



# THE BRITISH LIST

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This document summarises the Ninth edition of the British List (BOU, 2017. *Ibis* 160: 190-240) and subsequent changes to the List included in BOURC Reports ([bou.org.uk/british-list/bourc-reports-and-papers/](http://bou.org.uk/british-list/bourc-reports-and-papers/)).

## Category A, B, C species

Total no. of species on the British List (Cats A, B, C) = **622**  
at 30 November 2020

Category A 604 • Category B 8 • Category C 10

Other categories see p.13.

The list below includes both the vernacular name used by British ornithologists and the IOC World Bird List international English name (see [www.worldbirdnames.org](http://www.worldbirdnames.org)) where these are different to the English vernacular name.

British (English) vernacular name	IOC World Bird List international English name	Scientific name	Category
Capercaillie	Western Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	C3E*
Black Grouse		<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>	AE
Ptarmigan	Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus muta</i>	A
Red Grouse	Willow Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	A
Red-legged Partridge		<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	C1E*
Grey Partridge		<i>Perdix perdix</i>	AC2E*
Quail	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	AE*
Pheasant	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	C1E*
Golden Pheasant		<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	C1E*
Lady Amherst's Pheasant		<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	C6E*
Brent Goose	Brant Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	AE
Red-breasted Goose †		<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	AE*
Canada Goose ‡		<i>Branta canadensis</i>	AC2E*
Barnacle Goose		<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	AC2E*
Cackling Goose †		<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	AE
Snow Goose		<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	AC2E*
Greylag Goose		<i>Anser anser</i>	AC2C4E*
Taiga Bean Goose		<i>Anser fabalis</i>	AE*
Pink-footed Goose		<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	AE*
Tundra Bean Goose		<i>Anser serrirostris</i>	AE
White-fronted Goose	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	AE*
Lesser White-fronted Goose †		<i>Anser erythropus</i>	AE*
Mute Swan		<i>Cygnus olor</i>	AC2
Bewick's Swan ‡	Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	AE
Whooper Swan		<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	AE*
Egyptian Goose		<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	C1C5E*
Shelduck	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	A
Ruddy Shelduck †		<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	BDE*
Mandarin Duck		<i>Aix galericulata</i>	C1E*
Baikal Teal †		<i>Sibirionetta formosa</i>	AE
Garganey		<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	A
Blue-winged Teal †		<i>Spatula discors</i>	AE*
Shoveler	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	A
Gadwall		<i>Mareca strepera</i>	AC2E*



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Falcated Duck †		<i>Mareca falcata</i>	AE
Wigeon	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	AE*
American Wigeon		<i>Mareca americana</i>	AE
Mallard		<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	AC2C4E*
Black Duck †	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	A
Pintail	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	AE
Teal	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	A
Green-winged Teal		<i>Anas carolinensis</i>	A
Red-crested Pochard		<i>Netta rufina</i>	AC2E*
Canvasback †		<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	AE
Redhead †		<i>Aythya americana</i>	AE
Pochard	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	AE*
Ferruginous Duck †		<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	AE
Ring-necked Duck		<i>Aythya collaris</i>	AE
Tufted Duck		<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	A
Scaup	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	A
Lesser Scaup †		<i>Aythya affinis</i>	A
Steller's Eider †		<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>	A
King Eider †		<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	A
Eider	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	A
Harlequin Duck †		<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	A
Surf Scoter		<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	A
Velvet Scoter		<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	A
White-winged Scoter †		<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>	A
Common Scoter		<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	A
Black Scoter †		<i>Melanitta americana</i>	A
Long-tailed Duck		<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	A
Bufflehead †		<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	AE
Goldeneye	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	AE*
Barrow's Goldeneye †		<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	AE
Smew		<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	A
Hooded Merganser †		<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	AE
Goosander	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	A
Red-breasted Merganser		<i>Mergus serrator</i>	A
Ruddy Duck		<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	C1E*
Common Nighthawk †		<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	A
Red-necked Nightjar †		<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	B
Nightjar	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	A
Egyptian Nightjar †		<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>	A
White-throated Needletail †		<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	A
Chimney Swift †		<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	A
Alpine Swift		<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	A
Swift	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	A
Pallid Swift †		<i>Apus pallidus</i>	A
Pacific Swift †		<i>Apus pacificus</i>	A
Little Swift †		<i>Apus affinis</i>	A
White-rumped Swift †		<i>Apus caffer</i>	A
Great Bustard †		<i>Otis tarda</i>	AE*
Macqueen's Bustard †		<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>	A
Little Bustard †		<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	A



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Great Spotted Cuckoo †		<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	A
Yellow-billed Cuckoo †		<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	A
Black-billed Cuckoo †		<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	A
Cuckoo	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	A
Pallas's Sandgrouse †		<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>	A
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon		<i>Columba livia</i>	AC4E*
Stock Dove		<i>Columba oenas</i>	A
Woodpigeon	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	A
Turtle Dove	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	A
Oriental Turtle Dove †		<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	A
Collared Dove	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	A
Mourning Dove †		<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	A
Water Rail		<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	A
Corncrake	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	AE*
Sora Rail †	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	A
Spotted Crake		<i>Porzana porzana</i>	A
Moorhen	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	A
Coot	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	A
American Coot †		<i>Fulica americana</i>	A
Allen's Gallinule †		<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	A
American Purple Gallinule †	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	A
Western Swamphen †		<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	AE
Baillon's Crake †		<i>Zapornia pusilla</i>	A
Little Crake †		<i>Zapornia parva</i>	A
Sandhill Crane †		<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	A
Crane	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	AE*
Little Grebe		<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	A
Pied-billed Grebe †		<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	A
Red-necked Grebe ‡		<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	A
Great Crested Grebe		<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	A
Slavonian Grebe	Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	A
Black-necked Grebe		<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	A
Stone-curlew	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	A
Oystercatcher	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	A
Black-winged Stilt		<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	A
Avocet	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	AE
Lapwing	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	A
Sociable Plover †	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	A
White-tailed Plover †	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	A
Golden Plover	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	A
Pacific Golden Plover †		<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	A
American Golden Plover		<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	A
Grey Plover		<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	A
Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	A
Semipalmated Plover †		<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	A
Little Ringed Plover		<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	A
Killdeer †		<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	A
Kentish Plover †		<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	A
Lesser Sand Plover †		<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	A
Greater Sand Plover †		<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	A



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Caspian Plover †		<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	A
Dotterel	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	A
Upland Sandpiper †		<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	A
Whimbrel		<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	A
Hudsonian Whimbrel †		<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>	A
Little Whimbrel †	Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	A
Eskimo Curlew †		<i>Numenius borealis</i>	B
Curlew	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	A
Bar-tailed Godwit		<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	A
Black-tailed Godwit		<i>Limosa limosa</i>	A
Hudsonian Godwit †		<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	A
Turnstone	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	A
Great Knot †		<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	A
Knot	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	A
Ruff		<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	A
Broad-billed Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	A
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	A
Stilt Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	A
Curlew Sandpiper		<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	A
Temminck's Stint		<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	A
Long-toed Stint †		<i>Calidris subminuta</i>	A
Red-necked Stint †		<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	A
Sanderling		<i>Calidris alba</i>	A
Dunlin		<i>Calidris alpina</i>	A
Purple Sandpiper		<i>Calidris maritima</i>	A
Baird's Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	A
Little Stint		<i>Calidris minuta</i>	A
Least Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	A
White-rumped Sandpiper		<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	A
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		<i>Calidris subruficollis</i>	A
Pectoral Sandpiper		<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	A
Semipalmated Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	A
Western Sandpiper †		<i>Calidris mauri</i>	A
Long-billed Dowitcher †		<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	A
Short-billed Dowitcher †		<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	A
Woodcock	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	A
Jack Snipe		<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	A
Great Snipe †		<i>Gallinago media</i>	A
Snipe	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	A
Wilson's Snipe †		<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	A
Terek Sandpiper †		<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	A
Wilson's Phalarope †		<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	A
Red-necked Phalarope		<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	A
Grey Phalarope	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	A
Common Sandpiper		<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	A
Spotted Sandpiper †		<i>Actitis macularius</i>	A
Green Sandpiper		<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	A
Solitary Sandpiper †		<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	A
Grey-tailed Tattler †		<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	A
Lesser Yellowlegs		<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	A



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Redshank	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	A
Marsh Sandpiper †		<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	A
Wood Sandpiper		<i>Tringa glareola</i>	A
Spotted Redshank		<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	A
Greenshank	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	A
Greater Yellowlegs †		<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	A
Cream-coloured Courser †	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	A
Collared Pratincole †		<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	A
Oriental Pratincole †		<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	A
Black-winged Pratincole †		<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	A
Kittiwake	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	A
Ivory Gull †		<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	A
Sabine's Gull		<i>Xema sabini</i>	A
Slender-billed Gull †		<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	A
Bonaparte's Gull †		<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	A
Black-headed Gull		<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	A
Little Gull		<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	A
Ross's Gull †		<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	A
Laughing Gull †		<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	A
Franklin's Gull †		<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	A
Audouin's Gull †		<i>Ichthyaeus audouinii</i>	A
Mediterranean Gull		<i>Ichthyaeus melanocephalus</i>	A
Great Black-headed Gull †	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus ichthyaeus</i>	B
Common Gull	Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	A
Ring-billed Gull		<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	A
Great Black-backed Gull		<i>Larus marinus</i>	A
Glaucous-winged Gull †		<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	A
Glaucous Gull		<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	A
Iceland Gull ‡		<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	A
Herring Gull	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	A
American Herring Gull †		<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>	A
Caspian Gull		<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	A
Yellow-legged Gull ‡		<i>Larus michahellis</i>	A
Slaty-backed Gull †		<i>Larus schistisagus</i>	A
Lesser Black-backed Gull ‡		<i>Larus fuscus</i>	A
Gull-billed Tern †		<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	A
Caspian Tern †		<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	A
Royal Tern †		<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	A
Lesser Crested Tern †		<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	A
Sandwich Tern		<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	A
Cabot's Tern †		<i>Thalasseus acuflavidus</i>	A
Elegant Tern †		<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>	A
Little Tern		<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	A
Least Tern †		<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	A
Aleutian Tern †		<i>Onychoprion aleuticus</i>	A
Bridled Tern †		<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	A
Sooty Tern †		<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	A
Roseate Tern		<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	A
Common Tern		<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	A
Arctic Tern		<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	A



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Whiskered Tern †		<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	A
White-winged Black Tern	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	A
Black Tern ‡		<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	A
Great Skua		<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	A
Pomarine Skua	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	A
Arctic Skua	Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	A
Long-tailed Skua	Long-tailed Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	A
Little Auk ‡		<i>Alle alle</i>	A
Brünnich's Guillemot †	Thick-billed Murre	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	A
Common Guillemot	Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>	A
Razorbill		<i>Alca torda</i>	A
Great Auk <sup>1</sup>		<i>Pinguinus impennis</i>	B
Black Guillemot ‡		<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	A
Long-billed Murrelet †		<i>Brachyramphus perdix</i>	A
Ancient Murrelet †		<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>	A
Puffin	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	A
Tufted Puffin †		<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>	A
Red-billed Tropicbird †		<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	AE
Red-throated Diver	Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	A
Black-throated Diver	Black-throated Loon	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	A
Pacific Diver †	Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	A
Great Northern Diver	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	A
White-billed Diver	Yellow-billed Loon	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	A
Wilson's Petrel	Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	A
White-faced Storm Petrel †		<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	B
Black-browed Albatross †		<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	A
Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross †		<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>	A
Storm Petrel	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	A
Swinhoe's Petrel †	Swinhoe's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma monorhis</i>	A
Leach's Petrel	Leach's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	A
Fulmar	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	A
Black-capped Petrel †		<i>Pterodroma hasitata</i>	A
Scopoli's Shearwater †		<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	A
Cory's Shearwater		<i>Calonectris borealis</i>	A
Sooty Shearwater		<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	A
Great Shearwater		<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	A
Manx Shearwater		<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	A
Yelkouan Shearwater †		<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	A
Balearic Shearwater		<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	A
Barolo Shearwater †		<i>Puffinus baroli</i>	A
Black Stork †		<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	AE
White Stork		<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	AE
Ascension Frigatebird †		<i>Fregata aquila</i>	A
Magnificent Frigatebird †		<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	A
Gannet	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	A
Red-footed Booby †		<i>Sula sula</i>	A
Cormorant	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A
Shag	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	A
Double-crested Cormorant †		<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	AE



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Spoonbill	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	AE
Bittern	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	A
American Bittern †		<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	A
Little Bittern †		<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	A
Night-heron	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	AE*
Green Heron †		<i>Butorides virescens</i>	A
Squacco Heron †		<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	A
Chinese Pond Heron †		<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	A
Cattle Egret	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	AE
Grey Heron		<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	A
Great Blue Heron †		<i>Ardea herodias</i>	A
Purple Heron		<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	A
Great White Egret	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	A
Snowy Egret †		<i>Egretta thula</i>	A
Little Egret		<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	A
Dalmatian Pelican †		<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	AE
Osprey	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	AE*
Egyptian Vulture †		<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	BDE
Honey-buzzard	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	A
Short-toed Eagle †	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	A
Spotted Eagle †	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	B
Golden Eagle		<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	AE
Sparrowhawk	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	A
Goshawk	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	AC3E*
Marsh Harrier	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	A
Hen Harrier		<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	A
Northern Harrier †		<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	A
Pallid Harrier †		<i>Circus macrourus</i>	A
Montagu's Harrier		<i>Circus pygargus</i>	A
Red Kite		<i>Milvus milvus</i>	AC3E*
Black Kite		<i>Milvus migrans</i>	AE
White-tailed Eagle		<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	AC3E*
Rough-legged Buzzard		<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	AE
Buzzard	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	AE*
Barn Owl ‡	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	AE*
Scops Owl †	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	A
Snowy Owl †		<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	AE
Tawny Owl		<i>Strix aluco</i>	A
Hawk Owl †	Northern Hawk-Owl	<i>Surnia ulula</i>	A
Little Owl		<i>Athene noctua</i>	C1E*
Tengmalm's Owl †	Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	A
Long-eared Owl		<i>Asio otus</i>	A
Short-eared Owl		<i>Asio flammeus</i>	A
Hoopoe	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	AE
Roller †	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	A
Kingfisher	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	A
Belted Kingfisher †		<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	A
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater †		<i>Merops persicus</i>	A
Bee-eater	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	A



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Wryneck	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	A
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker †		<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	A
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker		<i>Dryobates minor</i>	A
Great Spotted Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	A
Green Woodpecker	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	A
Lesser Kestrel †		<i>Falco naumanni</i>	A
Kestrel	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	A
American Kestrel †		<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AE
Red-footed Falcon		<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	A
Amur Falcon †		<i>Falco amurensis</i>	AE
Eleonora's Falcon †		<i>Falco eleonora</i>	A
Merlin ‡		<i>Falco columbarius</i>	A
Hobby	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	A
Gyr Falcon †	Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	AE
Peregrine	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	AE
Ring-necked Parakeet	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	C1E*
Eastern Phoebe †		<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	A
Acadian Flycatcher †		<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	A
Alder Flycatcher †		<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	A
Eastern Kingbird †		<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	A
Brown Shrike †		<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	A
Red-backed Shrike		<i>Lanius collurio</i>	A
Daurian Shrike †	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	A
Turkestan Shrike †	Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	A
Long-tailed Shrike †		<i>Lanius schach</i>	A
Lesser Grey Shrike †		<i>Lanius minor</i>	A
Great Grey Shrike ‡		<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	A
Woodchat Shrike ‡		<i>Lanius senator</i>	A
Masked Shrike †		<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	A
Yellow-throated Vireo †		<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	A
Philadelphia Vireo †		<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	A
Red-eyed Vireo †		<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	A
Golden Oriole	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	A
Jay	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	A
Magpie	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	A
Nutcracker †	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	A
Chough	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	AE*
Jackdaw	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	A
Rook		<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	A
Carrion Crow		<i>Corvus corone</i>	A
Hooded Crow		<i>Corvus cornix</i>	A
Raven	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	A
Waxwing	Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	AE
Cedar Waxwing †		<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	AE
Coal Tit		<i>Periparus ater</i>	A
Crested Tit ‡	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	A
Marsh Tit		<i>Poecile palustris</i>	A
Willow Tit ‡		<i>Poecile montanus</i>	A
Blue Tit	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	A





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Great Tit		<i>Parus major</i>	A
Penduline Tit	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	A
Bearded Tit	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	A
Woodlark		<i>Lullula arborea</i>	A
White-winged Lark †		<i>Alauda leucoptera</i>	A
Skylark	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	A
Crested Lark †		<i>Galerida cristata</i>	AE
Shore Lark ‡	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	A
Short-toed Lark	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	A
Bimaculated Lark †		<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	A
Calandra Lark †		<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	A
Black Lark †		<i>Melanocorypha yeltoniensis</i>	A
Lesser Short-toed Lark †		<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>	A
Sand Martin		<i>Riparia riparia</i>	A
Tree Swallow †		<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	A
Purple Martin †		<i>Progne subis</i>	A
Swallow	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	AE
Crag Martin †	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	A
House Martin	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	A
Red-rumped Swallow ‡		<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	A
American Cliff Swallow †		<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	A
Cetti's Warbler		<i>Cettia cetti</i>	A
Long-tailed Tit ‡		<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	A
Wood Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	A
Western Bonelli's Warbler †		<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	A
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler †		<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	A
Hume's Warbler †	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	A
Yellow-browed Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	A
Pallas's Warbler	Pallas's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	A
Radde's Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	A
Dusky Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	A
Willow Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	A
Chiffchaff	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	A
Iberian Chiffchaff †		<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	A
Eastern Crowned Warbler †		<i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>	A
Green Warbler †		<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	A
Two-barred Greenish Warbler †	Two-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>	A
Greenish Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	A
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler †		<i>Phylloscopus tenellipes</i>	A
Arctic Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	A
Great Reed Warbler †		<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	A
Aquatic Warbler †		<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	A
Sedge Warbler		<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	A
Paddyfield Warbler †		<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	A
Blyth's Reed Warbler		<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	A
Reed Warbler	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	A
Marsh Warbler		<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	A
Thick-billed Warbler †		<i>Iduna aedon</i>	A
Booted Warbler †		<i>Iduna caligata</i>	A
Sykes's Warbler †		<i>Arundinax rama</i>	A



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Olive-tree Warbler †		<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>	A
Melodious Warbler		<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	A
Icterine Warbler		<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	A
Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler †		<i>Helopsaltes certhiola</i>	A
Lanceolated Warbler †		<i>Locustella lanceolata</i>	A
River Warbler †		<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	A
Savi's Warbler †		<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	A
Grasshopper Warbler †	Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	A
Fan-tailed Warbler †	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	A
Blackcap	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	A
Garden Warbler		<i>Sylvia borin</i>	A
Barred Warbler		<i>Curruca nisoria</i>	A
Lesser Whitethroat ‡		<i>Curruca curruca</i>	A
Western Orphean Warbler †		<i>Curruca hortensis</i>	A
Eastern Orphean Warbler †		<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>	A
Asian Desert Warbler †		<i>Curruca nana</i>	A
Rüppell's Warbler †		<i>Curruca ruppeli</i>	A
Sardinian Warbler †		<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	A
Western Subalpine Warbler †		<i>Curruca iberiae</i>	A
Moltoni's Subalpine Warbler †	Moltoni's Warbler	<i>Curruca subalpina</i>	A
Eastern Subalpine Warbler †		<i>Curruca cantillans</i>	A
Whitethroat	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	A
Spectacled Warbler †		<i>Curruca conspicillata</i>	A
Marmora's Warbler †		<i>Curruca sarda</i>	A
Dartford Warbler		<i>Curruca undata</i>	A
Firecrest	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	A
Goldcrest		<i>Regulus regulus</i>	A
Wren	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	A
Red-breasted Nuthatch †		<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	A
Nuthatch	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	A
Wallcreeper †		<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	A
Treecreeper ‡	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	A
Short-toed Treecreeper †		<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	A
Grey Catbird †		<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	A
Northern Mockingbird †		<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	AE
Brown Thrasher †		<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	A
Rose-coloured Starling	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	AE
Starling	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	A
Siberian Thrush †		<i>Geokichla sibirica</i>	AE
White's Thrush †		<i>Zoothera aurea</i>	A
Varied Thrush †		<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	A
Veery †		<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	A
Grey-cheeked Thrush †		<i>Catharus minimus</i>	A
Swainson's Thrush †		<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	A
Hermit Thrush †		<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	A
Wood Thrush †		<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	A
Ring Ouzel		<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	A
Blackbird	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	A
Eyebrowed Thrush †		<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	A



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Black-throated Thrush †		<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	A
Red-throated Thrush †		<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	A
Naumann's Thrush †		<i>Turdus naumanni</i>	A
Dusky Thrush †		<i>Turdus eunomus</i>	A
Fieldfare		<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	A
Redwing		<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	A
Song Thrush		<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	A
Mistle Thrush		<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	A
American Robin †		<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	AE
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin †		<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	A
Spotted Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	A
Asian Brown Flycatcher †		<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	A
Robin	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	A
Siberian Blue Robin †		<i>Larvivora cyane</i>	A
Rufous-tailed Robin †		<i>Larvivora sibilans</i>	A
Bluethroat		<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	A
Thrush Nightingale †		<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	A
Nightingale ‡	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	A
White-throated Robin †		<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	A
Siberian Rubythroat †		<i>Calliope calliope</i>	A
Red-flanked Bluetail		<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	AE
Taiga Flycatcher †		<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	A
Red-breasted Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula parva</i>	A
Pied Flycatcher ‡	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	A
Collared Flycatcher †		<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	A
Black Redstart ‡		<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	A
Redstart	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	A
Moussier's Redstart †		<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>	A
Rock Thrush †	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	A
Blue Rock Thrush †		<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	AE
Whinchat		<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	A
Stonechat	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	A
Siberian Stonechat †		<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	A
Stejneger's Stonechat †		<i>Saxicola stejnegeri</i>	A
Wheatear	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	A
Isabelline Wheatear †		<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	A
Desert Wheatear †		<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	A
Western Black-eared Wheatear †		<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	A
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear †		<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	A
Pied Wheatear †		<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	A
White-crowned Black Wheatear †	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	A
Dipper ‡	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	A
House Sparrow		<i>Passer domesticus</i>	A
Spanish Sparrow †		<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	A
Tree Sparrow	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	A
Rock Sparrow †		<i>Petronia petronia</i>	A
Alpine Accentor †		<i>Prunella collaris</i>	A
Siberian Accentor †		<i>Prunella montanella</i>	A
Duncock		<i>Prunella modularis</i>	A
Yellow Wagtail ‡	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	A



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Citrine Wagtail		<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	A
Grey Wagtail		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	A
Pied Wagtail ‡	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	A
Richard's Pipit		<i>Anthus richardi</i>	A
Blyth's Pipit †		<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	A
Tawny Pipit †		<i>Anthus campestris</i>	A
Meadow Pipit		<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	A
Tree Pipit		<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	A
Olive-backed Pipit		<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	A
Pechora Pipit †		<i>Anthus gustavi</i>	A
Red-throated Pipit †		<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	A
Buff-bellied Pipit †		<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	A
Water Pipit		<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	A
Rock Pipit	Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	A
Chaffinch	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	AE
Brambling		<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	A
Evening Grosbeak †		<i>Hesperiphona vespertina</i>	A
Hawfinch		<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	A
Pine Grosbeak †		<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	AE
Bullfinch	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	A
Trumpeter Finch †		<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	AE
Common Rosefinch		<i>Carpodacus erythrina</i>	A
Greenfinch	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	AE
Twite		<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>	A
Linnet	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	A
Common Redpoll		<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	A
Lesser Redpoll		<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>	A
Arctic Redpoll †		<i>Acanthis hornemanni</i>	A
Parrot Crossbill		<i>Loxia pytyopsittacus</i>	A
Scottish Crossbill		<i>Loxia scotica</i>	A
Crossbill	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	A
Two-barred Crossbill †		<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	A
Goldfinch	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	A
Citril Finch †		<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>	A
Serin	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	A
Siskin	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	A
Lapland Bunting	Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	A
Snow Bunting		<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	A
Corn Bunting		<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	A
Yellowhammer		<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	A
Pine Bunting †		<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>	A
Rock Bunting †		<i>Emberiza cia</i>	A
Ortolan Bunting		<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	AE
Cretzschmar's Bunting †		<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	A
Cirl Bunting		<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	A
Chestnut-eared Bunting †		<i>Emberiza fucata</i>	A
Little Bunting		<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	A
Yellow-browed Bunting †		<i>Emberiza chrysophrys</i>	A
Rustic Bunting †		<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	A



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Chestnut Bunting †		<i>Emberiza rutila</i>	A
Black-headed Bunting †		<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	AE
Black-faced Bunting †		<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>	AE
Pallas's Reed Bunting †		<i>Emberiza pallasi</i>	A
Reed Bunting	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	A
Lark Sparrow †		<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	A
Dark-eyed Junco †		<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	AE
White-crowned Sparrow †		<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	AE
White-throated Sparrow †		<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	AE
Savannah Sparrow †		<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	A
Song Sparrow †		<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	AE
Eastern Towhee †		<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	A
Bobolink †		<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	A
Baltimore Oriole †		<i>Icterus galbula</i>	AE
Red-winged Blackbird †		<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	AE
Brown-headed Cowbird †		<i>Molothrus ater</i>	A
Ovenbird †		<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	A
Northern Waterthrush †		<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	A
Golden-winged Warbler †		<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	A
Black-and-white Warbler †		<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	A
Tennessee Warbler †		<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	A
Common Yellowthroat †		<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	A
Hooded Warbler †		<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	A
American Redstart †		<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	AE
Cape May Warbler †		<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	A
Northern Parula †		<i>Setophaga americana</i>	AE
Magnolia Warbler †		<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	AE
Bay-breasted Warbler †		<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	A
Blackburnian Warbler †		<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	A
Yellow Warbler †	American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	A
Chestnut-sided Warbler †		<i>Setophaga pennsylvanica</i>	A
Blackpoll Warbler †		<i>Setophaga striata</i>	AE
Yellow-rumped Warbler †	Myrtle Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	A
Wilson's Warbler †		<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	A
Summer Tanager †		<i>Piranga rubra</i>	A
Scarlet Tanager †		<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak †		<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	A
Indigo Bunting †		<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	AE

## NOTES

Taxonomy follows the [IOC World Bird List](#).

For subspecies recorded in Britain see British List 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (December 2017, *Ibis* 160: 190-240).

†/‡ Rare species (†) and subspecies (‡ - within the non-rare species highlighted) for which descriptions are required by the British Birds Rarities Committee

(BBRC). For species and subspecies not on the British List but considered by BBRC see [www.bbrc.org.uk](http://www.bbrc.org.uk)



# THE BRITISH LIST

The official list of bird species recorded in Britain

<sup>1</sup> Extinct

The following have been recorded, but not assigned to species:

- White-bellied Storm Petrel *Fregetta grallaria* or Black-bellied Storm Petrel *F. tropica*
- Cape Verde Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma jabejabe* or Madeiran Storm Petrel *O. castro* or Monteiro's Storm Petrel *O. monteiroi*
- Zino's Petrel *Pterodroma madeira*, Fea's Petrel *Pterodroma faae* or Desertas Petrel *Pterodroma desertas*
- Brown Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus* or South Polar Skua *S. maccormicki*

## LINKS TO ONLINE ITEMS

Main British List page

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