

Marsh Harrier. Zevenhoven, Groene Jonker, The Netherlands. 3rd 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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Eastern Marsh Harrier

***Circus spilonotus* [Kaup].**

SE Siberia & Mongolia E to Ussuriland, Sakhalin, NE China & N Japan. Winters S Japan and SE Asia & S China S & E to Indonesia & Philippines.

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Papuan Harrier

Circus spilocephalus [Salvadori & D'Albertis].

New Guinea apart from the Vogelkop peninsula.

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Swamp Harrier

Circus approximans [Peale].

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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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Réunion Harrier

Circus maillardi [J. Verreaux].

Réunion Island (SW Indian Ocean).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1994 as a race of the polytypic Madagascar Harrier.

Other names: Papangue, Pied Jaun.

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Malagasy Harrier

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Long-winged Harrier

Circus buffoni [Gmelin].

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Hen Harrier

Circus cyaneus [Linnaeus].

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Northern Harrier

Circus hudsonius [Linnaeus].

North America S to NW Mexico & SE Virginia. Winters S to N South America.

Other name: Marsh Hawk.

1st WP Record: [juvenile] 22nd October 1982. Porthellick Down, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, England.
Remained in the vicinity and visited several islands until the following 8th June 1983 (Martin 2008).

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Cinereous Harrier

Circus cinereus [Vieillot].

Colombia & Ecuador above the treeline S thru Peru, Bolivia & Paraguay to extreme S Brazil & Tierra del Fuego and Falkland Islands.

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Pallid Harrier

Circus macrourus [S.G. Gmelin].

Ukraine & SW Russia E to L Balkash region, NW China and perhaps N Mongolia and occasionally Sweden & Germany. Winters Africa S of Sahara and Pakistan, India & Sri Lanka E to S China and irregularly to E China.

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Montagu's Harrier

Circus pygargus [Linnaeus].

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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