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This review lists rare and interesting Western Palearctic birds reported mainly from **late July to mid-September 2025**. The reports are largely unchecked and their publication here does not imply future acceptance by a rarities committee. Observers are requested to submit their records to each country's rarities committee. Corrections are welcome and will be published.

DUCKS Two **White-winged Scoters** *Melanitta deglandi* were present off Lunan Bay, Angus, Scotland, from June to September. An adult male was reported near Ingólfsfjörður, Iceland, in July. The breeding population of **Marbled Teal** *Marmaronetta angustirostris* in Armenia declined by 87% between 2003 and 2019 and this year only eight to 11 pairs were breeding. In Türkiye, the species appears to be extirpated with no breeding in almost a decade, and even no records in several years, except for just a handful wanderers in recent years (Bird Conserv Int 35: e27, 2025).

DOVES TO BUSTARDS An **Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* was seen at Kitkiöjärvi, Norrbotten, Sweden, on 27 July. If accepted (as wild), a **Laughing Dove** *S senegalensis* photographed at Primošten on 5 August may be the first for Croatia. Perhaps the fifth **Pallid Swift** *Apus pallidus* for Ireland turned up at Carrahane Strand, Kerry, on 31 August. A pair of **Baillon's Crane** *Zapornia pusilla* with young at Neusiedler See, Burgenland, in July constituted (only) the second breeding record for Austria (the first was in 1955). The third **Western Swamphe** *Porphyrio porphyrio* for the Netherlands was foraging and sometimes calling at Zevenhuizen, Zuid-Holland, from 26 August into late September; curiously, it was at exactly the same location as the second on 22-28 December 2021. The **Allen's Gallinule** *P alleni* found dead

at Eemshaven, Groningen, on 11 February 2024 was recently accepted as the first for the Netherlands. In Morocco, a **Double-spurred Spurfowl** *Pternistis bicalcaratus ayesha* was photographed by a camera trap at a private hunting reserve at Oued Korifla, Zaër, on 27 March 2025, and two days later two singing individuals were recorded a few km north of this site; Korifla valley is within the species' historical range but no records had been documented there for more than four decades (Éléments d'Ornithologie Marocaine 2025: eom25083). In 19 papers of a special issue of Sandgrouse (47: 1-167, 2025), the status of the eastern population of **Little Bustard** *Tetrax tetrax* was reviewed and its population estimated at 94 700-178 320 breeding birds. In winter, Azerbaijan hosts most of them, and eastern populations now account for 62-65% of an estimated world total of 146 000-288 000 individuals. Four general flyways in the eastern range were distinguished: the Black Sea (100-120 mature birds), Caucasus (69 850-128 150), Turkestan (24 740-50 000) and South Asia flyway (10-50). Key threats for the species are, eg, illegal hunting, particularly when large flocks are targeted in the wintering grounds (especially in Azerbaijan), habitat degradation associated with agricultural re-intensification (notably in Kazakhstan and the Volga region of Russia) and rapidly proliferating powerlines associated with renewable energy developments.

TUBENOSES After a revision, the only record of **Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus* for Poland at Kały Rybackie, Pomerania, on 5 October 1997 has been removed (Ornis Pol 66: 145, 2025). In Spain, a **White-faced Storm Petrel** *Pelagodroma marina* was seen off Cádiz, Andalucía, on 5 August. Two **Black-bellied Storm Petrels** *Fregetta tropica* were reported off Mirbat, Oman,



444 Cory's Shearwater / Kuhls Pijlstormvogel *Calonectris borealis*, Lac de Maine, Angers, Maine-et-Loire, France, 31 August 2025 (Sylvain Bost). Ringed on Terceira, Azores, in November 2021.

on 4 August. A **Trindade Petrel** *Pterodroma arminjoniana* was observed off Corvo, Azores, on 27 August. A **Black-capped Petrel** *P. hasitata* flew past at Estaca de Bares, A Coruña, Spain, on 2 September. If accepted, a **White-chinned Petrel** *Procellaria aequinoctialis* first at Estaca de Bares and then 50 min later off Cap Ortegal, A Coruña, on 29 August will be the second for Spain. The fifth **Scopoli's Shearwater** *Calonectris diomedea* for Poland was seen at Pomeranian bay, Baltic Sea, on 2 August. Three **Cory's Shearwaters** *C. borealis* were photographed off Svínøy, Faeroes, on 25 August (there was one previous record). One at Lac de Maine, Angers, Maine-et-Loire, on 30-31 August was picked up alive and died a few days later at a rehabilitation centre constituting the second inland for France; it had been ringed as a juvenile on Terceira, Azores, in November 2021. The first for Helgoland, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, was noted on 8 September. The second **Sooty Shearwater** *Ardenna grisea* for Türkiye was seen near Samandağ, Hatay, on 26 August. In England, as many as 1920 **Balearic Shearwaters** *Puffinus mauretanicus* were counted from a vessel in the Devon section of Lyme Bay on 24 July.

STORKS TO CORMORANTS In Egypt, 20 **Yellow-billed Storks** *Mycteria ibis* were seen at lake Nasser, near Abu Simbel port, Aswan, on 23 August. An **Abdim's Stork** *Ciconia abdimii* wearing a radio transmitter but no ring near Rosnay, Indre, France, on 2 June and then at Demonte, Cuneo, Italy, on 2-25 August raised suspicions



445 Scopoli's Shearwater / Scopoli's Pijlstormvogel *Calonectris diomedea*, Pomeranian bay, Baltic Sea, Poland, 2 August 2025 (Zbigniew Kajzer)

about a possible genuine vagrancy; there have been scientific projects in Africa involving individuals of this species equipped with transmitters to analyse their migration (Ostrich 77: 210-219, 2006), and there is at least one previous WP record (in Tunisia in July-September 2022; Dutch Birding 45: 36-38, 2023). The unringed immature **Dalmatian Pelican** *Pelecanus crispus* in Sweden, Finland and Norway in June-July (cf Dutch Birding 47: 266, 2025) was subsequently photographed at Biotest-sjön, Uppland, Sweden, on 1-12 August and then in Poland: at Vistula river near Ostaszewo, Pomerania, on 19 August and at Jeziorsko reservoir, Łódzkie, on 12-21 September. The first breeding of **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii* for the United Arab Emirates concerned a pair with three juveniles at Al Marmoom, Dubai, on 13 August. A pair of **Western Great Egrets** *Ardea alba* raising four chicks at Cors Ddyga on Anglesey (Ynys Môn) this summer constituted the species' first breeding for Wales. Four **Medium Egrets** *A. intermedia* in summer plumage photographed at lake Al Sadd, Jazan, on 13 July were the first to be confirmed for Saudi Arabia. A grey-morph **Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis gularis* paired with a **Little Egret** *E. garzetta* produced two young at Saint-Léger-des-Vignes and Decize, Nièvre, France, in June-August. In the first week of September, an unprecedented influx of **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* started in Britain and Ireland, with large flocks appearing across a wide area and, eg, a minimum of 605 being recorded on 8 September alone. A **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata*



446 Yellow-billed Stork / Afrikaanse Nimmerzat *Mycteria ibis*, adult, lake Nasser, near Abu Simbel port, Aswan, Egypt, 23 August 2025 (Mahmoud Elshamy)

magnificens was videoed off Brava, Cape Verde Islands, on 3 September. In France, a **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* was seen at Saint-Clément-des-Baleines, Charente-Maritime, on 13 July; in Spain, singles were noted at Estaca de Bares on 19 August and off Tarifa, Cádiz, on 26 August. The fourth for Denmark was photographed at Esbjerg, Syddanmark, on 18 September. Two **Reed Cormorant** *Microcarbo africanus* nests with young at lake Nasser on 23 August constituted the species' first breeding for Egypt and the WP since more than a century; in total, 15 individuals were counted (a paper on this discovery will be published in Dutch Birding). In summer 2024, a pair of **Pygmy Cormorants** *M. pygmaeus* with two young at Dombes, Ain, was the species' first breeding record for France. In Poland, as many as 160 individuals were counted at Spytkowoice, Małopolska, on 13 September.

WADERS The **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* first seen on Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, on 2 December 2024 remained until at least 28 August. A **Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus* was photographed at Brazo del Este, Sevilla, Spain, on 10 September (second record). The second **White-tailed Lapwing** *V. leucurus* for Spain first seen at Filipines marsh, Llobregat Delta, Barcelona, on 23-24 May was relocated at Tancada lagoon, Delta de l'Ebre, on 4 June where it remained into September. On 1 July, another was seen at Albufera de Valencia. In Israel, a **Tibetan Sand Plover** *Anarhynchus atrifrons* was present at km 20, Eilat, on 24-27 July. The



447 Reed Cormorant / Afrikaanse Dwergaalscholver *Microcarbo africanus*, lake Nasser, near Abu Simbel port, Aswan, Egypt, 23 August 2025 (Mahmoud Elshamy)

first or second for Italy was photographed at Orbetello lagoon, Grosseto, Toscana, on 25-28 August (the previous one from August 2010 merits reassessment; cf Dutch Birding 47: 114-122, 2025). The first **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* for Barbados and the West Indies was photographed at St Lucy on 11 June. If accepted, one seen at Nielisz reservoir, Lubelskie, on 20 September may be the third for Poland. The second **Least Sandpiper** *C. minutilla* for Madeira was found at Ribeira Brava on 1 September. If accepted, a **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *C. pusilla* near Dagebüll, Schleswig-Holstein, on 9 August will be the fourth for Germany. The fourth **Western Sandpiper** *C. mauri* for Scotland at Maidens, Ayrshire, from 26 May remained into September (it was probably already present in November 2024). A presumed **Western Willet** *Tringa inornata* photographed at San Martín estuary near Torrelavega, Cantabria, from 24 July to 1 August was the first for Spain. In the Cape Verde Islands, one was present near Santa Maria, Sal, on 8-14 September; possibly, it was the same bird as the one on Ilhas de Barlavento on 9 May and again on 4-8 July (cf Dutch Birding 47: 266-267, 2025). The first **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* for the Cape Verde Islands was discovered near Santa Maria, Sal, on 12 September.

AUKS TO TERNS The first **Atlantic Puffin** *Fratercula arctica* for Cyprus was found moribund at Triкомо beach on 21 July and died at a rehabilitation centre. In Spain, three **South Polar Skuas** *Stercorarius maccormicki* were reported off Estaca de Bares in August. The fifth for France was



462 Village Weaver / Grote Textorwever *Ploceus cuculatus*, lake Nasser, near Abu Simbel port, Aswan, Egypt, 23 August 2025 (Mahmoud Elshamy)



463 Crimson-rumped Waxbill / Teugelastrild *Estrilda rhodopyga*, near Abu Simbel port, Aswan, Egypt, 23 August 2025 (Mahmoud Elshamy)

was at Cabo Peñas, Asturias, Spain, on 27 October 2024; cf Dutch Birding 47: 191-194, 2025). The first for the Netherlands was trapped and ringed on Vlieland, Friesland, on 17 September.

BOOKS ON KAZAKHSTAN AND TÜRKIYE Recently, new editions of *Birds of Kazakhstan* (Wassink 2025) and *Birds of Türkiye* (Boyla et al 2025) were published and are now available for free in pdf and online at <https://tinyurl.com/4kry5tt2> and <https://tinyurl.com/5ap36jh8>.

(POST)ORNITHOS Since 1994, Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO) publishes Ornithos, an excellent bi-monthly French birding journal. After more than 30 years, Ornithos's long-time editor, Marc Duquet, and his editorial team were dismissed by LPO. Since January 2025, LPO kept the title but changed the journal's format and adapted the contents, in an apparent effort to reach more of the growing numbers of birdwatchers in France. Marc, however, has launched a new digital magazine, called Post-Ornithos, which is freely available in pdf in both French and English. It is even more topical than the old Ornithos, with papers, lots of photographs and very up-to-date French rarity reports every two weeks. It has been very well received among French birders, also thanks to its free access and frequent publi-

cation schedule. It can be found at <https://marcduquet.com> (in French, with recent rarity reports) and in English <https://marcduquet.com/4095-2> (without papers deemed to be of French interest only).

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New bird species described in 2024 In 2024, five new bird species have been described.

Timor Nightjar / Timornachtzwaluw *Caprimulgus ritae* (King, B F, Sangster, G, Trainor, C R, Irestedt, M, Prawiradilaga, D M & Ericson, P G P 2024. A new species of nightjar (*Caprimulgus*) from Timor and Wetar, Lesser Sunda Islands, Wallacea. Ibis 166: 1241-1263). The nightjars of the *Caprimulgus macrurus* complex are distributed from Pakistan to Australia and comprise six morphologically similar but vocally distinct species. Fieldwork on Timor and Wetar, Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia, has resulted in the discovery of a seventh species in the complex, which was described as a new species, Timor Nightjar *C. ritae*. This species has previously been confused with Large-tailed *C. macrurus*, Sulawesi *C. celebensis* and Philippine Nightjar *C. manillensis* but it differs from these and all other species in the complex by at least 13 vocal characters. Only five adult museum specimens are known of the new taxon, of which the first was collected in 1898. The specific epithet *ritae* was chosen to honour Rita Bobbin, a long-time friend of Ben King. Timor Nightjar is found in anything from tall evergreen to highly deciduous dry forest, mainly in the lowlands below 1000 m, although it has been recorded once at 1500 m. The species' ecology is completely unknown, and even its conservation status has yet to be assessed. The paper can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/48a96p9c>.

Andean Storm Petrel / Andesstormvogeltje *Oceanites barrosi* (Norambuena, H V, Barros, R, Jaramillo, Á, Medrano, F, Gaskin, C, King, T, Baird, K & Hernández, C E 2024. Resolving the conflictive phylogenetic relationships of *Oceanites* (Oceanitidae: Procellariiformes) with the description of a new species. Zootaxa 5486: 451-475). Genetic analysis involving mitochondrial DNA sequencing and morphological measurements has revealed significant divergence within the Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* complex and identified several distinct lineages with a newly described species, Andean Storm Petrel *O. barrosi*. The scientific name honours Rafael Barros Valenzuela (1890-1972), a Chilean ornithologist who first recorded specimens of *Oceanites* around the Andean mountains of Aconcagua,

Chile. The holotype was collected by him on 7 April 1924. The new species was found breeding in the central Andes of Chile, a region isolated from the known breeding areas of other species in the genus *Oceanites*. This study challenges the previously accepted notion of a single, cosmopolitan Wilson's Storm Petrel species and suggests that it might actually be a complex of multiple cryptic species with distinct breeding ranges. This new phylogenetic hypothesis suggests a new linear sequencing within the genus *Oceanites* as follows: Fuegian *O. chilensis*, Antarctic *O. exasperatus*, Elliot's *O. gracilis*, Pincoya *O. pincoyae*, Andean *O. barrosi*, White-vented *O. galapagoensis* and Subantarctic Storm Petrel (Wilson's Storm Petrel) *O. oceanicus*. The paper is available at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3t27n3>.

Northern Silvery-cheeked Antshrike / Noordelijke Campomierklauwier *Sakesphoroides niedeguidonae* (Cerqueira, P, Gonçalves, G R, Quaresma, T F, Silva, M, Pichorim, M & Aleixo, A 2024. A new antshrike (Aves: Thamnophilidae) endemic to the Caatinga and the role of climate oscillations and drainage shift in shaping cryptic diversity of Neotropical seasonal dry forests. Zool Scr 53: 487-508). A strong genetic structure and differences in plumage and vocal variation revealed a new species, Northern Silvery-cheeked Antshrike *Sakesphoroides niedeguidonae*. It was split from Silvery-cheeked Antshrike *S. cristatus* after review of over 1000 specimens and more than 100 sound recordings revealed a clear geographical split between the two groups. The new species is endemic to northern Brazilian Caatinga habitats and found almost exclusively north of the São Francisco river. Small populations are also reported to be south of the river at Raso da Catarina. It is common in most of its distribution, occurring in different habitats. The new species was named after Brazilian archaeologist Niède Guidon, who explored prehistoric sites in the Americas in the 1970s. The paper can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bdebvpin>.

Andean Black-goggled Tanager / Andeszwartbriltan-gare *Trichothraupis griseonota* (Cavarzere, V, Costa, T V V, Cabanne, G S, Trujillo-Arias, N, Marcondes, R S & Silveira, L F 2024. A new species of tanager (Aves: Thraupidae) from the Eastern slopes of the Andes.

Zootaxa 5468: 541-556). Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops* is a South American forest species that comprises two disjunct populations in the Atlantic forest and in the Andes. A taxonomic revision based on plumage patterns and morphometry revealed that both populations are fully diagnosable, and that the Andean population represents a new taxon, Andean Black-goggled Tanager *T. griseonota*. It was named from Latin *griseo* (grey) and *nota* (mark), highlighting one of the most distinctive plumage characters of the new species. The taxon is found from 400 m up to 1700 m on the eastern slopes of the Andes in Peru, Bolivia, and north-western Argentina, inhabiting Tucumano-Boliviano and Yungas forests. The pdf is available at <https://tinyurl.com/yd9sdtjd>. Note, however, that the South American Classification Committee already has voted to rather treat this new taxon as a subspecies of Black-goggled Tanager (Remsen et al 2024; <https://tinyurl.com/nhc97dhm>).

Cracraft's Schiffornis / Cracrafts Schiffornis *Schiffornis cracrafti* (Lima, R D, Bocalini, F & Silveira, L F 2024. Integrative revision of species limits in the genus *Schiffornis* (Aves: Tityridae) reveals cryptic diversity in the Neotropics. Zool J Linn Soc 200: 1048-1079, 2024). Analysis of geographic variation in song, morphology and mitochondrial and genome-wide nuclear markers in the genus *Schiffornis* revealed a new taxon, Cracraft's Schiffornis *S. cracrafti*. It was named after Joel Cracraft in recognition of his outstanding contributions to avian systematics and biogeography, of which many include the Neotropical avifauna. The species is mainly restricted to the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium in south-western Amazonia but seems to cross the Tapajós river, with several records west of the Tapajós and Teles Pires rivers. The paper is available at <https://tinyurl.com/283ubsbj>. ŁUKASZ ŁAWICKI & ANDRÉ J VAN LOON



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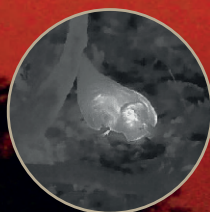


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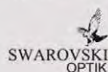


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