

Marsh Harrier: Zevenhoven, Groene Jonker, The Netherlands. 3 May 2011.  
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# List of Harriers with References

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## Introduction

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## Western Marsh Harrier

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## Swamp Harrier

***Circus approximans*** [Peale 1848, Vanua Levu, Fiji].

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The proposed form *gouldi* is included.

Other name: Pacific Marsh Harrier, Australian Harrier, Harrier Hawk, Gould's Harrier (*gouldi*).

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Australia and Sulawesi & Sula Islands (C Moluccas, Indonesia).

Other names: Jardine's Harrier, Allied Harrier, Smoke Hawk.

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[*C.c. hudsonius*] North America S to NW Mexico & SE Virginia. Winters S to N South America.

Other name: Northern Harrier (*hudsonius*), Marsh Hawk (*hudsonius*).

Both forms treated as full species by Simmons 2000 and Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001.

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## Pallid Harrier

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## Pied Harrier

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## Montagu's Harrier

- Circus pygargus*** [Linnaeus 1758, England].  
NW Africa and S & C Europe E thru Caspian lowlands to Kazakhstan & upper R Yenisey. Winters sub-Saharan Africa and Indian subcontinent & Sri Lanka.
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