List of *Locustella* Warblers with References

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Introduction
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General Notes


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**Russet Bush Warbler**

*Locustella mandelli* [W.E. Brooks 1875, Sikkim, N India].


[L.m. *melanorhynchus*] Huèbi 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.


Javan Bush Warbler

*Locustella montis* [E.J.O. Hartert 1896, Mount Arjuno between 9000-10,000 feet, E Java].
Mt Lawu E to Bromo (Mountains of E & C Java) & Bali.
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus montis*.
Other name: Java Scrub Warbler.


Taiwan Bush Warbler

*Locustella alishanensis* [Rasmussen *et al* 2000, Ta-Kuan, Hua-Lian Hsien, Taiwan].
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.
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus alishanensis*.


West Himalayan Bush Warbler

*Locustella kashmirensis* [Sushkin 1925].
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.


Spotted Bush Warbler

*Locustella thoracica* [Blyth 1845, Nepal].
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.


David’s Bush Warbler

Locustella davidii [La Touche 1923, Chinwangtao, Ne Hebei, China].
[L.d. davidii] SE Transbaikalia E to W Amurland (SE Russia) and NE China S to N Hubei (C China). Winters SE Asia.

Treated by del Hoyo et al 2006 as Bradypterus davidii.
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.


Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler

Locustella castanea [Büttikofer 1893, Minahassa, N Sulawesi].
[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.


Long-tailed Bush Warbler

Locustella caudata [Ogilvie-Grant 1895, Lepanto Mountains, N Luzon, Philippines].

Treated by del Hoyo et al 2006 as Bradypterus caudatus.
Other name: Long-tailed Ground Warbler.


Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella naevia [Boddart 1783, Bologna, Italy].

[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.


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

Henry Seebohm (1832-1895), British businessman, amateur ornithologist and oologist who travelled widely in 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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**Long-billed Bush Warbler**

*Locustella major* [W.E. Brooks 1872, Kashmir].

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


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

Other name: Large-billed Bush Warbler.

**Chinese Bush Warbler**

*Locustella tacsanowskii* [Swinhoe 1871, Transbaikalia, E Russia].
Krasnoyarsk Krai (C Siberia) E thru Transbaikalia to Khabarovsk region (extreme E Russia) and adjacent N Mongolia S to E Qinghai, SW Gansu, Sichuan & Guanxi (NE, C & S China). Winters S & SE Asia.
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus tacsanowskii*.


**Brown Bush Warbler**

*Locustella luteoventris* [Hodgson 1845, Nepal].
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*.

**Delacour, J. 1952. The specific grouping of the bush warblers *Bradypterus luteoventris, Bradypterus montis* and *Bradypterus seebohmi*. Ibis 94(2): 362-363.**


**River Warbler**

*Locustella fluviatilis* [Wolf 1810, River Danube, Austria].
S Finland, S Sweden, W Germany, E Austria & Bulgaria E to vicinity of R Irtysh (SW Siberia) & NW Kazakhstan. Winters E & S Africa.


**Davies, P. 1994. Notes: River Warbler reacting to mowing machine. *British Birds* 87(2): 91.**


**Ellis, P.M. 1994. River Warbler on Out Skerries, the first for the Shetland recording area. *Shetland Bird Report* 1993 p. 121.**


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**Savi’s Warbler**

*Locustella luscinioides* [Savi 1824, Pisa, Italy].


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

Paolo Savi (1798-1871), Italian ornithologist and geologist who lectured at the University of Pisa.


Lanceolated Warbler

**Locustella lanceolata** [Temminck 1840, Mainz, Germany, error = Russia].

[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.


Other name: Streaked Warbler.

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


Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler


Other name: Asiatic Grasshopper Warbler.

Aleksandr Fedorovitch von Middendorff (1815-1894), German-Russian traveller and naturalist who was a member of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences. He led the first expedition that reached peninsula Taimyr and the Amur region in Siberia.


Styan's Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella pleskei [Taczanowski 1890, Tchimulpa (= Inch'on), South Korea].

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.

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.

Władyslaw 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.


Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler

*Locustella certhiola* [Pallas 1811, mountainous region between Onon and Borzya in E Transbaikalia].


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

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

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.

1st WP Record: [juvenile] 13th August 1856. Helgoland, Pinneberg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany (BWP 6).


Marsh Grassbird


Gray's Grasshopper Warbler

*Locustella fasciolata* [G.R. Gray 1861, Bacan, by Halmahera, Moluccas].

Other names: Large Warbler, Large Grasshopper Warbler.

George Robert Gray (1808-1872) and / or John Edward Gray (1800-1875), British ornithologists and brothers.

1st WP Record: [1st w. ♂] 26th September 1913. Creach Lighthouse, Ile d’Ouessant, Finistere, France. Killed striking the lighthouse (Kennerley & Prŷs-Jones 2006).


Sakhalin Warbler

*Locustella amnicola* [Stepanyan 1972].


Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as a race of Gray’s Grasshopper Warbler.

Other name: Stepanyan’s Grasshopper Warbler.

Leo Surenovich Stepanyan (1931-2002), Armenian ornithologist, college lecturer and author who undertook collecting expeditions to the Tien Shan, Pamirs and Urals.


Benguet Bush Warbler

*Locustella seebohmi* [Ogilvie-Grant 1895, Lepanto, N Luzon, Philippines].

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 zoologist who travelled widely in 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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russet bush-warbler *Bradypterus seebohmi* (Ogilvie-Grant, 1895). *Zoologische 
Verhandelingen* 331: 11-64.

**Timor Bush Warbler**

*Locustella timorensis* [Mayr 1944, Mount Mutis, 1800 m, W Timor].
Mount Mutis (W Timor, Indonesia) and Alor (E Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia).
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Bradypterus timorensis*.

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*BirdingAsia* 9: 16-45 (30).
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Verbelen, P. & Trainor, C.R. 2012. Rediscovery of the Timor Bush Warbler *Locustella* 

**Friendly Bush Warbler**

*Locustella accentor* [Sharpe 1888, Mount Kinabalu, N Borneo].
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.