

Grasshopper Warbler: Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland. 2 June 2006  
Photo: Richard H. Coombes



# List of *Locustella* Warblers with References

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## Introduction

I have endeavoured to keep typos, errors, omissions etc in this list to a minimum, however when you find more I would be grateful if you could mail the details during 2012 to: josephobbs@gmail.com. Grateful thanks to Dick Coombes and Tom Shevlin (www.wildlifesnaps.com) for the cover images. All images © the photographers.  
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The general order of species follows the International Ornithologists' Union World Bird List (**Gill, F. & Donsker, D.** (eds.) 2011. IOC World Bird Names. Available from: <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/> [version 3.0d\_ssp accessed December 2011]). Some species normally included in the genus *Bradypterus* are here treated as *Locustella* after Alström, P. *et al* 2011.

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## Spotted Bush Warbler

***Locustella thoracica*** [Blyth 1845, Nepal].

[*L.t. thoracica*] Nepal, Bhutan & NE India E to N Myanmar and SE Xizang & Yunnan E to NC Sichuan, Guizhou & Dayao Shan region of Guangxi (W & S China). Winters W Nepal E to Arunachal Pradesh (NE India) in the Himalayan foothills.

[*L.t. przewalskii*] E Tibetan plateau from N Qinghai E to SW Gansu & S Shaanxi (C China).

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### **West Himalayan Bush Warbler**

***Locustella kashmirensis*** [Sushkin 1925].  
Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal Pradesh (W Himalayas of NW India) and possibly Kashmir (NW India).  
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### **David's Bush Warbler**

***Locustella davidi*** [La Touche 1923, Chinwangtao, Ne Hebei, China].  
[*L.d. davidi*] SE Transbaikalia E to W Amurland (SE Russia) and NE China S to N Hubei (C China). Winters SE Asia.  
[*L.d. suschkinii*] Altai E to SW Transbaikalia (SC Siberia). Winters SE Asia.  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus davidi*.  
Other names: Siberian Bush Warbler, Baikal Bush Warbler.  
Fr. Jean Pierre Armand David (1826-1900), French Lazarist priest who travelled as a missionary to China where he began to collect natural history specimens. Among the many animals he found in China were the Giant Panda and Père David's Deer. He effectively succeeded in saving the deer from extinction by sending live specimens back to Europe where the Duke of Bedford later established a breeding herd at his Woburn Estate.

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### **Long-billed Bush Warbler**

***Locustella major*** [W.E. Brooks 1872, Kashmir].  
[*L.m. major*] Khagan Valley & Gilgit (NW Himalayas of N Pakistan) and NE Kashmir, Ladakh & Zaskar (NW Himalayas of NW India).  
[*L.m. innæ*] Kunlun Mts & W Altun Shan (W & S Xinjiang, W China).  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus major*.  
Other name: Large-billed Bush Warbler.

### **Chinese Bush Warbler**

***Locustella tacsanowskii*** [Swinhoe 1871, Transbaikalia, E Russia].  
Krasnoyarsk Krai (C Siberia) E thru Transbaikalia to Khabarovsk region (extreme E Russia) and adjacent N Mongolia S to E Qinghai, SW Gansu, Sichuan & Guangxi (NE, C & S China). Winters S & SE Asia.  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus tacsanowskii*.

### **Brown Bush Warbler**

***Locustella luteoventris*** [Hodgson 1845, Nepal].  
Darjeeling (West Bengal, NE India) E to Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland (extreme NE India), Bhutan, W & N Myanmar, S & SE China, N Vietnam and probably NE Bangladesh.  
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Mountains of C & NE Taiwan.  
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### Russet Bush Warbler

***Locustella mandelli*** [W.E. Brooks 1875, Sikkim, N India].  
[*L.m. mandelli*] Sikkim, Darjeeling & Assam (NE India) E to Bhutan, W & N Myanmar, S & C China N to Sichuan, N Thailand, N Laos & N Vietnam.  
[*L.m. idoneus*] Langbian Plateau (Annam, SC Vietnam).  
[*L.m. melanorhynchus*] Hubei S to Fujian (E China). Winters S to SE China.  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus mandelli*.  
Louis Mandelli (1833-1880), Italian tea planter and ornithologist who is said to have fought with General Giuseppe Garibaldi and later settled in Assam, India.

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### Benguet Bush Warbler

***Locustella seebohmi*** [Ogilvie-Grant 1895, Lepanto, N Luzon, Philippines].  
Mountains in Lepanto (NW Luzon, Philippines).  
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### Javan Bush Warbler

***Locustella montis*** [E.J.O. Hartert 1896, Mount Arjuno between 9000-10,000 feet, E Java].  
Mt Lawu E to Bromo (Mountains of E & C Java) & Bali.  
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### **Timor Bush Warbler**

***Locustella timorensis*** [Mayr 1944, Mount Mutis, 1800 m, W Timor].

Mount Mutis (W Timor, Indonesia) and Alor (E Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia).

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### **Long-tailed Bush Warbler**

***Locustella caudatus*** [Ogilvie-Grant 1895, Lepanto Mountains, N Luzon, Philippines].

[*L.c. caudatus*] N Luzon (Philippines).

[*L.c. unicolor*] Mindanao except Zamboanga peninsula (S Philippines).

[*L.c. malindangensis*] N Zamboanga peninsula (W Mindanao, S Philippines).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus caudatus*.

Other name: Long-tailed Ground Warbler.

### **Friendly Bush Warbler**

***Locustella accentor*** [Sharpe 1888, Mount Kinabalu, N Borneo].

Mt Kinabalu and adjoining peaks of Mt Trus Madi & Tam Boyukan (Sabah, N Borneo, Malaysian Federation).

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***Locustella castaneus*** [Büttikofer 1893, Minahassa, N Sulawesi].

[*L.c. castaneus*] Sulawesi (Sunda Islands, Indonesia).

[*L.c. disturbans*] Buru (S Moluccas Islands, Indonesia).

[*L.c. musculus*] Seram (Moluccas Islands, Indonesia).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus castaneus*.

### **Lanceolated Warbler**

***Locustella lanceolata*** [Temminck 1840, Mainz, Germany, error = Russia].

[*L.l. lanceolata*] S Finland & Karelia (Finland-Russia border region) and Perm Krai & W Urals (extreme E European Russia) E to lower R Kolyma, S Kamchatka & Sea of Okhotsk and S to Altai, Amurland & Ussuriland, extreme N Mongolia & Manchuria (NE China). Winters NE Indian subcontinent, SE Asia & N Philippines S to Sumatra & W Java.

[*L.l. hendersonii*] Sakhalin, S Kuril Islands and Hokkaido & Honshu (Japan). Winters SE Asia.

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## Grasshopper Warbler

***Locustella naevia*** [Boddaert 1783, Bologna, Italy].

[*L.n. naevia*] S Scandinavia & S Finland S to Britain, Ireland, NW Iberia, the Alps & R Danube area E to W European Russia & Ukraine. Winters W Africa.

[*L.n. straminea*] C & S parts of E European Russia E to SW Siberia, C & E Kazakhstan & Tien Shan (NW China). Winters mostly S Asia with some to Ethiopia.

[*L.n. obscurior*] Caucasus & E Turkey. Winters possibly in NE Africa & Iran.

[*L.n. mongolica*] Zayzan Depression (E Kazakhstan) E to Sayan Mts (S Russia) & W Mongolia. Winters possibly in S Asia.

Other name: Seebohm's Grasshopper Warbler (*straminea*).

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## Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler

**Locustella certhiola** [Pallas 1811, mountainous region between Onon and Borzya in E Transbaikalia].

[*P.c. certhiola*] Transbaikalia E to Sea of Okhotsk (SE Siberia) & NE China. Winters. SE Asia.

[*P.c. sparsimstriata*] Tomsk & Novosibirsk (S Siberia) E to L Baikal and S to N Altai Mts & N Mongolia. Winters probably in S & SE Asia.

[*P.c. centralasiae*] E Kazakhstan, NE Kyrgyzstan and Russian & Gobian Altai S to N China. Winters probably India E to Myanmar.

[*P.c. rubescens*] R Irtysh E to Kolyma basin & Sea of Okhotsk (Siberia). Winters S & SE Asia.

Other names: Grey-naped Warbler, Rusty-rumped Warbler.

Peter Simon Pallas (1741-1811), German zoologist and one of the greatest 18th century naturalists.

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### **Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler**

***Locustella ochotensis*** [Middendorff 1853, Udscoye, lower Uda River, Sea of Okhotsk].  
Magadan S to mouth of R Amur & Kamchatka (coastal Sea of Okhotsk, E Russia), Sakhalin Island, Kuril Islands & N & E Hokkaido (Japan). Winters Philippines & N Borneo.  
Other name: Asiatic Grasshopper Warbler.  
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### **Styan's Grasshopper Warbler**

***Locustella pleskei*** [Taczanowski 1890, Tchimulpa (= Inch'on), South Korea].  
Several small islands (most less than 1km long) in Peter the Great Bay (S Ussuriland, extreme SE Russia), Ullung Island & other small islands off the E, S & W coasts of Korea and Izu Islands and small islands off SW Honshu & Kyushu (Japan). Winters coastal SE China & N Vietnam.  
Other names: Pleske's Warbler, Taczanowski's Grasshopper Warbler.  
Frederick William Styan (1858-1934), British tea trader and collector in China where he was Curator of the Shanghai Museum between 1884 and 1887. He was a Fellow of the Zoological Society and elected a member of the British Ornithologists' Union in 1887.  
Theodor Dimitrievich Pleske (1858-1932), Russian zoologist, geographer, ethnographer who was one time Fellow and Director of the Russian Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg.  
Władysław Taczanowski (1819-1890), Polish zoologist and ornithologist who is considered one of the most important European zoologists of the nineteenth century. He took part in collecting expeditions to northwest Africa and South America.

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## River Warbler

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S Finland, S Sweden, W Germany, E Austria & Bulgaria E to vicinity of R Irtysh (SW Siberia) & NW Kazakhstan. Winters E & S Africa.

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## Savi's Warbler

**Locustella luscinioides** [Savi 1824, Pisa, Italy].

[*L.l. luscinioides*] S Baltic S & E to C Urals, Crimea & Balkans and N Morocco E to N Tunisia. Winters Senegal E to L Chad and S to N Ghana.

[*L.l. sarmatica*] E Ukraine E to S Urals, Volga valley & N foothills of Caucasus. Winters NE Africa.

[*L.l. fusca*] Asia Minor, the Levant, N & S Kazakhstan E from upper Emba valley and the Aral Sea, Turkmenistan, NE Iran & NW Afghanistan. Winters NE Africa.

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### **Gray's Grasshopper Warbler**

***Locustella fasciolata*** [G.R. Gray 1861, Bacan, by Halmahera, Moluccas].

E of upper R Ob' E to Amurland & Ussuriland (SE Russia) & NE China. Winters Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.

Other names: Large Warbler, Large Grasshopper Warbler.

Brothers, George Robert Gray (1808-1872) and / or John Edward Gray (1800-1875), British ornithologists.

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### **Sakhalin Warbler**

***Locustella amnicola*** [Stepanyan 1972].

Sakhalin Island, S Kuril Islands & Hokkaido (Japan). Winters not fully established, possibly Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as a race of Gray's Grasshopper Warbler.

Other name: Stepanyan's Grasshopper Warbler.

Leo Surenovich Stepanyan (1931-2002), Armenian ornithologist.

### **Marsh Grassbird**

***Locustella pryeri*** [Seebohm 1884, Tokyo, Japan].

[*L.p. pryeri*] N & E Honshu (Japan). Winters S to Shikoku (Japan).

[*L.p. sinensis*] Extreme E Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Liaoning & Shanghai (E China) & extreme SE Russia. Winters in the basin of lower R Chiang Jiang (S Hubei), N Hunan & N Jiangxi (all SE China).

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Other names: Japanese Swamp Warbler, Streak-backed Swamp Warbler, Grass Warbler.

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