.

Abbreviations used.

Status in Egypt: FB = former breeder; RB = resident breeder; MB = migrant breeder; CB = casual breeder; IB = introduced breeder; PV = passage visitor; AV = accidental visitor; E = extinct in Egypt as breeder; ? or (?) = uncertain or questioned status. **NB** a status abbreviation in round brackets (...) indicates irregular occurrence.

General abbreviations: OSME = Ornithological Society of the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia; IM = Istvan Moldovàn, an author of this provisional checklist. SN = Serial number. Other abbreviations are given in the Explanation of Content;

Key

- = taxon under consideration by EORC.
- = extinct breeder or historical occurrence
- = English name for subspecies unchanged from that in cell above

SN	English name	Family, Species, Taxon	Status Egypt, References, Pertinent Records, Distribution & other Notes
		STRUTHIONIDAE	
	Ostrich (Common Ostrich)	<i>Struthio camelus syriacus</i>	Extinct. Last known Egyptian record from Gebel Maghara 22 Apr 1816 (Burckhard)
	North African Red-necked Ostrich	<i>S. c. camelus</i>	FB RB? Restricted to Gebel Elba area in extreme SE. Last breeding record from 1982, 60km NE of Aswan (Goodman et al 1989). Jan 1990: 4 Wadi Allaqi (E of Lake Nasser) Baha el Din 1992, Ahmed Billal & Irina Springuel cited in Goodman & Atta 1994. Northern Africa formerly from Morocco through Algeria, Tunisia and Libya to Egypt. Also Mauretania, Sudan & Ethiopia; recorded Sudan N of Dunqunab (120km ² grid 21°N, 36°E), S of Halaib Triangle Nikolaus 1987. NB The ssp names <i>spatzii</i> & <i>rothschildi</i> are invalid.
		PHASIANIDAE	
	Chukar Partridge (Chukar)	<i>Alectoris chukar sinaica</i>	RB. 7 during walk at Gebel Musa Jan 2009 (Runne So Neergaard). Common resident St Katherine White et al 2008. Sinai & Levant to C Syria
	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara barbata</i>	RB (FB?). Nests in wadis around Salum, Sidi Barrani & Matruh. No recent records. NE Libya
	Sand Partridge	<i>Ammoperdix heyi nicolli</i>	RB. Year-round resident in wadis around Ain Sokhna. Common resident St Katherine White et al 2008. NE Egypt between Nile & Gulf of Suez
		<i>A.h. cholmleyi</i>	RB. C-E & SE Egypt & NE Sudan
		<i>A.h. heyi</i>	RB. Flock of 5, 31km N of Dahab to St.Katherine road 25 Nov 08 (IM). Sinai, Israel & Jordan through Arabia to Oman
	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix coturnix</i>	(RB), PV, WV. Common migrant Zaranik, N Sinai Salama & Grieve 1996; migrants seen even in Hurghada resort gardens; one called at sewage works in both spring and autumn. Madeira, Canary Islands, North Africa, & Europe E to C Asia and N India. NB the ssp names <i>corliscana</i> , <i>corsicana</i> , <i>orientalis</i> are invalid.
		ANATIDAE	
	Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser (fabalis) fabalis</i>	AV. Two wings in GZM collection (2038) from December 1922 at "Hod el Rami". Taiga of northern Europe to west Siberia. NB Split to Taiga Bean Goose here includes the possibly doubtful <i>johanseni</i> .
	Eastern Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser rubrirostris</i>	AV. Central and eastern Europe and Asia. Often imported inappropriately to support restoration of orange-billed western (<i>A.a. anser</i>) [populations, resulting in hybrid appearance of individual migrants.
	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons albifrons</i>	WV. Northern Russia
	Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	AV. Monotypic.
	Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	AV. 1 specimen collected 16 Apr 31 near Helevan. Specimen in the collection of Entomological Society, Cairo. Vagrant Turkey. Monotypic.
	Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	AV. A former winter visitor, represented in the famous tomb painting, the "Geese of Meydun" (Kingdom, 5th dynasty). Recorded in Israel. Monotypic.
	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	WV. Monotypic.
	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	AV. Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>islandicus</i> invalid.
	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	I (?). In Delta found in feral flocks, but uncertain if wild birds have occurred recently. Bones have been found from historical times. Widespread in Africa, native in Sudan
	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	RB. 1 at Hurghada Sewage Works 25 Mar 07 by Robert Lasecki <i>in litt</i> ; 1 at Naama Bay 01 Dec 00. At the sewage ponds NW of Naama Bay by Tommy Pedersen, Oslo, Norway. Monotypic. NB in 17th century, bred in SE Europe up to Hungary.
	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	WV. 31 Jan 00, c80 in small lake near Al Qasr, Dahla Oasis. Monotypic.
	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	PM, WV. 18 Nov 96, 3 on sandbank along Corniche Aswan; 29 Nov & 02 Dec 95, 2 Aswan; 06 Dec 07, 3 on Corniche Aswan sandbank (Dick Hoeck); 31 Jan 00, 1 in small lake near El Qasr, Dahla Oasis with c80 Common Shelduck. Monotypic.
	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera strepera</i>	PV WV
	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	PV WV. Monotypic.
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos</i>	RB, PV, WV. 18 Nov 94, 5 seen on sandbank along the Corniche, Aswan; 11 Dec 07 male seen Saluga (Dick Hoeck <i>in litt</i>); 22 Nov 95, 4 Lake Siwa, where has bred since at least 2005 at Mounib bridge, opposite Maadi (Sharif Baha El Din). Two females, one with 6 ducklings 27 May 08 on Dahab island in Cairo (Annie Sevin). Eurasia and western North America. Capable of hybridising with many (30+) Anatid species, progeny of variable fertility.
	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	PV WV. Monotypic.
	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta acuta</i>	PV, WV. NB ssp name <i>tzitzihua</i> invalid.
	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	PV WV. Abundant autumn migrant Zaranik; Sep day totals 22 000+ Salama & Grieve 1996. Monotypic.
	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca crecca</i>	PV WV. Eurasia
	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	FB, WV. 1 at Alexandria 22 May 96 and another reported from Abu Simbel on 24 Jan 97 (Miles 1999).
	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	WV. Monotypic.
	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	PV WV. Monotypic.
	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	PV, WV. 1 on 16 Mar 08 at SW Hurghada. Monotypic.
	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	PV WV. Monotypic.
	Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca fusca</i>	AV. 1 female at Suez Bay 24 Feb – 12 Mar 82 (Miles 1999)
	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	WV. Monotypic. [includes <i>schioleii</i>]
	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	(WV). 12 Jan 90, 4 at Zaranik, North Sinai, 1st record since 1953, Baha el Din 1992. Monotypic. [includes <i>orientalis</i>]
	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	Former WV. Meinertzhagen (1930). NB May return: recent huge increase in wintering numbers in Israel on waste-water reservoirs Haddad & Moyal 2007. Monotypic.
		GAVIIDAE	
	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	AV. Monotypic. NB The ssp name <i>squamata</i> is invalid
		DIOMEDEIDAE	
	Shy Albatross (White-capped Albatross)	<i>Thalassarche cauta cauta</i>	AV. Red Sea vagrant to Israel and Egypt. NB This taxon called 'Tasmanian Shy Albatross' by some.
		PROCELLARIIDAE	

Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea diomedea</i>	PV WV. Mummified adult SW of Kharga (32°51'N 28°06'E) found 13 Feb 89 (800km W of Red Sea) Goodman & Haynes 1991. Oiled bird found dead on beach of Lake Manzala 25 Mar 90 Meininger & Atta 1994. Mediterranean basin, uncommon in E. The English name Cory's Shearwater now applies only to <i>C.d. edwardsii</i> , which may have reached Egyptian E Mediterranean shores, but evidence is lacking. NB1 The ssp name <i>flaviostris</i> is indeterminate. NB2 Formerly within Cory's Shearwater.
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>	AV Red Sea. March 1989. (Mullarney <i>et al</i> 1999). Monotypic. [All other ssp names <i>eg chlororhynchus, cuneatus</i> invalid]
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	PV. Monotypic. Recorded on 3 Rockjumper tours (Richard White <i>in litt</i>).
Yelkouan Shearwater (Levantine or Mediterranean Shearwater).	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i> (Formerly in <i>P. puffinus</i>).	PV WV. 22 Mar 90, 38 found dead (not fresh) along beach of Lake Manzala; 25 Mar 90 3 more Meininger & Atta 1994. NB Formerly within Manx Shearwater. Wanders to E Mediterranean from Black Sea stronghold.
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	PM WV. Monotypic. C Mediterranean.
Persian Shearwater (Arabian Shearwater).	<i>Puffinus [herminieri] persicus</i>	AV. September 1991. (Mullarney <i>et al</i> 1999, Shirihai 1996). Arabian Sea, vagrant WP (General taxonomic revision now confines species name <i>herminieri</i> to only 3 Atlantic ssp under Audubon's Shearwater <i>sensu novo</i>). NB taxonomic history & relationships between this and numerous other related taxa extremely complex & far from complete. Formerly within Audubon's Shearwater.
HYDROBATIDAE		
Leach's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa leucorhoa</i>	AV E Mediterranean. One freshly-dead found in bird-catcher's net 25 Apr 90 on Lake Manzala beach Meininger & Atta 1994. 1 seen (4 th obs) in Zaranik, 3 Dec 1998
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus oceanicus</i>	PV Red Sea. Subantarctic islands of Atlantic and Indian Ocean
PODICIPEDIDAE		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis ruficollis</i>	RB WV. Regular breeding at Nature Reserve of The First Cataract Islands Saluga & Ghazal 14 May 08: 1 Saluga 16, 17 & 18 Sep 02: 8, 3, 9, 12 juv Saluga 02 Nov 99: 4 Saluga & Ghazal 03 Nov 99: 5 idem 29 Oct & 5 Nov 01: 1 pair with 3 chicks Saluga 19 Oct to 08 Nov 01: 1-7 daily Saluga & Ghazal (pair with chicks) 19 Nov 96: 3 Saluga 11 Dec 07: 3, of which 1 juv. Highest count 300, 16 Jan 90 Dahkla oasis Goodman & Atta 1994. North-west Africa, Europe, western Turkey, and Israel
	<i>T.r. capensis</i>	RB WV. (Un-named?) Oasis Of Western Desert. Afrotropics, Egypt, and from Caucasus area and northern Iran east to central Asia [includes <i>albipennis</i>]
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena grisegena</i>	AV. Two Beni Suef 1977 Short & Horne 1981. 04 Feb 00, 1 Saluga Island, injured & unable to fly. From Oct & Nov 99 seen until 28 Feb 01; 05 Dec 05, 5 Aswan Reservoir (Haraldsson 2006.1); 05 Dec 08, 5 Aswan Reservoir; 09 Dec 08, 1 east bank between Aswan city and the bridge; 13 Dec 07, 11 Aswan Reservoir; one overwintered at Hurghada sewage pools 2007/08 & 2008/09. Europe and north-west Asia [includes <i>balchaschensis</i>]
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus cristatus</i>	FB WV. Latest record, one Lake Qarun 15 May 09.
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis</i>	WV. One overwintered Hurghada sewage pools 2007/08 & 08/09 (IM). Total 1989/90 winter count: 4307 (3516 at Lake Qarun Meininger & Atta 1994. Recorded on 4 Rockjumper tours (Richard White <i>in litt</i>).
PHOENICOPTERIDAE		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	WV. Up to 10 000 Zaranik lagoon autumn Salama & Grieve 1996. 2 (adult & immature) at Naama Bay (Sharm el Sheikh) & 71 on 01 Dec 00 at sewage ponds NW of Naama Bay (Tommy Pedersen). 20 Nov 95, 32 at Siwa Oasis; 21 Nov 95. 19 there on 03 Sep 90 & 20 Abu Simbel (Poelmans 1990). 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07, 67 from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat to Aswan (Dick Hoeck), Sep-Oct 2003. 1 on 14 Sep 02, 20 to S 07 Oct 02, 15 to S 11 Oct 95, 23 to S 24 Oct 98, c20 to S 02 Nov 95, 12 to N 07 Nov 95, 19 to S 13 Nov 95, & 8 (incl 1 imm), on sandbank that day. 20 Nov 96, 27 to S; 02 Dec 96, 25 to S; 41 Nov 08 at Malaha Area (Gebel el Zeit) by (M. Megalli & IM). Monotypic. NB In wet winters & springs, common Cyprus at Akrotiri & Larnaca Salt Lakes.
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicaias minor</i>	AV. Monotypic. Note change of genus. First record 27 Nov 92 Lassey 1994. EORC.
PHAETHONTIDAE		
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus indicus</i>	RB. Rare breeder on the islands offshore Hurghada, Hamata and Berenice Meininger & Atta 1994. Reported breeding South of Ras Banas in Jul 09 - Lajos Nemeth. This taxon also called Arabian Red-billed Tropicbird. Red Sea to Indian Ocean.
CICONIIDAE		
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Status uncertain. Bones identified from excavation of temple (5h/6th dynasty) on Elephantine Island, mummified head from dead bird Aswan (Inst. Zool. Univ. Assiut, Aswan branch) photographed, one Mar 85 over old Aswan dam Kinzelbach 1986. 12 on 2 May 08 at Abu Simbel by Tomas Haraldsson. Monotypic. Has reached Israel, rare Arabia, vagrant Turkey. Recorded Wadi Halfa Sudan (120km ² grid 21°N, 31°E) Nikolaus 1987.
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	PV. 19 on 11 Apr 08 at Ain Sokhna (IM). 16 Jan 06, 9 Sehel Island, 21 Jan 06, 4 Saluga; 08 Feb 00, 1 Sehel Island; 15 Nov 07, 1 soaring garbage dump; 20 Nov 07, 4 Sehel Island; 01 Dec 97, 4 flying south; 04 Dec 04, 1 Sehel Island; 03 Dec 08, 1 soaring above garbage dump; 11 Dec 07, 2 Saluga & Ghazal 1 juvenile with colour ring; Sehel Island, 20 Nov 07, ringed as a pullus in Latvia, in the Jekabpils district, 56.2550N, 25.6530E 2 Jul 07 by M. Strazds and H. Hofmanis with a metal ring and a white ring with black inscriptions, 0A01. (Source: Dick Hoeck) One bird at Dahkla Oasis 2 & 3 Mar 09 Enno Ebels <i>in litt</i> . Monotypic.
Western White Stork	<i>Ciconia (ciconia) ciconia</i>	PV, WV. 1 One overwintered at Sewage works at Hurghada 2008 Jun-Jul. Over 120 000 spring migration Zait Bay Hilgerloh <i>et al</i> 2009. NB Older split was of Asian White Stork <i>C.[c.] boyciana</i> , more recent split is to Eastern White Stork <i>C.(c.) asiatica</i> .
THRESKIORNITHIDAE		
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis [aethiopicus] aethiopicus</i>	FB. Nationally extinct. Savigni (1979-1802) saw it in small numbers. Last clutch of eggs from Damiatta in 1895. Monotypic. NB Now split from Malagasy Sacred Ibis <i>T. [a.] bernieri</i> .
Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	FB. Extinct as breeder. Migrants from tiny Syrian population may pass through on return migration from Ethiopia. Monotypic.
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	PV. 2 at Hurghada sewage works 2 May 08. Common PV. Aswan: 11 Jan 06, 6 on sandbank opposite the Corniche; 12 Jan 06, 10 W bank Isis Island; 31 Jan 06, 2 near rubbish dump; 18 Nov 96, 73 Sehel Island, N of roosting site; 07 & 08 Dec 95, 15 Sehel Island; 13 Dec 07, 42 Aswan Reservoir; 30 Jan 00, 2 roosting with Cattle (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>) & Little (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>) Egrets, Mut, Dahla Oasis; 22 Nov 95, 5 at Siwa (Dick Hoeck). Generally now regarded as monotypic.
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia leucorodia</i>	PV, WV. 13 Dec 07, 67 Aswan Reservoir (Dick Hoeck). 28 in May 08 at Esna (Annie Sevin). 3 at Wadi Gamal 25 Nov 09 (IM). Eurasia. NB the ssp name <i>major</i> is invalid.
	<i>P.l. archeri</i>	RB Rare local resident breeder on coastal mangrove swamps & islands. 6 in April 07 at Abu Mingar (Hurghada archipelago) (IM). Red Sea.
ARDEIDAE		
Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris stellaris</i>	WV. Along the Nile Valley, up to Aswan 28 Mar 96., 2 at Isis island (Tom Coles 1998 pers comm). 11 Oct 95, 1 south Aswan. NB ssp <i>orientalis</i> invalid name.
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus minutus</i>	RB PV WV. Occasionally abundant migrant Zaranik Salama & Grieve 1996. Palearctic. NB1 status of taxon <i>payesii</i> uncertain - AV? Probably overlooked; Afrotropics, vagrant WP. NB2 <i>I. dubius</i> now split as Black-backed Bittern (Australia)
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax</i>	RB? PV WV. 17 Apr 97: inhabitants of Sehel Island claim species breeds every summer (August, high water-level!). In summer 2007, boy collected eggs & young chicks. In 4 huge, dense acacias overhanging water, 6 old empty nests found, probably Night Herons (D. Hoeck). 04 Nov 01, 11 (mostly juv) hiding in dense acacia, but already able to fly. We also discovered some nests there. Mr. Mahmoud Hasseb (EEAA Aswan, First Cataract Islands) found some unidentified eggshells there in summer. 2007 & 2008: 2 colonies: Bahrif island, Bahrif village, north of Aswan.
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata brevipes</i>	RB. Presumably this is the taxon breeding Red Sea coasts & islets (<i>eg</i> Hoath <i>et al</i> 1997).
	<i>B.s. atricapilla</i>	RB? PV WV. 1993: breeding in Aswan first proven. Breeding long expected. (Dijkstra, 1997) 2008: different nest sites discovered. 26 Apr 07: 4 at Nile Barrage Qanater, north of Cairo. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: Lake Nasser only 1 from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. Afrotropics, vagrant WP
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	RB PV WV. D. Hoeck: 22 May 07: 1 mixed colony >10 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Dahmeed Shark (Khor Essunta area) 23°42'36"N, 032°58'11"E. 25 May 07. 1 mixed colony 20 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Khor Koresko 23°35'30"N, 032°18'30"E. 26 May 07, 1 mixed colony 'a few' occupied nests Lake Nasser north of Subua 23°05'49"N, 032°40'57"E. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 98 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat). Monotypic.
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	AV. Jiguet 2006. EORC. NB ssp <i>ruficrista, seychellarum</i> invalid.
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus (ibis) ibis</i>	RB PV WV. Dick Hoeck, 01 May 97: at least 100 occupied nests in a park in El Minya (seen from the train). 30 Jan 00, >1940 on a roosting site with date palm trees, Mut, (behind Garden Hotel) Dahla Oasis. On the same site at least 4 nests had young, almost fledging. 22 May 07, 1 mixed colony >20 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Dahmeed Shark (Khor Essunta area) 23°42'36"N, 032°58'11"E. 25 May 07: 1 mixed colony 5 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Khor Koresko 23°35'30"N, 032°18'30"E. 26 May 07: 1 mixed colony ? occupied nests Lake Nasser north of Subua 23°05'49"N, 032°40'57"E. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07, 257 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. NB <i>B.(i.) coromandus</i> split as Eastern Cattle Egret.
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea cinerea</i>	CB PV WV. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 778 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. A common PV and WV at El Gouna sewage farm (IM). Africa (except Mauritania), Europe, and northern and south-western Asia
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	AV. Claimed from Nile (per Peter Meininger) and Red Sea. Records in Yemen, Saudi Arabia & Yemen (ORL).

	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	RB. One Aswan Mar 85 Kinzelbach 1986; 6 at Wadi Lahami 20 Mar 08 (IM Lajos Nemeth). Nest found 7 Apr 06 by Pierre André Chrochet. Two at Wadi Laham 1 Mar 09: Eric Jan Alblas <i>in litt.</i> . Recorded Wadi Halfa Sudan pre-Lake Nasser (120km ² grid 21°N, 31°E) Nikolaus 1987. Monotypic. Population in SW Arabia; drought-driven nomadism. Also breeds S Iraq, Iran (ORI).
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea purpurea</i>	PV WV RB. RB at Aswan (2007 and 2008), chicks seen by Dick Hoeck (Hoeck 2007). One at Hurgada sewage farm Nov 2008 (IM). 21-26 May 07, during survey on Lake Nasser counted c35 Purple Herons, breeding possible. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 22 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. Africa (except Cape Verde Islands & Madagascar) & Europe E to Kazakhstan.
	Western Great Egret	<i>Ardea (alba) alba</i>	PV WV. 20 Nov 95: 2 Siwa Oasis, Lake Siwa. 22 Nov 95, 4 idem 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07, zero Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. NB Eastern Great Egret now <i>A.(a). modesta</i> , but position of American Great Egret <i>A.(a) egretta</i> not finalised: may revert to <i>Casmerodius</i> genus.
	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	AV. Shirihai 1996. Insistence by some on English name 'Yellow-billed Egret' perverse, because so many egrets have yellow bills. Good but not overwhelming case for adoption of genus name <i>Mesophyx</i> .
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta garzetta</i>	RB PV WV. 22 May 07: 1 mixed colony >100 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Dahmeed Shark (Khor Essunta area) 23°42'36"N, 032°58'11"E. 25 May 07: 1 mixed colony 100 occupied nests Lake Nasser, Khor Koresko 23°35'30"N, 032°18'30"E. 26 May 07: 1 mixed colony 50 occupied nests Lake Nasser north of Subua 23°05'49"N, 032°40'57"E. 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 567 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. Information and records from Dick Hoeck.
	Indian Reef Heron	<i>Egretta (gularis) schistacea</i>	RB. Red Sea to India. NB1 Split from Western Reef Heron <i>E.(g.) gularis</i> (Shirihai & Svensson unpub <i>pro tem</i>), which taxon confined to W African coasts. NB2 Parkin & Knox 2010 note phylogeny of Little Egret <i>E. garzetta</i> & Reef Egret <i>E. gularis sensu lato</i> would benefit from molecular analysis.
	PELECANIDAE		
	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	2 at Safaga flying from sea to the mountains on 18 Jun 08 (IM). 21 May 07, 25 Lake Nasser; 24 May 07, 65 flying north Lake Nasser; 15 Nov 94, >200 Luxor south; 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 187 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. Monotypic.
	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Regularly seen Abu Simbel: 23 May 07, 3 Lake Nasser, c20 km NE of Garf Husein (GPS 23°19'48"N, 032°53'19"E) (photo); 17 Jun 90, 64 Abu Simbel area (Sherif & Mindy Baha el Din in Baha el Din 1992). Also occurs Sudan Wadi Halfa 120km ² grid square 21°N, 31°E on Egyptian border Nikolaus 1987. Monotypic.
	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Monotypic. Winter only Sohag 10 Nov 77 Short & Horne 1981.
	SULIDAE		
	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	PV WV. Along the Mediterranean coastline and Zaranik area. 1 recorded in Zaranik area 9 May 97 (12th record). Monotypic.
	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	RB. Breeding on Zabragad Island, and Hurgada Archipelago. 1 recorded off Abu Zenima 27 Dec 97, most northerly record ever in the Gulf of Suez. NB occasional English name this taxon 'Forster's Booby'.
	PHALACROCORACIDAE		
	Reed Cormorant (Long-tailed Cormorant)	<i>Microcarbo africanus africanus</i>	FB at Faiyum, Lake Manzala, Lake Quarun 21 Mar 88: 8 Lake Naser, 50 km south of Aswan (Henrik Dissing & Jasper Madsen in Sherif M. Baha El Din 1992). NB formerly placed in <i>Phalacrocorax</i> (see IOC v2.0 for taxonomic case).
	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>	AV? Shirihai 1996. Monotypic. NB formerly placed in <i>Phalacrocorax</i> (see IOC v2.0 for taxonomic case).
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>	PV, WV. Thousands gathered on Lake Nasser near Abu Simbel 25 Nov to 02 Dec 07: 1523 counted (Dick Hoeck) Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat: Europe (except coasts of Atlantic Ocean) & Asia. NB <i>subcormoranus</i> is invalid ssp name.
	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii</i>	One 20 Nov 89 on Abu Minghar-Sharif, MBD & Saleh 28 Oct 90: 2 off Salum's cliffs (Sherif & Mindy Baha El Din in Sherif M. Baha El Din 1992). Mediterranean & Black Sea. NB briefly in <i>Leucocarbo</i> genus; now reverts to <i>Phalacrocorax</i> , which genus in flux.
	ANHINGIDAE		
	African Dartler	<i>Anhinga melanogaster rufa</i>	Africa S of Sahara, southern Iraq
	PANDIONIDAE		
	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion (haliaetus) haliaetus</i>	RB along Red Sea coast & on islands. Scarce PV WV early Sep-early May. Passage birds peak late Sep-early Oct & late Mar. 21-26 May 07, 3 Lake Nasser (With EAAA Aswan crocodile survey). 25 Nov-02 Dec 07: 6 from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. 3 nestlings ringed Wadi Lahami in Mar 07 (IM). NB Split is to monotypic Eastern Osprey <i>P.(h.) cristatus</i> (Australasian). NB ssp names <i>friedmanni</i> , <i>mutuus</i> are invalid.
	ACCIPITRIDAE		
	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Scarce PV (late Aug) early Sep-late Oct, no discernible peak; common (mid-Mar) mid-Apr-late May (early Jun), peaks mid-May. Rare winter records (WV); exceptional in Egypt but 'quite common' in Israel. Monotypic.
	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis</i>	PV. One 36km N of El Gouna, on 17 Apr 08 (Jan Weinbecker & David Sturm). One (Sherif Baha El Din) near Quseir (Bir el Ambagi) 9 May 96. EORC. A dark juv at Sharm 26 Oct-4 Nov 07 (Ingo Weiss & Markus Roemhild). NB1 the ssp names <i>japonicus</i> , <i>neglectus</i> are invalid. NB2 split proposed to (migratory) Eastern Honey Buzzard <i>P.[p.] orientalis</i> (the taxon in OSME Region) & (sedentary) Crested Honey Buzzard <i>P.[p.] ptilorhynchus</i> (5 ssp, all extralimital to OSME Region).
	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus caeruleus</i>	RB. An opportunistic RB, laying almost throughout the year. Requires agricultural habitat. Records include <i>vociferus</i> . NB The English name Black-shouldered Kite now applies only to <i>E. axillaris</i> of Australia.
	Western Black Kite	<i>Milvus [migrans] migrans</i>	PV, WV. Fairly common PV mid-Aug-late Oct (early Nov), more common (late Feb) Mar-Apr (mid-Jun); no discernible peaks. More apparent WV in Upper Egypt, large flocks at Aswan, Cape Verde Islands, NW Africa, Europe & Middle East. NB1 the ssp names <i>korschun</i> , <i>ferghanensis</i> , <i>reichenowi</i> are invalid. NB2 Black-eared Kite <i>M.(m.) lineatus</i> is now known to wander widely; vagrant may occur. NB3 superspecies with Yellow-billed Kite <i>M.[m.] aegyptius</i> .
	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus [migrans] aegyptius</i>	Scarce, local RB, nesting Dec-Jun. Requires agricultural or urban habitat. Egypt & Arabia to NE Africa. NB1 see Hypothetical List for discussion of extent and diagnosability of taxon <i>parasitus</i> ('African Black Kite') in Sudan. NB2 taxon <i>arabicus</i> is subsumed in <i>aegyptius</i> .
	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus milvus</i>	Rare, irregular (PV) late Sep-early Oct; mid-Mar-mid-Apr at Suez; no discernible peaks. Canary Islands, North Africa & Europe. NB the ssp name <i>caucasicus</i> is invalid. NB High risk of reports actually being of rufous individual Western Black Kite <i>M.[m.] migrans</i> or Yellow-billed Kite <i>M.[m.] aegyptius</i> .
	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	AV. One shot at Aswan in 1946 (GZM). Monotypic.
	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	FB? (WV). Old records indicate apparently irregular (WV) Dec-Feb. Seen 28 May 54 along Suez Canal; 23 Aug-24 Oct 95 S Sinai. Only other ssp, <i>groenlandicus</i> , confined to Nearctic.
	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus aureus</i>	RB. At Wadi Gamal (Tom Coles pers comm). Eurasia. NB1 status of taxon <i>barbatus</i> uncertain; North Africa. NB2 the ssp name <i>hemechalanus</i> is invalid.
		<i>G.b. meridionalis</i>	SE Egypt at Gebel Elba
	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus percnopterus</i>	Rare RB in most Egypt except in SE corner where locally common. In numbers St Katherine only at a rubbish dump White <i>et al</i> 2008. Breeds in WGNP. PV late Aug-early Jun, peaks at Suez in early Sep-late Oct, mid-Mar to mid-Apr. A few presumably (?) WV. Recorded in four 120km ² squares along Sudan border Nikolaus 1987.
	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus fulvus</i>	FB, PV, (WV). 2 at Ain Musa (Dave Farrow) 14 Oct 08. One at Sharm El Sheikh sewage plant 27 Nov 08 (IM, Anne Hilts & Schuyler Van Dustin). Declining, scarce PV mid-Sep to mid-Nov, (late Jan) mid-Feb-mid-May; peaks at Suez late Oct. Rare WV.
	Rüppell's Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii rueppellii</i>	Irregular PV from 29 Aug to unspecified dates in Feb.
	Cinereous Vulture (Eurasian Black Vulture)	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Rare PV or WV; single juveniles visit late Oct-early Nov, late Mar-mid-Apr, primarily near Suez. Recorded 28 Mar 99. Most recent records, 2 juv in perfect condition above the sewage pools in Sharm El Sheikh 21 Nov 08 (Dick Forsman); 3 juv 27 Nov there (IM, Anne Hilts & Schuyler Van Dustin); 1 juv same location late Jan 09. (Francesco Germi <i>in litt</i>). Monotypic: ssp names <i>chincoi</i> , <i>danieli</i> invalid.
	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus nubicus</i>	Rare, local RB in E Desert. Two seen flying near road kill 5km N of Berendice & another 8-10 at Al Shalatein 28 Feb 09 (Eric Jan Alblas <i>in litt</i>). Two other ssp: <i>negevensis</i> occurs Israel, <i>tracheliotus</i> SW Morocco. NB IOC v2.3 reverts to <i>Torgos</i> from <i>Aegypius</i> .
		<i>A.t. negevensis</i>	AV, (FB?). Sharm el Sheik late 1990s (PA Lassey), possibly an old bird or an escape from the captive breeding population?
	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	CB. Fairly common PV (mid-Aug) early Sep-early (late) Nov, peaks late Sep-mid-Oct; occurs late Feb-mid-May, but no discernible peak. Occasional WV and SV. The ssp name <i>heptneri</i> is invalid.
	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	CB? Rare, local RB. Pair nested Gebel Elba (NP & IBA) area 1984-85; 1 st -year male at Abu Simbel airport, Lake Nasser 23 Dec 85; 1 st -year bird at Sharm el Sheikh, S Sinai 15 Dec 88; four 1 st -year birds between 1982-89 across Egypt/Israel border at Eilat; 18 Jun 88, 1 juv Ras Mohamed (Arie Ouwerkerk in Sherif M. Baha El Din 1992). Monotypic.
	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus harterti</i>	PV (CB?). Numerous sightings in suitable habitat throughout the year but breeding unconfirmed. MB? Scarce PV, WV late Aug-late May (early Jun); peak noted mid-Mar-mid-Apr. North Africa
		<i>C.a. aeruginosus</i>	PV. Europe E to C Asia
	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Rare PV, WV late Sep-mid-Apr; small numbers passing through Sinai & Red Sea Mts and coastal plain. No discernible peaks. NB Monotypic if considered separate from Northern Harrier <i>C. hudsonicus</i> of N America.
	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Scarce PV, WV (early) mid-Sep-early May; peaks late Mar & late Apr. Migrates through Libyan desert. One seen (Lajos Németh) at Karkur Tahl, 'Uweinat (22°02'N, 25°08'E), on 20 Mar 02. Monotypic

Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Rare PV late Aug-late Oct (late Nov), mid-Mar-late Apr (mid-May); peaks variable. Occasional WV. NB During WGNP 3-10 Sep 04 survey, some 12 'ringtails' (♀ or juv or perhaps Hen Harrier <i>C. cyaneus</i>) and 1 male <i>Circus</i> sp also observed. Monotypic
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i> (ssp niger?)	AV only S of Aswan. Previously thought to pass N from Sudan when the Nile flooded. No recent (post-1933) sightings. See Rejected Taxa in Part C for status of the two specimens M00206, M00207 in the Clot-Bey collection (Grenoble Museum, France). Distribution: N Nigeria to S Yemen, <i>aequatorialis</i> C Africa, <i>gabar</i> southern Africa.
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	Fairly common PV, scarce autumn Suez 1981 Bijlsma 1983, almost exclusively to E Desert and Sinai, mid-Sep-early (late) Nov; (mid-Mar) mid-Apr-mid-May; over 7500 Zait Bay mostly 26 Apr 07 Hilgerloh <i>et al</i> 2009, peaks variable. Monotypic.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus nisus</i>	Fairly common PV Egypt-wide; scarce WV late Sep-mid-May; peaks variable. Majority are <i>A.n. nisus</i> . Europe, West Siberia & the Middle East. NB1 status of taxon <i>punicus</i> uncertain; NW Africa. NB2 status of taxon <i>nisosimilis</i> uncertain: of 70+ birds ringed during 2008 return migration at Hurgada, none were <i>nisosimilis</i> , and so occurrence in Egypt unproven; C & E Siberia, migrant WP. NB3 The ssp names <i>hibernicus</i> , <i>optimi</i> , <i>peregrinoides</i> , <i>salamancae</i> , <i>pallens</i> are invalid.
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis gentilis</i>	Rare WV mid-Sep-early May N Egypt. One 18 Sep 81 Bay of Suez Bijlsma 1983; most records early Mar-late Apr. Much of WP including North Africa. The ssp name <i>moscoviae</i> is invalid, but records may include <i>marginatus</i> .
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo buteo</i>	AV? 1 record at Wadi Quseib, Suez Governate 28 Sep 62. Mainland of W, C & S Europe, W Turkey N to S Fennoscandia.
Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo b. vulpinus</i>	Fairly common PV early Sep-mid-Nov; common mid-Feb-mid-(late) May, peaks late Feb-mid-May, mainly in E Desert and Sinai. Commonest spring raptor migrant Gebel el Zeit Grieve 1996, over 25 500 spring 2007 Hilgerloh <i>et al</i> 2009. Uncommon WV and SV. NB The taxon <i>menetriesi</i> is closely related, but apparent intermediates (also with other <i>Buteo</i> ssp) evident but not quantified.
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>	CB. <i>B.r. cirtensis</i> , scarce PV, WV mid-Sep-mid-May, peaks mid-Sep-early Nov. One in 1999 at Sharm & adult pair in suitable breeding habitat Oct 2008 (near Wadi Feiran) (Andrea Corso <i>in litt</i>) One at Dakhla Oasis 2 & 3 Mar 09 (Enno B Ebels <i>in litt</i>). North Africa. NB superspecies with extralimital Himalayan Buzzard <i>B.fr. hemilasius</i> .
	<i>B.r. rufinus</i>	Majority of PV are <i>B.r. rufinus</i> ; passage most noticeable in E Desert and Sinai. Breeds in WGNP. Eurasia
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Fairly common PV early Sep-late Nov, peaks late Sep-mid-Oct; (late Jan) late Feb-mid-May, peaks late Feb-early Mar (late Mar). A rare (WV). c20 000 counted at least 25 000 estimated Suez autumn 1981 Bijlsma 1983. Monotypic if separation of Indian Spotted Eagle <i>A. hastata</i> considered.
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Rare PV WV mid-Sep-early May; no discernible peaks, but one of the commonest WV <i>Aquila</i> in Egypt. Monotypic. c100 Suez Sep-Nov 1981 Bijlsma 1983.
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax belisarius</i>	Apparently AV, 1 verifiable specimen taken Giza 20 Jan 24. 3 dark & 2 light birds considered this species 1976-79 Short & Horne 1981. Other published records suspect as likely misidentified Steppe Eagle <i>A. nipalensis</i> . One recorded (Andrea Corso) at SSH sewage ponds October 08. Photo not yet submitted. The ssp name <i>raptor</i> is invalid. NB reversionary split to extralimital Indian Tawny Eagle <i>A. vindhiana</i> .
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis orientalis</i>	Fairly common PV early Sep-late Nov, peaks mid-Oct-early Nov; (late Jan) early Feb-mid-May, peaks late Mar-mid-Apr. Rare (WV) (SV). c100 000 Suez Sep-Nov 1981 Bijlsma 1983, only 1747 spring 2007 Hilgerloh <i>et al</i> 2009.
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	PV. 556 Suez Sep-Nov 1981 Bijlsma 1983. 1 at Ain Sokhna 27 April 08 (Tomas Haraldsson). One 1st year & 1 adult at Sharm el Sheikh sewage pools 27 Nov 08, (IM, Anne Hills & Schuyler Van Dustin). 2 at Ash Shellal area, SE Aswan 12 Jan 08 (T. Haraldsson). Monotypic. The ssp name <i>ricketti</i> is invalid.
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos homeyeri</i>	Rare RB NE Sinai, occasional elsewhere Egypt. 5 (none adult) Suez autumn 1981 Bijlsma 1983. Wintering status unclear (WV). Most recent sightings Egypt: 9 Nov 00 (Sherif M. Baha El Din) & 10 Sep 04 (Tom Coles pers comm). Pair at Abu Simbel 19 April 02 (Chris Cameron & Julie Dawson) (OSME report). North Africa, S Europe, from Middle East to the Caucasus, Iran & S Transcaspa
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Rare RB presumably Sinai and SE Egypt. Rarely seen outside breeding areas. First observed in WGNP 28 Oct 03, suspected breeding. Highly depends on common hyrax <i>Procarvia capensis</i> . Monotypic.
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	Scarce PV (early) mid-Sep-mid-Nov (early Dec), peaks at Suez mid- to late Sep; mid-Mar-early Jun, peaks at Suez mid-Apr. Rare (WV). Monotypic. The ssp names <i>harterti</i> , <i>milvodes</i> invalid. NB Genus changed from <i>Hieraetus</i> , species name change (case ending agreement).
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus fasciatus</i>	Rare, local RB in SE Sinai & SE Eastern Desert. A few (including pair) seen St Katherine White <i>et al</i> 2008. Rare PV WV early Sep-late Apr. 1 st breeding record in WGNP spring 2003. At Giza pyramids (Uffe Sorensen Feb & in May). 26 Jul 07, 1 at Uena -Safaga road (Evans Lee Grant). An adult at Sharm el Sheikh sewage pools 27 Nov 08 (IM, Anne & Schuyler Hills). One at Giza Pyramids (Tomas Haraldsson) 10 Jan 08 & one between Aswan and Edfu 13 Jan 08. NB Genus change from <i>Hieraetus</i> , but species name unchanged (case ending agreement inapplicable due to origin of <i>fasciatus</i>).
	FALCONIDAE	
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	CB in N Egypt. Scarce autumn PV, early Sep-mid-Oct (mid-Nov); fairly common spring PV, (early Feb) early Mar-late Apr (mid-May), often in small flocks; no discernible peaks. Occasional (WV). Monotypic. 6 birds 1976-79 Jan/Feb Short & Horne 1981. NB ssp names <i>pekinensis</i> , <i>sarmaticus</i> are invalid.
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus tinnunculus</i>	PV, WV. Resident population supplemented by this taxon, as PV, WV (early) mid-Sep-mid-May (early Jun). No discernible peaks. NW Africa & Europe E to C Asia. NB The ssp <i>perpallidus</i> (priority over <i>stegmanni</i>) may reach Egypt in vagrancy; the ssp names <i>doerriesi</i> , <i>ultratinnunculus</i> are invalid.
	<i>F.t. rupicolaeformis</i>	RB. This taxon fairly common RB in agricultural and urban habitats as well as coastal hotel grounds. Fewer than expected resident St Katherine White <i>et al</i> 2008. Egypt & Arabia to N Sudan. NB the ssp name <i>buryi</i> is invalid.
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Scarce PV (early) late Aug-early (late) Nov, peaks in mid-Sep-early Nov. Rare PV mid-Mar-early Jun, peaks mid-May. One winter record (WV), a few summer records (SV). Known to cross the N Red Sea. Passage, singles or flocks. Notoriously elusive during migration, due to broad front, very high altitude and nocturnal migration. However, in Israel after rains, long stopovers in cultivated areas with trees, max 2246 (4 Oct 84); such behaviour presumably affects nocturnal migration across Med. Monotypic.
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	PV. 1 light morph at Giza (Alex.road) by Sharif Baha 29 Apr 08 (16:00), 1 juv at Ain Sokhna 29 May 04 by (Tom Coles pers comm). Monotypic. NB Now known migration Oct-Nov from W & C Mediterranean mostly to Madagascar (juveniles 2 weeks after fledging) & mostly directly across Sahara Gschweg <i>et al</i> 2008, not via Suez (Israel) & Red Sea <i>contra</i> F.-L&C 2001; any in Egypt at this time likely Greek, Turkish or Cyprus birds.
Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>	Scarce, locally common MB in rocky desert areas throughout Egypt & Red Sea islands, mid-Apr-late Nov; a few midwinter records (WV). Red Sea breeding generally commences early Aug, most nestlings fledge by mid-Nov. Probably MB, breeding interior mountains, 2 sites noted 10 Sep 04. 3 pairs found breeding in Gifl Kebir Sep 03 (Lajos Nemeth & Claire Spottiswoode). Monotypic. NB Winters Madagascar, SE Africa.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius aesalon</i>	A rare WV, mainly N Egypt, (late Sep) mid-Oct-mid-(late) Apr. Majority are certainly this taxon. Europe and western Asia. On 4 trips, 2-5 per trip, as far S as Aswan Short & Horne 1981. NB ssp names <i>regulus</i> , <i>alaunicus</i> are invalid.
	<i>F.c. insignis</i>	WV. East Asia, vagrant south-east WP, some populations winter NE Africa.
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo subbuteo</i>	Apparently rare MB in NE Sinai. Scarce PV throughout Egypt early Sep-early (late) Nov, peaks mid-Sep-mid-Oct; (early Feb) early Apr-mid-May. Rare (WV) and (SV). 17 Sep 02: 1 south over Saluga, 19-09-2002: 1 south over Saluga (Dick Hoock). NB ssp <i>jurgutha</i> long considered valid, but now, like <i>centralasiae</i> , <i>jakutensis</i> , <i>ussuriensis</i> , not so. Only other ssp is <i>streichi</i> of Burma, N Indochina and S China.
Lanner Falcon	<i>F.b. feldeggii</i>	PV, WV. Resident population supplemented by WV, a few of are this taxon. Italy, Balkans, Greece & Turkey. NB2 status of taxon <i>erlangeri</i> uncertain: NW Africa. NB3 ssp name <i>orlandoi</i> invalid.
	<i>F.b. tanypterus</i>	Scarce RB whose breeding records 23 Feb-22 May, in desert areas and along cultivation throughout Egypt. Breeds WGNP. Libya, Egypt, & southern Middle East
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco (cherrug) cherrug</i>	Rare PV, WV (?) in Egypt, late Sep-late Apr. Most Red Sea coast records Oct, Nov & Mar; likely PV. 1 seen between Bir Terfawi & 'Uweinat by Prince Kemal el Din's 1925 expedition. 30 Aug 98, 1 Aswan (Tom Coles 1998 pers comm); 8 Dec 04, 1 Crocodile Island, Luxor (Mans Grundsten & Matti Eriksson); 17 May 07, 1 at Hurgada (14:45, IM), circling above Travel Ways building. Hungarian tagged birds often trapped Egypt & Libya by illegal falconers (Matyas Prommer <i>in litt</i>). E-C & SE Europe, E to steppes of C Asia. NB1 status of 'Eastern Saker Falcon', taxon <i>milvipes</i> uncertain - PV? WV? Unconfirmed Egypt; occurs W to Turkey, SE Siberia to C China, wintering S to Iran & C-E Afghanistan, C-W Pakistan, E to E China. Breeds NW Afghanistan (Pamirs Argandeval 1983), E Kazakhstan (Wassink & Oreel 2007, Rasmussen & Anderton 2005). NB2 separability <i>cherrug</i> & <i>milvipes</i> complex; gradual cline of plumage change from brown (W) to barred russet-brown & grey (E), highly variable populations in between & variable individuals within Wassink & Oreel 2007. NB3 ssp names <i>aralocas</i>
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus brookei</i>	PV, WV. Pair 28 May 04 Ain Sokhna by (Tom Coles pers comm). Mediterranean basin E to Turkey, Caucasus & Crimea. NB1 status of taxon <i>calidus</i> uncertain; tundras of N Eurasia, E to River Lena. NB2 ssp names <i>caeruleiceps</i> , <i>leucogenys</i> , <i>caucasicus</i> invalid.
	<i>F.p. peregrinus</i>	Rare PV, WV throughout Egypt, mid-Sep-late Apr. No discernible migration peaks. Specimens of both <i>peregrinus</i> and <i>calidus</i> taken, but majority of intermediate size & plumage coloration. Europe and W Asia (except tundras in N & Mediterranean region). NB ssp names <i>brevirostris</i> , <i>germanicus</i> , <i>niphaeus</i> invalid.

	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco (peregrinus) pelegrinoides</i>	Scarce local RB; breeding records 27 Mar-19 Apr. Presumed (PV?) migrant over Suez 3 Nov 81. 'Possible breeding' noted NE, SW and S of WGNP. Regularly observed between Hurgada S to Egypt-Sudan border. North Africa & Middle East, E to Iran. NB1 ssp names <i>arabicus</i> , <i>punicus</i> invalid. NB2 Taxonomy of large falcons of C Asia complex and poorly understood partly to incomplete knowledge of taxa distributions; assigning taxa to species therefore uncertain: eg <i>cherrug/rusticolus</i> , <i>peregrinus/pelegrinoides/babylonicus/peregrinator</i> .
		OTIDIDAE	
	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda tarda</i>	AV. 19 Mar 92 Salaheya (30°30'32"07"E), adult female shot 120km E of Cairo (Atta 1992). NB ssp name <i>korejewi</i> invalid.
	Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>	FB (RB?). Western Desert between Marsa Matruh & Salum. NE Egypt to Nile. NB Only other ssp <i>fuertaventurae</i> E Canary Islands may be full species.
	Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueeni</i>	FB. Formerly common breeding resident Sinai & Eastern Desert. Last record in Wadi Quena 1 male shot 18 Oct 86. Extirpated. Monotypic. NE Egypt, Arabia & Middle East E to Mongolia
	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	(WV). Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>orientalis</i> invalid.
		RALLIDAE	
	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus aquaticus</i>	RB, PV, WV. North Africa & Europe E to SW Siberia & Middle East
	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	PV. Monotypic.
	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>	CB? PV, WV. Monotypic. The ssp name <i>illustris</i> is invalid.
	Baillon's Crane	<i>Porzana pusilla intermedia</i>	RB, PV, WV. North Africa, C&S Europe, E to Romania & Bulgaria
	Spotted Crane	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	PV, WV. 1 ringed Hurgada spring 2007. Monotypic.
	African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	RB. Egypt, Afrotropics & Madagascar. Recorded 1978-1981 S scattered locations as far as El Balyana on Nile Short & Horne 1981. NB This species, not long separated from Purple Swamphen <i>P. porphyrio</i> , may well be confused with it; <i>porphyrio</i> now known to be locally abundant Syria (Murdoch & Betton 2008); has occurred Saudi Arabia, 2 modern records Israel; wanderers overlap geographically eg Oman.
	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus chloropus</i>	RB, PV, WV. All around Egypt where sweet water and reed exist. NB ssp names <i>correiana</i> , <i>lucida</i> , <i>turkestanica</i> , <i>vestigialis</i> , <i>georgica</i> are invalid.
	Lesser Moorhen	<i>Gallinula angulata</i>	AV. One adult female 20km North of Abu Simbel on 6 May 97 (Haavisto & Strand 2000). EORC. Vagrant Oman. Monotypic.
	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra atra</i>	RB, WV. 20 Nov 95: 18 Siwa, Lake Siwa. Present at Hurgada ponds year-round, resident populations reinforced by wintering birds. NB ssp names <i>japonica</i> , <i>turkestanica</i> invalid.
		GRUIDAE	
	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>	PV? 2 at Hurgada Mar 04 (IM), 2 at Abu Ramad 1 Apr 08 (Sherif Baha el-Din). Monotypic. NB Some place in <i>Grus</i> .
	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus grus</i>	PV, (WV). 24 Nov 95: 10 in Western Desert, c 40 km E of Siwa, beside road to Baharya. Common autumn migrant, from Sep to late Nov. One flock seen above South Sinai mountains (St.Katherine-Dahab road) flying south, 24 Nov 08 (IM). Europe E to Urals. NB recently-discovered new migrant ssp <i>archibaldi</i> in Trans-Caucasus Ilyashenko 2008.
		BURHINIDAE	
	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus saharae</i>	Adult female <i>saharae</i> shot 21 May 1910 (GZM 5381) & 2 eggs taken from nest (Nicoll 1912). Newly hatched chick (BMNH 1965 M3752) collected 15 Apr 23 (Meinertzhagen 1930). Moreau (1927) at Kharga oasis 7-9 & 14-16 Apr 25 when he found nesting pair. North Africa, Mediterranean islands (Sardinia & Sicily, affinities uncertain), Greece, Cyprus & Levant N to W, C & S Turkey & E to Iraq. NB1 ssp names <i>astutus</i> , <i>jordansi</i> , <i>theresae</i> invalid. NB2 Extralimital split to <i>B. indicus</i> Indian Stone Curlew (Rasmussen & Anderton 2005).
		<i>B.o. oedicnemus</i>	PV, WV. One Hurgada sewage works Dec 2007 (at night). Europe (except Mediterranean islands & Greece), Caucasus, Transcaucasia, NE Turkey & NW Iran
	Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	RB. Fairly commonly encountered along Nile, even to Cairo 1976-79 Short & Horne 1981. Breeding Zamalek rooftops 1986-8 Evans & Dijkstra 1993. Vagrant Saudi Arabia Porter <i>et al</i> 1996. NB ssp name <i>inornatus</i> invalid.
		HAEMATOPODIDAE	
	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus ostralegus</i>	PV, WV. W & N Europe. NB ssp names <i>malacophagus</i> , <i>occidentalis</i> invalid.
		<i>H.o. longipes</i>	PV, WV? One specimen collected Halaib (GZM). SE&E Europe, SW Siberia & northernmost Kazakhstan. NB ssp name <i>borysthenticus</i> invalid.
		DROMADIDAE	
	Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	RB, PV, WV. Reported breeding (Tom Coles pers comm) on islands around Wadi Gamal. 05 Sep 90: 8 (incl 2 imm) 20km N of Berenice (Poelmans 1990). Monotypic
		RECURVIROSTRIDAE	
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus himantopus</i>	RB, PV, WV. 2 SW Hurgada 2 May 08. Breeding proved (photos) (Basma Sheeta) at Damieta Jun 08.10 Jul 90, c10 pairs 4 km E of Great Bitter Lake (Sherif Baha El Din & Ahmed Riad in Sherif M. Baha El Din 1992). 29 Jun 91, 30 pairs there (chicks & nests). 28 Jun 91, over 70 pairs at Tenth of Ramadan sewage pools (location given Goodman & Meininger 1989). NB ssp names <i>ceylonensis</i> , <i>meridionalis</i> invalid, although <i>Himantopus</i> genus far from settled.
	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	FB, PV, WV. Monotypic.
		CHARADRIIDAE	
	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	PV, WV. 1 at SSH sewage works 24 Nov 08 (IM, Schuyler & Anne Hills). Monotypic.
	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	RB. Monotypic. Formerly in <i>Hoplopterus</i> .
	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	PV, (WV). One Faiyum 15 Nov 77 Short & Horne 1981. One Dakhla Oasis 1994 (Ahmed Riad). 1 El Gouna 14 Mar 08 (Stefan Magnusson & Olof Joensson; photo submitted). One Dakhla Oasis 22 Mar 93 (Miles 1999). Apparently regular winter population Syria (Murdoch & Betton 2008). W&C Kazakh populations migrate through Volga-Ural region to Turkey & Syria (Wassink & Oreel 2008, Sheldon <i>et al</i> 2006). Sudan records mostly from wooded grassland just S of Arid Zone Nikolaus 1987. Monotypic. Formerly in <i>Chettusia</i> . NB Critically endangered species.
	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	PV, WV. 25 Jan 01 & 07 Feb 00, 2 West Aswan (Dick Hoecq). 28 Oct 01, 1 West Aswan; 03 Nov 01, 2 West-Aswan; 24 Nov 07, 2 West Aswan (IM). IM has observed their migration on Red Sea coast, S of Quseir autumn 2007. 7 at Dakhla Oasis 2-3 Mar 09 (Enno Ebels <i>in litt</i>), first sighting for western desert. Formerly in <i>Chettusia</i> . Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>aralensis</i> invalid.
	Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	PV, WV. Visiting ssp most probably <i>altifrons</i> (Dickinson 2003). NB species name <i>oreophilus</i> invalid.
	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	AV. Petersen & Sorensen 1981a. Two (Uffe Sorensen pers comm) in summer plumage at Ras Sukhair, autumn 2008. Single birds observed 18 & 21 Aug 90 & a full-summer bird 25 Sep 90 at Lake Quarun (Miles 1999). Monotypic. NB Occurrences of American Golden Plover <i>P. dominica</i> in Middle East may be from sympatric breeding population in W Alaska.
	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	PV, WV. Visiting ssp most probably <i>squatarola</i> ; <i>tomkoviichi</i> (breeds only Wrangel Island) & <i>cynosurae</i> (breeds only N Canada) unlikely. NB ssp name <i>hypomelus</i> invalid.
	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula</i>	PV, WV. NE Canada, Greenland & W Europe N to S Scandinavia & Baltic coasts. NB ssp <i>tundrae</i> probably also occurs, <i>psammodroma</i> unlikely, but ssp names <i>harrisoni</i> , <i>psammodroma</i> , <i>septentrionalis</i> invalid.
	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>	(MB), PV, WV.
	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	RB. Breeds Abu Simbel Wadi Natron, also locally Nile Delta. 5 seen Abu Simbel (garbage dump) Feb 2008 (IM & MA Kelemen). Dick Hoecq 2004, 1 West Aswan. 22 Jan 06, 3 just N of Aswan along Nile (T. Haraldsson 2006). 29 Jan 06, 1 West Aswan; 05 Apr 06, 2 West Aswan; 11 Dec 08, 3 on island near Chor Ramlah, Lake Nasser; also in adjacent Sudan Nikolaus 1987. Monotypic. NB ssp names <i>allenbyi</i> , <i>tephricolor</i> invalid.
	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus</i>	RB, PV, WV. We follow the ORL in treating the Nearctic Snowy Plover <i>C. nivosus</i> as full species. NB ssp name <i>spatzi</i> invalid.
	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris</i>	AV, (CB?). One at Gebel Asfar, Cairo 5-26 Mar 93 (Mashuq Ahmad & Martin Elliott) Hoath 2000. EORC. One at Aswan 14 Dec 93 was never formally described. 25-30 Jan 06, 2 West Sehel (photos). 19 Nov 07, 1 Sehel island (photos). All observations made at low Nile levels, when mudflats appear. One just W of nearby High Dam 6-10 Jan 06 (Sherif Baha el-Din). One at El Gouna golf course 13 Mar 06 (photos Tomas Haraldsson). Two (Mary Megalli & Annie Sevin) Feb 2008 at Aswan (probable breeding). Two at Tutamon village, Aswan (D. Lopez Velasco) 2 Aug 08 (source: www.netfugl.dk). Vagrant to Egypt.
	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius atrifrons pamirensis</i>	PV. One 50km N of Berenice 9 Sep 07 (Robert Ványi) & 1 at Hamata (Staffan Rodebrand & Bo Thoor) 19 Sep 05. One at Hamata Mangrove 3 Dec 04 & 1 at Bir Shalatayn harbour 4 Dec 04 (Måns Grundsten & Matti Eriksson). Mountains of W-C Asia. WP migrant. NB1 remains superspecies as <i>C.[m.] atrifrons</i> with Mongolian Sand Plover <i>C.[m.] mongolus</i> : after split, latter is OSME-extralimital, & sssp <i>stegmanni</i> & <i>mongolus</i> may wander unnoticed to OSME Region. NB2 <i>C.a. atrifrons</i> PV? Uncertain if this taxon occurs Egypt. Himalayas, vagrant WP.
	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii columbinus</i>	WV, PV, CB? Reports often misidentify this smallest ssp, confusing it with <i>C. atrifrons</i> (formerly lumped in <i>C. mongolus</i>). Central Asia Minor & Syria E through Transcaucasia & Iran to W Afghanistan. NB ssp <i>crassirostris</i> also likely PV.
	Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	WV. Specimen in FMNH (23734 CC) collected on 14 Oct 1962 at Bahig. Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>caspius</i> invalid. Widespread irregular wanderer in Middle East Porter <i>et al</i> 1996.
	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	WV. Monotypic.
		PLUVIANIDAE	

	Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>	FB, AV? Monotypic. Sub-Saharan African species. Winters Sudan (Dickinson 2003; some resident Nikolaus 1987) Ethiopia & Eritrea (Redman <i>et al</i> 2009); overshoot into E Red Sea hinterland?
		ROSTRATULIDAE	
	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis benghalensis</i>	RB. Nile Delta, Wadi Natrun, along Nile Valley, Crocodile Island up to Abu Simbel. Local Red Sea coastal swamps. 2 Harbiab Island (N of Aswan) 14 May 08 (Annie Sevin).
		SCOLOPACIDAE	
	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scelopax rusticola</i>	WV. Monotypic. NB ssp names <i>indicus</i> , <i>ultimus</i> invalid.
	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyrtus minimus</i>	PV, WV. 5 birds ringed late Nov 2007 at Hurghada sewage works (IM). Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>nipponensis</i> invalid.
	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	PV, (WV). 3 at Ras Sukheir (Ufe Sorensen pers comm) Oct 2008. One at Naama Bay sewage plant (David Farrow) 13 Oct 08. Monotypic.
	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago gallinago</i>	PV, WV. One ringed Hurghada sewage works 16 Mar 07 (Pezmyslaw Busse) was recovered same location 11 Dec 07 (IM). Europe (except Iceland to Orkney) & N Asia. NB1 ssp name <i>raddei</i> invalid. NB2 now split from Wilson's Snipe <i>G. delicata</i> .
	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa limosa</i>	Frequent PV & WV along Nile valley Dick Hoeck. 18 Nov 96, 86 on sandbank in front of Corniche; 26 Nov 97, 169; 29 Nov 95, 78; 02 Dec 96, 32; 06 Dec 07, 67; 13 Dec 07, 10. Aswan Reservoir 03 Dec 05: 75 (T. Haraldsson 2006). UK & France E to C Asia
	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica lapponica</i>	PV, (WV). One, April 2006 El Gouna golf course (IM & T. Haraldsson).
	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus phaeopus</i>	PV, (WV). Iceland to Scotland <i>islandicus</i> winters mostly W Africa; Scandinavia to Yenisey <i>phaeopus</i> . Possible split of Nearctic Hudsonian Whimbrel <i>N. hudsonicus</i> , which would change English name of <i>N. phaeopus</i> to 'Eurasian Whimbrel'.
	Slender-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	(PV), (WV). Old specimen in BMNH (92.8.3.451) labelled "Egypt"; another (in ZFMK) taken Oct 1903 near Abu Qir. Meinertzhagen (1930) (p 582), wrote, "Meinertzhagen saw what he believed to be a flock in the Fayoum in January 1920". One recent (1982) record from Zaranik (Miles 1999) Last report (20 Mar 04, Stefan Rodebrand) at Hamata Mangrove deemed unacceptable without photo. Monotypic.
	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata arquata</i>	PV, WV. W & S Europe, N European Russia & C Europe E to Hungary.
		<i>N.a. orientalis</i>	PV, WV. Two overwintered Ras Gema (Red Sea coast) Jul 2008, IM. 24 seen Ras Gema 2 Aug 08 (IM). N Siberia, migrates through WP.
	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus totanus</i>	PV, WV. From UK & Spain E through C, S & N Europe to Urals & Caucasus & E to Indonesia. NB ssp <i>britannica</i> invalid.
	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>affinis</i> invalid.
	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	PV. 4 at Hamata Mangroves 3-5 Dec 04 (Måns Grundsten & Matti Eriksson). 3 at El Gouna lagoons Apr 06 (Tomas Haraldsson & IM). Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>terek</i> invalid.
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i>	PV, WV. Goodman's inland records mainly from Lake Qarun. 25 Apr 84, one at 'Aswan.' Dick Hoeck, 18 Apr 96, one at West Aswan. Northernmost Canada, Greenland, and N Eurasia E to Alaska; Caucasus area. Many winter far S of equator.
	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus canutus</i>	(PV). N-C Siberia, migrant & wintering partly in WP
	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	(PV). Only other ssp <i>rubida</i> E Asia & Nearctic breeder.
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	PV, (WV). Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>testacea</i> invalid.
	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>	PV, WV. Some of the Egyptian specimens appear to be <i>schinzii</i> (Goodman & Meininger 1989). SE Greenland, Iceland & Britain E to S Norway & Baltic
		<i>C.a. alpina</i>	PV, WV. N Fennoscandia & N Siberia, E to Yenisey
	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus falcinellus</i>	PV, (WV).
	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	PV. Monotypic.
	Grey Phalarope (Red Phalarope)	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	(PV), (WV). Monotypic. English name more descriptive of the plumages seen on migration.
		GLAREOLIDAE	
	Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor cursor</i>	RB, PV, WV. Regular on migration at Hurghada sewage works. Influx of 38 at Ras Sukhair (Ufe Sorensen) 26 Feb 09. Canary Islands and North Africa E to Middle East, Arabia & Iraq, NB ssp names <i>bannermani</i> , <i>dahlakensis</i> invalid.
	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola pratincola</i>	MB, PV, (WV).
	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	AV. First record Baha el Din & Baha el Din 1996, but 1993 report EORC. Monotypic. Like many congeners, irruptive vagrant.
	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	PV. Rare on migration, seen mostly in April. One at Ain Sokhna April 06 (Tomas Haraldsson), another at Hurghada Sewage works 28 Mar 07 (Robert Lasecki). Monotypic. NB ssp name <i>melanoptera</i> invalid.
		LARIDAE	
	African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	RB? PV. Flock of 40 Kom Ombo 17 Oct 79 (F Vuilleumier cited in Short & Horne 1981). 5-7 Jul 89, 10-15 pairs nesting on small island near Abu Simbel (Erik Bos in Baha el Din 1992); 15 Jun 90, same location Baha el Din & Baha el Din 1990; 24 Oct 07 at new Aswan bridge, 2 seen (Mary Megall). 13 Jan 08, 8 on sandbank south of Edfu (Tomas Haraldsson). Monotypic.
	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla tridactyla</i>	(WV). Mostly immatures. One at Ain Sokhna 05 May 89 Evans 1992, one at Hurghada 9 April 97 (Miles 1999), one at Aqaba port (Jordan) 17 Nov 08 (Dick Forsman pers comm). North Atlantic.
	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	AV? 2 records Zaranik; 29 Sep 73 (Hovel 1987); Sep 80 (Petersen & Sorensen 1981b). One 77 km W of Alexandria 2 Mar 95 (Miles 1999). Specimen taken at Tel Aviv (Israel) 15 Jan 39 (Tel-Aviv University Museum). Monotypic. NB1 ssp names palaeartic, tschuktschorum, woznesenskii invalid. NB2 change of genus from Larus.
	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	RB, PV, WV. Monotypic. NB change of genus from Larus.
	Common Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic. NB1 ssp names <i>lavrovi</i> , <i>sibiricus</i> invalid. NB2 change of genus from Larus.
	Grey-hooded Gull (Grey-headed Gull)	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poicephalus</i>	AV? One S of Nabaq Nature Reserve 07 Feb 99 (Elmberg & Müller 2003). Two individuals 6 Apr (Lothar Müller) at El Gouna Golf Course. (Elmberg & Müller 2003). NB change of genus from Larus.
	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoleus minutus</i>	WV. Monotypic. NB change of genus from Larus.
	Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	(PV). Mediterranean Coast. Only one record Gulf of Aqaba. Monotypic. May move to new genus <i>Ichthyaelus</i> .
	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	WV. Monotypic. May move to new genus <i>Ichthyaelus</i> .
	Great Black-headed Gull (Pallas's Gull)	<i>Larus ichthyaelus</i>	WV, PV. Frequent WV N Red Sea. 29 Nov 08 (Dick Hoeck) one 2 nd -winter bird on sandbank in front of Corniche (Aswan). 29 Nov-02 Dec 07, c50 Lake Nasser from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. Monotypic. May move to new genus <i>Ichthyaelus</i> .
	White-eyed Gull	<i>Larus leucophthalmus</i>	RB. Monotypic. May move to new genus <i>Ichthyaelus</i> .
	Sooty Gull	<i>Larus hemprichii</i>	RB. Monotypic. May move to new genus <i>Ichthyaelus</i> .
	Common Gull (Mew Gull)	<i>Larus canus canus</i>	WV. 03 & 09 Dec 08. One 2 nd - winter E bank Nile, N of Kima wastewater canal (photos Dick Hoeck), possibly most southerly record for NE Africa. Goodman's note: 'a few inland records from Lake' Qarun'. Europe E to White Sea. NB1 ssp <i>heinei</i> occurs Middle East. NB2 suggest restrict name 'Mew Gull' to Nearctic <i>L. brachyrhynchus</i> .
	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus hyperboreus</i>	AV. Philips collected one male 18 Apr 1914 at Aqaba, Jordan (Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA). NB ssp <i>leucereutes</i> occurs in the WP (Iceland).
	Baltic Gull (Lesser Black-backed Gull)	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>	Taxonomy complex; subtleties gradually being uncovered through molecular and morphological studies. PV, WV. Dick Hoeck, at Aswan: 17 Mar 99, 46 and 22 in north; 28 Sep 02, 23, 43, 16 & 26 in south; 30 Sep 02, 25 & 4 in south; 02 Oct 02, 3 in south. N Norway & Baltic E to W Kola peninsula & W White Sea. NB1 Informal English name is for this taxon only. NB2 <i>L.f. intermedius</i> , 'Continental Black-backed Gull' wanders to E Mediterranean; if recorded would precede <i>L.f. fuscus</i> in this list.
	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	PV, WV. Black Sea E to Kazakhstan. Molecular data suggest <i>cachinnans</i> is of ancient lineage which expanded N from Caspian giving rise to dark-mantled group, including <i>fuscus</i> , <i>heuglini</i> & <i>barabensis</i> (Parkin & Knox 2010), thus supporting view of being distinct from <i>argentatus</i> & <i>michahellis</i> . NB <i>ponticus</i> invalid, Yésou 2002.
	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>	RB? Probably this form breeds Egypt (Goodman & Meininger 1989). W coast of France & Morocco & throughout Mediterranean basin
	Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
	Heuglin's Gull	<i>Larus (fuscus/heuglini) heuglini</i>	PV. Sewage farm Hurghada Apr 2007 (Ingo Weiss & Gudrun Hilgroth). S Kola peninsula to Yenisey. Rare Sudan Red Sea coast Nikolaus 1987. NB1 ssp name <i>antelius</i> invalid NB2 reasonable, but at present, incompatible cases for attributing taxon to <i>fuscus</i> or to <i>heuglini</i> ; distribution limits uncertain as is composition of some populations.
	Steppe Gull (Baraba Gull)	<i>Larus (fuscus/heuglini) barabensis</i>	PV, WV. Dec 2008, 16 at Hurghada sewage farm (Dick Forsman & IM). NB reasonable, but at present incompatible, cases for attributing taxon to <i>fuscus</i> or to <i>heuglini</i> ; distribution limits uncertain as is composition of some populations.
		STERNIDAE	Parkin & Knox 2010 suggest 'crested terns' may better be placed in <i>Thalasseus</i> .

Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica</i>	PV, WV. Max numbers at Aswan (Dick Hoeck): 10 Dec 08, 418 to S, roosting, Elephantine Island; 28 May 07, one over the Nile; 22 May 07, 6 N Lake Nasser; 23 May 07, 26 near Bab el Kalabsha, Lake Nasser. At small island near Bab el Kalabsha group of c 10 seen on ground, most being in summer plumage; breeding possible. 25 Nov-02 Dec 07, 157 from High Dam to Abu Simbel by boat. NB change of genus from <i>Sterna</i> .
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	RB, PV, WV. 20 Nov 96, 2 at Aswan resting on sandbank. Goodman: rare PV to inland waters. Monotypic. NB1 ssp names <i>strenua</i> , <i>tschegrava</i> generally now regarded as invalid. NB2 change of genus from <i>Sterna</i> .
Swift Tern (Great Crested Tern)	<i>Thalasseus bergii velox</i>	RB? WV. Red Sea E to W Sumatra. 1st breeding record Hurghada 20 Jul 97 Castell 1998. Many winter E Africa. NB Genus formerly <i>Sterna</i> .
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis emigrata</i>	Status unknown. Breeding along Libya's Mediterranean coast. One specimen collected in Gulf of Suez identified as <i>torresii</i> (Cramp 1985), which then included <i>emigrata</i> . Latter now recognised as discontinuously distributed, breeding Libya & Persian Gulf, <i>torresii</i> now solely Australasian breeder. NB Genus formerly <i>Sterna</i> .
	<i>T.b. bengalensis</i>	MB, PV. Red Sea & Indian Ocean. NB ssp names <i>arabicus</i> , <i>par</i> invalid.
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis sandvicensis</i>	PV, WV. From Western Europe E to Caspian Sea. NB Genus formerly <i>Sterna</i> .
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albigrons albigrons</i>	MB, PV. (IM & T. Haraldsson): many passage (Apr 07) birds roosted on sandbanks of Abu Mingar reef (Hurghada). 10 May 08, 2 Aswan Reservoir; 23 May 07, 6 Lake Nasser c20km NE of Garf Husein (GPS 23°19' 48"N, 032°53'19"E. Dick Hoeck). North Africa & Europe to C Asia & India. NB1 ssp name <i>innominata</i> invalid. NB2 change of genus from <i>Sterna</i> .
Saunders's Tern	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>	AV, (PV?) An adult with 4 Little Terns <i>S. albigrons</i> seen at close range roosting and fishing pm on 22 Jul 06 in Suez Bay (Mark Lopez <i>in litt</i>), Chris Bell & Richard Taylor. Two seen Ras Mohamed 10 Apr 92. One at Tawila Island 30 Aug 95 (Miles 1999). Breeds Red Sea, Socotra, Gulf, winters further S. Breeds SE Iran, SW Pakistan coasts. Monotypic. NB change of genus from <i>Sterna</i> .
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus antarctica</i>	MB. Red Sea to western Indian Ocean. NB change of genus from <i>Sterna</i> .
Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus nubilosa</i>	AV? A 1 st -year at Hamata 18 Sep 05 (Staffan Rodebrand & Bo Thoor). S Red Sea & Indian Ocean, vagrant WP. Record not unanimously accepted, lacking description & photograph. Likely immatures wander to N Red Sea; usually first breeds after 4 th calendar year. NB genus change from <i>Sterna</i> .
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	AV? 5 observed 6 May 80 at Suez (Sharif Baha El Din). One at Beni Hassan 16 Mar 95. Two possible birds near Sohag 30 Sep 85 (Miles 1999). From N Atlantic Ocean, S to South Africa and into Indian Ocean (E Africa). May stray to Egypt either via Mediterranean or Red Sea. NB <i>S.d. aridensis</i> status unknown (Seychelles & Rodrigues Island); this taxon has been previously subsumed in <i>bangsi</i> , which breeds Australia to Japan only.
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo hirundo</i>	PV. Europe, W Asia & North America. NB ssp name <i>turkestanicus</i> invalid.
White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>	MB. Red Sea (breeds Geisum Islands Hoath <i>et al</i> 1997) to Kenya & W India. Monotypic.
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	AV? One hit Damietta lighthouse 5 Nov 1920 (Meinertzhagen) but record not accepted. Observed in Israel, and one collected at Khartoum (Sudan) 16 May 82 (Nikolaus 1987). Very widespread from Arctic to wintering in Antarctic. Monotypic.
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida hybrida</i>	PV, WV. Widespread. 24 000+ counted Lakes Burullus & Manzala winter 1979 Meininger & Mullié 1979, breeding proof Meininger & Verkirk 1998. NB1 ssp names <i>leucopareia</i> , <i>indicus</i> , <i>swinhoei</i> , <i>slateri</i> , <i>fluvialis</i> invalid. NB2 ssp <i>delalandei</i> possible vagrant from E Africa & Madagascar.
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	PV, WV. C Europe to E Asia, wintering Africa to Australia. Monotypic.
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>	PV, WV. Eurasia, wintering Africa.
	STERCORARIIDAE	Single genus <i>Stercorarius</i> Cohen <i>et al</i> 1997 derived from multiple evidence strands: mt & nuclear DNA, enzyme variations, feather lice, behavioural studies & calls (Parkin & Knox 2010).
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic. Some migrate overland across Asia (Arkipov & Blair 2007).
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	PV, WV. One SE of Giftun Island 14 Apr 07 (Uwe-Stresse Borowa). Regularly seen at Hurghada (from Fefela restaurant) in spring (IM & Tomas Haraldsson pers obs). Monotypic. Some migrate overland across Asia (Arkipov & Blair 2007).
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus longicaudus</i>	(PV). Scandinavia to Lena Delta.
	ALCIDAE	
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	AV. Dead birds on beach at Rameleh, near Alexandria, winter of 1908-09 (Ticehurst 1912); unclear whether <i>torda</i> (N. Scandinavia to N America) or <i>islandica</i> (Iceland, Faeroes, Britain, Ireland & W France). NB ssp name <i>britannica</i> invalid.
	PTEROCLIDIDAE	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata caudacutus</i>	AV, (WV?). One collected at Rafa 14 Nov 1917 (Goodman & Meininger 1989). Female at Naama Bay sewage ponds 18 Dec 04 (Waschkies <i>et al</i> 2005). EORC. North Africa & W Asia. NB ssp name <i>bogdanowi</i> invalid.
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus floweri</i>	FB, (RB?) Extinct Nile Valley northern Egypt. c 10 between Esna & Edfu 04 Mar 79 Short & Horne 1981.
Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	RB. Monotypic. Seen 1976-79 El Fashn & along Cairo-Faiyum road Short & Horne 1981.
Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus coronatus</i>	RB. Western Desert. W & C Sahara to W Egypt & W Sudan. Observed mainly S of Safaga down to Shalatein; also Sharm el Sheikh Andrea Corso pers comm.
	<i>P.c. vastitas</i>	RB. Breeds Sinai. Sinai to Jordan.
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii lichtensteinii</i>	RB. Distribution in Middle East & E Egypt (NE Africa) S to C Arabia E to W Pakistan leapfrogs other ssp and related taxa. NB1 ssp name <i>arabicus</i> (S Arabia [not SE Yemen – <i>ingramsii</i>] to Pakistan) restored to validity. NB2 ssp names <i>abessinicus</i> , <i>hyperythrus</i> , <i>nigricans</i> invalid.
	COLUMBIDAE	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia livia</i>	RB. Between Salum & Marsa Matruh (N Coast). 'Wild' birds abundant St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Canary Islands, N fringe of North Africa (except Nile delta) & Europe Et to Urals, W Turkey & Cyprus. NB ssp names <i>atlantis</i> , <i>canariensis</i> , <i>nigricans</i> invalid, but for unusual reason: their original allotment was to urban, feral morphs. Over the entire range of Rock Dove, blurring of taxa identity remorseless; many domestic breeds have some genetic origin in other Columbidae, now intermixed in feral populations.
	<i>C.l. dakhlae</i>	RB. Dakhla & Kharga oases (W Egypt)
	<i>C.l. schimperi</i>	RB. Nile Valley (Egypt & N Sudan). NB ssp name <i>butleri</i> invalid; has also been attributed to <i>gaddi</i> populations.
	<i>C.l. palaestinae</i>	RB. Sinai & Middle East from Syria & S-C Turkey to Arabia. Formerly this taxon included <i>gaddi</i> , which now occurs E Turkey to Afghanistan.
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas oenas</i>	WV. NB ssp name <i>hyrcana</i> invalid.
Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus palumbus</i>	AV. 15 May 91 Kom Hamada, Beheira Governate (30°46'N, 32°42'E) (Khounganian & Meininger 1992). EORC. Included on Sinai bird list (Yom-Tov 1987). North Africa, Europe, W Siberia & Middle East. NB ssp names <i>excelsus</i> , <i>kleinschmidtii</i> , <i>ghigii</i> invalid.
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur turtur</i>	PV. Canary Islands, Europe (except Balearic Islands), W Siberia, N Levant, Cyprus, Turkey & Caucasus. NB ssp name <i>moltonii</i> invalid.
	<i>S.t. arenicola</i>	PV. NW Africa, Balearic Islands, S Levant & from Iraq E to C Asia
	<i>S.t. rufescens</i>	RB. Oases in Egyptian western desert. NB most authorities now subsume <i>isabellina</i> (see next row) in <i>rufescens</i> .
	<i>S.t. isabellina</i>	RB. Nile Delta and valley Egypt to N Sudan. NB usually nowadays subsumed in <i>rufescens</i> (original descriptions were largely of geographically common populations, that of <i>rufescens</i> 1855 & <i>isabellina</i> 1856).
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto decaocto</i>	RB. Invasive species, spreading along the green corridors formed by Red Sea resorts. Locally fairly common St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. 2 pairs Hurghada Sewage pools 2006 (IM & Tomas Haraldsson), then 47 counted Apr 2008. NB ssp name <i>stoliczkae</i> invalid.
African Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia risoria arabica</i>	RB. Gebel Elba, as far N as Wadi Gamal. Coasts of S Red Sea from extreme SE Egypt to Somalia & from Saudi Arabia to Yemen. NB earlier species name of <i>roseogrisea</i> invalid.
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis phoenicophila</i>	Status uncertain. Hovel (1987) stated he had examined material referable to this ssp. NW Africa and (apparently introduced – popular cagebird) Turkey and Syria. NB changes of genus, first from <i>Streptopelia</i> & then from <i>Stigmatopelia</i> (naming priorities).
	<i>S.s. aegyptiaca</i>	RB. Egypt, except extreme S Nile valley. Probably this taxon locally common St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. NB ssp name <i>dakhlae</i> invalid.
	<i>S.s. senegalensis</i>	RB. Afrotropics N to C Sahara & S Egypt; also W Arabia, Israel & Jordan. NB ssp names <i>divergens</i> , <i>sudanensis</i> , <i>thome</i> invalid.
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis capensis</i>	RB. Luxor (Abdul Youssef for breeding location). 13 Oct 07 Soma Bay (Annie Sevin). Year-round at Hurghada sewage works (juveniles seen) & 4 ringed Apr 2008. One female 26 Apr 08 at Elephantine Island (Dick Hoeck). In Mar 2008 seen resting between Safaga and Luxor. Also in Wadi Abu el Had spring 2007 (Graeme Pegram & Gudrun Hilgerloth). 3 reported (Chris Kehoe <i>et al</i>) at overflow pool at Sharm El Sheikh sewage works NW of Naama 12 Oct 05. 3 at Luxor sewage water plant 15 Jan 08 (Tomas Haraldsson). NB recent (1990-2009) range extensions Iraq, Yemen, Syria, possibly via escapes or widespread small-scale water-storage projects.

		PSITTACIDAE	
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	IB. 12 Mar 07, c10 seen in Maadi; 24 Apr 07, 2 in Cairo (El Urman Garden) in group of Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>P. krameri</i> . (Mindy Rosenzeig pers comm). Nearest natural population E Afghansitan.	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri manillensis</i>	IB. Breeds Cairo gardens. One Hurghada 28 Oct 07 (Dick Forsman & IM). One Naama Bay 05 Dec 00 near beach at Mövenpick Hotel (Tommy Pedersen). This taxon S India & Sri Lanka, but species natural range today W Africa-Sudan & Somalia (<i>krameri</i> & <i>parvirostris</i>), E from Iran-Afghanistan border to E China & N & S India. Common introduction WP. NB1 Bird traders crossbred sssp (& congeners) haphazardly & flocks of introduced birds often from several sssp. NB2 Historical range may have included Caucasus; some populations today well-adapted (eg N India, UK) to cold weather.	
		CUCULIDAE	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis aegyptius</i>	RB. River Nile to El Minya. Bred in Verde Compound (Cairo-Alexandria road) in 2008 (Sharif Baha El Din).	
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	MB, PV. One juvenile at Wadi Lahami 16 Sep 07 (Robert Vanyi & Tamas Emri). NB now generally treated as monotypic; norther population migrate S to C Africa, & southern populations migrate N to C Africa, but interchange unlikely, given 6-month separation of breeding cycles.	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus canorus</i>	PV. C, E & N Europe, Middle East & N Asia. NB1 some populations of ssp <i>subtelephonus</i> (Uzbekistan & points north) winter in Africa & some should pass through Egypt. NB2 ssp names <i>sardus</i> , <i>johanseni</i> , <i>kleinschmidti</i> , <i>telephonus</i> , <i>maximus</i> invalid.	
		TYTONIDAE	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba erlangeri</i>	RB. One Sinai, Nabaq area (Rihana Resort) 26 Nov 08 (IM). North Africa, S Greece, Cyprus, S Turkey & from Levant (Sinai) & Arabia to Iran. NB ssp name <i>microsticta</i> invalid.	
	<i>T.a. alba</i>	RB. UK, France & through S Europe E to N Greece & NW Turkey; also C Canary Islands. From W Balkans population? NB ssp <i>guttata</i> in E Balkans.	
		STRIGIDAE	
Pallid Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei exiguus</i>	AV, (WV?). Nov 1991 in Taba (by Andrew Grieve), 6 Dec 08 Aglika Island (Moldovan 2009). Israel, C Iraq & S Iran E to W Pakistan. NB Status of <i>O.b. obsoletus</i> uncertain. N Syria, SE Turkey, N Iraq & through N Iran, Turkmenistan & N Afghanistan to Uzbekistan lowlands.	
European Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops cycladum</i>	PV, WV. One taken at Matruh 13 Apr 73 approaches plumage coloration of this form. S Greece, S Turkey E to Çuküröva area & Levant.	
	<i>O.s. scops</i>	PV. France & Sardinia throughout C & S Europe to lower Volga river, N Greece, N Turkey & Transcaucasia. NB ssp name <i>vincii</i> invalid.	
Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus ascalaphus</i>	RB. One Siwa Oasis 07 Mar 64 Goodman & Ames 1983.2007 & 2008 bred outskirts Hurghada, nestlings ringed, 2 more pairs at S boundary Hurghada Nov 2008 Moldovan & Sándor 2009. Misonne described a single bird resident at Uweinat, in Karkur Tahl & Wadi Hanzul 08 Nov-05 Dec 68. Clayton found one resident in cairn (27°00'N, 25°10'E, 120 miles W of Dalia) in the Sand Sea. One at Naama Bay 01 Dec 00 at Mövenpick Sport Hotel (Jolie Cinema) (22:15, Tommy Pedersen). One at Gebel Silsilah 13 May 08 (Annie Sevin). Deserts of North Africa, Arabia & Middle East, E to W Iraq. NB general view is that taxon <i>desertorum</i> is undefinable due to apparent extent of intergrading. However, extent not measured, nor has overall distribution of taxa involved.	
Hume's Owl	<i>Strix butleri</i>	RB. Breeds along Red Sea Mountains & in Sinai Peninsula, widespread S Sinai White <i>et al</i> 2008. Seen W of Hurghada at Wadi Rashid 24 Dec 06 (IM). Monotypic. Egypt along Red Sea Mountains & Sinai	
'Saharan Little Owl'	<i>Athene noctua saharae</i>	RB. Sahara through Western Desert to Red Sea (not Nile Valley) to C Arabia. NB1 English name informal @ OSME & ssp name <i>solitudinis</i> invalid. NB2 complexity of <i>A. noctua</i> populations gradually becoming apparent Wink <i>et al</i> 2008, 2009; the next two taxa are among several that might be specifically distinct & so are worth treating separately until deeper analysis confirms or rejects these possibilities. NB3 <i>indigena</i> of Balkans, Greece, Crete, W Turkey & Cyprus may occur Egypt.	
'North African Little Owl'	<i>A.(n.) glaux</i>	RB. C to South Sinai (Vaurie 1956). Coastal North Africa (N of <i>saharae</i>), Nile Valley & coastal Israel N to Haifa. NB1 English name informal @ OSME. NB2 <i>glaux</i> may yet subsume <i>lilith</i> , in which case <i>glaux</i> will have priority.	
'Lilith Owl'	<i>Athene (n.) lilith</i>	RB. Sinai Peninsula, uncommon breeder in Red Sea Mountains. One seen Temple of Esna Mar 2005 (IM). Cyprus, inland Levant, SE Turkey & W & N Iraq. NB English name informal @ OSME.	
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus otus</i>	RB, PV, WV. Spring 1990: nest with chicks near Bilbeis in NE Delta (Sherif Tewfiq in Baha el Din 1992). Nestlings seen spring 2008 along Cairo-Alexandria road, at Verde Compound and at Wadi Foods (Sharif Baha El Din & Hala Barakat). Azores, North Africa & Eurasia. NB ssp name <i>turcmenica</i> invalid.	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus flammeus</i>	CB, PV, WV. Wingate collected skeleton in the Sand Sea c120 miles S of Farafa (27°30'N, 25°35'E) 04 Mar 33 (location of specimen?). One Apr 2008 Hurghada sewage works. Now regular WV; at least 3 sightings per winter; El Gouna, Hurghada, Wadi Dome, Bir Shalatein IM pers obs. Seen also extreme SE Egypt. NB ssp name <i>pallidus</i> invalid.	
		CAPRIMULGIDAE	
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus meridionalis</i>	PV. Male & female collected 16 Apr 1923 (Meinertzhagen, 1930; BMNH 1965.M.5331-5332) may be referable to this form. North Africa, S Europe, Cyprus, Middle East, Caucasus & NW Iran.	
	<i>C.e. europaeus</i>	PV. Kiepenheuerand & Linsenmair (1965) saw this ssp occasionally 19-27 Sep 63 & collected a male 110km N of Siwa 16 Sep and a female in Siwa 26 Sep that Steinbacher (1965) identified as nominate <i>europaeus</i> . C & N Europe E to C Siberia.	
	<i>C.e. unwini</i>	AV. Bird collected on ship off Port Said 30 May 1930 identified by Meinertzhagen as this ssp. E Iraq & Iran to foot of W Tien Shan	
Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius saharae</i>	RB. One ringed SW Hurghada 16 Mar 08 (Arthur Niemczyk). At least in spring & winter fairly common at Abu Simbel. 11 Dec 08, 1 (ssp unknown) on small island near Chor Ramlah, Lake Nasser (D Hoock). North Africa E to Nile valley	
	<i>C.a. aegyptius</i>	RB. Specimens of nominate from Wadi Natroun include 2 adult females taken 18 Mar 1910 & 2 adult males 25 Mar 1910 (all in GZM). NE Egypt, Middle East & Arabia to W-C Asia. NB ssp name <i>arenicolor</i> invalid.	
Nubian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus nubicus tamaricis</i>	PV? No recent records. Small numbers recorded at SSH when population in Israel was large. Dead Sea to Yemen.	
	<i>C.n. nubicus</i>	MB? Only known from Gebel Elba region. Specimen collected here held at University of Michigan, Museum of Zoology (Goodman & Meininger). Largely African species with populations along E Red Sea & S Arabian coast,	
		APODIDAE	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba melba</i>	PV, (WV). 10 Jun 89, 20 birds found nesting at Sad El Rawafa, North Sinai (Sherif & Mindy Baha el Din, Ahmed Riad in Baha el Din 1992). N Morocco & S Europe E to Caucasus & NW Iran, wintering W, C & NE Africa. [includes <i>obscurus</i>] NB change of genus from <i>Apus</i> .	
	<i>T.m. tuneti</i>	AV. Specimen collected 31 Oct 57 at El Dokki and one 4 Oct 1917 at El Rifa are this ssp (BMNH Tring). North Africa (except N Morocco) E to N Libya, Lebanon, Syria & from SW Iran & Transcaspia E to W Pakistan, Alai ranges, Tien Shan & Dzhungarian Alatau.	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus apus</i>	PV. Female specimen collected Wadi Natrun (UMMZ 207151) 27 May 84 (from a flock of c20) is referable to nominate. North Africa, Europe, Middle East & W & N-C Asia. Passage <i>perkinsensis</i> possible.	
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus pallidus</i>	RB. Sahara, Egypt & from Levant E to Pakistan	
	<i>A.p. brehmerorum</i>	MB? PV. Probably this form breeding near Matruh & Western Desert. Canary Islands, Madeira, coastal North Africa from Morocco to NE Libya, S Europe (except E Adriatic coast), NW Turkey, Cyprus & (perhaps this ssp) S Turkey.	
	<i>A.p. illyricus</i>	PV. Breeds E Adriatic coast.	
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis galilejensis</i>	PV, mainly spring migrant along Nile valley. Not certain which ssp migrant majority through Egypt, but <i>galilejensis</i> probably so, on geographical grounds. One (Tom Coles pers comm) at Cairo (above Nile) Apr 04 and one at Sharm el Sheikh sewage pools (Dick Forsman) 21 Nov 08. N Africa & from Middle East E to Uzbekistan & W Pakistan. NB status of <i>A.a. aerobates</i> uncertain. Banc d'Arguin (Mauritania) to C Africa & Ethiopia.	
		CORACIIDAE	
Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>	AV. Wing & tail of this intra-African Sahelian migrant found in Karkur Ibrahim at Uweinat 22 Nov 65 (Misonne). Male taken 14 Feb 1928 at Abu Simbel (BMNH 1965.M.6011; Meinertzhagen, 1930). One collected 1874 in "Egypt" (FMNH 40783). Monotypic. NB1 ssp names <i>arabicus</i> , <i>minor</i> invalid. May be vagrant rather than accidental visitor to Egypt. NB2 Resident population SW Yemen.	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus garrulus</i>	PV. One at Sharm el Sheikh (Chris Kehoe <i>at al</i>) 14 Oct 05, one at old sewage pounds Sharm el Sheikh 21-23 May 08 (Ahmed Riad). North Africa, Europe, SW Siberia & northern Kazakhstan E to River Ob & W Altai; also Turkey, Levant & NW Iran. NB ssp name <i>caucasica</i> invalid.	
		ALCEDINIDAE	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis smyrnensis</i>	RB, WV. Spread S along Nile Valley since 2003 (IM 2008). Recorded N Sinai since 1980s (Richard Hoath <i>in litt</i>). One at Sharm el Sheikh old sewage farm in Sep/Oct 95, 13 Oct 95, one Sep/Oct 96, one Dec 97 and one Sep 99 (Andrew Grieve <i>in litt</i>). Regular in the Taba Hilton Hotel garden (mid-80s); many in Rafah & El Arish. One at Moon Beach, W coast past Ras Sudr (Ron Hess), one Wadi Dome (Judy Youssef & Mary Megall), one Sidi Abdel Rahman (westernmost seen) c08:00 17 Dec 08, GPS 30°58.441N, 28°45.560E (Mary Megall). One mist-netted & ringed at the Old Farm 19 Mar 03 (Francesco Germi).	

	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis atthis</i>	RB, PV, WV. One at Wadi Gamal 'delta' Nov 06. NW Africa, S & E Europe, Turkey & from Levant E to C Asia & Pakistan. NB ssp <i>ispida</i> possible in outward migration overshoot from S Europe, but ssp names <i>margelanica</i> , <i>pallasii</i> , <i>pallida</i> , <i>suschkini</i> invalid.
	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis rudis</i>	RB, (WV). Population increasing (as of 2009); records as far S as Dashur (Mary Megalli pers comm). Egypt & Afrotropics. NB ssp <i>syriacus</i> possible.
		MEROPIDAE	
	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis cleopatra</i>	RB. Egypt, Nile Valley S to Sudan. NB see Hypothetical List for ssp <i>viridissimus</i> .
		<i>M.o. cyanophrys</i>	AV. Probably vagrant from Israel or W Arabia. Several blue-headed birds, referable to this ssp, observed near Taba. Israel & through W Arabia to Yemen. NB ssp name <i>meccanus</i> invalid.
	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus persicus</i>	MB, PV. N Egypt & Middle East, E to Kazakhstan & NW India. NB ssp name <i>erythraeus</i> invalid.
	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	MB, PV. Rare breeder in NE Sinai. One at Sharm sewage works 27 Nov 08 & one at Hurghada sewage works 25 Nov 08. Monotypic. NB separate austral breeding-cycle population southern Africa migrates N.
		UPUPIDAE	
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops major</i>	RB. Western Desert Oases, Nile Valley. Egypt, N Chad & N Sudan
		<i>U.e. epops</i>	PV. NW Africa, Europe, Middle East & W Asia. Probably this taxon breeding St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. NB ssp names <i>loudoni</i> , <i>orientalis</i> , <i>renzoi</i> invalid.
		PICIDAE	
	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla torquilla</i>	PV. (WV). Ringed in good numbers Hurghada (mid-Mar-mid-Apr). Passage all along Red Sea coast, feeding in green areas, resort golf courses. N C Europe Et to Bulgaria, Caucasus & (perhaps this ssp) N Turkey
		<i>J.t. tschusii</i>	PV? Two specimens collected Bahig (10 Mar & 18 Apr 71) referable to this ssp. (Goodman & Watson 1983). Italy, Corsica, coastal zone FYR, and probably this ssp Greece & S Iberia
	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus syriacus</i>	RB. Rare breeder NE Sinai (Rafa). Observed Wadi El Arish. C Europe, Balkans, W & S Turkey, Levant & SW Iran. NB ssp names <i>balcanicus</i> , <i>romanicus</i> invalid.
Part 1. Non-passerines			
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