List of Gulls - Part 1
with References
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**Introduction**
This is the final version of the Gulls (Part 1) list, no further updates will be made. It includes all those species of Gull that are not included in the genus *Larus*. Grateful thanks to Wietze Janse and Dick Coombes for the cover images and all those who responded with constructive feedback. All images © the photographers.

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General Notes


**Swallow-tailed Gull**

*Creagrus furcatus* [Néboux].

Galapágos Islands & Malpelo Island (Colombia). Winters at sea off Colombia S to N Chile.


Black-legged Kittiwake

Rissa tridactyla [Linnaeus].
Other name: Kittiwake.


McGrath, D. & Walsh, P.M. 1985. Population decline and current status of breeding Kittiwakes in east Waterford. *Irish Birds* 3(1): 75-84.


Red-legged Kittiwake

*Rissa brevirostris* [Bruch].

Commander Island, St. Paul Island & St. George Island (Pribilof Islands, Bering Sea) and Buldir Island & Bogoslof Island (Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea). Winters N Pacific.


Ivory Gull

Pagophila eburnea [Phipps].


Sabine’s Gull

_Xema sabini_ [J. Sabine].

Circumpolar. Winters SE Atlantic off SW Africa and E Pacific off NW South America. Gen. Sir Edward Sabine (1788-1883), British army and explorer who collected the type specimen while on John Ross’s first Arctic expedition in 1918. He sent it to his brother, the naturalist Joseph Sabine, who described it.


**Slender-billed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus genei* [Brème].

Senegal & Mauritania and S & E Iberia thru Mediterranean, Black Sea, Middle East & Asia Minor to E Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan & NW India. Winters S to the Horn of Africa. Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus genei.

Giuseppe Gené (1800-1847), Italian naturalist and author whose main interest was in entomology. He succeeded Bonelli as Professor of Zoology and Director of the Royal Zoological Museum at Turin in 1830.


Bonaparte's Gull

_Chiroiccephalus philadelphia_ [Ord].

W Alaska & S British Columbia E to E Quebec. Winters along Pacific coast S to Sinaloa (Mexico) and Atlantic coast S to Florida & the Greater Antilles and occasionally C USA from Great Lakes S to Gulf of Mexico.

Treated by del Hoyo _et al._ 1996 as _Larus philadelphia_.

Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte (1803-1857), French ornithologist, diplomat and nephew to Napoleon Bonaparte.


Silver Gull

Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae [Stephens].
[C.n. novaehollandiae] S Australia and Tasmania.
[C.n. scopulinus] E coasts of North & South Islands of New Zealand, Lake Rotorua (North Island, New Zealand) and Stewart Island, Chatham Island, Bounties Islands, Snares Islands, Aucklands Islands & Campbell Islands (off New Zealand).

Proposed form gunni included with the nominate.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus novaehollandiae.
C.n. scopulinus sometimes treated as a full species.

Other name: Red-billed Gull (scopulinus).


**Black-billed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus bulleri* [Hutton].

South Island, New Zealand and Rotorua, Gisborne, Clive & Porangahau (North Island, New Zealand). Winters S North Island & N South Island (New Zealand) and occasionally to Stewart Island and Snares Islands.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus bulleri*.

Other name: Buller's Gull.

Sir Walter Lawry Buller (1838-1906), New Zealand ornithologist and lawyer who also spent time as a Government minister between 1896 and 1899. He was the first native-born New Zealander to establish a reputation as a scientist of international status.


### Andean Gull

*Chroicocephalus serranus* [Tschudi].

Andean Gulls breed in the Andes from N Ecuador S to N Chile, W Bolivia and N Argentina. Winters Pacific coast S to SC Chile.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus serranus*.


### Brown-headed Gull

*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus* [Jerdon].


Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus brunnicephalus*.

Other name: Indian Black-headed Gull.


**Brown-hooded Gull**

*Chroicocephalus maculipennis* [Lichtenstein].

SC Chile & Uruguay S to Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands and probably Rio Grande do Sul (SE Brazil). Winters N to N Chile & CE Brazil.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus maculipennis*.

Other name: Patagonian Black-headed Gull, Pink-breasted Gull.


**Black-headed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus ridibundus* [Linnaeus].

Newfoundland, S Greenland & Iceland E thru Europe & C Asia to Kamchatka, Ussuriland & NE China. Winters S to New England and W & E Africa E thru Arabian coasts & India E to the Philippines.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus ridibundus*.


**Grey-headed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* [Vieillot].

[C.c. cirrocephalus] Coastal Ecuador & Peru and coastal C Brazil to S Buenos Aires (Argentina) and along the river basins of the Paraguay and Paraná to Lake Melincué (Santa Fé, Argentina). Winters to the N of breeding areas.

[C.c. poiocephalus] Scattered populations from Ethiopia S to Malawi and S Africa (including Rift Valley lakes) and coasts and inland rivers of W Africa. Winters: some populations are sedentary but some from S Africa move N along Atlantic and Indian Ocean coasts. Within the WP at Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania there were between 20 and 30 breeding pairs in 1995. Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus cirrocephalus*.

Other name: Grey-hooded Gull.


Hartlaub's Gull

Chroicocephalus hartlaubii [Bruch].
Coastal SW Africa from C Namibia to SW Cape Province.
Treated by some as race of Silver Gull.
Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus hartlaubii.
Karel Johan Gustav Hartlaub (1814-1900), German physician, ornithologist and collector for the Bremen Natural History Museum. In 1852, along with Jean Cabanis, he set up the ‘Journal für Ornithologie’, also known as the ‘Journal of Ornithology’.


Saunders's Gull

Chroicocephalus Saundersi [Swinhoe]
Liaoning & Hebei S thru Shandong to Jiangsu (coastal NE China). Winters South Korea & S Japan S to N Vietnam.
Other name: Chinese Black-headed Gull.
Synonym: Saundersiliarus saundersi.
Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus saundersi.
Howard Saunders (1835-1907), British ornithologist and expert on gulls who was secretary of the British Ornithologists' Union from 1901 to 1907 and the first Secretary and Treasurer of the British Ornithologists' Club.

Little Gull

Hydrocoloeus minutus [Pallas].

N Scandinavia, Baltic republics & W Russia E to W Siberia between rivers Ural & Ob' and the basin of the River Lena SW to L Baikal (E Siberia) and sporadically in W & C Europe with small numbers in NE North America. Winters mostly S & W of breeding range. Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus minutus.


Ross’s Gull

*Rhodostethia rosea* [MacGillivray].
Taymyr peninsula E to R Kolyma and Peary Land & Disko Bay (W Greenland), Spitsbergen (Svalbard, Arctic Ocean) and Cheyne Islands, Prince Charles Island & islands in Penny Strait (Nunavut Territory, Canada) & Churchill (Manitoba, Canada). Winters mainly in the Arctic at the edge of the pack ice with some birds moving further south.
Treated by some as *Hydrocoloeus rosea*
Other name: Rosy Gull.

Rear-Admiral Sir James Clark Clark Ross (1802-1862), British arctic explorer who collected the type specimen at Igloolik Island, NW Territories, Canada on 23rd June 1823.


**Dolphin Gull**  
*Leucophaeus scoresbii* [Traill].  
SC Chile & SC Argentina S to Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands. Winters along the coast to N of breeding areas.  
Treated by some as *Gabianus scoresbii*.  
Other names: Scoresby’s Gull, Magellan Gull.  
William Scoresby (1789-1857), English arctic explorer, whaler and scientist who published over 60 papers on a wide range of subjects and was a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.


**Lava Gull**  
*Leucophaeus fuliginosus* [Gould].  
Galápagos Islands.  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus fuliginosus*.  
Other name: Dusky Gull.


Laughing Gull

Leucophaeus atricilla [Linnaeus].

[L.a. atricilla] West Indies S to Trinidad and islands off Venezuela. Winters S to N Brazil.

[L.a. megalopterus] SE California S to W Mexico and Nova Scotia S to Florida & Texas and locally thru E Central America. Winters S to S Peru.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus atricilla.


Franklin's Gull

*Leucophaeus pipixcan* [Wagler].

British Columbia to Alberta and Montana to Minnesota (continental North America). Winters off W South America coast S to Chile and Galápagos Islands.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus pipixcan*.

Rear Admiral Sir John Franklin RN (1786-1847), British explorer who perished while attempting to chart and navigate a section of the Northwest Passage in the Canadian Arctic.


Pipe: the Mexican Indian name for gull.

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Siblet, J.P. & Thonnerieux, Y. 1984. Observation d'une Mouette de Franklin (Larus pipixcan) dans la région lyonnaise et mise au point sur le statut accidentel de l'espèce en Europe. [Observation of a Franklin's Gull (Larus pipixcan) in the Lyon region and focus on the status of the species in Europe]. Alauda 52: 56-64.


Grey Gull

Leucophaeus modestus [Tshudi].

Atacama and other inland deserts of N Chile and (probably) S Peru. Winters along the coast from Ecuador S to SC Chile.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus modestus.


Relict Gull

Ichthyaaetus relictus [Lönnberg].

L Alakol' (NE Kazakhstan), L Barun-Torey (Chita, S Transbaikalia), Tatsain Tsagaan Nuur (on the edge of Edsin Gol, C Mongolia), N Gansu (NC China) & Taolimiao (C Ordos Highlands, Inner Mongolia). Winters (probably) Vietnam and (perhaps) South Korea.

The type specimen was collected in 1929 at Tsondol, Inner Mongolia, China. It was initially considered a race of Mediterranean Gull until the second specimen was collected in 1969 at a breeding colony in Kazakhstan.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus relictus. Other name: Central Asian Gull.


**Audouin's Gull**

*Ichthyaeetus audouini* [Payraudeau].
Mediterranean coasts; primarily on the Ebro Delta (NE Spain) & Chafarinas Islands (off NE Morocco) with scattered colonies E to Tunisia, Aegean Sea, S Turkey & Cyprus. Winters S to Senegambia region.
Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus audouinii*.


Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus

Mediterranean Gull

Mainly on Black Sea coasts of Ukraine, with recent spread to N Caucasian Plains & Baku archipelago (Azerbaijan) with scattered populations thru Europe and large numbers recently in Holland, Camargue (S France), Italy, Greece & Turkey and smaller numbers in Ireland, S England, Belgium, NE Germany, NE Spain & C Europe. Winters Mediterranean, Black Sea, NW Europe & NW Africa. Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as Larus melanocephalus.


Great Black-headed Gull

*Ichtyaetus ichthyaetus* [Pallas].
Crimea E to L Balkhash with scattered populations NE to NW Mongolia. Winters E Mediterranean, Red Sea, S Caspian Sea and N Indian Ocean E to Myanmar and S to SC Ethiopia. Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus ichthyaetus*.
Other name: Pallas's Gull.
Peter Simon Pallas (1741-1811), German zoologist who worked in Russia and one of the greatest 18th century naturalists. In addition to various bird species his name is commemorated in the vernacular and scientific names of mammals and fish as well as a city in Russia, street names and an asteroid.


**White-eyed Gull**

*Ichthyaetus leucophthalmus* [Temminck].

Red Sea & Gulf of Aden.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus leucophthalmus*.


**Sooty Gull**

*Ichthyaetus hemprichii* [Bruch].

Red Sea & Gulf of Aden and Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman E to S Pakistan and S to N Kenya.

Treated by some as *Adelarbus hemprichii*.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus hemprichii*.

Other names: Hemprich's Gull, Aden Gull.

William Fredrich Hemprich (1796-1825), German natural scientist, zoologist, physician, traveller and collector.


