

Grasshopper Warbler. Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland. 2nd June 2006.
Photo: Richard H. Coombes.



List of *Locustella* Warblers with References

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Introduction

This is the final version of the *Locustella* warbler's list, no further updates will be made. Grateful thanks to Dick Coombes and Tom Shevlin (www.irishbirds.ie) for the cover images and all those who responded with constructive feedback. All images © the photographers.

Please note that this and other Reference Lists I have compiled are **not exhaustive** and are best employed in conjunction with other sources.

Some species, previously included with the *Locustella* have been moved to a new genus *Helopsaltes*, which is placed before the *Locustella* in the list order (for more refer to **Alström, P. et al.** 2018, full reference on page 3 in General Notes). These changes are reflected in this list.

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The general order of species follows the International Ornithologists' Union World Bird List (**Gill, F. & Donsker, D.** (eds.) 2019. IOC World Bird List. Available from: <https://www.worldbirdnames.org/> [version 9.1 accessed January 2019]).

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Sakhalin Warbler

Helopsaltes amnicola [Stepanyan].

Sakhalin Island, S Kuril Islands & Hokkaido (Japan). Winters not fully established, possibly Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as a race of Gray's Grasshopper Warbler. Previously included in *Locustella*.

Other name: Stepanyan's Grasshopper Warbler, Sakhalin Grasshopper Warbler.

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Gray's Grasshopper Warbler

Helopsaltes fasciolata [G.R. Gray].

E of upper R Ob' E to Amurland & Ussuriland (SE Russia) & NE China. Winters Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.

Previously included in *Locustella*.

Other names: Large Warbler, Large Grasshopper Warbler.

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Marsh Grassbird

Helopsaltes pryeri [Seebohm].

[*L.p. pryeri*] N & E Honshu (Japan). Winters S to Shikoku (Japan).

[*L.p. sinensis*] Extreme E Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Liaoning & Shanghai (E China) & extreme SE Russia. Winters in the basin of lower R Chiang Jiang (S Hubei), N Hunan & N Jiangxi (all SE China). Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Megalurus pryeri*. Previously included in *Locustella*.

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Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler

Helopsaltes certhiola [Pallas].

[*L.c. certhiola*] Transbaikalia E to Sea of Okhotsk (SE Siberia) & NE China. Winters. SE Asia.

[*L.c. sparsimstriata*] Tomsk & Novosibirsk (S Siberia) E to L Baikal and S to N Altai Mts & N Mongolia. Winters probably in S & SE Asia.

[*L.c. centralasiae*] E Kazakhstan, NE Kyrgyzstan and Russian & Gobian Altai S to N China. Winters probably India E to Myanmar.

[*L.c. rubescens*] R Irtysh E to Kolyma basin & Sea of Okhotsk (Siberia). Winters S & SE Asia.

[*L.c. minor*] Amurland (SE Siberia) & NE China. Winters SE Asia.

Previously included in *Locustella*.

Other names: Grey-naped Warbler, Rusty-rumped Warbler.

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.

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Styan's Grasshopper Warbler

Helopsaltes pleskei [Taczanowski].

Several small islands (most less than 1km long) in Peter the Great Bay (S Ussuriland, extreme SE Russia), Ullung Island & other small islands off the E, S & W coasts of Korea and Izu Islands and small islands off SW Honshu & Kyushu (Japan). Winters coastal SE China & N Vietnam. Previously included in *Locustella*.

Other names: Pleske's Warbler, Taczanowski's Grasshopper Warbler.

Frederick William Styan (1858-1934), British tea trader and collector in China where he was Curator of the Shanghai Museum between 1884 and 1887. He was a Fellow of the Zoological Society and elected a member of the British Ornithologists' Union in 1887.

Theodor Dimitrievich Pleske (1858-1932), Russian zoologist, geographer, ethnographer who was one time Fellow and Director of the Russian Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg.

Władysław Taczanowski (1819-1890), Polish zoologist and ornithologist who is considered one of the most important European zoologists of the nineteenth century. He took part in collecting expeditions to northwest Africa and South America.

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Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler

Helopsaltes ochotensis [Middendorff].

Magadan S to mouth of R Amur & Kamchatka (coastal Sea of Okhotsk, E Russia), Sakhalin Island, Kuril Islands & N & E Hokkaido (Japan). Winters Philippines & N Borneo.

Previously included in *Locustella*.

Other name: Asiatic Grasshopper Warbler.

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Lanceolated Warbler

Locustella lanceolata [Temminck].

[*L.l. lanceolata*] S Finland & Karelia (Finland-Russia border region) and Perm Krai & W Urals (extreme E European Russia) E to lower R Kolyma, S Kamchatka & Sea of Okhotsk and S to Altai, Amurland & Ussuriland, extreme N Mongolia & Manchuria (NE China). Winters NE Indian subcontinent, SE Asia and N Philippines S to Sumatra & W Java.

[*L.l. hendersonii*] Sakhalin, S Kuril Islands and E, NE & N Hokkaido & N Honshu (Japan). Winters SE Asia probably.

Other name: Streaked Warbler.

Lieut-Col. Dr. George Henderson (1837-1929), British surgeon and diplomat who worked and travelled in Asia.

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Brown Bush Warbler

Locustella luteoventris [Hodgson].

Darjeeling (West Bengal, NE India) E to Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland (extreme NE India), Bhutan, W & N Myanmar, S & SE China, N Vietnam and probably NE Bangladesh.
Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus luteoventris*.

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Long-billed Bush Warbler

Locustella major [W.E. Brooks].

[*L.m. major*] Khagan Valley & Gilgit (NW Himalayas of N Pakistan) and NE Kashmir, Ladakh & Zaskar (NW Himalayas of NW India).

[*L.m. innae*] Kunlun Mts & W Altun Shan (W & S Xinjiang, W China).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus major*.

Other name: Large-billed Bush Warbler.

Pittie, A. 2011. The dates of seven new taxa described by W. E. Brooks (*Certhia Hodgsoni*, *Sitta Cashmirensis*, *Dumeticola major*, *Horites* [sic] *Pallidus*, *Phylloscopus Tytleri*, *Motacilla Cashmirensis*, and *Alauda Guttata*). *Indian BIRDS* 7(2): 54-55.

Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella naevia [Boddaert].

[*L.n. naevia*] S Scandinavia & S Finland S to Britain, Ireland, NW Iberia, the Alps & R Danube area E to W European Russia & Ukraine. Winters W Africa.

[*L.n. straminea*] C & S parts of E European Russia E to SW Siberia, C & E Kazakhstan & Tien Shan (NW China). Winters mostly S Asia with some to Ethiopia.

[*L.n. obscurior*] Caucasus & E Turkey. Winters possibly in NE Africa & Iran.

The proposed form *mongolica* is included with *L.n. straminea*.

Other name: Seebohm's Grasshopper Warbler (*straminea*).

Henry Seebohm (1832-1895), British businessman, amateur ornithologist and oologist, who travelled widely in Greece, Scandinavia, Turkey and South Africa. He was one of the first European ornithologists to accept and adopt the trinomial system of classifying subspecies.

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Chinese Bush Warbler

Locustella tacsanowskia [Swinhoe].

Krasnoyarsk Krai (C Siberia) E thru Transbaikalia to Khabarovsk region (extreme E Russia) and adjacent N Mongolia S to E Qinghai, SW Gansu, Sichuan & Guangxi (NE, C & S China). Winters S & SE Asia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus tacsanowskii*.

Dickinson, E.C. et al. 2000. Systematic notes on Asian birds. 1. A review of the russet bush-warbler *Bradypterus seebohmi* (Ogilvie-Grant, 1895). *Zoologische Verhandlungen* 331: 11-64.

Bamboo Warbler

Locustella alfredi [Hartlaub].

[*L.a. alfredi*] SE Sudan & W Ethiopia to E DR Congo.

[*L.a. kungwensis*] SE DR Congo, W Tanzania & NW Zambia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus alfredi*.

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River Warbler

Locustella fluviatilis [Wolf].

S Finland, S Sweden, W Germany, E Austria & Bulgaria E to vicinity of R Irtysh (SW Siberia) & NW Kazakhstan. Winters E & S Africa.

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Savi's Warbler

Locustella luscinioides [Savi].

[*L.l. luscinioides*] S Baltic S & E to C Urals, Crimea & Balkans and N Morocco E to N Tunisia. Winters Senegal E to L Chad and S to N Ghana.

[*L.l. sarmatica*] E Ukraine E to S Urals, Volga valley & N foothills of Caucasus. Winters NE Africa.

[*L.l. fusca*] Asia Minor, the Levant, N & S Kazakhstan E from upper Emba valley and the Aral Sea, Turkmenistan, NE Iran & NW Afghanistan. Winters NE Africa.

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Friendly Bush Warbler

Locustella accentor [Sharpe].

Mt Kinabalu and adjoining peaks of Mt Trus Madi & Tam Boyukan (Sabah, N Borneo, Malaysian Federation).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus accentor*.

Other name: Kinabalu Bush Warbler.

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Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler

Locustella castanea [Büttikofer].

[*L.c. castanea*] Sulawesi (Sunda Islands, Indonesia).

[*L.c. disturbans*] Buru (S Moluccas Islands, Indonesia).

[*L.c. musculus*] Seram (Moluccas Islands, Indonesia).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus castaneus*.

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Long-tailed Bush Warbler

Locustella caudata [Ogilvie-Grant].

[*L.c. caudata*] N Luzon (Philippines).

[*L.c. unicolor*] Mindanao except Zamboanga peninsula (S Philippines).

[*L.c. malindangensis*] N Zamboanga peninsula (W Mindanao, S Philippines).

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David's Bush Warbler

Locustella davidi [La Touche].

[*L.d. davidi*] SE Transbaikalia E to W Amurland (SE Russia) and NE China S to N Hubei (C China). Winters SE Asia.

[*L.d. suschkinii*] Altai E to SW Transbaikalia (SC Siberia). Winters SE Asia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus davidi*.

Other names: Siberian Bush Warbler, Baikal Bush Warbler.

Fr. **Jean Pierre Armand David** (1826-1900), French Lazarist priest who travelled as a missionary to China where he began to collect natural history specimens. Among the many animals he found in China were the Giant Panda and Père David's Deer. He effectively succeeded in saving the deer from extinction by sending live specimens back to Europe where the Duke of Bedford later established a breeding herd at his Woburn Estate.

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Spotted Bush Warbler

Locustella thoracica [Blyth].

Nepal, Bhutan & NE India E to N Myanmar and SE Xizang & Yunnan E to NC Sichuan, Guizhou & Dayao Shan region of Guangxi (W & S China) & E Tibetan plateau from N Qinghai E to SW Gansu & S Shaanxi (C China). Winters W Nepal E to Arunachal Pradesh (NE India) in the Himalayan foothills.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus thoracica*.

The proposed form *przevalskii* is a synonym of *thoracica* (Alström *et al.* 2008).

Other names: Grey-breasted Bush Warbler, Spotted Scrub Warbler.

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West Himalayan Bush Warbler

Locustella kashmirensis [Sushkin].

Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal Pradesh (W Himalayas of NW India) and possibly Kashmir (NW India).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as a race of Spotted Bush Warbler.

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Taiwan Bush Warbler

Locustella alishanensis [Rasmussen *et al.*].

Mountains of C & NE Taiwan.

Previously treated as a form of Russet Bush Warbler *B. mandelli* (= *seebohmi*) but here treated as a full species after Rasmussen *et al.* 2000.

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Russet Bush Warbler

Locustella mandelli [W.E. Brooks].

[*L.m. mandelli*] Sikkim, Darjeeling & Assam (NE India) E to Bhutan, W & N Myanmar, S & C China N to Sichuan, N Thailand, N Laos & N Vietnam.

[*L.m. melanorhynchus*] Hubei S to Fujian (E China). Winters S to SE China.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus mandelli*. Previously considered to be a form of *L(B). seebohmi* but here treated as a full species after Dickenson *et al.* 2000.

Louis Mandelli (1833-1880), Italian tea planter and ornithologist who is rumoured to have fought with General Giuseppe Garibaldi and later settled in Assam, India.

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Dalat Bush Warbler

Locustella idoneus [Riley].

Langbian Plateau (Annam, SC Vietnam).

Previously treated as a form of Russet Bush Warbler.

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Benguet Bush Warbler

Locustella seebohmi [Ogilvie-Grant].

Mountains in Lepanto (NW Luzon, Philippines).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus seebohmi*.

Until 2000 it was known from just a single specimen that was taken in the mountains of Lepanto, Philippines in 1894. It was previously considered to be a little known form of Russet Bush Warbler but here treated as a full species after Dickinson *et al.* 2000.

Henry Seebohm (1832-1895), British businessman, amateur ornithologist and oologist who travelled widely in Greece, Scandinavia, Turkey and South Africa. He was one of the first European ornithologists to accept and adopt the trinomial system of classifying subspecies.

- Alström, P. et al.** 2015. Integrative taxonomy of the Russet Bush Warbler *Locustella mandelli* complex reveals a new species from central China. *Avian Research* 6: 9 DOI 10.1186/s40657-015-0016-z.

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Javan Bush Warbler

Locustella montis [E.J.O. Hartert].

[*L.m. montis*] Mt Lawu E to Bromo (Mountains of E & C Java) & Bali.

[*L.m. timorensis*] Mount Mutis (W Timor, Indonesia) and Alor (E Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia).

Javan Bush Warbler treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus montis*.

Timor Bush Warbler treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Bradypterus timorensis*.

Other names: Java Scrub Warbler (*montis*), Timor Bush Warbler (*timorensis*).

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Sichuan Bush Warbler

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Shaanxi, Sichuan, Guizhou, Hubei and northwest Hunan. Winters not known.

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