

Booted Warbler. Sarykopa, Aqtobe, Kazakhstan. 17th July 2010.
Photo: Ross Ahmed.



List of Tree Warblers with References

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Introduction

Tree Warblers are those members of the Acrocephalidae that are included in the genera *Arundinax*, *Iduna*, *Calamonastides* and *Hippolais*.

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Thick-billed Warbler

Arundinax aedon [Pallas]

[*A.a. aedon*] Tomsk E to Kansk and S to Lake Teletskoy (Altai, SC Siberia) & E Sayan Mts (SC Siberia) and adjacent NW Mongolia. Winters Nepal, E & S India E to Myanmar & Thailand.

[*A.a. rufescens*] E Siberia & NE Mongolia E to Sea of Japan and S to NE China. Winters S China & Indochina.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Acrocephalus aedon*.

Treated by Kennerley & Pearson 2010 as *Phragmaticola aedon*.

Note: *rufescens* is a synonym of *stegmanni*.

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Dark-capped Yellow Warbler

Iduna natalensis [A. Smith].

[*I.n. natalensis*] S Tanzania & E Zambia S to E Zimbabwe & E South Africa.

[*I.n. massaica*] SE Sudan & Ethiopia S to E DR Congo, Uganda, Kenya & N Tanzania.

[*I.n. major*] Gabon E to S DR Congo and S to Angola and N & W Zambia.

[*I.n. batesi*] SE Nigeria E & S to N DR Congo.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Chloropeta natalensis*.

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Mountain Yellow Warbler

Iduna similis [Richmond].

Imatong Mts & Dongatona Mts (S Sudan), Mt. Morongole (NE Uganda), Rwenzoris Mts S to Itombwe Forest & Mt. Kabobo (the highlands of E DR Congo, W Rwanda & W Burundi), Mt. Kenya, Mt. Elgon & Mt. Kenya (Kenya) and Crater Highlands (Tanzania) E to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Ukagurus Mts. S to Njombe (N & E Tanzania) and the Nyika plateau (on the Zambia-Malawi border).

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Booted Warbler

Iduna caligata [M.H.C. Lichtenstein].

Extreme SE Finland, W & SW Russia E to Kazakhstan (except most of W & S), Dzungaria (extreme NW China), NW Mongolia & SC Siberia. Winters E Indian subcontinent including Bangladesh.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Hippolais caligata*.

Other name: Eversmann's Warbler.

Eduard Aleksandrovich Eversmann (1794-1860), Russian entomologist and Professor of Zoology at Kazan.

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Sykes's Warbler

Iduna rama [Sykes].

Lower R Volga, Ural R & N Caspian Sea coast E to E Kazakhstan & W & C Xinjiang (extreme W China) and S to S Iran, Afghanistan and NW & W Pakistan and NW Oman. Winters Indian subcontinent.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Hippolais rama*.

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Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida [Hemprich and Ehrenberg].

[*I.p. pallida*] W & N Egypt S to N Sudan along the River Nile. Winters C & S Sudan, Eritrea & N Ethiopia.

[*I.p. elaeica*] Hungary & Romania E to S Ukraine and Slovenia & Croatia S to Greece and Bulgaria, Turkey & Cyprus and W Syria S to N Israel & W Jordan and N & S Caucasus S to Iraq, W & N Iran, E Arabian peninsula and SW & S Kazakhstan S to Uzbekistan, S Turkmenistan & N Afghanistan. Winters C & E Sahel region.

[*I.p. reiseri*] SE Morocco, desert habitats of interior Algeria, S Tunisia & Fezzan (SW Libya). Winters not precisely established. Northern breeding populations possibly to Senegal, Gambia, Niger & N Nigeria and southern breeding populations probably resident.

[*I.p. laeneni*] Lake Chad region, SE Niger, NE Nigeria & W Sudan.

[*I.p. alulensis*] Mangrove coasts of the Red Sea, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia & Bab El Mandab (Yemen).

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Western Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna opaca [Cabanis].

Iberia & NW Africa. Winters S Mauritania & Senegal E to S Niger & W Chad and S to Ghana, N Nigeria & N Cameroon (tropical W Africa).

Other name: Isabelline Warbler.

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Papyrus Yellow Warbler

Calamonastides gracilirostris [Ogilvie-Grant].

[*C.g. gracilirostris*] Lake Edward, S of Virunga Volcanoes (E DR Congo), Lakes Mutanda, Bunyoni, Edward & George (SW Uganda), N & S Rwanda, Karuzi, the Nduruma valley & R Ruvubu (along Tanzania border with N Burundi) and Lake Victoria (W Kenya).

[*C.g. bensoni*] Mouth of R Luapala (Lake Mweru, N Zambia).

Other names: Papyrus Flycatcher-Warbler, Thin-billed Flycatcher-Warbler, Yellow Flycatcher-warbler, Yellow Swamp-warbler.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2006 as *Chloropeta gracilirostris*.

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Upcher's Warbler

Hippolais languida [Hemprich and Ehrenberg].

S Turkey & the Near East E thru the Caucasus, Transcaspia, Turkestan, N Iraq, Iran & N Afghanistan to NW Pakistan. Winters S Ethiopia & N Kenya.

Sir Henry Morris Upcher JP (1839-1921), Deputy-Lieutenant for the county of Norfolk and close friend of the Reverend Henry Baker Tristram. The original description of this warbler by Hemprich and Ehrenberg was considered to be less than satisfactory. Tristram re-described it in 1864 and named it after his friend.

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Olive-tree Warbler

Hippolais olivetorum [Strickland].

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Melodious Warbler

Hippolais polyglotta [Vieillot].

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Icterine Warbler

Hippolais icterina [Vieillot].

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