

Paddyfield Warbler. Small Aksuat, Naurzum NR, Qostanay, Kazakhstan. 29th July 2010.
Photo: Ross Ahmed.



List of *Acrocephalus* Warblers with References

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Introduction

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Cape Verde Warbler

Acrocephalus brevipennis [Keulemans].

São Tiago & Fogo, possibly São Nicolau and formerly Brava (Cape Verde Islands).

Other names: Cane Warbler, Cape Verde Cane-warbler, Dohrn's Warbler.

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African Swamp Warblers

Greater Swamp Warbler

Acrocephalus rufescens [Sharpe & Bouvier].

[*A.r. rufescens*] Ghana, S Togo, S Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Bioko Island (aka Fernandóo Po), N Central African Republic & NW DR Congo.

[*A.r. senegalensis*] Senegal & Gambia.

[*A.r. chadensis*] Lake Chad and its environs.

[*A.r. ansorgei*] NW Angola & S Sudan S to Uganda, Rwanda & adjacent E DR Congo, W Kenya, Zambia, NE Namibia, extreme N Botswana & W Zimbabwe.

Other names: Rufous Swamp Warbler, Rufous Cane-warbler, Long-clawed Papyrus-warbler.

Prof. Dr. William John Ansorge (1850-1913), British physician, zoologist and explorer who spent time in tropical Africa.

Lesser Swamp Warbler

Acrocephalus gracilirostris [Hartlaub].

[*A.g. gracilirostris*] SE Zimbabwe & S Mozambique S to S Namibia & South Africa.

[*A.g. cunenensis*] SW Angola & N Namibia E to N Botswana, SW Zambia & W Zimbabwe.

[*A.g. winterbottomi*] E Angola E to N & NW Zambia and SW Tanzania.

[*A.g. leptorhynchus*] Tanzania & S Zaire and Angola to Mozambique.

[*A.g. parvus*] SW Ethiopia S to Kenya, N Tanzania, Rwanda & Burundi.

[*A.g. jacksoni*] W Kenya, Uganda & S Sudan.

[*A.g. tsanae*] NW Ethiopia.

[*A.g. neglectus*] W Chad.

Other names: Swamp Warbler, Lesser Swamp Reed-warbler, African Swamp-warbler, Cape Reed Warbler.

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Madagascar Swamp Warbler

Acrocephalus newtoni [Hartlaub].

Madagascar.

Other names: Madagascar Swamp Warbler, Madagascar Warbler.

Sir Edward Newton (1832-1897), British diplomat who collected in Madagascar and the Seychelles.

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Seychelles Warbler

Acrocephalus sechellensis [Oustalet].

Cousin Island, Aride (where translocated in 1988), Cousine Island (where translocated in 1990), Denis Island (where translocated in 2004), Fregate Island (where translocated in 2011) (Seychelles, W Indian Ocean).

Other name: Seychelles Brush-Warbler, Seychelles Swamp-warbler.

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Rodrigues Warbler

Acrocephalus rodericanus [A. Newton].

Rodrigues Island (Mascarene Islands, W Indian Ocean).

Other names: Rodrigues Swamp-warbler, Rodrigues Brush Warbler.

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Great Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus arundinaceus [Linnaeus].

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[*A.a. zarudnyi*] N Iraq & Iran and E from the Caspian Sea to Altai, NW Mongolia & W China. Winters Africa S of Sahara.

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Oriental Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis [Temminck & Schlegel].

C Mongolia & SE Russia S to N & E China, Korea, Sakhalin Island & Japan. Winters mainly SE Asia to Greater Sundas, Philippines & Wallacea.

Other name: Eastern Great Reed Warbler.

1st WP Record: 28th February 1988. Eilat, Israel. Remained until 13th April (**Shirihai, H.** 1996. *The Birds of Israel*. Academic Press).

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Clamorous Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus stentoreus [Hemprich & Ehrenberg].

[*A.s. stentoreus*] Egypt.

[*A.s. levantinus*] Sinai, the Levant & NW Arabia.

[*A.s. brunnescens*] NE Sudan, NW Somalia, Arabian peninsula and SC Kazakhstan S to S Iraq & Iran and E to N Indian subcontinent. Winters peninsular India.

[*A.s. meridionalis*] S India & Sri Lanka.

[*A.s. amyae*] NE India E to N Myanmar & S China.

[*A.s. siebersi*] W Java.

[*A.s. harterti*] Philippines.

[*A.s. lentecaptus*] Borneo, C & E Java and Lombok & Sumbawa (W Lesser Sundas).

[*A.s. celebensis*] S Sulawesi.

Other names: Indian Great Reed Warbler (*brunnescens*), Sri Lanka Great Reed Warbler (*meridionalis*), Assam Great Reed Warbler (*amyae*), Heinroth's Reed Warbler (*celebensis*).

Indian Great Reed Warbler (*brunnescens*) is possibly better treated as a full species.

Oskar August Heinroth (1871-1945), German doctor & zoologist who was one of the founders of Ethology, the study of animal behaviour.

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Australian Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus australis [Gould].

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[*A.a. gouldi*] W Australia.

[*A.a. sumbae*] Buru (S Moluccas) and Sumba & Timor (C & E Lesser Sundas) to New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago & Solomon Islands.

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Millerbird

Acrocephalus familiaris [Rothschild].

[*A.f. familiaris*] Formerly Laysan Island, Hawaii. Considered extinct by at least 1923 and probably earlier following the introduction of the European Rabbit to the island in 1903, which had the effect of stripping the island of vegetation.

[*A.f. kingi*] Nihoa and introduced to Laysan Island (NW Hawaiian Islands). Note: the total area of Nihoa is 171 acres, of which only about 100 acres is vegetated, the remainder is bare rock.

Other names: Hawaiian Reed-warbler, Laysan Millerbird (*familiaris*), Nihoa Warbler (*kingi*), Ululu (Hawaiian name).

In September 2011, 24 Millerbirds of the race *kingi* were translocated from Nihoa to Laysan and 21 are known to have survived the winter. By March 2012 at least one pair were successfully brooding a chick. In August 2012, a further 26 Millerbirds were translocated to Laysan Island. By June 2013 the population on Laysan Island had doubled to over 100 birds.

The name Millerbird is derived from their favourite food, i.e. moths of the genus *Agrotis* known in the vernacular as 'Millers' or 'Miller moths'.

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Mariana Island Reed Warblers

Nightingale Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus luscinius [Quoy & Gaimard].

Formerly Guam (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). Last seen in 1969 and none found during searches in the 1970s and 1980s. Progressive drainage of their preferred wetland habitat and the adverse effects of the introduced Brown Snake contributed to their demise.

Saipan Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus hiwae [Yamashina].

Alamagan Island & Saipan (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific).

Minori Hiwa, assistant to the Japanese ornithologist Marquis Yoshimaro Yamashina.

Aguiguan Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus nijoi [Yamashina].

Formerly Aguiguan Island (aka Agiguan), (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). By the 1980s the population was reduced to about 15 birds (Reichel *et al.* 1992) and only 2 birds were observed in 1992. Later surveys carried out in 2000 and 2002 did not find any and their extinction was most likely caused by destruction of suitable habitat.

Pagan Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus yamashinae [Taka-Tsukasa].

Formerly Pagan Island (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). Last observed during the 1960s and presumed extinct by about 1970. Most likely the causes of extinction included the destruction of their wetlands and the grazing of cattle.

Other name: Takatsukasa's Reed Warbler.

Marquis Yoshimaro Yamashina (1900-1989), Japanese ornithologist and founder of the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology now located at Abiko, Chiba, Japan.

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Mangareva Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus astrolabii [Holyoak & Thibault].

Formerly Mangareva, Gambier Islands (SE French Polynesia, C Pacific). Probably becoming extinct in the second half of the 19th century.

Known from two specimens only, both now held at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, that were probably collected during 1838 by a French expedition to the Pacific under the overall command of Capt. J.S.C. Dumont d'Urville on the ships 'Astrolabe' and 'Zéléé'. It was previously considered to be an extinct race of Nightingale Reed Warbler, but here treated as a full species after Cibois *et al.* 2011.

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Nauru Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus rehsei [Finsch].

Nauru (Melanesia, W Pacific).

Other names: Finsch's Reed Warbler, Pleasant Warbler, Nauru Canary.

Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch (1839-1917), German ethnographer, naturalist & traveller. In addition to the warbler, a couple of species of parrot, a monitor lizard, a crater on the Moon and the town of Finschhafen in Morobe Province, northeast Papua New Guinea are all named after him.

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Caroline Islands Warbler

Acrocephalus syrinx [Kittlitz].

Woleai, Lamotrek, Truk, Pohnpei, Nukuoro & Kosrae (Caroline Islands, W Pacific).

Other names: Carolinian Reed Warbler.

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Bokikokiko

Acrocephalus aequinoctialis [Latham].

[*A.a. aequinoctialis*] Kiritimati (North Line Islands, Kiribati, C Pacific).

[*A.a. pistor*] Teraina & formerly Tabuaeran (North Line Islands, Kiribati, C Pacific). Presumed extinct on Tabuaeran.

Other names: Kiritimati Reed Warbler, Polynesian Reed Warbler, Christmas Island Warbler, Line Islands Reed Warbler, Equinoctial Warbler, Kokikokiko.

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Northern Marquesan Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus percernis [Wetmore].

[*A.p. percernis*] Nuku Hiva (C Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.p. postremus*] Hatutaa (N Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.p. aquilonis*] Eiao (NW Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.p. idae*] Ua Huka (C Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

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Tahiti Group Reed Warblers

Tahiti Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus caffer [Sparrman].

Tahiti (Windward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific).

Other names: Long-billed Reed Warbler, Tahitian Warbler, Komako, Polynesian Warbler.

Mo'orea Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus longirostris [Gmelin]

Formerly Moorea (Windward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific). Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

Other name: Moorea Warbler.

Leeward Islands Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus musae [Forster]

[*A.m. musae*] Formerly Raiatea (Leeward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific). Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

[*A.m. garretti*] Formerly Huahine (Leeward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific). Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

Other names: Raiatea Polynesian Warbler (*musae*), Huahine Polynesian Warbler (*garretti*), Garrett's Reed Warbler (*garretti*).

The forms *caffer*, *longirostris*, *musae* and *garretti* are usually treated as races of Tahiti Reed Warbler *A. caffer*, but here treated as full species after Cibois *et al.* 2008. Tahiti Reed Warbler occurs in two colour morphs, yellow and chocolate brown.

Andrew Garrett (1823-1887), American explorer and naturalist who spent years in the South Seas.

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Southern Marquesan Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus mendanae [Tristram].

[*A.m. mendanae*] Hiva Oa & Tahuata (SC Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. dido*] Ua Pou (C Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. consobrina*] Moho Tani (S Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. fatuhivae*] Fatu Hiva (S Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

Previously treated as conspecific with Northern Marquesan Reed Warbler.

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Tuamotu Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus atyphus [Wetmore].

[*A.a. atyphus*] Islands in N & W Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. ravus*] Atolls in SE Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. palmarum*] Anaa Island (WC Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. niauensis*] Niau (NW Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. eremus*] Makatea Island (NW Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

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Cook Islands Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus kerearako [Holyoak].

[*A.k. kerearako*] Mangaia (SE Cook Islands, S Pacific).

[*A.k. kaoko*] Mitiaro (SE Cook Islands, S Pacific).

Other names: Kerearako (*kerearako*), Kaoko (*kaoko*).

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Rimatara Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus rimitarae [Murphy & Mathews].

Rimatara (Austral Islands, W French Polynesia, CS Pacific).

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Henderson Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus taiti [Ogilvie-Grant].

Henderson Island (Pitcairn group, C Pacific).

This species takes its name from Henderson Island, which in turn is named after **Capt. James Henderson**, master of the vessel *Hercules*, which visited the island in 1819.

David R. Tait (fl. 1913), collected on Henderson Island.

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Pitcairn Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus vaughani [Sharpe].

Pitcairn Island (C Pacific).

Other name: Sparrow (local name).

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Black-browed Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus bistrigiceps [Swinhoe].

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Other name: Schrenck's Reed Warbler.

Leopold Ivanovich von Schrenck (1826-1894), Russo-German zoologist & geographer who circumnavigated the world on the sailing vessel 'Aurora' and later explored Amurland and Sakhalin on board the schooner 'Vostok'.

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Moustached Warbler

Acrocephalus melanopogon [Temminck].

[*A.m. melanopogon*] S Europe, NW Africa & Ukraine. Winters N Africa & the Levant.

[*A.m. mimicus*] Transcaspia, S Iran & S Iraq. Winters Azerbaijan NE to Tadjikistan, E Saudi Arabia & NW India.

[*A.m. albiventris*] Shores of Sea of Azov, lower R Don & Krasnodar area (SE Ukraine & adjacent S Russia).

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Aquatic Warbler

Acrocephalus paludicola [Vieillot].

Fragmented and localised thru E Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Belarus, Ukraine & Hungary and possibly further E towards the River Ob (Russia). Winters W Africa S of the Sahara.

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Sedge Warbler

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus [Linnaeus].

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Speckled Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus sorghophilus [Swinhoe].

Range largely unknown, possibly Liaoning & Hebei (NE China) and adjacent parts of Russian Far East. Winters Philippines.

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Acrocephalus concinens [Swinhoe].

[*A.c. concinens*] N China. Winters S China, S Myanmar, Thailand & C Laos.

[*A.c. haringtoni*] N Afghanistan, N Pakistan & Kashmir. Winters not clearly established.

[*A.c. stevensi*] Plains of the R Brahmaputra (Assam, NE India) & adjacent parts of Bangladesh.

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Manchurian Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus tangorum [La Touche].

Manchuria (NE China) & Ussuriland (SE Russia). Winters SE Asia.

Other names: Manchurian Paddyfield Warbler, North China Reed-warbler.

Tang Wang Wang (fl. 1912), Chinese collector for John David Diques La Touche, who published the description of this warbler.

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Large-billed Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus orinus [Oberholser].

Riparian bushland along the Wakhan & Pamir Rivers in NE Afghanistan and adjacent SE Tajikistan.

Winters not clearly established, possibly parts of the Indian subcontinent & SE Asia.

Other name: Hume's Large-billed Warbler.

Allan Octavian Hume (1829-1912), English theosophist, poet and writer on Indian birds who became known as the 'Father of Indian Ornithology'. He was one of the founders of the Indian National Congress.

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Paddyfield Warbler

Acrocephalus agricola [Jerdon].

[*A.a. agricola*] Area surrounding Caspian & Aral Seas and W Mongolia, NW China, Tajikistan, E Iran & N Afghanistan. Winters Indian subcontinent.

[*A.a. septima*] Black Sea coast from Bulgaria & Romania to S Ukraine. Winters Indian subcontinent. Other name: Jerdon's Reed Warbler.

Thomas Caverhill Jerdon (1811-1872), British physician, amateur botanist and wildlife author who is best known for his pioneering works on the birdlife of India.

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Blyth's Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus dumetorum [Blyth].

S Finland E thru Russia to C Siberia and E to W Lake Baikal region & NW Mongolia and S to S Russia, Azerbaijan, E Iran, N Afghanistan & SW Siberia. Winters Pakistan, India & Sri Lanka.

Edward Blyth (1810-1873), English zoologist, author and Curator of the Asiatic Society of Bengal between 1842 and 1864.

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Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus scirpaceus [Hermann].

[*A.s. scirpaceus*] NW Africa & Europe E to C European Russia, Crimea & W Asia Minor. Winters Africa S of the Sahara.

[*A.s. fuscus*] E & N Caspian Sea regions, Caucasus, E Asia Minor, Cyprus & the Levant. Winters Africa S of the Sahara.

[*A.s. avicenniae*] Coasts of S Red Sea, W Saharan Egypt & E Saharan Libya.

[*A.s. ammon*] Oasis along the Libya / Egypt border.

Other names: Eurasian Reed Warbler, Caspian Reed Warbler (*fuscus*), Mangrove Reed Warbler (*avicenniae*) Siwa Reed Warbler (*ammon*).

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African Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus baeticatus [Vieillot].

[*A.b. baeticatus*] S,C & E South Africa to Zimbabwe & N Botswana.

[*A.b. hallae*] SW Angola, E to SW Zambia and S to Namibia, NW Botswana & W South Africa.

[*A.b. suahelicus*] Coastal Tanzania S to Mozambique & KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa).

[*A.b. cinnamomeus*] W Ethiopia & S Somalia S thru South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia & Mozambique and patchy distribution from S Cameroon to possibly Niger & Mali.

[*A.b. minor*] Sahel regions from Sengal to Darfur (Sudan).

[*A.b. ambiguus*] Iberian peninsula and NW Africa.

The proposed forms *hopsoni* and *guiersi* are included with *A.b. minor*.

Other names: African Marsh Warbler, Rufescent Reed Warbler, Cinnamon Reed Warbler, Tropical African Reed Warbler, South African Reed-warbler (*baeticatus*).

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Marsh Warbler

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