

Red-rumped Wheatear. Tagdilt Track, Morocco. 23rd April 2009.
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List of Wheatears with References

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Introduction

I have endeavoured to keep typos, errors, omissions etc in this list to a minimum, however when you find more I would be grateful if you could mail the details during 2018 & 2019 to: josephobbs@gmail.com.

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

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Note: Seebohm's Wheatear treated by the IOC as a form of Nother Wheatear is given its own entry in this note.

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[*O.o. oenanthe*] N & C Europe and N Asia S to N Kazakhstan & L Baikal E to E Siberia and Alaska & NW Canada. Winters N & C Africa.

[*O.o. leucorhoa*] NE Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Jan Mayen & Faeroes. Winters mainly Senegal & Sierra Leone E to Mali.

[*O.o. libanotica*] S Europe, Asia Minor, The Levant, Transcaucasia, N Iran, Turkmenistan, N Afghanistan, Tien Shan, Mongolia, S Transbaikalia & Xinjiang E to Shanxi (N China). Winters N Afrotropics & Mesopotamia.

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Seebohm's Wheatear

Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi [Dixon].

Subspecies of Northern Wheatear *per* IOC.

NW Africa. Winters SW Mauritania & Senegal.

Other name: Black-throated Wheatear.

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Capped Wheatear

Oenanthe pileata [J.F. Gmelin].

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[*O.p. livingstonii*] C Kenya S to Botswana & N Eastern Cape (E South Africa).

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Red-breasted Wheatear

Oenanthe bottae [Bonaparte].

[*O.b. bottae*] Highlands of SW Saudi Arabia & Yemen.

[*O.b. frenata*] Highlands of Eritrea & Ethiopia.

Other name: Red-breasted Chat, Botta's Wheatear.

Sometimes considered conspecific with Heuglin's Wheatear.

Dr. Paolo Emilio Botta (1802-1870), Italian physician, naturalist and diplomat in Egypt, Arabia and Persia between 1830 and 1846.

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Heuglin's Wheatear

Oenanthe heuglini [Finsch and Hartlaub].

S Mauritania & Mali E to Sudan, W Ethiopia, NE Uganda & NW Kenya.

Sometimes considered conspecific with Red-breasted Wheatear.

Theodor von Heuglin (1824-1876), German ornithologist, explorer and mining engineer who undertook several expeditions in Africa as well as travelling to Spitsbergen and Novaya Zemlya in 1870 and 1871.

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Oenanthe isabellina [Temminck].

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Hooded Wheatear

Oenanthe monacha [Temminck].

E Egypt, S Israel, S Jordan, N, E & SE Arabian peninsula, Iran & SW Pakistan.

Other name: Hooded Chat.

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Desert Wheatear

Oenanthe deserti [Temminck].

[*O.d. deserti*] NE Egypt & Levant E discontinuously to Azerbaijan, S Kazakhstan, Afghanistan & Mongolia and probably Armenia. Winters NE Africa, Socotra & SW Asia.

[*O.d. homochroa*] N Africa E to NW Egypt. Winters Sahara and Mauritania E to Chad.

[*O.d. oreophila*] Kashmir E to Nepal, Pamir, Tibetan Plateau & S Xinjiang (W China). Winters Arabia, SW Asia and NW & C India.

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Black-eared Wheatear

Oenanthe hispanica [Linnaeus].

[*O.h. hispanica*] SW & SC Europe E to Italy & Croatia and NW Africa. Winters W African Sahel.

[*O.h. melanoleuca*] C & SE Europe, Asia Minor & Levant E to Caspian Sea, SW Kazakhstan & N, W & S Iran. Winters C & E Sahel & NE Africa.

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Cyprus Wheatear

Oenanthe cypriaca [Homeyer].

Cyprus. Winters Sudan and Ethiopia.

Other name: Cyprus Pied Wheatear.

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Pied Wheatear

Oenanthe pleschanka [Lepechin].

E Europe E discontinuously to S Urals, Transbaikalia, C & W Afghanistan, N Pakistan, NW Himalayas & N China. Winters NE Africa & SW Arabian peninsula.

The white-throated form of Pied Wheatear known as '*vittata*' is here considered to be a colour morph of Pied Wheatear although it has been suggested that it could possibly be a hybrid between Pied and Eastern Black-eared Wheatears.

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Pleschanka is the Russian name for this species and not a person.

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White-fronted Black Chat

Oenanthe albifrons [Rüppell].
 [O.a. *albifrons*] Eritrea & N Ethiopia.
 [O.a. *pachyrhyncha*] SW Ethiopia.
 [O.a. *clerkalis*] S Sudan, N DR Congo & Uganda.
 [O.a. *limbata*] E Cameroon E to Central African Republic.
 [O.a. *frontalis*] Senegal & Gambia E to N Cameroon.
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 Other names: White-fronted Chat, White-forehead Chat.

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Somali Wheatear

Oenanthe phillipsi [Shelley].
 N & E Somalia and SE Ethiopia.
 Other name: Phillip's Wheatear.
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 The Wheatear was named in his honour by George Ernest Shelley, nephew of Percy Bysshe Shelley.

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Red-rumped Wheatear

Oenanthe moesta [M.H.K. Lichtenstein].
 North Africa E to Sinai and S Syria S to Israel & NW Saudi Arabia & E to W Iraq.
 The proposed form *brooksbanki* is included with the nominate.
 Other names: Buff-rumped Wheatear, Tristram's Wheatear.
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Blackstart

Oenanthe melanura [Temminck].

[*O.m. melanura*] Israel, Jordan & Sinai (NE Egypt) S to NW & interior C & S Arabia.

[*O.m. neumanni*] SW Saudi Arabia, W & S Yemen & SW Oman.

[*O.m. lypura*] NC & NE Sudan SE Egypt S to Eritrea.

[*O.m. aussae*] NE Ethiopia, Djibouti & N Somalia.

[*O.m. airensis*] Air (N Niger) E to C Sudan.

[*O.m. ultima*] E Mali & W Niger.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2005 as *Cercomela melanura*.

Other names: Black-tailed Chat, Black-tailed Rockchat, Black-tailed Cercomela.

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Familiar Chat

Oenanthe familiaris [Wilkes].

[*O.f. familiaris*] W & E Cape E to R Great Kei (S South Africa).

[*O.f. actuosa*] W KwaZulu-Natal S to Drakensberg Mts (E South Africa) & Lesotho.

[*O.f. hellmayri*] SE Botswana E to S Mozambique and Northern Province & N Eastern Cape (E South Africa).

[*O.f. galtoni*] E Namibia, W Botswana and N & W Northern Cape (N South Africa).

[*O.f. angolensis*] SW DR Congo, W Angola & N Namibia.

[*O.f. omoensis*] SE Sudan, SW Ethiopia, NE Uganda & NW Kenya.

[*O.f. falkensteini*] SE Senegal E to NW Ethiopia and S Uganda & Tanzania S to Zambezi Valley.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2005 as *Cercomela familiaris*.

Other name: Red-tailed Chat.

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Brown-tailed Rock Chat

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 [O.s. *scotocerca*] Red Sea hills in NE Sudan and N Eritrea.
 [O.s. *furensis*] E Chad and W Sudan.
 [O.s. *turkana*] S Ethiopia, E Uganda and N & NC Kenya.
 [O.s. *spectatrix*] Awash Valley (E Ethiopia) and adjacent N Somalia.
 [O.s. *validior*] NE Somalia.
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Sombre Rock Chat

- Oenanthe dubia*** [Blundell and Lovat].
 EC Ethiopia.
 Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2005 as *Cercomela dubia*.
 Other names: Sombre Rockchat, Sooty Chat.

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Brown Rock Chat

- Oenanthe fusca*** [Blyth].
 N & C India and NE Pakistan.
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 Other name: Brown Rockchat, Indian Chat.

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Variable Wheatear

Oenanthe picata [Blyth].

NE & SE Iran & Turkmenistan E to W Tien Shan, Pamirs and N & W Pakistan. Winters SW Asia. Occurs in three colour morphs, *i.e.* *picata*, *opistholeuca* & *capistrata*.

Other names: Eastern Pied Wheatear, Pied Chat, Strickland's Wheatear/Chat (*opistholeuca* morph), White-capped Wheatear (*capistrata* morph).

Hugh Edwin Strickland (1811-1853), English ornithologist and geologist who travelled in Greece and Turkey.

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Black Wheatear

Oenanthe leucura [J.F. Gmelin].

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[*O.l. syenitica*] NW Africa E to Jebel Nafusa (NW Libya).

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Abyssinian Wheatear

Oenanthe lugubris [Rüppell].

[*O.l. lugubris*] Highlands of Eritrea and N & C Ethiopia.

[*O.l. vauriei*] NE Somalia.

[*O.l. schalowi*] S Kenya & NE Tanzania.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2005 as races of Mourning Wheatear.

Other names: Abyssinian Black Wheatear, Schalow's Wheatear (*schalowi*), East African Wheatear (*schalowi*).

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White-crowned Wheatear

Oenanthe leucopyga [C.L. Brehm].

[*O.l. leucopyga*] W & C Sahara E to Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea & Djibouti.

[*O.l. ernesti*] S Israel, S Jordan & Sinai (NE Egypt) S to C & E Arabia & Yemen.

The proposed form *aegra* is included with *O.l. leucopyga*.

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Hume's Wheatear

Oenanthe albonigra [Hume].

Iraq & SW Iran E to S & E Afghanistan, N & S Pakistan & NE Arabia.

Other name: Black-headed Wheatear.

Allan Octavian Hume (1829-1912), English theosophist, poet and writer on Indian birds who became known as the 'Father of Indian Ornithology'. He was one of the founders of the Indian National Congress.

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Finsch's Wheatear

Oenanthe finschii [Heuglin].

[*O.f. finschii*] Asia Minor & Levant including extreme N Israel E to W & SW Iran. Winters also on coastal E Mediterranean, N Egypt & Middle East.

[*O.f. barnes*] E Turkey, NE & E Iran and W Turkmenistan E to SC Kazakhstan, E Afghanistan & W Pakistan. Winters also in Mesopotamia & SW Asia.

Other name: White-backed Wheatear.

Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch (1839-1917), Prussian/German ethnographer, naturalist and traveller.

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Mourning Wheatear

Oenanthe lugens [M.H.K. Lichtenstein].

[*O.l. lugens*] Syria, Israel, Jordan & NW Arabia S to E Egypt & NE Sudan.

[*O.l. halophila*] N Africa E to W Egypt W of R Nile.

[*O.l. persica*] NC, WC & SW Iran on the Iranian plateau. Winters Arabia & NE Africa.

[*O.l. warriæ*] Basalt desert area north of Azraq, Jordan.

Other names: Basalt Wheatear (*warriæ*) Maghreb Wheatear (*halophila*), Western Mourning Wheatear (*halophila*) Persian Mourning Wheatear (*persica*), Iranian Wheatear (*persica*).

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Arabian Wheatear

Oenanthe lugentoides [Seebohm].

[*O.l. lugentoides*] SW Saudi Arabia & W Yemen.

[*O.l. boscaweni*] E Yemen & S Oman.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2005 as races of Mourning Wheatear.

Other name: South Arabian Wheatear.

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Chestnut-rumped Wheatears

Kurdish Wheatear

Oenanthe xanthopyrna [Hemprich and Ehrenberg].

SE Turkey to SW Iran and probably extreme NE Iraq. Winters E Egypt S to E Sudan & Eritrea, Arabian peninsula & NE Somalia.

Other names: Persian Wheatear, Rusty-tailed Wheatear.

Red-tailed Wheatear

Oenanthe chrysopygia [de Filippi].

NE Turkey, Armenia & N Iran E to Pamir range (S Tadjikistan), Afghanistan & extreme W Pakistan. Winters Arabian peninsula, S Iraq, S Iran, E Afghanistan, Pakistan & NW India.

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