

Calandra Lark. Between Tarifa and Facinas, Cadiz, Spain. 30th April 2011.  
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# List of Larks

with References

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## Introduction

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## Hoopoe Lark

- Alaemon alaudipes*** [Desfontaines 1789, between Gafsa and Tozeur, Tunisia].  
 [A.a. *alaudipes*] S Morocco S to Mauritania, N & C Mali, C Niger, C & E Chad & N Sudan and E to Syria, Jordan & N Arabia.  
 [A.a. *boavistae*] Boavista & Maio (Cape Verde Islands).  
 [A.a. *desertorum*] Red Sea coasts from Port Sudan (S Sudan) S to NW Somalia and Jeddah (C Saudi Arabia) S to Aden (Yemen).  
 [A.a. *doriae*] Iraq & E Arabia E to Pakistan and adjacent extreme NW India.  
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### Lesser Hoopoe-Lark

***Alaemon hamertoni*** [Witherby 1905, Obbia, Somalia].

[*A.h. hamertoni*] Coast of C Somalia extending inland along Ethiopian border.

[*A.h. altera*] N & NE Somalia.

[*A.h. tertia*] Inland in NW Somalia.

Other name: Witherby's Lark.

**Henry Forbes Witherby MBE** (1873-1943), English ornithologist and publisher, who edited all five volumes of the *Handbook of British Birds*. He was one time Vice-Chairman of the BTO and Chairman of the BOC and was responsible for the first bird ringing scheme in 1909.

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[*A.g. grayi*] Coastal plain of C & S Namibia.

[*A.g. hoeschi*] Coastal plain of SW Angola & NW Namibia S to Cape Cross.

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***Ramphocoris clotbey*** [Bonaparte 1850, Egyptian Desert].

Western Sahara, extreme N Mauritania, S & SE Morocco, W & interior N Algeria, C & S Tunisia & NW Libya and C Jordan and N Saudi Arabia.

Other name: Clot Bey's Lark.

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## Desert Lark

***Ammomanes deserti*** [M.H.K. Lichtenstein 1823, Aswan, upper Egypt].

[*A.d. deserti*] E of R Nile to Red Sea and S to Sudan.

[*A.d. isabellina*] Birecik (S Turkey) & Syria E to Samarra & Al Fallujah (N Iraq) and N Egypt from W of the Nile Valley & Dakhla Oasis E to S & E Israel, S Jordan, NW Saudi Arabia & S Iraq E to R Tigris.

[*A.d. annae*] Azraq (black lava deserts of Jordan) and probably extreme S Syria.

[*A.d. payni*] Morocco S of High Atlas Mts & nearby SW Algeria.

[*A.d. algeriensis*] N Algeria, Tunisia & W Tripolitania (NW Libya).

[*A.d. mya*] C Algeria.

[*A.d. whitakeri*] SE Algeria including Hoggar Mts & SW Libya and perhaps Tibesti Mts (NW Chad).

[*A.d. geyri*] Mauritania E to S Algeria & Air Massif (NW Niger).

[*A.d. erythrochroa*] Ndjamena (W Chad) E to N Sudan.

[*A.d. kollmannspergeri*] Ennedi Mts (NE Chad) & Darfur (W Sudan).

[*A.d. assabensis*] Ethiopia & NW Somalia.

[*A.d. samharenis*] Red Sea coasts of Sudan, Eritrea S to Mits'iwa & Arabian peninsula S to Yemen border.

[*A.d. akeleyi*] Highlands of N Somalia.

[*A.d. azizi*] Al Hufuf (NE Saudi Arabia).

[*A.d. taimuri*] Muscat.

[*A.d. saturata*] N Hijaz S to Aden (black lava deserts of S Arabia).

[*A.d. insularis*] Bahrain.

[*A.d. cheesmani*] E of R Tigres (E Iraq) to Zagros Mts (W Iran) and S to Persian Gulf near Bandar e Bushehr.

[*A.d. parvirostris*] Kara-Bogaz-Gol S to Kopet Dagh & Atrak Basin (W Turkmenistan).

[*A.d. orientalis*] N Khorasan (NE Iran), S Turkmenistan, S Uzbekistan, S Tadjikistan & N Afghanistan.

[*A.d. iranica*] S Zagros Mts (W Iran) and E Iran E to SW Afghanistan & Baluchistan (W Pakistan).

[*A.d. phoenicuroides*] SE Afghanistan, E Pakistan and adjacent W Rajasthan (NW India).

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### Bar-tailed Desert Lark

***Ammomanes cinctura*** [Gould 1839, São Tiago, Cape Verde Islands].

[*A.c. cinctura*] São Tiago, Maio, Boavista & Sal (Cape Verde Islands).

[*A.c. arenicolor*] S & E Morocco E to Cyrenaica (Libya) & Egypt including Sinai peninsula and S discontinuously to W & SE Mauritania, WC Mali, C Niger, N & E Chad and C & NE Sudan and S Israel, Jordan, Iraq & Arabian peninsula.

[*A.c. zarudnyi*] E Iran E to S Afghanistan & S Pakistan.

Other name: Bar-tailed Lark.

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### Rufous-tailed Lark

***Ammomanes phoenicura*** [Franklin 1831, Vindhya Hills between Benares and Gurrah Mundela on the Narbudda, India].  
 [*A.p. phoenicura*] NE Pakistan & C India.  
 [*A.p. testacea*] S India.  
 Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as monotypic.  
 Other name: Rufous-tailed Finch Lark.

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### Black-eared Sparrow-Lark

***Eremopterix australis*** [A. Smith 1836, Colesberg, Orange River, Northern Cape, South Africa].  
 S Namibia S from N Namaqualand, Kalahari-Gemsbok National Park (extreme SW Botswana) & Great Karoo (W South Africa).  
 Other name: Black-eared Finch-lark.

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### **Madagascan Lark**

***Eremopterix hova*** [Hartlaub 1860, St Augustine Bay, Madagascar].

Madagascar.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as *Mirafa hova*.

Other names: Madagascar Bushlark, Hova Lark.

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### **Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark**

***Eremopterix nigriceps*** [Gould 1839, São Tiago, Cape Verde Islands].

[*E.n. nigriceps*] Cape Verde Islands.

[*E.n. albifrons*] Mauritania & Senegal E to R Nile in Sudan.

[*E.n. melanauchen*] E Sudan E to extreme S Iraq, Kuwait and C & S Arabian peninsula and S to Somalia & Socotra.

[*E.n. affinis*] SE Iran E to Pakistan & NW India.

The proposed form *forbeswatsoni* is included with *E.n. melanauchen*.

Other names: Black-crowned Finch-lark, White-fronted Sparrow-lark, White-crested Sparrow-lark, White-crested Finch-lark.

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### Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark

- Eremopterix leucotis*** [Stanley 1814, coast of Eritrea].  
 [*E.l. leucotis*] SE Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea & NW Somalia.  
 [*E.l. melanocephalus*] Senegal E to C Sudan.  
 [*E.l. madaraszi*] NE Uganda, Kenya, coastal S Somalia, Tanzania & N Mozambique.  
 [*E.l. hoeschi*] S Angola, W Zambia, N Namibia, N Botswana & NW Zimbabwe.  
 [*E.l. smithi*] E Zambia, S Malawi, W & C Mozambique, E Zimbabwe, E Botswana & E South Africa.  
 Other names: Chestnut-backed Finch-lark, White-cheeked Sparrow-lark, White-cheeked Finch-lark.

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### Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark

- Eremopterix griseus*** [Scopoli 1786, no locality = Gingee, Tamil Nadu, India].  
 Plains of the R Indus (Pakistan) and S Himalayan foothills E to E Bangladesh and S to S tip of India & Sri Lanka.  
 Other names: Ashy-crowned Finch-lark, Black-bellied Sparrow-lark, Black-bellied Finch-lark, Ceylon Finch-lark.

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### **Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark**

***Eremopterix signatus*** [Oustalet 1886, Somalia].

[*E.s. signatis*] E & S Ethiopia, N, C & S Somalia & E Kenya.

[*E.s. harrisoni*] Extreme SE Sudan and NW Kenya.

Other name: Chestnut-headed Finch-lark.

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### **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**

***Eremopterix verticalis*** [A. Smith 1836, Colesberg, Orange River, Northern Cape, South Africa].

[*E.v. verticalis*] SW Zimbabwe, SE Botswana & South Africa except NW with periodic eruptions N to W Zambia.

[*E.v. khama*] NE Botswana & W Zimbabwe with periodic eruptions NE to W Zambia.

[*E.v. hartii*] W Zambia.

[*E.v. damarensis*] Coastal Angola, Cabinda province, Namibia, W Botswana & NW South Africa with periodic eruptions E to W Zambia & W Zimbabwe.

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### **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark**

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NE Uganda & Kenya S to extreme NE Zambia, N Malawi & extreme NW Mozambique.

Other name: Fischer's Finch-lark.

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### **Woodlark**

***Lullula arborea*** [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

[*L.a. arborea*] S Fennoscandia, S Britain, France & N Iberia E to W Russia, Ukraine, N Italy & N Balkans.

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## White-winged Lark

***Alauda leucoptera*** [Pallas 1811, Baraba Steppes, SC Russia].

SW Russia S to NW Caspian Sea and E to L Balkhash. Winters S to Black Sea region & N Iran.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as *Melanocorypha leucoptera*.

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## Oriental Skylark

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 [A.g. *gulgula*] NC & NE India S to Sri Lanka and E to Indochina.  
 [A.g. *Ithamarum*] SW Pamir, extreme NE Afghanistan and W Himalayas from NE Pakistan S to N Punjab and E to Nepal.  
 [A.g. *inopinata*] Much of Tibetan Plateau, E Qinghai, Gansu except most NW and extreme SW Inner Mongolia.  
 [A.g. *vernay*] E Himalayas and SE Xizang & W Yunnan (neighbouring parts of China).  
 [A.g. *inconspicua*] S Kazakhstan, S Uzbekistan, E Turkmenistan & E Iran E to W & SW Tadjikistan, Pakistan & NW India.  
 [A.g. *weigoldi*] SE Gansu & S Shaanxi S to S & E Sichuan and E along Yangtse Valley (C & E China).  
 [A.g. *coelivox*] SE & S China including Hainan & N Vietnam.  
 [A.g. *wattersi*] Taiwan & Philippines.  
 The proposed forms *dharmakumarsinhji*, *australis* & *herberti* are included with *A.g. gulgula*.  
 The proposed form *sala* is included with *A.g. coelivox*.  
 The proposed form *wolfei* is included with *A.g. wattersi*.  
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## Skylark

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[*A.a. sierrae*] NW, C & S Spain & Portugal.

[*A.a. harterti*] NW Africa.

[*A.a. cantarella*] NE Spain E thru Mediterranean islands to C & N Turkey & Caucasus.

[*A.a. armenica*] SE Turkey & Transcaucasia E to N Iran.

[*A.a. dulcivox*] SE European Russia & W Siberia S to N Kazakhstan, Xinjiang (NW China) & SW Mongolia.

[*A.a. kibortii*] Altai E to Transbaikalia, N & E Mongolia & NW Manchuria.

[*A.a. intermedia*] NC Siberia from basin of R Vilyuy & middle R Lena E to R Kolyma basin and S to NE China & Korea.

[*A.a. pekinensis*] NE Siberia from upper R Indigirka E to Koryakland and S to Kamchatka & N Kuril Islands.

[*A.a. lonnbergi*] N Sakhalin, Shantar Island (SW Sea of Okhotsk) and possibly lower Amur Basin.

[*A.a. japonica*] S Sakhalin, S Kuril Islands, Japan & Ryukyu Islands.

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### Sykes's Lark

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WC & C India.

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## Large-billed Lark

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[*G.m. sedentaria*] Karoo areas of extreme SW Namibia & W South Africa E to Griqualand West (C South Africa).

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[*G.t. theklæ*] E & S Portugal, Spain, Balearic Islands & extreme S France.

[*G.t. erlangeri*] N Morocco E to Algerian border and S to Middle Atlas.

[*G.t. ruficolor*] NE & C Morocco, coastal Algeria & N Tunisia.

[*G.t. theresae*] SW Morocco S from Anti-Atlas Mts & Western Sahara.

[*G.t. superflua*] Hauts Plateaux (E of R Moulouya, NE Morocco) & N Algeria S to Atlas Saharien and E to Tunisia.

[*G.t. carolinae*] N Sahara from extreme E Morocco E to NE Libya and probably Salum (extreme NW Egypt).

[*G.t. harrarensis*] Harar & Jijiga (E Ethiopia).

[*G.t. huei*] Bale Mts (SC Ethiopia).

[*G.t. praetermissa*] Highlands from S Eritrea S to C Ethiopia.

[*G.t. ellioti*] N & C Somalia.

[*G.t. mallablensis*] Coastal S Somalia.

[*G.t. huriensis*] Huri Hills S to Marsabit (S Ethiopia & N Kenya).

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## Crested Lark

***Galerida cristata*** [Linnaeus 1758, Europe = Vienna, Austria].

[*G.c. cristata*] Denmark & extreme S Sweden E to Belarus and S to France, N Italy, N Balkans, N Hungary & N Ukraine.

[*G.c. pallida*] Iberian peninsula.

[*G.c. neumanni*] W Italy.

[*G.c. apuliae*] S peninsular Italy & Sicily.

[*G.c. meridionalis*] S Balkans S to Greece, Ionian Islands, Crete & W Turkey.

[*G.c. cyprica*] Rhodes, Karpathos & Cyprus.

[*G.c. tenuirostris*] E Hungary & Romania E to S Russia (S to N Caucasus region) & W Kazakhstan.

[*G.c. caucasica*] Samothraki S to Samos (E Aegean Sea), N Turkey, S Caucasus & W Transcaucasia.

[*G.c. kleinschmidti*] NW Morocco E to Rif Mts and S to Middle Atlas.

[*G.c. riggenbachii*] W Morocco.

[*G.c. carthaginiis*] Along the coast from NE Morocco E to N Tunisia.

[*G.c. helenae*] SE Algeria.

[*G.c. arenicola*] NE Algerian Sahara, S Tunisia & Tripolitania (NW Libya).

[*G.c. festae*] Benghazi E to Tubruq (coastal NE Libya).

[*G.c. brachyura*] NE Libya & coastal N Egypt E to Alexandria and N Sinai peninsula and the Negev & Dead Sea region (S Israel) E to S Iraq & N Saudi Arabia.

[*G.c. cinnamomina*] W Lebanon & NW Israel.

[*G.c. zion*] S Turkey, Syria, E Lebanon & E Israel S to Jerusalem.

[*G.c. subtaurica*] C Turkey E to S Transcaucasia, NW Iran & W Turkmenistan and S to N & E Iraq.

[*G.c. iwanowii*] C Turkmenistan and C & S Iran E to S Tadjikistan, Afghanistan & NW Pakistan.

[*G.c. tardinata*] S Arabia.

[*G.c. jordansi*] Air Mts (N Niger).

[*G.c. nigricans*] Nile Delta.

[*G.c. maculata*] Nile Valley from Cairo S to Aswan.

[*G.c. halfae*] Nile Valley from Aswan S to Wadi Halfa (extreme N Sudan).

[*G.c. altirostris*] E Sudan & Eritrea.

[*G.c. somaliensis*] N Somalia, S Ethiopia & N Kenya.

[*G.c. balsaci*] Coastal Mauritania.

[*G.c. senegallensis*] S Mauritania, Senegambia and Guinea-Bissau E to Niger.

[*G.c. alexanderi*] N Nigeria E to W Sudan & NE Central African Republic.

[*G.c. isabellina*] Kordofan E to R Nile (C Sudan).

[*G.c. lynesii*] Gilgit Valley (N Kashmir).

[*G.c. chendoola*] S Kashmir foothills S to E Pakistan, W & N India (E to Bihar) & S Nepal.

[*G.c. magna*] S Kazakhstan E to S Mongolia and Xinjiang E to N Gansu & Inner Mongolia (N China).

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***Galerida malabarica*** [Scopoli 1786, China; error = Malabar coast, W India].

SW India S from SE Gujarat.

Other names: Malabar Crested Lark, Short-crested Lark.

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### Maghreb Lark

***Galerida macrorhyncha*** [Tristram 1859].

[*G.m. macrorhyncha*] S Morocco & NW Algeria S of Atlas Saharien E to Laghouat & Ghardaia and S to Atar area (WC Mauritania).

[*G.m. randonii*] Hauts Plateaux of E Morocco E of upper R. Moulouya & NW Algeria.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as races of Crested Lark.

Other name: Long-billed Crested Lark.



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## Shore Lark

***Eremophila alpestris*** [Linnaeus 1758, coast of South Carolina, USA].

- [*E.a. alpestris*] W Ontario E to Newfoundland.
- [*E.a. arctica*] Alaska and Yukon S to British Columbia.
- [*E.a. hoyti*] N Baffin Island S to N Alberta & W Ontario.
- [*E.a. merrilli*] British Columbia S to N California.
- [*E.a. strigata*] Coastal S British Columbia S to Oregon.
- [*E.a. alpina*] Olympic Mts & Cascade Range (W Washington).
- [*E.a. lamprochroma*] Washington S to N California and E to Nevada (inland montane W USA).
- [*E.a. leucolaema*] S Alberta S to Colorado & New Mexico.
- [*E.a. enthymia*] Great Plains from Saskatchewan & Manitoba S to Oklahoma & Texas.
- [*E.a. praticola*] Minnesota E to SE Canada E to Nova Scotia and S to Kansas & N Carolina.
- [*E.a. sierrae*] Mts of NE California.
- [*E.a. rubea*] C California.
- [*E.a. utahensis*] Idaho S to C Nevada & Utah (montane WC USA).
- [*E.a. insularis*] Channel Island (off SW California).
- [*E.a. actia*] Coast Ranges of S California & N Baja California.
- [*E.a. ammophila*] Mojave & Amargosa Deserts (SE California) and adjacent SW Nevada.
- [*E.a. leucansiptila*] Colorado Desert from SW Nevada & W Arizona S to NE Baja California & NW Sonora.
- [*E.a. occidentalis*] N Arizona E to C New Mexico.
- [*E.a. adusta*] S Arizona E to S New Mexico.
- [*E.a. enertera*] C Baja California.
- [*E.a. giraudi*] Coastal S Texas S to NE Mexico.
- [*E.a. aphrasta*] NW Mexico S to Durango.
- [*E.a. lactea*] Coahuila (NE Mexico).
- [*E.a. diaphora*] Extreme SE Coahuila S to NE Puebla (NE Mexico).
- [*E.a. chrysolaeama*] S Mexican Plateau from Zacatecas S to Jalisco, Michoacan, Morelos & Veracruz.
- [*E.a. oaxacae*] E Oaxaca (S Mexico).
- [*E.a. peregrina*] Altiplano Cundiboyacense (E Andes of Colombia, N of Bogotá).
- [*E.a. flava*] N Eurasia E to Anadyrland (NE Russia) and S to S Norway, L Baikal & NW Amurland.
- [*E.a. brandti*] SE European Russia & N Transcaspia E to W Manchuria and S to N Turkmenistan, Tien Shan range & Mongolia.
- [*E.a. atlas*] Atlas Mts (Morocco).
- [*E.a. balcanica*] S Balkans & Greece.
- [*E.a. kumerloevei*] W & C Asia Minor.
- [*E.a. penicillata*] E Turkey & Caucasus E to N & W Iran.
- [*E.a. bicornis*] Lebanon & Mt Hermon (Israel-Syria border).
- [*E.a. albigula*] SW Turkmenistan & NE Iran E to W Tien Shan Mts and S to NW Pakistan.
- [*E.a. argalea*] N Ladakh, extreme W China & W Tibetan Plateau.
- [*E.a. teleschowi*] C & E Kun Lun Mts from S Xinjiang E to NW Qinghai and S to N Xizang (W China).
- [*E.a. przewalskii*] Qaidam Basin, in N Qinghai.
- [*E.a. nigrifrons*] Mountains of NE Qinghai (NW China).
- [*E.a. longirostris*] Himalayas from NE Pakistan & Kashmir E to Sikkim.
- [*E.a. elwesi*] S & E Tibetan Plateau.
- [*E.a. khamensis*] SE Xizang & W Sichuan (SC China).

Some authorities consider there is sufficient genetic evidence to split Shore Lark in to at least six species (see van Steenis 2014 for a summary).

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***Eremophila bilopha*** [Temminck 1823, deserts of Aqaba, NW Arabia].

Extreme NW Mauritania, Western Sahara and S & E Morocco E to Sinai Peninsula, Syria, Jordan, S Israel, W Iraq, N Saudi Arabia & Kuwait.

**Coenraad Jacob Temminck** (1778-1858), Dutch ornithologist, illustrator & collector who was the first Director of the Natural History Museum at Leiden.

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### Hume's Short-toed Lark

- Calandrella acutirostris*** [Hume 1873, Sughet Pass, SW Xinjiang, China].  
[*C.a. acutirostris*] NE Iran E to S Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan & W Xinjiang (extreme W China). Winters mainly Pakistan & NW India.  
[*C.a. tibetana*] NE Pakistan & NW India E across Tibetan Plateau to S Gansu, extreme W Ningxia & NW Sichuan (C China) and S to Nepal & Sikkim, Winters N Indian subcontinent.
- Allan Octavian Hume** (1829-1912), English theosophist, poet and writer on Indian birds who became known as the 'Father of Indian Ornithology' and was one of the founders of the Indian National Congress.  
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### Erlanger's Lark

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Other name: Ethiopian Short-toed Lark.  
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***Calandrella blanfordi*** [Shelley 1902, Senafé, Tigré, Eritrea].

[*C.b. blanfordi*] N Eritrea.

[*C.b. daaroodensis*] N Somalia.

[*C.b. eremica*] SW Saudi Arabia & Yemen

Other name: Blanford's Short-toed Lark.

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***Calandrella cinerea*** [J.F. Gmelin, 1789, no locality = Cape Town, South Africa].

[*C.c. cinerea*] C & S Namibia, S Botswana, Zimbabwe & South Africa.

[*C.c. saturator*] Uganda & W Kenya S to Angola, NE Namibia, N Botswana & Zambia.

[*C.c. williamsi*] C Kenya & N Tanzania.

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## Short-toed Lark

***Calandrella brachydactyla*** [Leisler 1814, Montpellier, France].

[*C.b. brachydactyla*] W, NC & S France & Iberia E thru Mediterranean to Italy, the Balkans, Romania, and possibly Ukraine & S Russia and parts of Mediterranean coast of NW Africa. Winters Africa.

[*C.b. hungarica*] Hungary & N Serbia.

[*C.b. rubiginosa*] Morocco & N Western Sahara E to W Tripolitania (NW Libya) and Malta.

[*C.b. hermonensis*] S Turkey & Syria S to Sinai peninsula.

[*C.b. woltersi*] S Turkey & adjacent extreme NW Syria.

[*C.b. artemisiana*] Asia Minor, the Caucasus, Transcaucasia & Iran. Winters mainly SW Asia.

[*C.b. longipennis*] Ukraine & S Russia E to N Mongolia & NW Manchuria. Winters mainly S Asia.

[*C.b. dukhunensis*] Tibet & C China. Winters S Asia.

The proposed form *orientalis* is included with *C.b. longipennis*.

Other names: Greater Short-toed Lark, Rufous Short-toed Lark (*dukhunensis*).

1st WP Record (*dukhunensis*): 3rd November 1983. Nizzana, Negev Desert, Israel (Colston & Shirihai 1986).

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## Bimaculated Lark

***Melanocorypha bimaculata*** [Ménétriés 1832, mountains near Talysh (= Talyshskiye Goro), on Azerbaijan-Iran border].

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## Calandra Lark

***Melanocorypha calandra*** [Linnaeus 1766, Pyrenees, Spain-France border].

[*M.c. calandra*] Iberia & S France E to S Russia & NW Kazakhstan and S thru Mediterranean islands of Sardinia, Sicily, Crete & Cyprus to N Morocco E to NW Libya and N Turkey, Transcaucasia & NW Iran.

[*M.c. hebraica*] SC Turkey & adjacent NW Syria S to Israel, Palestine & W Jordan.

[*M.c. gaza*] SE Turkey, E Syria, Iraq & SW Iran.

[*M.c. psammochroa*] N Iraq & Zagros Mts E to Khorasan (N Iran) E to Turkmenistan & E Kazakhstan.

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## Black Lark

- Melanocorypha yeltoniensis*** [J.R. Forster 1767, Lake El'ton, SW Russia].  
SW Russia & N Kazakhstan S to N shores of Caspian Sea, Aral Sea & just N of L Balkhash. Winters S to Black Sea region, Caucasus, N Iran, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan & S Kazakhstan.
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## Mongolian Lark

***Melanocorypha mongolica*** [Pallas 1776, N Mongolia].  
Mongolia and neighbouring parts of S Russia & NE China.  
Other name: Mongolian Sand Lark.

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## Tibetan Lark

***Melanocorypha maxima*** [Blyth 1867, borders of Sikkim].  
[*M.m. maxima*] C & SC China.  
[*M.m. flavescens*] WC China.  
[*M.m. holdereri*] NC China.  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as monotypic.  
Other names: Long-billed Lark, Long-billed Calandra Lark, Asiatic Lark.

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## Dupont's Lark

***Chersophilus duponti*** [Vieillot 1820, Provence, S France].  
[*C.d. duponti*] E Castilla y León, Aragón, W Castilla y León, E Castilla-La Mancha & SE Andalucía (Spain) and NE & E of Midelt & R Moulouya (Morocco) and Hauts Plateaux (N Algeria).  
[*C.d. margaritae*] S slopes of Atlas Mts E to Biskra (Algeria), SE Tunisia, N Libya & coastal W Egypt.  
Léonard Puech Dupont (1795-1828), French naturalist and collector.

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## Dunn's Lark

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[*E.d. dunnii*] S edge of Sahara in Mauritania, N & C Mali, S Niger, N Chad & C Sudan.  
[*E.d. eremodites*] Azraq (Jordan), S Israel, N & C Saudi Arabia & SW Oman.
- Col. Henry Nason Dunn** (1864-1952), born Kinsale, Cork where his father was a doctor. British Army and big game hunter who collected the type specimen.
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[*A.c. cheleensis*] Transbaikalia, NE Mongolia & S Heilongjiang & Inner Mongolia (NE China) S to S Shaanxi & N Jiangsu (C China).

[*A.c. kukunoorensis*] Qaidam Basin (N Qinghai, WC China), S Qinghai (WC China) & NE Tibet.

[*A.c. beicki*] SW Mongolia and bordering areas of Gansu & Ningxia (N China).

[*A.c. seebohmi*] Tuva (S Russia), W Mongolia and extreme NW China.

[*A.c. persica*] E & S Iraq, most of Iran (except NW & W) & SW Afghanistan.

[*A.c. leucophaea*] Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan S of Kyzyl Kum & SE Kazakhstan E to L Balkhash & Fergana Basin.

[*A.c. niethammeri*] Anatolian High Plateau (C Turkey).

The proposed form *tuvinica* is included with *C.c. seebohmi*.

The proposed form *tangutica* is included with *C.c. kukunoorensis*.

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[*A.r. rufescens*] Tenerife (W Canary Islands).  
[*A.r. polatzeki*] Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura & Lanzarote (E Canary Islands).  
[*A.r. apetzii*] S Portugal and S & E Spain.  
[*A.r. minor*] S Morocco E to NW Egypt and S Turkey S to N Sinai peninsula and E to C Iraq.  
[*A.r. nicolli*] Nile Delta (Egypt).  
[*A.r. pseudobaetica*] E Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan & NW Iran.  
[*A.r. heinei*] Ukraine E to Semipalatinsk region (E Kazakhstan) and S to Aral Sea & Syr Darya Valley (S Kazakhstan).  
Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as *Calandrella rufescens*.

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## Sand Lark

***Alaudala raytal*** [Blyth 1845, Lucknow, India].

[*A.r. raytal*] Haryana E to Arunachal Pradesh (N India) & Nepal, Bangladesh and C & S Myanmar.

[*A.r. adamsi*] SE Iran, Pakistan and Punjab, Haryana & NW Gujarat (NW India).

[*A.r. krishnarkumarsinhji*] Bhavnagar (S Gujarat, W India).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2004 as *Calandrella raytal*.

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