

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

**Part 2. 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 man 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](http://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 Moldován, 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
		<b>MALACONOTIDAE</b>	
	Rosy-patched Bush Shrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>	RB. Afrotropic sp. restricted to Gebel Elba breeding areas. Up to 15 seen 31 Mar 97 (Miles 1999). Specimens collected include one in FMNH (222436) 7 Mar 54.
		<b>LANIIDAE</b>	Molecular data on large grey shrikes Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009, Bannikova 2010 apparently misaligns in part with past morphological assessments, which need revision, as do actual distributions of taxa; pending resolution, best to treat 'Clades' in Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009 as separate groups for later revision if some contradictions maintained.
	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio collurio</i>	PV, (WV). Mainland Europe (except Crimea & Caucasus), W Turkey & W Siberia. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>juxta</i> possibly was valid, but taxon now extirpated; ssp name <i>pallidifrons</i> invalid.
	Daurian Shrike (Isabelline Shrike)	<i>Lanius (isabellinus) isabellinus</i>	PV, WV. Russian Altai through N China & Mongolia, E roughly to Upper Amur River.
	Turkestan Shrike (Isabelline Shrike)	<i>Lanius (isabellinus) phoenicuroides</i>	PV, WV. Iran N&E through Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, W Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan & S Kazakhstan, migrates partly through WP. <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>karelini</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> N China birds now ascribed to <i>arenarius</i> . Geographical English names used here for this & next taxon better reflect actual distributions.
	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	PV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>turanicus</i> regarded invalid since 1993.
	'Saharan Grey Shrike'	<i>Lanius (meridionalis) elegans</i>	RB, WV. One at Ain Musa, one Ras Muhamed, one Abu Simbel bay (David Farrow) Oct 2008. One adult & 3 fledglings 25 Jun 08 in Arabella Park gardens, Gattamia heights (Mary Megalli). North Africa (except coastal strip of NW), N Sinai & SW Negev (Israel). At Red Sea Coast gradually merges into <i>aucheri</i> (or perhaps an intermediate form?). <b>NB1</b> Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009 molecular analysis of large grey shrikes suggests considerable revision required, but much non-molecular data (including standardising ID criteria for reviewing specimens) requires revision; taxon <i>elegans</i> heads <b>Clade B</b> in Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009. <b>NB2</b> English name informal from OSME.
	'Desert Grey Shrike' or 'Sexual Grey Shrike'	<i>Lanius (meridionalis) lahtora</i>	AV. Specimen collected Quseir 20 Feb 28 (Meinertzhagen: BMNH). One Nabaq area (Sinai) (Ingo Weiss) 24 Oct-4 Nov 07. One Abu Simbel 16 Sep & one El Gouna 22 Sep 03 (Kris De Rouck). Lower Volga, Transcaspsia & Iran E to China & Mongolia. <b>NB1</b> separation from Southern Grey Shrike <i>L. meridionalis</i> (Hernandez <i>et al</i> 2004) clear for populations represented by samples; taxon <i>lahtora</i> heads <b>Clade A1</b> (& has nomenclatural priority over <i>pallidirostris</i> ) <b>A1</b> in Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009, who note some population distributions poorly known & lack specimens identified against standardised criteria. <b>NB2</b> English names informal from OSME. <b>NB3</b> ssp name <i>girimmi</i> invalid.
	'Arabian Grey Shrike'	<i>Lanius (meridionalis) aucheri</i>	RB, WV. Levant & Arabia (except SW) through Iraq to Iran, also Red Sea coasts of Egypt to Somalia. Includes doubtfully distinct ssp <i>theresae</i> from N Israel & perhaps Lebanon. <b>NB1</b> Taxon <i>aucheri</i> heads <b>Clade A2</b> in Olsson <i>et al</i> 2009. <b>NB2</b> English name informal from OSME.
	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator niloticus</i>	PV. Commonest form Egypt. C&E Asia Minor, Cyprus & Levant E to Transcaucasia & Iran.
		<i>L.s. senator</i>	PV. W France E to Poland, Balkans & Greece, S to Pyrénées, mainland Italy, Sicily, Cyrenaica (Libya) & W Asia Minor. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>hensii</i> invalid.
	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	PV. Monotypic.
		<b>ORIOLIDAE</b>	
	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus (oriolus) oriolus</i>	RB. Also common PV spring & autumn across Egypt. Two 10 May 08 in Luxor (Annie Sevin). Three seen 27 Apr 82 at Mugavish shoreline, migrating N (David A Ferguson pers comm). Ad male at Wadi Dome marina 28 Apr 09 (IM). One female at Ain Sokhna 03 May 09 (M). Monotypic if separation of Indian Golden Oriole <i>O.[o.] kundoo</i> within superspecies accepted (both then monotypic). <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>caucasicus</i> invalid
		<b>CORVIDAE</b>	
	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax docilis</i>	AV. Several 19 <sup>th</sup> century records. Horváth (1969) observed 2 on cliffs of Gebel Muqatam, near Cairo 13 Sep 59. Another noted 9 May 82 c35km N of Hurghada (Frazier <i>et al</i> 1984). Balkans & Greece E through Levant & Caucasus to Iran & Afghanistan. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>pontifex</i> , <i>subdocilis</i> invalid.
	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens splendens</i>	IB. Breeding in Safaga, Hurghada, Ras Ghareb & in 2008 in Sharm el Sheikh. India (except NW & SW), Nepal & Bangladesh. Mostly ship-assisted introductions in WP (including, briefly, Netherlands).
	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus frugilegus</i>	(WV). <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>tschusii</i> , <i>ultimus</i> invalid.
	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus comix pallescens</i>	(WV). Goodman & Meininger (1989) recorded this in Egypt. Egypt, Cyprus, Levant, SE Turkey, Syria & NW Iraq. <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>egyptiacus</i> invalid.
		<i>C.c. sharpii</i>	Status undefined. Further clarification needed of this & related forms in OSME Region, in relation to further work based on Haring <i>et al</i> 2007, Sardinia, Sicily, mainland Italy & from Balkans & Greece through Turkey (except SE), Caucasus, Iran (except SW & extreme E), S Ukraine & SE European Russia to Transcaspsia. <b>NB1</b> ssp names <i>khazaricus</i> , <i>caucasicus</i> invalid <b>NB2</b> <i>sardonius</i> subsumed in <i>sharpii</i> (some previously have subsumed in <i>pallescens</i> ) may reach Egypt.
	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>	RB. Monotypic. Uncommon resident St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. <b>NB1</b> ssp <i>ruficollis</i> in Sinai, but ssp <i>edithae</i> may reach SE Egypt from Eritrea & Djibouti. <b>NB2</b> ssp names <i>infumatus</i> , <i>umbrinus</i> invalid, ssp name <i>subcorax</i> from type is identifiable with <i>C. ruficollis</i> , yet has been used wrongly (often) for <i>C. corax laurencei</i> of Levant.
	Northern Raven (Common Raven)	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>	RB. Along North Coast. Ferguson (1984) saw it S of Hurghada; Robert Lasecki recorded 20 Feb 08. Lasecki is reliable observer, spending over a month at Hurghada ringing camp & familiar with similar species (eg Brown-necked Raven <i>C. ruficollis</i> at the sewage works). North Africa. <b>NB</b> <i>C.c. laurencei</i> of Turkey & Levant may wander to Egypt.
	Fan-tailed Raven	<i>Corvus rhipidurus rhipidurus</i>	RB. NE Afrotropics E from Air (Niger), N to Tibesti (Chad) & SE Egypt.
		<i>C.r. stanleyi</i>	RB. Sinai, Middle East & Arabia. Likely this taxon vagrant to Turkey.
		<b>HYPOCOLIIDAE</b>	
	Hypocolius (Grey Hypocolius)	<i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>	AV, (WV). Specimen in GZM (A2424) obtained 22 Dec 38 Gebel Elba. One at Shamsa Alam 1 Jan 07 (Jan Kiel), 2 at Quseir (Terry Mitcham) 14 Feb 08. Three at Aswan King Tut Village 24 Feb 08 (Mary Megalli & Annie Sevin). First-winter or female at Wadi Gemal 2 Mar 09 (Eric Jan Alblas <i>in litt</i> ) EORC. Monotypic.
		<b>PARIDAE</b>	
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major terraesanctae</i>	RB. Rare breeder NE Sinai, between El Arish & Rafah.
		<b>REMIZIDAE</b>	
	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	WV. Up to 20 noted Suez 24 Feb & 31 Mar 82 (Wimpfheimer <i>et al</i> 1983). C & E Asia Minor, Levant, Transcaucasia (except E Azerbaijan) & W Iran. <b>NB</b> ssp in Egypt likely <i>menzbieri</i> ; ssp name <i>persimilis</i> invalid.

ALAUDIDAE		
Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes alaudipes</i>	RB. Recorded year-round, seemingly more often on Quseir-Bir Shalatein road. Observed Giftun Island May 2004 (IM). Africa & Arabia, except coastal plains of S Red Sea & W Middle East. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>desrtorum</i> (NE Sudan) may reach Hal'ab Triangle Meininger & Atta 1994.
Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>	(CB?), (WV). Mostly late spring along Cairo-Suez road. Specimen collected at Marsa Matruh 16 Sep 41 (GZM: B472) (Goodman & Watson 1983). Flock of 15 found 52km S of Marsa Matruh 28 Sep 94, 3 in Jun 1995. Young seen flying Jun, the first confirmed breeding record; female with brood patch had been found in 1922. Monotypic.
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra calandra</i>	WV. Southernmost record at Wadi Adeib (Gebel Elba) 22 Feb 85 (Michigan Museum of Zoology-USA). North Africa and S Europe through Turkey & Caucasus E to NW & N Iran, W shore of Caspian Sea & NW Kazakhstan. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>hollomi</i> invalid, but <i>hebraica</i> may reach Sinai from W Jordan.
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata rufescens</i>	PV. Five at irrigation W of Ismailia 03 Jan 90, first certain winter record, one 12 Apr 90 flying N at Suez. Ringed each spring Hurgada sewage work, from 14 Mar-13 May. One at military checkpoint on Dakhla-Bir Tertawi road (23°27'N, 28°59'S) 18 Mar 02 (Lajos Nemeth) Meininger & Atta 1994. Highest count 25 at Hurgada rubbish tip 25 Mar 06 (Tomas Haraldsson pers com). Levant, W & C Asia Minor & NW Iraq. <b>NB</b> One attributed to this taxon recorded on migration Cyprus 13 May 08.
Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura arenicolor</i>	RB. Sahara, Arabia & Middle East Meininger & Atta 1994
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti isabellina</i>	RB. Probably this taxon widespread breeder St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Egypt (except Nile valley), NE Sudan & in Middle East from Israel & Jordan S to C Arabia. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>fraterculus</i> : <i>hijazensis</i> invalid, but several other ssp (excluding <i>deserti</i> , <i>qv</i> ) in Sudan, Arabia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia Meininger & Atta 1994.
	<i>A.m. deserti</i>	RB. C & S Egyptian Nile valley. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>borosi</i> invalid.
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla rubiginosa</i>	Status uncertain. Seemingly no specimens collected in Egypt referable to this ssp (IM). North Africa E to NW Egypt, except coastal strip of N Morocco, Algeria & Tunisia Meininger & Atta 1994. However, between 16 Mar & 18 May 90, small flocks seen regularly during migration. Two seen at Wadi El Natron 17 May 90, one singing. <b>NB</b> taxon <i>hungarica</i> not recorded yet, but likely PV on geographical grounds. Hungary & adjacent regions of Slovakia, N Serbia & W Romania.
	<i>C.b. brachydactyla</i>	RB. Narrow coastal strip of N Morocco, Algeria & Tunisia, & S Europe E to Cyprus, W Turkey, Bulgaria, E Rumania & Ukraine, N to W France, Italy & coastal zone and S of FYR. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>moreatica</i> invalid.
	<i>C.b. hermonensis</i>	PV. Middle East N to Syria, extreme SE Turkey & C Iraq
	<i>C.b. longipennis</i>	PV, WV. Plains of SE European Russia & from Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan & E Iran, E to Tien Shan, NW China & N Mongolia. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>orientalis</i> (C. Asia, Mongolia & Manchuria) may have been vagrant, but suggest its presence in Egypt needs specimen proof.
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens nicolli</i>	RB Meininger & Atta 1994. Flock of 150 feeding in halophytic vegetation at Lake Manzala along old coastal road E of El Burg 09 Jan 90; March-May up to five singing athere. One 15 Mar 08 Hurgada sewage works, ringed by Artur Nyemczik. Nile Delta. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>minor</i> expected NW Egypt (Dickinson 2003).
Dunn's Lark	<i>Eremelauda dunnii</i> ssp uncertain	First breeding record SW of El Ariah, N Sinai 08 May 90 Baha el Din 1990. 7 birds found 45km S of El Arish 29 Aug 91. Up to 6 males displaying 27 Apr 92. 3 found by Wadi Girafi 21 Dec 94, ssp unknown Miles 1999. Sahara. <b>NB</b> ranges of ssp <i>dunnii</i> thought to be S Sahara Mauretania to C Sudan & ssp <i>eremodites</i> Syria & Israel to Arabia.
Dupont's Lark	<i>Chersophilus duponti margaritae</i>	RB. Meinertzhagen (1921) observed it in desert 24km S of Salum & N of Siwa. Up to 8 birds on Marsa Matruh-Salum road Mar 1994. Confined to the western desert, E and S of Marsa Matruh; records from Mar-Oct. Algeria (S slope of Atlas Saharien) & N Sahara, E through S Tunisia & Libya to NW Egypt
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata brachyura</i>	RB Meininger & Atta 1994. Eastern Desert southern known limit is the Ain Sokhna checkpoint (IM). Lake Nasser area records: 20+ 24 Jan 90 at Wadi Allaqi, 10 at Garf Hussein 10 Jan 90. Some suggestion that <i>altirostris</i> is synonymous, but Dickinson (2003) recognises both taxa. Sinai, S Israel, S Jordan & W & S Arabia (except SW mountains), Iraq. <b>NB</b> see Hypothetical List for status of ssp <i>festae</i> .
	<i>G.c. altirostris</i>	RB Western Desert. Nicoll (1912) collected large series Mar 1910 Nov 1911, including female (GZM 4721: 23 Mar 1910) with "ovary containing large eggs." Furthermore Raw (1921) saw young being fed by adults mid-May 1918. Noted Mar 76, 2km N of Qara, where may breed (Goodman & Ames, 1983). Only certain record of this sp at the oasis 7 Sep 84 (SH, TIIHM). NC & NE Sudan & Eritrea (Dickinson 2003), <b>not</b> NE Libya & NW Egypt.
	<i>G.c. maculate</i>	RB. Egypt, except NW, Delta & S Nile valley
	<i>G.c. nigricans</i>	RB. Nile Delta (Egypt). 26 at Abasa fish ponds 17 Apr 2009 (IM).
	<i>G.c. hallae</i>	Status uncertain. Lack of data. S Nile Valley of Egypt and N Sudan.
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea pallida</i>	WV. NW Africa & S Europe from C, S & E Spain, Corsica, C Italy, Balkans & Greece through Turkey, Crimea, Levant & Caucasus to Iran & Turkmenistan. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>flavescens</i> , <i>wettsteini</i> invalid.
	<i>L.a. arborea</i>	Meininger & Atta 1994. WV. W, C & N Europe.
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis cantarella</i>	WV. S Europe from NE Spain & S France through Italy, S Hungary, Balkans, Romania S & E of Carpathians & Greece, E probably to W & C Turkey.
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	AV. (WV?). At Sharm El Sheik (Ingo Weiss) 26 Oct-4 Nov 07: submitted to Egybirdgroup@yahoo.com. 5+ seen (Andrea Corso <i>in litt</i> ) in Sinai (Oct 08). (ssp uncertain; approaches <i>inconspicua</i> of W Turkmenistan, & E Iran to S Kazakhstan, SW Tadjikistan & Afghanistan, Pakistan & NW India. Winters mostly SW Asia; those recorded wintering Israel may be vagrants or relict wintering population).
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps melanauchen</i>	RB. Breeds at Halaib Triangle, some years at Bir Shalatein. Abdul (of Crocodile Island) knows breeding site at Luxor (west bank). Nicoll saw 3 during 1912-1913 winter (Meinertzhagen, 1930). Adult male (GZM 4457) shot 10 Sep 1911 (see Nicoll, 1912). Moreau (1934) mentioned specimen collected by Bagnold 3 Oct (year?) in desert between Dakhla and Uweinat (23°50'N, 27°40'E). One at Safaga 15 Mar 03 (Jens Sogaard Hansen: www.surfbirds.com!) Coastal plains of W Red Sea from Sudan to Somalia, Arabia & Iran to NW India. <b>NB</b> ssp affinis now Pakistan & NW India only, but ssp <i>albifrons</i> Mauretania to Nile Valley.
Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>	RB. Monotypic. N Africa, N & NE Arabia, W Iraq, S Syria & Jordan. One Siwa Oasis 27 Feb 74 Goodman & Ames 1983.
PYCNONOTIDAE		
White-spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos</i>	RB. Common breeder gardens plantations St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Sinai only as far as Suez canal. Monotypic.
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus arsinoe</i>	RB. Along Nile Valley & in N of Eastern Desert, up to Wadi Dome. Egypt & southern fringe of E Sahara
HIRUNDINIDAE		
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia riparia</i>	PV. NW Africa, Eurasia & North America, S to Turkey, Caucasus, M Kazakhstan & Altai
	<i>R.r. shelleyi</i>	MB. Egypt.
	<i>R.r. eilata</i>	Status uncertain. Description Shirihai & Peter Colston 1992 accepted by Dickinson 2003 as possible migrant from SW Asia-NE Africa; passage Syria Middle East & Israel?
Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>	PV. Some birds caught Hurgada sewage works as Sand Martin <i>R. riparia</i> likely to be Pale Martin (IM). Specimens examined of <i>diluta</i> include both sexes (BMNH 1965: M.8263-8264); taken 14 Apr 23 at Wadi Natron. Monotypic. Transcaspia & E Iran, E to S-C Siberia (where overlaps <i>riparia</i> apparently sympatrically), migrant Middle East. Specimen series of <i>innominata</i> requires examination, if only to eliminate from analysis (some may winter in Africa from S Kazakhstan).
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	AV. 15 Nov 88, one at Elephantine Island Aswan (Clements 1990) EORC. Vagrant Saudi Arabia & Yemen. Likely ssp is <i>erlangeri</i> , the most northerly form, reaching Eritrea and Sudan.
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Two seen in flight Suez 20 Apr 90, first record for Egypt Meininger & Atta 1994.
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	PV. North Africa (except Egypt), Europe & Middle East (except Levant) to C Asia.
	<i>H.r. savignii</i>	RB. Egypt, restricted to Nile Valley & Delta. This taxon sometimes called 'Egyptian Barn Swallow'.
	<i>H.r. transitiva</i>	PV. Lebanon, S Syria, Israel & W Jordan.
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	AV. One record from Wadi Hagul 30 Mar 95 (Rosier 1996) EORC.
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	(PV), (WV). Monotypic.
Pale Crag Martin (Rock Martin)	<i>Ptyonoprogne obsoleta arabica</i>	Status uncertain, but likely occurs in small numbers. One collected at Gebel Elba 20 Mar 28 intermediate size between <i>obsoleta</i> and <i>arabica</i> (BMNH 1965 M.8315). Sudan, SW Arabia & N Somalia, N to extreme S Egypt. <b>NB</b> Rock Martin ( <i>sensu novo</i> ) <i>P. fulgula</i> not yet recorded OSME region, but ssp <i>pusilla</i> (Ethiopia & Eritrea) & <i>fusciventris</i> (W&S Sudan, W-C Ethiopia) may occur; all hirundines liable to displacement by weather systems.
	<i>P.o. obsoleta</i>	RB. Probably this taxon common breeder St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Egypt, S Middle East, Arabia (except SW & coastal zone of SW Arabian Gulf) & SW Iran.
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum urbicum</i>	PV, (WV). W, C & N Europe & W Siberia, wintering W, C & S Africa. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>meridionale</i> of N Africa, S Europe & W Asia to Tien Shan & Kashmir also expected PV Egypt.
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica rufula</i>	PV, (WV). North Africa & S Europe E to W-C Asia. <b>NB</b> genus change from <i>Hirundo</i> .
	<i>C.d. daurica</i>	Eastern Asia, vagrant to WP.
CETIIDAE		

	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	AV. Probably ssp <i>orientalis</i> observed at Sharm el Sheik (Goodman & Meininger 1989). One at El Tur (Sinai) (Andrew Lassey) 22 Nov 92. Two records from El Alamein, Mar & Oct 1996. One reported Lake Nasser Sep 1996 (Miles 1999). C & E Turkey, Levant, Caucasus N along W Caspian to Volga delta, W&N Iran & westernmost Turkmenistan. NB ssp name <i>interposita</i> invalid.
		<b>PHYLLOSCOPIIDAE</b>	
	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus</i>	PV, WV. Numerous night migrant autumn Zaranik Salama & Grieve 1996. W & C central Europe, N to Wales, C England & S Sweden, E to C Poland & Carpathians. NB ssp name <i>fitis</i> invalid.
		<i>P.t. acredula</i>	PV, WV? N Europe (except extreme N) & SW Siberia, from Ireland, Scotland, N-C Norway & C Sweden & NE Poland, Ukraine & Moldova. NB ssp name <i>eversmanni</i> invalid.
	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita collybita</i>	PV, WV. Western Europe N to Britain, Denmark & S Sweden, S to NE Spain, Pyrénées (except NW), Italy & Greece, E to C Poland, Romania, Bulgaria & Turkey. NB Dickinson (2003) subsumes <i>sardus</i> , but tentatively supports <i>brevirostris</i> .
		<i>P.c. abietinus</i>	PV, WV. N Europe from Norway E to Pechora & Volga basin, S to C Sweden, NE Poland, Moldova, SE European Russia & N Kazakhstan; also Caucasus & N Iran. Several ringed on weight-gain stopover Hurgghada Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009.
		<i>P.c. tristis</i>	Status uncertain. One intermediate specimen ( <i>abietinus/tristis</i> ) ringed Hurgghada winter 2007 as "sub- <i>tristis</i> " (IM, as per Lars Svensson, 1992). E European Russia & Urals to E Siberia; also NE Iran & SW Turkmenistan. Several ringed on weight-gain stopover Hurgghada Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009. NB1 <i>fulvescens</i> may be valid ssp (Stepanyan 1990), but ssp names <i>altaiana</i> , <i>axillaris</i> , <i>menzbieri</i> , <i>riphaea</i> invalid. NB2 taxon <i>tristis</i> may be full species (Martens & Eck 1995).
	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	PV, Goodman & Meininger 1989. Monotypic. Formerly <i>P.b. bonelli</i> .
	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler (Balkan Warbler)	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	PV. Probably winters Sudan & Egypt Goodman & Meininger 1989. Monotypic; formerly <i>P. bonelli orientalis</i> . Caught & ringed Hurgghada Mar 2006 (IM), SW, SC Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, probably W Iran, 4 records Oman.
	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Monotypic. Although W & C Africa migrant, known to winter E Africa, probably when Sahel conditions adverse. NB ssp names <i>erlangeri</i> , <i>judmilae</i> invalid
	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	PV. First record 12 Oct 88 Baha el Din 1996. A single bird recorded on video at Naama Bay (SSH) 12 & 13 Oct 92 (Miles 1999)
	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	(PV), (WV). One at Taba Hilton Hotel garden 20 Dec 90 (Miles 1999). Two specimens at USNM (533475 and 551636) collected 17 & 22 Oct 66 at Bahig. Monotypic. NB ssp names <i>praemium</i> , <i>saturatus</i> , <i>superciliosa</i> invalid.
	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	AV. One at Sharm el-Sheik 17-18 Oct 92. Recent winter records from Eilat area (Miles 1999).
	Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus [trochiloides] nitidus</i>	(CB?). Meakin <i>et al</i> 2005 (Operation Wallacea Report) state: "very rare in trees in gardens of Wadi Gebel & Tobouq", N Turkey & Caucasus E through N Iran to Turkmenistan & S Uzbekistan (perhaps) & W&E Afghanistan. NB this taxon best treated as allopecies of <i>trochiloides</i> ring species (5 taxa; see ORL Introduction).
		<b>ACROCEPHALIDAE</b>	
	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus arundinaceus</i>	PV, NW Africa & Europe, E to Volga basin & Caucasus. NB superspecies with Oriental Reed Warbler <i>A. orientalis</i> , which has occurred Israel.
		<i>A.a. zarudnyi</i>	PV. E Iraq, Iran & Volga basin E through Transcaspiya to W Mongolia and Krasnoyarsk area. NB possible hybrids with <i>A. orientalis</i> recorded Israel.
	Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus stentoreus</i>	RB. 4 locations, Al-Badari & Asjut on Nile, Deir el-Muharrak, Thebes-West Mar 85 Kinzelbach 1986. Egypt, E to Suez Canal area. NB1 split proposed with Indian Reed Warbler as <i>A. brunescens</i> , which taxon breeds Arabia & has been recorded Levant. NB2 uncertain of taxa grouping deriving from split. NB3 see Hypothetical List for status of ssp <i>levantina</i> .
	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon melanopogon</i>	PV, WV? One Dakhla Oasis 2 & 3 Mar 09 (Enno B Ebels). One at Hurgghada (Dahar) Mar 04 (IM), Tunisia, Corsica, Italy, Balkans & Greece E to E Ukraine & W Asia Minor & (perhaps this ssp) Morocco, E Spain, S France & Balearics. NB1 ssp <i>nimicus</i> ought to occur Egypt. NB2 case for reversion to <i>Luscinola</i> . NB3 May move to new genus <i>Calamodus</i> IOC v2.2.
	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	PV, (WV). Monotypic. NB May move to new genus <i>Calamodus</i> IOCv2.2.
	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	PV. NW Africa & from W Europe E to C European Russia, lower Don' & Kuban' rivers, Crimea & W Asia Minor. NB1 monotypic if elevation of <i>fuscus</i> & <i>avinceniae</i> (latter's probably indeterminate position between <i>A. scirpaceus</i> & <i>A. baeticatus</i> [qv]) accepted. NB2 ssp name <i>intermedius</i> invalid. NB3 may move to new genus <i>Notiocichla</i> IOC v2.2.
	Caspian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus (scirpaceus) fuscus</i>	PV. Central and eastern Asia Minor, Levant, Transcaucasia, Iraq, and from Iran, shores of Caspian Sea, and lower Volga east to west-central Asia [includes <i>macronyx</i> ]. Many refuel oases & irrigated fields Hurgghada Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009. NB may move to new genus <i>Notiocichla</i> IOC v2.2.
	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	PV. Monotypic. NB1 ssp names <i>laricus</i> , <i>turcomana</i> best accepted as invalid until types compared and related to various related migrants. NB2 may move to new genus <i>Notiocichla</i> IOC v2.2.
	Thick-billed Warbler	<i>Iduna aedon aedon</i>	AV. One 20 Nov 91 at St. Katherine Monastery (Sinai). (Andrew Grieve 1992). NB1 some place in <i>Phragmatocola</i> . NB2 Change of genus from <i>Acrocephalus</i> IOC v2.2.
	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida pallida</i>	RB. Caught & ringed Hurgghada sewage works April 2008. Egypt. Several ringed on weight-gain stopover Hurgghada Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009. NB genus change to <i>Iduna</i> highlights species' intermediacy between <i>Hippolais</i> & <i>Acrocephalus</i> .
		<i>I.p. elaeica</i>	PV, (WV). Overwintering specimens found Abu Simbel Jan 2007 (IM), Hungary, SW Ukraine & Balkans S to Greece & W Asia Minor. NB1 <i>tamariceti</i> from C & E Asia Minor, Cyprus, Levant & through Caucasus, Iraq & Iran to W-C Asia should occur. NB2 ssp name <i>turkestanica</i> invalid.
	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>	AV. Specimen taken at Marsa Matruh 13 May 70 is referable to this sp (National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC, USA). Iberia, NW Africa, E Libya? NB Genus change to <i>Iduna</i> highlights species' intermediacy between <i>Hippolais</i> & <i>Acrocephalus</i> .
	Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	MB? Up to 2009, 8 records in Egypt, 5 being from Sinai. First record one observed at Sheraton Hotel, Hurgghada 10 Aug 87 (Andrew Grieve pers comm in Baha el Din & Baha el Din 1995); one in Wadi Rishat, S of Qusaima, N Sinai 04 May 90; three at Sharm el Sheikh, S Sinai 24 Aug 91 (H Kahl publ anon 1991), 4th-6th records Sherif & Mindy Baha el Din (summarised in Baha el Din & Baha el Din 1995) EORC. One 20 Mar 93 Kharga Oasis Western Desert Riad 1995. One El Bragga Garden (Wadi Feiran) 13 Aug 05 Meakin <i>et al</i> 2005.
	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>	PV. One at Shams Alam 17 Sep 05 (Staffan Rodebrand & Bo Thoor). Monotypic.
	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	PV, (WV). Monotypic. NB ssp names <i>alaris</i> , <i>borisi</i> , <i>schuchowi</i> invalid.
		<b>MEGALURIDAE</b>	
	Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia naevia</i>	AV. Very few observations in Egypt. 4 ringed at Eilat (Israel) autumn 1986 (Hadoram Shirihai). W Europe E to W European Russia wintering in W Africa. NB ssp <i>straminea</i> (E European Russia) & <i>obscurior</i> (E Turkey, Caucasus) may winter partly in NE Africa.
	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides luscinioides</i>	PV, (WV). Present Hurgghada from 3 Feb, perhaps a little earlier, at least for males. One specimen recaptured 16 Feb. NW Africa & through S & C Europe E to Balkans (except NE Bulgaria & E Romania), Greece, Ukraine & W European Russia. NB ssp <i>sarmatica</i> may winter in NE Africa.
		<i>L.l. fusca</i>	PV. In spring, 25% of Savi's Warbler ringed at Hurgghada sewage work relate to this ssp. Asia Minor, Levant, Iran & from SE Urals, Emba river & Transcaspiya E to W Mongolia.
		<b>CISTICOLIDAE</b>	
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>C.juncidis juncidis</i>	RB. Nile Valley, S to Aswan. NW Africa, Egypt, Iberia (& Balearics), W France & possibly some offshore Italian islets. NB1 status of taxon <i>neuroticus</i> uncertain - RB? If a breeding population exists in E Sinai, probably referable to this form. S coastlands Turkey, Cyprus, Levant, Iraq, & SW Iran. NB2 ssp names <i>annae</i> , <i>intermedia</i> , <i>jordansi</i> , <i>mauritanica</i> invalid.
	Scrub Warbler	<i>Scotocerca inquieta inquieta</i>	RB. Probably this taxon common breeder wadis St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Egypt S Sinai & to E, inland S Middle East, S to N Saudi Arabia. NB ssp name <i>innesi</i> invalid.
		<i>S.i. saharae</i>	RB? PV. Breeds Libyan Cyrenaica & perhaps Salum (Egypt). SE Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia & Libya. NB ssp name <i>harterti</i> invalid.
	Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis natronensis</i>	RB. Wadi el Natrun (northern Egypt).
		<i>P.g. gracilis</i>	RB. Nile valley from Cairo to C Sudan & in El Faiyum oasis (Egypt).
		<i>P.g. deltae</i>	RB. Nile Delta, N Sinai, W Israel & W Lebanon.
		<i>P.g. palaestinae</i>	RB. E Sinai, NW Arabia, E Israel, Jordan, E Lebanon & S Syria.
		<b>TIMALIDAE</b>	
	Arabian Babbler	<i>Turdoides squamiceps squamiceps</i>	RB. Restricted to NE Sinai. Probably resident breeder Wadi Taba. 8 near Ras El Nabaq 8 Mar 95 (Miles 1999).
	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva acaciae</i>	RB. Former colony around Toshka, but after High Dam built, only known breeding place is Gebel Elba. S Saharan fringe from Mali to E Chad, N to Ahaggar (S Algeria) & Tibesti (N Chad). Occurs Sudan in three 120km <sup>2</sup> squares adjacent to Egyptian border Nikolaus 1987.
		<b>SYLVIIDAE</b>	
	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla dammholzi</i>	PV. A few specimens taken at Bahig match plumage coloration of this form (National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC, USA). C-E Turkey (probably), Caucasus (except SW) & N Iran.
		<i>S.a. atricapilla</i>	PV. Europe & W Siberia, S to Pyrénées, N Italy, Balkans, Greece, W & perhaps N Turkey & Levant; also SW Caucasus. NB ssp name <i>riphaea</i> invalid.

Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin borin</i>	PV. Western Europe E to Greece, Serbia, S&C Romania & C&N European Russia E to C Urals. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>kreczmeri</i> invalid.
	<i>S.b. woodwardi</i>	PV. Bulgaria, E Greece, Turkey, Caucasus, E Romania & S Ukraine & from SE European Russia & Urals E to Yenisey. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>pateffi</i> , <i>pallida</i> invalid.
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria nisoria</i>	PV. Europe E to Urals & NW Caspian & (perhaps this ssp) Crimea, Asia Minor, Caucasus & N Iran. <b>NB</b> taxon merzbacheri AV? Specimen taken at Gebel Elba 21 Apr 85 approaches coloration of this form. (University of Michigan Museum of Zoology). From about Ural Mountains, Ural River & Caspian E to Mongolia.
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia [curruca] curruca</i>	PV, WV. Numerous night migrant autumn Zaranik Salama & Grieve 1996. Western Europe E to Ob' basin, S to N Italy, to N FYR & N Bulgaria, Ukraine (except Crimea), middle Volga, S Urals & extreme N Kazakhstan. Several ringed on weight-gain stopover Hurgghada Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009.
Central Asian Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia [c.] x halimodendri</i> (rather than <i>S.[c.] bythii</i> ?)	PV. Collected (as taxon <i>blythii</i> ) several times spring & autumn in Nile Delta & Fayoum (Meinertzhagen 1930). C Siberia from Yenisey basin E to Lena River, S to N Altai foothills, Tuva, NE Mongolia & W Manchuria. <b>NB1</b> position of <i>blythii</i> unclear: historically (1950s) regarded as separate from <i>halimodendri</i> , but latter seemingly more prevalent with time, hence ORL suggests best treat <i>halimodendri</i> as stabilised hybrid that probably is swamping <i>blythii</i> , which is not cited by Dickinson (2003); English name amended in consequence. <b>NB2</b> Within <i>S. curruca</i> superspecies complex.
Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia [c.] althaea</i>	AV. One ringed Hurgghada sewage works 3 Apr 08 (Arthur Niemczyk & IM). Morphometrics with IM & Gdansk University (SEEN) Poland. Mountains of NE & E Iran, SW Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan & W-C Asia. WP vagrant. <b>NB1</b> within <i>S. curruca</i> superspecies complex. <b>NB2</b> ssp name <i>Monticola</i> invalid.
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia [hortensis] crassirostris</i>	PV, (WV). Balkans, Greece, Cyrenaica (NE Libya), C & N Asia Minor & Levant. Allopecies with <i>S.[h.] hortensis</i> .
	<i>S.[h.jc. jerdoni</i>	Status uncertain. S Transcaucasia & SE Turkey (perhaps this ssp), E Iraq & Iran to W-C Asia & Pakistan. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>balchanica</i> (E Turkey, Caucasus & to E) may occur Egypt.
Arabian Warbler	<i>Sylvia leucomelaena blanfordi</i>	RB. A few pairs St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Coastal zone of W Red Sea S from extreme SE Egypt. NB status of taxon <i>negevensis</i> uncertain. Countries bordering Mediterranean, from Morocco & Portugal E to Cyprus & inland Levant
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia [nana] nana</i>	MB? PV, WV. One 06 Dec 07 10km N of Quseir, one at Hamata early Nov. One seen in low juniper-like bushes bordering mangroves southern Hamata 3 & 5 Dec 04 (Måns Grundsten & Matti Eriksson). Reported in summer from St. Katherine protectorate. Monotypic. Volga Delta & Transcaspiya to C Asia. <b>NB</b> allopecies with <i>S.[n.] deserti</i> .
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis communis</i>	PV. Ringed Hurgghada in spring. NW Africa & from W Europe E to Poland, E Carpathians, Bulgaria, N Asia Minor & SW Caucasus. <b>NB1</b> ssp <i>volgensis</i> likely occurs Egypt (SE European Russian birds probably winter E Africa). <b>NB2</b> ssp names <i>jordanii</i> , <i>cinerea</i> invalid.
	<i>S.c. icterops</i>	PV. Meinertzhagen (1930) reported this form as less common than nominate. S & SE Turkey, Levant, C & E Transcaucasia, E Iraq, Iran & SW Turkmenistan. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>traudeli</i> invalid.
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata conspicillata</i>	WV. 5 at Shamsa Alam & in mangroves in Hamata 17-23 Sep 05 (Staffan Rödebrand & Bo Thoor). One at Ain Musa 12 Oct 08 (David Farrow). Countries bordering Mediterranean, from Morocco & Portugal E to Cyprus & inland Levant
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia [cantillans] albigriata</i>	PV, WV. Eound wintering by Misonne(1974) at Uweinat & Gilf Kebir. SW Slovenia E through SE Europe to W Turkey.
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala norisae</i>	FB? El Faiyum oasis (N Egypt; taxon apparently extinct since 1939).
	<i>S.m melanocephala</i>	PV, WV. NW Africa & S Europe (including Mediterranean islands) E to N Turkey. <b>NB1</b> ssp <i>pasiphae</i> (S Aegean Islands Crete to SW Turkey) may occur Egypt. <b>NB2</b> ssp <i>carmichaeli</i> invalid.
	<i>S.m. momus</i>	RB, PV, WV. Common Hurgghada sewage works as PV, WV. S-C Turkey & Levant coastal zone. <b>NB</b> <i>momus</i> possible future split.
Ménétriés's Warbler	<i>Sylvia mystacea rubescens</i>	Scarce PV. One ringed at Hurgghada sewage works (Arthur Nyemczyk) Mar 2008. S-C Asia Minor S through interior Levant & Syria, Iraq & SW Iran to N Saudi Arabia. <b>NB1</b> correct spelling of English name has three acute accents; <i>eg</i> Parkin & Knox 2010 <b>NB2</b> ssp name <i>semenowi</i> invalid. <b>NB3</b> status of taxon <i>mystacea</i> uncertain as is which ssp occur Egypt. E Turkey, Transcaucasia from E Caucasus N along W Caspian shore to lower Volga & N Iran (except NE).
Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>	PV, (WV). One ringed Hurgghada sewage works spring 2007 & one Mar 2008. Monotypic. Regularly encountered in small numbers spring Cyprus (MB pers obs)
Cyprus Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanothorax</i>	PV. One 2y female ringed Hurgghada sewage works 8 Mar 08 (Arthur Niemczyk) & 2 seen Sinai (Nabaq area) (Annie Sevin) on same day. Monotypic.
	<b>REGULIDAE</b>	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus regulus</i>	(WV). Europe (except Crimea and Caucasus area) and west Siberia east to Tomsk and middle Yenisey
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla ignicapilla</i>	AV. Old record from Bahig, W of Alexandria 5 Mar 73 (Miles 1999). Europe (except Balearic Islands) east to Turkey and Caucasus area. NB ssp name <i>minimus</i> invalid.
	<b>SITTIDAE</b>	
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	AV. On geographical grounds, perhaps ssp <i>syriaca</i> was first recorded at Safsa St. Katherine Protectorate (Elijah's basin, Aug 04) Meakin <i>et al</i> 2005. Levant, SE Turkey & N Iraq.
	<b>STURNIDAE</b>	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	AV. Adult at Ain Sokhna (Fawzi's rest house) 20-30 Apr 98 April when it was shot (Linda Millington 2000) EORC. Carcase in collection of Sharif Baha el-Din. Nest-building attempt Zaranik National Park Visitor Centre 2008 (IM). <b>NB1</b> popular cagebird introduced in many dozen countries. <b>NB2</b> ssp names <i>tristoides</i> , <i>naumanni</i> subsumed in <i>tristis</i> .
Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	(PV). Monotypic. <b>NB1</b> DNA results support reversion to <i>Pastor</i> from <i>Sturnus</i> . <b>NB2</b> Rosy Starling alternative English name.
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris purpurascens</i>	WV. E Turkey, NE Iraq & W Transcaucasia. <b>NB1</b> see Hypothetical List for status of ssp <i>vulgaris</i> . <b>NB2</b> ssp <i>oppenheimi</i> of SE Turkey may wander to Egypt. <b>NB3</b> ssp names <i>britannicus</i> , <i>ferdinandi</i> , <i>graecus</i> , <i>jirkowi</i> , <i>ruthenus</i> , <i>sophiae</i> invalid.
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	AV. One at Wadi Iahami (Lahami Bay Hotel) 30 Oct-4 Nov 08 Hoath 2008 EORC. E & S Africa, seemingly extending its range to West Africa. Some winter in Yemen.
Tristram's Starling	<i>Onychognathus tristramii</i>	RB. Locally very common St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>hadramauticus</i> invalid.
	<b>TURDIDAE</b>	
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus alpestris</i>	(WV). One at Wadi Dome (Mary Megalli) 13 Nov 04 (ssp unknown). S & C Europe, E to Carpathians, Bulgaria & NW Asia Minor. This taxon occasional name 'Caucasian Ring Ouzel'.
	<i>T.t. amicum</i>	AV. Two specimens collected at St. Katherine 3 Mar 28 are referable to this form (Meinertzhagen 1930; BMNH. E & (probably this ssp) S Turkey, Caucasus & N Iran to SW Turkmenistan. This taxon occasional name 'Southern Ring Ouzel'.
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula syriacus</i>	RB, WV. Sinai. Not known to breed in Egypt before mid-1970s. Since at least 2002, rather common resident in Badr (along Mediterranean coast, c20km E of El Alamein); probably also breeds Sinai. (Dr Irina Springuel pers obs). Crete, Rhodes, S Turkey, Levant, Egypt, Iraq, Iran (except NW & Caspian lowlands) & SW Turkmenistan. <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>insularum</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> since split of <i>T. maximus</i> (Tibetan Blackbird) & <i>T. simillimus</i> (Indian Blackbird), English name used more apt than Common Blackbird.
	<i>T.m. merula</i>	RB, WV. Nile Valley & Delta (even Cairo). Female at Wadi Dome (Mary Megalli & IM) 19 Dec 08. Europe, from N Iberia, Sardinia, Sicily, mainland Italy, N of FYR, Carpathians, W & N Ukraine, Scotland NE to Fennoscandia & through C European Russia E C Urals.
Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus [ruficollis] atrogularis</i>	AV. Male collected autumn 1833 Sinai (Naturhistoriska Riksmuseets, Stockholm, Sweden). Male observed 3 Jan 82 at El Arish (Baha el Din 1984a). <b>NB</b> superspecies with <i>T.[r.] ruficollis</i> Red-throated Thrush
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	WV. One 6 Dec 07 Hurgghada sewage works (IM & Lajos Németh), one at Zafarana Nov 07 (IM, Lajos Németh, Mary Megalli). Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>subpilaris</i> , <i>tertius</i> invalid.
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus iliacus</i>	(WV). Several at El Alamein 24 & 25 Nov 90 & one at Gebel el Asfar 15 Jan 95. (Miles 1999). Britain & Norway to E Asia. <b>NB</b> some Russian authorities prefer <i>T. musicus</i> for species name.
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos philomelos</i>	WV. Continental Europe (except area occupied by <i>clarkei</i> ) E to W Siberia & N Iran. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>brehmii</i> , <i>distinctus</i> , <i>nataliae</i> invalid.
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus viscivorus</i>	(WV). One at El Alamein 24 Nov 09. Some records from Nile Delta & St Katherine Protectorate. (Miles 1999). Europe (except Corsica & Sardinia) to W Siberia, Caucasus & N Iran. NB ssp names <i>bithynicus</i> , <i>hispaniae</i> , <i>jordansi</i> , <i>jubilaeus</i> , <i>loudoni</i> , <i>preceptor</i> , <i>tauricus</i> , <i>uralensis</i> invalid.
	<b>MUSCICAPIDAE</b>	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula rubecula</i>	WV. Europe & North Africa, S former USSR E to Crimea & Taman Peninsula, in Middle East to C Turkey & Levant.
White-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica cyaneula</i>	PV, WV. Ringed Hurgghada (IM). C Europe, from E & N France, Belgium, Netherlands E to Carpathian basin, NW Ukraine, C Belarus & W most European Russia; perhaps this ssp northern Iberia. <b>NB1</b> ssp names <i>caucasica</i> , <i>obscura</i> , <i>wolfi</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> <i>cyaneula</i> best grouped <i>pro tem</i> with <i>namnetum</i> & <i>magna</i> . <b>NB3</b> fairly strong case for separation of this group from next, but some populations poorly known; Hilgerloh & Raddatz 2009 declined to assign ssp identity to those ringed Hurgghada on grounds of lack of DNA-identified series of sufficient sizes.
Red-spotted Bluethroat	<i>L.s. svecica</i>	PV, WV. Ringed Hurgghada (IM). Amongst commonest passerine winter visitors. N Eurasia & Alaska, S to N European Russia & C & N Urals, locally in mountains of C Europe. <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>gaetkei</i> has some grounds for revival, but <i>robusta</i> is invalid. <b>NB2</b> best if all ssp except <i>cyaneula</i> , <i>namnetum</i> & <i>magna</i> grouped <i>pro tem</i> with <i>svecica</i> . <b>NB3</b> the English names for this and preceding group less than ideal due to extent of individual plumage variation (reasons not wholly known) in some populations.

	<i>L.s. volgae</i>	PV, WV(?) In winter plumage, difficult if not impossible to separate from <i>pallidogularis</i> . NE Ukraine & C European Russia E to C Volga river, S to lower Don & lower Volga. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>grotei</i> , <i>occidentalis</i> invalid.
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>	AV. Reported (Gerald Driessens) 1 <sup>st</sup> -winter female 9-12 Nov 93 Hurgada (Recent reports, <i>Dutch Birding</i> <b>15</b> (6): 287); probably ssp <i>calliope</i> . <b>NB1</b> other ssp <i>beicki</i> & <i>camtschatkensis</i> . <b>NB2</b> ssp names <i>sachalinensis</i> , <i>anadyrensis</i> invalid.
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	PV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> occasional individuals have more rufous than the greyest Common Nightingale <i>L. megarhynchos</i> .
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos megarhynchos</i>	PV. Croatia ( <i>megarhynchos</i> ) Eastern Turkey & Caucasus (some attribute <i>baehmanni</i> ) E through N & SW Iran to W Turkmenistan. <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>transcaucasica</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> ssp <i>africana</i> (E Turkey, Caucasus & to E, some wintering NE Africa) & <i>golzii</i> (priority over <i>hafizi</i> : E Iran, Kazakhstan & far to E, wintering E Africa) expected to occur Egypt.
White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	WV. Monotypic.
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes galactotes</i>	MB, PV, (WV). Late April-mid-May, daily at Hurgada sewage works (2 ringed Apr 2008). North Africa from Morocco to Egypt, Iberia, S France (formerly) & in S Levant N to S Syria & Israel. <b>NB1</b> many previous English names. <b>NB2</b> likely to revert to <i>Erythropygia</i> genus. <b>NB3</b> ssp <i>familiaris</i> (SE Turkey to E & S, migrant to NE & E Africa) expected on passage.
	<i>C.g. syriaca</i>	PV. Balkans, Greece, W & S coastlands of Turkey & Levant S to Lebanon
Black Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas podobe podobe</i>	RB. 29 Jan 1896 Cholmley, near Gebel Elba (rejected by Goodman & Meininger 1989). Misonne reported one from Wadi Tahl, 'Uweinat 04 Nov 68. One in Nuweiba 1993 & one in Naama Bay 31 Jan 97. One adult 3 Nov 00 Gebel Elba (Wadi Adeib) (Baha el-Din & Baha el-Din 2001), one adult 24 Nov 06-20 Feb 07 Shamsa Alam Hotel (Mary Megalli, Sharif & Mindy Baha el-Din, IM & Jan K). One at El Gouna Rihana Resort Feb-end Mar 08 (Stefan Magnusson & IM) EORC. Northern Afrotropics, Sudan, up to Gebel Elba mountains (extreme SE Egypt).
	<i>C.p. melanoptera</i>	AV, (CB?). Those seen in Sinai cannot be excluded from being this form. NE Turkey, Caucasus & Transcaucasia, Israel. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>ciscaucasica</i> invalid.
Western Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltariensis</i>	PV, WV. NW Africa & W&C Europe, N from N Spain, Sicily & Greece, E to Estonia, Ukraine & perhaps westernmost Asia Minor. <b>NB</b> <i>pro tem</i> , best treat group as containing <i>ochruros</i> , <i>gibraltariensis</i> , <i>aterrimus</i> & <i>semirufus</i> . Other treatments to separate further dependent on a much better understanding of populations' composition.
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	PV, (WV). NW Africa, Europe & N Asia; in SE Europe, S to N FYR, Romania & Ukraine (except Crimea).
	<i>P.p. samamisisicus</i>	PV, (WV). North coast: several specimens taken here referable to this ssp (National Museum of Natural History, Washington, USA). S of FYR, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Crimea & from Caucasus E through Iran to Turkmenistan, SE Uzbekistan & S Tadjikistan.
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	PV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>margaretae</i> , <i>spatzi</i> , <i>senguni</i> , <i>noskae</i> invalid.
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola rubicola</i>	Inexplicably-delayed recognition of large-scale taxonomic revision of Urquhart 2002 now generally adopted (eg IOC v1.6) confines <i>torquatus</i> as species name solely for African Stonechat (c 12 ssp, only <i>S.t. felix</i> outside Africa (SW Arabia; nearest to Egypt)). WV. One (Dick Forsman) 15 Nov 08 Hurgada sewage farm, seen previously (Tomas Haraldsson). One 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year bird at Sharm-SH old sewage farm 15 Jan 09 (Runne So Neergaard). NW Africa & S&C Europe ( <i>hibernans</i> in NW Europe), W to W&N Turkey, W Transcaucasia, W Caucasus & Ukraine. <b>NB1</b> ssp names <i>graecorum</i> , <i>gabrielae</i> , <i>amaliae</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> only 2 ssp in <i>rubicola</i> group.
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus maurus</i>	PV, WV. Most common form in Egypt. N & E European Russia E to Yenisey basin & NW Mongolia, S to N Kazakhstan & through mountains of NW C Asia to Pamir-Alai system, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan & NE Iran. <b>NB</b> taxon <i>stejnegeri</i> elevated as Stejneger's Stonechat Zink <i>et al</i> 2009.
Caspian Stonechat	<i>S.m. variegatus</i>	PV, WV. Eastern Caucasus, north-east Transcaucasia, and along western and northern shore of Caspian Sea north to lower Ural river.
	<i>S.m. armenicus</i>	PV, WV. One male seen Hurgada sewage pools (Ingo Weiss) spring 2007. SE Turkey, SW&N Iran & S-C Transcaucasia.
Pied Stonechat	<i>Saxicola caprata rossorum</i>	AV. One male observed El Gouna 2 Oct 06 (Jan Weinbecker & Birte Grossmann) & also 3 Oct (Kai Gauger & Christoph Völm 2008) EORC. <b>NB</b> relationship to <i>S. rubicola</i> & <i>S. torquatus</i> reason for English name change from Pied Bush Chat.
Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta moesta</i>	RB. North coast, W of Alexandria. North Africa. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>brooksbanki</i> Sinai, NW Saudi Arabia to S Syria & W Iraq, winters C Arabia, but ssp name <i>theresae</i> invalid.
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic.
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>	Status uncertain. S Europe from Iberia E through Greece, Turkey & Levant to Transcaucasia & Iran, N to Pyrénées, Alps, W&S FYR, S&E Romania, S Ukraine, Caucasus & in Transcaspia from Tien Shan, Dzhungaria, Mongolia & Tuva E to Transbaikalia & W Manchuria. <b>NB1</b> ssp names <i>argentea</i> , <i>nivea</i> , <i>virago</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> see Hypothetical List for <i>O.o. seebohmi</i> status.
	<i>O.o. oenanthe</i>	PV. N Eurasia & Alaska, E from Faeroes, Ireland & France, N of <i>libanotica</i> . <b>NB1</b> Alaskan populations migrate across Asia & Middle East to Africa. <b>NB2</b> ssp name <i>rostrata</i> invalid.
Kurdish Wheatear (Rufous-tailed Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe [xanthopyrmyna] xanthopyrmyna</i>	WV. 3 Jan 90 one at Giza Pyramids Meninger & Atta 1994; a male there 13 Feb 03 & male SE of Aswan 02 Dec 05 (Tomas Haraldsson). 22 Feb 08 Giza (Kelemen Marton) one male (photographed) at Khufu Pyramid 10 Jan 08 (Tomas Haraldsson). One at Naama Bay sewage farm 7 Jan 09 (Runne So Neergaard). A male at El Gouna Farm 23-26 Feb 09 (at least: Eric Jan Alblas). At Gebel Elba c10 seen late Nov 01. Source Arnoud B van der Berg ( <i>in litt</i> ). Monotypic. SE Turkey, SW Iran. <b>NB</b> superspecies with Red-tailed Wheatear <i>O.[x.] chrysopygia</i> .
Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe [x.] chrysopygia</i>	AV, (PV?). 10 at Gebel Elba late Nov 01. Source Arnoud B van der Berg ( <i>in litt</i> ). Confirmed (Sharif Baha El Din <i>in litt</i> ). Monotypic. SE Turkey & W foothills of Zagros mountains (SW Iran). <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>cumingii</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> superspecies with Kurdish Wheatear <i>O.[x.] xanthopyrmyna</i> .
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	PV, WV. Monotypic. Two females Hurgada 25 Apr 90 Meininger & Atta 1994. One male Hurgada airport 9 Apr 03, one female El Gouna 15 Oct 04 & a male at Berenice 20 Mar 05 (Tomas Haraldsson). <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>hendersoni</i> invalid.
Cyprus Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe cyprica</i>	PV, WV. 24/25 Mar & 5 Apr 90 a female Port Said; 10 Apr 90 one at Abu Gridi Meininger & Atta 1994. Male at Abu Simbel 18 Jan 03 (Tomas Haraldsson), one at El Gouna Apr 08 (Stefan Magnusson). Monotypic.
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe (hispanica) melanoleuca</i>	PV, (WV), MB(?). S Italy & from FYR E to E Caspian Sea & Iran. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>amphileuca</i> , <i>caterrinae</i> , <i>gaddi</i> , <i>xanthomelaena</i> invalid.
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>	RB, PV, WV. Western Desert. North Africa & Sinai to W Negev (Israel).
	<i>O.d. deserti</i>	RB, PV, WV. Sinai & probably Eastern Desert. S Middle East (except W Negev) E to Iraq.
	<i>O.d. atrogularis</i>	PV. Transcaucasia & Iran to Tien Shan, Dzhungaria (NW China) & Mongolia, N of Pamir & Tarim basin. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>salina</i> invalid.
Eastern Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe [lugens] lugens</i>	RB. Common breeder Eastern Desert & Sinai at higher altitudes St Katherine and C Sinai White <i>et al</i> 2008. E Egypt & inland S Middle East to NW Arabia. Forms superspecies with Eastern Mourning Wheatear <i>O.[l.] halophila</i> . <b>NB</b> no records of black morph 'Basalt Wheatear' in Egypt; note ID criteria of size range of 'black' wheatears: Basalt smallest; Variable ( <i>opistholeuca</i> ) medium, Black <i>O.leucura</i> largest.
	<i>O.l. persica</i>	(WV? AV?). Bird collected in Quseir 21 Feb 1928 referable to this ssp Meinertzhagen 1930. NE Iraq? N-C, W-C & SW Iran, winters Arabia NE Africa. Recorded Sudan in one 120km <sup>2</sup> square Nikolaus 1987, 21°N, 31°E.
Western Mourning Wheatear (Maghreb Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe [l.] halophila</i>	Breeds around Qattara Depression. Monotypic. Baha el-Din & Baha el-Din 2000 EORC. North Africa E to Libya
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii finschii</i>	WV. In Qattara depression male (sexed by plumage, although noted on data tag as female) collected 11 May 75 at El Moghra (Goodman & Ames 1983). E Bulgaria, W&C Turkey & Levant.
White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga aegra</i>	Status uncertain. North Africa E to Nile valley. Occurs Sudan just S of Egyptian border in two 120km <sup>2</sup> squares, breeds two others Nikolaus 1985 - : all at 21°N: 25°, 30°, 31° & 36°E.
	<i>O.l. leucopyga</i>	RB. C & E Egypt & Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti.
	<i>O.l. ernesti</i>	Note that taxon <i>ernesti</i> as recognised by Dickinson (2003) breeds Sinai, E Egypt, E Sudan, S Middle East & Arabia. Likely this taxon breeds abundantly St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008.
Hooded Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monacha</i>	RB. Monotypic. Scarcer than expected St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. E Turkey (probably) & S Transcaucasia through Iran (E of Zagros W foothills) to Afghanistan, W Pakistan & S Tadjikistan. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>kingi</i> invalid.
Blackstart	<i>Cercomela melanura airensis</i>	RB. Misonne saw one in upper reaches of Karkur Hamid, 'Uweinat 07 & 30 Dec 68. On geographical grounds may be this form, but may also be <i>lypura</i> . S fringe of C Sahara N to Tibesti (Chad).
	<i>C.m. lypura</i>	RB. Near Gebel Elba. SE Egypt & E Sudan to NE Ethiopia. Recorded Sudan just below Egyptian border in two 120km <sup>2</sup> squares, 21°N, 25°E & 21°N, 36°E Nikolaus 1987.
	<i>C.m. melanura</i>	RB. Probably this taxon common to abundant St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. This form occurs Sinai, Dead Sea depression S to N & inland S Arabia.
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	PV, (WV). Ad male at Wadi Dome marina 6 Apr 09 (IM & Mary Megalli). 2nd-year male at El Gouna golf course 13 Apr 09 (IM & Chris Tynan). Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>centralasiae</i> , <i>coloratus</i> , <i>turkestanica</i> invalid.
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius solitarius</i>	CB? PV, WV. Female at Wadi Dome resort 04 Apr 09 (IM & Mary Megalli). NW Africa & S Europe, S to Sardinia, N Italy, Albania, & N Greece & probably through N Turkey to W Transcaucasia & SE Caucasus. <b>NB</b> population ascribed to 'magnus' probably is separable, but as yet there is no authority to cite, but ssp name <i>scortecii</i> invalid.

		<i>M.s. longirostris</i>	PV, WV? Meinertzhagen (1930) states this form to be more abundant on return migration. S Italy, Sicily, S Greece (including Crete & Aegean islands), W&S Asia Minor, Cyprus, Levant, S-C Transcaucasia, Iraq & Iran E to W Afghanistan & W Pakistan. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>behnkei</i> invalid.
Spotted Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa striata striata</i>	PV, (WV). The commonest form in Egypt. <b>NB1</b> taxon <i>neumannii</i> almost certainly occurs as PV (WV) on geographical grounds: breeds S Greece, Cyprus, Levant & N&SW Iran; also C Siberia from Ob' and Altai E to N Transbaikalia. <b>NB2</b> status taxon <i>inexpectata</i> uncertain: Dickinson (2003) gives as breeding only in Crimea, wintering grounds unknown. Further research needed. <b>NB3</b> taxon <i>sarudnyi</i> from E Iran, Turkmenistan & points E may well occur if any population winters E Africa. <b>NB3</b> ssp name <i>cretica</i> invalid & ssp name <i>aliostris</i> is junior synonym & hence invalid.
Eurasian Pied Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula hypoleuca hypoleuca</i>	PV. Iberia. <b>NB</b> status of taxon <i>sibirica</i> uncertain due to lack of comparison material. Bird ringed in French Pyrenees 17 Aug 68 recaptured at Bahig 13 May 69 (Watson 1971). France, Britain & Norway E to Urals. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>atricapilla</i> , <i>muscipeta</i> are synonyms & hence invalid.
Collared Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	PV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>collaris</i> is synonym & hence invalid.
Semi-collared Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	PV. Monotypic. Male at Sakkara 5 Apr 06 (Tomas Haraldsson), one at Wadi Dome marina 6&7 Apr 09 (IM). <b>NB1</b> ssp name <i>transcaspica</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> many females (& some 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year males not in black plumage) indistinguishable from similar of Collared Flycatcher <i>F. albicollis</i> , partly plumage convergence, partly intergrades.
Red-breasted Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula parva</i>	PV, (WV). Two at St Katherine (Desert Fox Camp) 7-10 May 09 (MI & Dr. Andrea Mihaly). Up to 5 at Wadi Gamal 1 Nov 08 (IM & Dick Forsman). 4 Nov 04, one at Badr holiday village, Mediterranean coast c20 km E of El Alamein (D Hoek). Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>colchica</i> invalid.
		<b>NECTARINIDAE</b>	
Nile Valley Sunbird		<i>Anthodiaeta metallica</i>	RB. Along Nile Valley, common between Luxor & Aswan. One seen El Gouna (Tomas Haraldsson) in 2007. Formerly <i>Anthreptes metallica</i> & <i>Hedydipna metallica</i> (Cheke <i>et al</i> 2001, Mann & Cheke 2006). Monotypic.
Shining Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>	RB. Afrotropic element, restricted to Gebel Elba breeding areas. Seen displaying Dec 1997 (Miles 1999). Specimens in FMNH (222865, 222466 and 107786) collected March 1954 & Feb 1964. Formerly <i>Nectarinia habessinica</i> (Cheke <i>et al</i> 2001).
Palestine Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris osea osea</i>	RB. Sinai. Recorded only in flowering gardens around sizable habitation White <i>et al</i> 2008. One in winter plumage St. Katherine (El Malakeh area) 27 Nov 08 (Anne Hills, IM & Schuyler Van Dustin Hills). Formerly in <i>Nectarinia</i> (Cheke <i>et al</i> 2001).
		<b>PASSERIDAE</b>	
House Sparrow		<i>Passer domesticus rufidorsalis</i>	RB. Sudan & S Nile valley Egypt. <b>NB1</b> ssp <i>arabicus</i> invalid. <b>NB2</b> uncertain whether taxon <i>biblicus</i> or <i>hufufae</i> of NE Arabia occur in small numbers St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. E Sinai, Cyprus, Levant & S-C Turkey through Middle East to Iraq (except S) & W Iran.
		<i>P.d. niloticus</i>	RB. Egypt (except extreme S of Nile valley) & W Sinai. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>hufufae</i> of NE Arabia might occur Egypt & <i>tingitanus</i> of NE Libya possibly occurs NW Egypt.
Spanish Sparrow		<i>Passer hispaniolensis hispaniolensis</i>	PV, WV. Observed wintering in small oasis of Kurkur, W of Aswan (Haltham Ibrahim, EEA), 21 Nov 95, 2 at Siwa (Dick Hoek). Fairly common PV & WV along Ain Sokhna-Bir Shalatein road & along Nile Valley (IM). Canary Islands, North Africa, Iberia, Sardinia, Balkans, Greece & W Turkey. <b>NB</b> BWP Vol VIII mentions the possibility of 'Italian Sparrow' <i>Passer x 'italiae'</i> , a stabilised hybrid <i>domesticus/hispaniolensis</i> occurring in isolated North African oasis populations.
		<i>P.h. transcaspicus</i>	PV, WV. Some specimens are referable to this form (Meinertzhagen 1930 & Vaurie 1959). C Asia Minor, Levant & Caucasus E to Kazakhstan, Afghanistan & W Xinjiang (China). <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>terekius</i> invalid.
Dead Sea Sparrow		<i>Passer moabiticus moabiticus</i>	AV? Flock of 15 seen (1971-72 winter) at Nuweiba (U. Paz-Y. Paran 1974 unpub). Breeds Eilat, Israel (Hadoram Shirihai). Israel, Jordan & perhaps SW Syria.
Desert Sparrow		<i>Passer simplex simplex</i>	AV. Observed only in Uweinat mountains. 5 seen Ain Zuveina 21 Oct 68 & 22 on 27 & 28 Dec 68 at Karkur Talh. (Goodman & Meninger 1989). S Sahara from central Mali through Air (northern Niger), Tibesti, Borkou & Ennedi (northern Chad) to central Sudan. Well-argued case for split from Asian form Kirwan <i>et al</i> 2009.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		<i>Passer montanus montanus</i>	AV. One at Suez 29 Apr 82 (Wimpfheimer <i>et al</i> 1983). Report 4 Sep 90 one 1 in small group House Sparrows <i>P. domesticus</i> at Abu Simbel! (Poelmans 1990); unvalidated. Uncertain which ssp. Europe (except Caucasus & SE European Russia), E to Russian Far East, S to N Kazakhstan, Altai, NE Mongolia & Transbaikalia. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>catellatus</i> , <i>hispaniae</i> , <i>margaretae</i> , <i>stegmanni</i> invalid.
Sudan Golden Sparrow		<i>Passer luteus</i>	MB? Gebel Elba (Halaib Triangle). Two specimens FMNH (107784-5) collected 16 Jan 64 at Wadi Akwamtra. Monotypic.
Pale Rockfinch		<i>Carpospiza brachydactyla</i>	(PV). Formerly in <i>Petronia</i> as Pale Rock Sparrow. Latest records include: one Sud Rafawah April 1992 & 2 found Bir Beida, Quseir 13 Apr 95. AviFauna group (Ole Holst guide), one at Zafarana rest house 23 Apr 06; photographed. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>psammochroa</i> invalid.
Rock Sparrow		<i>Petronia petronia</i>	AV. One pair seen Wadi Talah, St Katherine protectorate Aug 2004, Meakin <i>et al</i> 2005 EORC.
		<b>PLOCEIDAE</b>	
Village Weaver		<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	AV, escape? (Pierre Andre Crochet & Eric Didner) Abu Simbel spring 2006. Most likely AV is ssp <i>abyssinicus</i> , nearest population N Sudan; if confirmed <i>spilonotus</i> , then introduced, distribution being Natal to E Cape Province. Other ssp W, sub-Saharan, C, E, SW, SE & S Africa. Introduced Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mauritius & Réunion.
Streaked Weaver		<i>Ploceus manyar</i>	IB. Possibly ssp <i>peguensis</i> (NE Indian subcontinent & Burma) in Egypt, but <i>flaviceps</i> nearest range is Pakistan (& rest of India). Bird-trapping trade supplies willing markets: cross-breeding of ssp haphazardly frequent.
		<b>ESTRILIDAE</b>	
Crimson-rumped Waxbill		<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Probably escape, D Robel (Zoology of the Middle East), but ssp <i>rhodopyga</i> occurs N Sudan.
Common Waxbill		<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	IB. Common introduction across the world; intensively traded and bred in captivity, cross-breeding ssp haphazardly. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>macmillani</i> occurs Sudan & <i>peasei</i> Ethiopia; Dickinson (2003) conservatively admits 14 other ssp. If <i>jagoensis</i> confirmed, then its original gene pool is W Angola & Cape Verde Islands.
Red Avadavat		<i>Amandava amandava</i>	Crocodile Island-Delta (Burrulus lake). <b>NB</b> probably mostly ssp <i>amandava</i> introduced WP, although <i>flavidiventris</i> favourite illegal export from Indonesia.
African Silverbill		<i>Lonchura cantans</i>	RB? Formerly in <i>Eudocice</i> . Six specimens GZM (A 2074-5 [Gebel Elba] A 2474-7 Gebel Shallal) taken 6 Mar 38 & 1 Jan 39 respectively. Unconfirmed ssp identity. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>orientalis</i> SW Arabia to S Oman, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia to NE Tanzania, ssp <i>cantans</i> W Sudan to Senegal.
Indian Silverbill		<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	AV. Formerly in <i>Eudocice</i> . 3 Dec 03 (Tommy Pedersen, Pederson 2001) Breeds Israel (Eilat) m C & NE Saudi Arabia E to Sri Lanka. Flock at Gezira sport club April 2006. Recorded on 4 Rockjumper tours (Richard White <i>in litt</i> , Mindy Baha El Din) EORC. Monotypic. Also called White-throated Munia.
		<b>PRUNELLIDAE</b>	
Dunnock		<i>Prunella modularis obscura</i>	(WV). One trapped & ringed Genina Ferial, Port Said 8 Mar 90 Meininger & Atta 1994. N&E Asia Minor, Crimea & Caucasus to N Iran (except E).. This taxon in S of FYR, Albania, Greece & Bulgaria. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>erwini</i> , <i>krymensis</i> , <i>talyschensis</i> invalid
		<i>P.m. modularis</i>	(WV). This taxon N & E Turkey, Caucasus, Iran & SW Turkmenistan. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>caucasicus</i> , <i>hypanis</i> invalid.
		<b>MOTACILLIDAE</b>	
Western Yellow Wagtail		<i>Motacilla [flava] flava</i>	PV, C Europe, from W France, Netherlands & S Norway, E to C European Russia, N to S Sweden & St Petersburg Region, S to C France, Alps, N Ukraine & through Pannonian plain to NW Romania. <b>NB1</b> the <i>flava</i> group (Western Yellow Wagtail) and the <i>tschutschensis</i> group (Eastern Yellow Wagtail) do not share recent common ancestry; their separation probably occurred at the same time as the Citrine Wagtail taxa, <i>M.[citreola] citreola</i> & <i>werae</i> , the <i>flava</i> group sharing some DNA history with <i>citreola</i> , & the <i>tschutschensis</i> group with <i>werae</i> , implying that glaciations separated their ancestral stock thus, & that present populations arose from secondary contact Pavlova <i>et al</i> 2003; superspecies aspect is therefore complex. <b>NB2</b> status of many <i>flava</i> taxa uncertain due to undefined interbreeding criteria in many unmapped populations: see ORL for more details.
'Ashy-headed Wagtail'		<i>M.(f.) cinereocapilla</i>	PV. Tunisia, Italy (except SE: Apulia), E Mediterranean, French coast & W Slovenia.
'Egyptian Yellow Wagtail'		<i>M.(f.) pygmaea</i>	RB. Egypt.
'Sykes's Wagtail'		<i>M.(f.) beema</i>	PV. Several Hurghada sewage farm 2 May 08, one ringed there spring 2008 (details Hurghada Red Sea Rangers office or Actia Baltica, Gdansk Poland). 14 Apr 5 males Lake Abu Taleb, Fayoum; 25 Apr 2 males Hurghada. E of <i>flava</i> , from C-E European Russia through N Kazakhstan & SW Siberia to upper Yenisey & Altai
'Grey-headed Wagtail'		<i>M.(f.) thunbergi</i>	PV. One male 13/15 Apr in Wadi El Natrun Meininger & Atta 1994. Northern Europe & NW Asia, N of <i>flava</i> & <i>beema</i> , E to Yenisey
'Black-headed Wagtail'		<i>M.(f.) feldegg</i>	PV. SE Italy (Apulia), Balkans & Greece E through Turkey & S Ukraine to W Caspian shore, Iran (except NE) & Middle East; including 'Eastern Black-headed Wagtail <i>M.(f.) 'melanogrisea'</i> from N & E Caspian shores, E through Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan & NE Iran to W-C Asia.
'Yellow-headed Wagtail'		<i>Motacilla (flava/taivana) lutea</i>	Semi-desert and steppe belts of Kazakhstan & in disjunct Russian Far East on Sakhalin N to 70°N. Has occurred Cyprus. <b>NB</b> this taxon shares ancestry with <i>taivana</i> group of Citrine Wagtail <i>M. citreola</i> as well as with <i>M.flava</i> group Pavlova <i>et al</i> 2003.

	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola citreola</i>	AV. One record Lake Bardawil, near Bir el Abd 19 Apr 85. One male near Abu Gridi, Lake Manzala 10 Apr 90 Meininger & Atta 1994. Juvenile at Hilton Sharm Dreams Hotel, Sep 2007 (Jim Wilson: surfbirds.com). Regular autumn & spring migrant Elliot, Israel. Five at SSH of St. Katherine Oct 2008 (Andrea Corso). Baltic countries, Belarus & N Ukraine, E through C European Russia to SW Siberia (E to upper Yenisey) & N Kazakhstan; populations apparently isolated in Turkey and perhaps Transcaucasia & elsewhere in SE Europe [as <i>werae</i> , whose status may depend on unmapped extent and unknown stability of clines elsewhere]; <i>citreola</i> in N Eurasia & E Asia, E of White Sea & NE European Russia. <b>NB</b> <i>citreola</i> & <i>werae</i> recorded Cyprus. <b>NB</b> Black-backed Citrine Wagtail <i>M. (c.) calcarata</i> may be separable.
	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea cinerea</i>	PV. Two at Esna 13 Nov 02, one El Gouna 14 & 19 Oct 04, one 27 Nov 05 (Tomas Haraldsson perscom). Single 13/15 April in Wadi El Natrun One 29 Feb 08 Hurghada (Kelemen A Marton). Canary Islands, NW Africa & Europe, E to Caucasus, Iran, SW Turkmenistan, Urals & Afghanistan to N & E Asia. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>canariensis</i> & <i>melanope</i> subsumed by some, but <i>caspica</i> invalid.
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	PV, WV. Europe, from Iberia, France, Netherlands, Iceland & Norway E to Levant, W half of Turkey, lower Volga & Urals; <i>dukhunensis</i> W Siberia - Urals & Lower Ural basin E to Yenisey, S to N Kazakhstan; apparently also Turkey (E half), Caucasus, & NW & N Iran. <b>NB</b> <i>personata</i> , <i>alboides</i> & <i>ocularis</i> possibly full species (as Masked, East Siberian & Himalayan Wagtails).
		<i>M.a. dukhunensis</i>	AV? PV? One specimen showing characters of this taxon seen (Ulfe Sorensen) at Ras Sukhair 2 Mar 09.
	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp vidua</i>	RB. Several birds photographed at Abu Simbel 26 Feb 08 at the "airport bay" (Kelemen A Marton & Tamas Papp; <i>Milvus</i> group, Romania). Total of 38, 29 Nov-01 Dec 07: Lake Nasser boat trip from the temple site of Amada S to Abu Simbel, daily.
	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	WV. Regular WV to El Gouna Golf Course (Tomas Haraldsson). One there 23 Mar 07 (Colin Richard). 3 at Wadi Natrun 11 Oct 08 (David Farrow). Post break-up of <i>A. novaeelandiae</i> ( <i>sensu lato</i> ) complex, <i>A. richardi</i> group comprises <i>richardi</i> , & extralimital <i>dauricus</i> , <i>centralasiae</i> , <i>ussuriensis</i> & <i>sinensis</i> (HBW9). <b>NB</b> consequence of break-up also expected presence of African Pipit (Grassveld Pipit) <i>A. cinnamomeus</i> ssp <i>stabilis</i> (C&SE Sudan) on occasion in S Egypt; ssp <i>cinnamomeus</i> (W&SE Ethiopian highlands), <i>eximius</i> (SW Arabia) & <i>annae</i> (Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia S to W&S Kenya, N&C Tanzania) also possible, but not other 10 ssp (HBW9).
	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris campestris</i>	PV, WV.
		<i>A.c. griseus</i>	PV. 80% of birds ringed Hurghada sewage works this taxon, <i>contra</i> HBW9. Longer hind claws, sandy brown birds (IM)
	Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis nivescens</i>	RB. In reeds in NE Gebel Elba (22°13'N, 36°23'E) (Grieve <i>et al</i> 2001) EORC.
	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	PV, WV. Winter: 30/31 Dec 73 Wadi Natrun; 2 Jan 13 at Bitter Lakes; 4/12 Jan 74 only 2 Lake Manzala area; 6 Jan one Lake Ikyad; spring: 5 March one at Suez; 15/17 March six Wadi el Natrun; 17 March one at Lake Qarun Meininger & Atta 1994. Ireland & W&N Scotland N to Shetlands ( <i>whistleri</i> [HBW9 & Dickinson 2003] subsuming <i>theresae</i> ); <i>pratensis</i> SE Greenland, most Europe & W Siberia.
	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis trivialis</i>	PV. Passage: 1st record 10 Mar 90 over Port Said, last 18 May 90 (heard at night) at Lake Manzala Meininger & Atta 1994. WP migrant Wales, NW England & Scotland ( <i>salomonsoni</i> subsumed) rest of Europe & Middle East, E to middle Yenisey basin, Caucasus, and N Iran ( <i>differens</i> of NE Turkey subsumed); C & E Siberia, E from about Irtysh basin through Altai to N Mongolia, Transbaikalia & Lena Basin ( <i>sibiricus</i> of Dickinson 2003, but not of HBW9); vagrant WP from mountains of W-C Asia (Afghanistan & Pamir-Altai to Tien Shan & Tarbagatay ( <i>schlueteri</i> upheld in HBW9, but subsumed in <i>haringtoni</i> (Dickinson 2003), to which HBW9 assigns reduced distribution (Himalayas & to S).
	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Common PV, WV. Monotypic (HBW9), although rationale for <i>rufogularis</i> (W of C Taimyr wintering Africa) in Dickinson (2003) is Stepanyan (1990).
	Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus japonicus</i>	WV. One at Sharm, one migrating at Ras Mohamed (Ingo Weiss) 27 Oct-4 Nov 07. One at St Katherine (El Malakeh Area) 27 Nov 08 (IM, Schuyler Van Dustin Hüls, & Anne Hüls). 1-3 at Sharm (Björn Malmhagen) early Nov 08, three 11 Jan 09 at Nama Bay sewage (Runne So Neergaard). C & E Siberia. WP migrant. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> previously treated as conspecific with American Pipit <i>A. rubescens</i> (3 ssp).
	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta coutellii</i>	Common PV, WV. Asia Minor, Caucasus, N Iran & SW Turkmenistan. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>spinoletta</i> winters in S Europe & Mediterranean islands.
		<b>FRINGILLIDAE</b>	
	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs coelebs</i>	WV. 50 recorded at El Arish 13 Jan 90, 33 near Baltim 16 Jan 90; latest date 24 Mar 90 at El Malaha in N Egypt (Meininger & Atta 1994). Mainland France, Netherlands & Norway E to C Siberia, S to Pyrenees, mainland Italy, Sicily, Balkans, N Greece & N Ukraine; probably mostly <i>schiebelsi</i> S Greece, Crete & W Turkey. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>bellicosus</i> , <i>hortensis</i> , <i>karelka</i> , <i>sylvestris</i> , <i>wolfgangi</i> invalid.
	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	(WV). Monotypic.
	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>	AV. One female at Bahig 18 Mar 67 (Hubbard & Seymour 1968) & 3 birds at Bir Naba, Wadi el Biyar, S Sinai 16 Feb 69 (Hovel 1987). Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>aurifrons</i> , <i>pygmaea</i> invalid.
	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	RB? WV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>germanica</i> , <i>hortulanus</i> , <i>occidentalis</i> , <i>polonicus</i> , <i>woltersi</i> invalid.
	Syrian Serin	<i>Serinus syriacus</i>	WV. St Katherine (Andrew Grieve). Singing male at Tuna el Gebel 25 Feb 79 Short & Horne 1981. W of Cairo one pair 17-19 Oct 94. 8-10 at Ras el Nabaq 11 Jan 97. Monotypic.
	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris chlorotica</i>	RB, WV. 3 Hurghada sewage works 20 Mar 07 (Robert Lasecky), two there 27 Feb 08 (Kelemen Márton), 3 St Katherine monastery Jan 2009 (Runne So Neergaard). S-C Turkey, Levant & Egypt.
		<i>C.c. aurantiventris</i>	WV. Some specimens are colour intermediates between <i>chlorotica</i> & <i>aurantiventris</i> . C & E Spain, Balearics, C & S France, N Tunisia, Sicily, mainland Italy & E Adriatic coastal zone S to W Greece.
	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	WV. Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>buturlini</i> , <i>dybowski</i> invalid.
	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis niediecki</i>	RB, WV. E Greece (Sporades, Rhodes, Karpathos), W & S Asia Minor & through Middle East, E to SW Iran & S to Egypt.
		<i>C.c. carduelis</i>	AV. One specimen collected Port Said (18 Dec 66) appears referable to this form (United States Natural History Museum). C France, E Belgium & Netherlands & Denmark E to C Urals, S to mainland Italy, N of FYR, NW Rumania, N Ukraine & C European Russia.
	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina bella</i>	WV. E Aegean Islands S to Rhodes, Asia Minor, Levant & Crimea, E through Caucasus to Iran & SW Turkmenistan, also C Asia. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>fringillirostris</i> , <i>kudashevi</i> , <i>merzbacheri</i> , <i>persica</i> , <i>taurica</i> invalid.
		<i>C.c. cannabina</i>	WV. Commonest ssp Egypt, W, C & N Europe (except Scotland) to W Siberia & upper Yenisey, N from Pyrenees, N Italy, N of FYR, Romania & Ukraine (except Crimea).
	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus githagineus</i>	RB. Egypt, now including extreme SW, & N Sudan. Misonne & Lajos Nemeth with Claire Spottiswood found it common in Gebel Uweinat, near the wells. Very few St Katherine area White <i>et al</i> 2008. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>crassirostris</i> in Sinai; N & E to S & E Turkey, Uzbekistan & Iran, SE to Arabia, E to NW India.
		<i>B.g. zedlitzii</i>	RB? Two specimens collected Gebel Uweinat referable to this form (US Natural History Museum). W & C Sahara E to Libya, Chad, extreme SW Egypt, NW Sudan & S Spain.
	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>	RB? WV. Wadi El Arish (Mindy Baha El Din pers comm). Breeding seemingly confirmed Wadi El Arish & Sheikh Zayed 1995. 150 bp NW Negev over the border. 10 at Sharm el Sheikh 30 Dec 94. Singletons Wadi el Arish 28 Mar 96 & two 8 May 98 (Miles 1999). Monotypic. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>chuanchaica</i> , <i>kaschgarica</i> invalid.
	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus kubanensis</i>	(PV). Rare vagrant (wintering India); small numbers caught St. Katherine & along Mediterranean. One juvenile El Arish 7 Oct 94 & one at Sharm el Sheikh 23 Sep 96 (Miles 1999). Balkans, Asia Minor & Caucasus W probably to S-C Europe, E through N Iran to SW Turkmenistan.
	Sinai Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus synoicus synoicus</i>	RB. Common to abundant St Katherine Protectorate White <i>et al</i> 2008. Sinai, S Israel, SW Jordan, NW Saudi Arabia. <b>NB</b> ssp name <i>petrae</i> invalid.
	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	WV. One at El Arish 13 Jan 90 (Sherif Baha el-Din) & one Alexandria 12 Nov 96 (Miles 1999). Europe & Asia E to Transbaikalia, S to Mediterranean, NW Asia Minor, Ukraine (except Crimea), lower Don River, S Urals & N Mongolia. <b>NB</b> ssp names <i>insularis</i> , <i>verticalis</i> invalid.
		<b>EMBERIZIDAE</b>	
	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	PV, WV. All Egyptian material examined referable to <i>calandra</i> Goodman & Meininger 1989. One Shams Alam Resort 3 Dec 04, 5 in mangroves N of Bir Shalatein 4 Dec, 7 at military post between Wadi Lahami & Bir Shalatein 4 Dec, 2 at Wadi Lahami 5 Dec (Måns Grundsten & Matti Eriksson). <b>NB</b> ssp <i>calandra</i> Canary Islands, North Africa & Europe (except extreme NW) E to much of Asia Minor & Caucasus; ssp <i>buturlini</i> SE Turkey, Syria, coastal Levant, SW & SE Iran. <b>NB</b> ssp <i>buturlini</i> may stray from Levant.
	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella erythrogenys</i>	AV. One 21 Feb 80 at Heliopolis (Sharif Baha El Din). E Europe & Asia, E & S from Baltic States, Belarus, Ukraine, Romania & E & Yugoslavia.
		<i>E.c. citrinella</i>	AV. One; uncertain which ssp; on geographical grounds, this ssp or <i>erythrogenys</i> . W continental Europe from N Spain, SE England & Norway E to NW European Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, W Hungary & W OF FYR.
	'Western' Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>	AV. Some islands E Aegean Sea & W & S-C Turkey. Specimen taken 21 Mar 72 at St.Katherine (ZM-HUJ). Male noted 11 May 82 at El Gorah (Bruun, 1984). One recorded (probably not next taxon) Rockjumper tour March 2006 Richard White <i>in litt</i> .
	'Eastern' Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza semenowi</i>	AV. SE Turkey to SW Iran. Specimen taken 12 Apr 1928 at Gebel Elba (Meinertzhagen 1930; BMNH). Recorded Sudan southern Red Sea coast & inland Nikolaus 1987.
	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	(PV), WV. Monotypic.
	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	PV, WV? Two males at Hurghada sewage works, ringed 15 Mar 08 (IM). Monotypic.

House Bunting	<i>Emberiza [striolata] sahari</i>	RB? Only at Gebel Uweinat, ssp <i>sahari</i> specimen BMNH (1965 M.16315) collected 28 Jan 28 by Meinertzhagen. Breeding not yet proved. NW Africa & C Sahara possibly E to Nile Valley. <b>NB1</b> group comprises 2 ssp, <i>sahari</i> (NW Africa, C Sahara E to N & NE Chad) & <i>sangae</i> (N Senegal, Mauritania, S Mali: <i>theresae</i> invalid, but new population in N Mali not yet assigned ssp identity (Kirwan & Shirihai 2007)). <b>NB2</b> allospecies with <i>E.[s.] striolata</i> .
Striolated Bunting (Mountain Bunting)	<i>Emberiza [striolata] striolata</i>	RB. Specimens GZM (A2073 & A 2473) taken Gebel Elbanon 22 Feb 38, Gebel Shallal 1 Jan 39. Records also from Gebel Uweinat. E Egypt & NE Afrotropics E through Arabia, S Middle East & S Iran to NW India. <b>NB1</b> group comprises <i>striolata</i> (W Red Sea coast, Arabia, Sinai SE Israel, SW Jordan, S Iran to E Afghanistan & W India), <i>jebelmarrae</i> (W Sudan, Darfur & Kordofan), & <i>saturator</i> (C & S Sudan, Ethiopia, N Somalia, NW Kenya). <b>NB2</b> allospecies with <i>E.[s.] sahari</i> .
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	AV. Monotypic.
Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica rustica</i>	AV. One collected Bahig 22 Oct 71 (Goodman & Watson 1983). US Natural History Museum (568990).
Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola aureola</i>	AV. One male collected St. Katherine 3 Sep 72. (Zool. Mus. Jerusalem Israel). One female/imm at Sharm el Sheik 17 Oct 91 & one at Zaraniq 3 Sep 93 (Miles 1999).
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	PV. One modern record: male at Suez 3 May 82 (Houlihan & Goodman 1986). Monotypic.
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus intermedia</i>	AV. Specimen in BMNH (1965 M.16564) collected 28 Jan 28 at Salum may be referable to this ssp. Two reported from Beni Suef 17 Mar 84, one El Alamein 1997 (Miles 1999). Corsica (possibly), Italy (except pre-alpine lakes) & Dalmatian coast of FYR. NB1 ssp <i>reiseri</i> (from Greece & W-C Turkey populations) & <i>korejewi</i> (from SE Turkey & Syria populations) might wander to Egypt. NB2 ssp name compiler invalid.

End of Part 2. Passerines

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