

# Checklist of the birds of St Helena

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The records contained in the checklist are based on country lists which have been assembled from monographs, field guides, websites and other sources. Through time, we will validate the information with the country recorders whose records have been compiled from a number of referenced works over many years. The taxonomic sequence and naming conventions are those used by the African Bird Club. The checklist is provided on a best efforts basis and it is believed in good faith to be correct at the time of writing. Further information about your use of the checklists and the associated responsibilities of the African Bird Club can be found on the website at [www.africanbirdclub.org](http://www.africanbirdclub.org).

### **Key to status information**

- A** - Africa
- B** - Breeding record confirmed
- E** - locally Extinct including former breeding records
- I** - Introduced species
- M** - Migrant including on passage through this country
- N** - Nearctic
- O** - Oceanic
- P** - breeds in Palearctic
- R** - Resident
- V** - Vagrant
- W** - Winters (non-breeding season)
- X** - Rejected record
- §** and **?** - Uncertain record

Combinations of these keys have been used throughout and should be self-explanatory but the following are some of the more common examples:

- RB - Resident in the country and breeding records confirmed;
- PW - breeds in the Palearctic and winters in the country;
- AM - Intra African Migrant;
- RB/PW - there is both a resident breeding population and a wintering population.

We hope that you will find the checklist of value. We will continue to develop and improve the checklists and will incorporate new records as they become available. We welcome feedback on any aspect of the checklist including its format, errors and omissions which you can send to [info@africanbirdclub.org](mailto:info@africanbirdclub.org).

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Status	Species name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	V	Wandering Albatross <i>Diomedea exulans</i>														
2	V	Black-browed Albatross <i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>														
3	V	Yellow-nosed Albatross <i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>														
4	V	Sooty Albatross <i>Phoebastria fusca</i>														
5	V?	Southern Giant Petrel <i>Macronectes giganteus</i>														
6	V	Southern Fulmar <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>														
7	V	Pintado Petrel <i>Daption capense</i>														
8	V	Murphy's Petrel <i>Pterodroma ultima</i>														
9	V	Soft-plumaged Petrel <i>Pterodroma mollis</i>														
10	V/RB?	Bulwer's Petrel <i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>														
11	V	White-chinned Petrel <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>														
12	M	Cory's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>														
13	V/M?	Sooty Shearwater <i>Puffinus griseus</i>														
14	V	Audubon's Shearwater <i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>														
15	V	Wilson's Storm-petrel <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>														
16	V	White-faced Storm-petrel <i>Pelagodroma marina</i>														
17	V	Black-bellied Storm-petrel <i>Fregetta tropica</i>														
18	V	White-bellied Storm-petrel <i>Fregetta grallaria</i>														
19	RB	Madeiran Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma castro</i>														
20	V/M?	Leach's Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>														
21	RB	Red-billed Tropicbird <i>Phaethon aethereus</i>														
22	V	White-tailed Tropicbird <i>Phaethon lepturus</i>														
23	RB	Masked Booby <i>Sula dactylatra</i>														
24	V	Red-footed Booby <i>Sula sula</i>														
25	RB	Brown Booby <i>Sula leucogaster</i>														
26	V	Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>														
27	M	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>														
28	V	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>														
29	V	European White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>														
30	V	Amur Falcon <i>Falco amurensis</i>														
31	IB	Common Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>														
32	IB	Chukar Partridge <i>Alectoris chukar</i>														
33	V	Allen's Gallinule <i>Porphyrio alleni</i>														
34	V	American Purple Gallinule <i>Porphyrio martinica</i>														
35	V	Purple Swamphen <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>														
36	RB	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>														
37	RB	St Helena Plover <i>Charadrius sanctaehelenae</i>														
38	V?	American Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>														
39	V	Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>														
40	V	Blacksmith Lapwing <i>Vanellus armatus</i>														
41	M	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>														
42	V	Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>														
43	V	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>														
44	V	Snowy Sheathbill <i>Chionis albus</i>														
45	PW	Pomarine Skua <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>														
46	PW	Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>														
47	V	Long-tailed Skua <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>														
48	V	Subantarctic Skua <i>Catharacta antarctica</i>														
49	V	Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>														
50	V	Antarctic Tern <i>Sterna vittata</i>														

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51 RB	Sooty Tern <i>Sterna fuscata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52 RB	Black Noddy <i>Anous minutus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
53 RB	Brown Noddy <i>Anous stolidus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
54 RB	Fairy Tern <i>Gygis alba</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
55 IB	Zebra Dove <i>Geopelia striata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
56 IB	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
57 V	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
58 IB	Common Myna <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
59 IB	Madagascar Red Fody <i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 IB	Common Waxbill <i>Estrilda astrild</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
61 IB	Java Sparrow <i>Padda oryzivora</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
62 IB	Yellow Canary <i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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