



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 and announcements (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) = **627**
at 13 August 2021

Category A 609 • 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) where these are different to the English vernacular name.

British (English) vernacular name	IOC World Bird List international English name	Scientific name	Category
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*
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*



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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*
Red Grouse	Willow Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	A
Ptarmigan	Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus muta</i>	A
Capercaillie	Western Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	C3E*
Black Grouse		<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>	AE
Grey Partridge		<i>Perdix perdix</i>	AC2E*
Golden Pheasant		<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	C1E*
Lady Amherst's Pheasant		<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	C6E*
Pheasant	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	C1E*
Quail	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	AE*
Red-legged Partridge		<i>Alectoris rufa</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



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Little Bustard †		<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	A
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



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Greater Sand Plover †		<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	A
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



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Lesser Yellowlegs		<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	A
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



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Forster's Tern †		<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	A
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
South Polar Skua †		<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</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 ¹		<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>Hydrobates monorhis</i>	A
Leach's Petrel	Leach's Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates leucorhoa</i>	A
Fulmar	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	A
Black-capped Petrel †		<i>Pterodroma hasitata</i>	A
White-chinned Petrel †		<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</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



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Cormorant	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A
Shag	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	A
Double-crested Cormorant †		<i>Nannopterum auritus</i>	AE
Glossy Ibis		<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	AE
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*
Tengmalm's Owl †	Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	A
Little Owl		<i>Athene noctua</i>	C1E*
Hawk Owl †	Northern Hawk-Owl	<i>Surnia ulula</i>	A
Scops Owl †	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	A
Long-eared Owl		<i>Asio otus</i>	A
Short-eared Owl		<i>Asio flammeus</i>	A
Snowy Owl †		<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	AE
Tawny Owl		<i>Strix aluco</i>	A
Hoopoe	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	AE
Roller †	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	A



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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
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
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher †		<i>Empidonax flaviventris</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



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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
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
Mediterranean 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
Crag Martin †	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	A
Swallow	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	AE
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



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Thick-billed Warbler †		<i>Iduna aedon</i>	A
Booted Warbler †		<i>Iduna caligata</i>	A
Sykes's Warbler †		<i>Arundinax rama</i>	A
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler †		<i>Iduna pallida</i>	A
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
Ruby-crowned Kinglet †		<i>Regulus calendula</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
Varied Thrush †		<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	A
Wood Thrush †		<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	A
Swainson's Thrush †		<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	A
Hermit Thrush †		<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	A
Grey-cheeked Thrush †		<i>Catharus minimus</i>	A
Veery †		<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	A



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White's Thrush †		<i>Zoothera aurea</i>	A
Siberian Thrush †		<i>Geokichla sibirica</i>	AE
Song Thrush		<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	A
Mistle Thrush		<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	A
Redwing		<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	A
Blackbird	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	A
Eyebrowed Thrush †		<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	A
Fieldfare		<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	A
Ring Ouzel		<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	A
Black-throated Thrush †		<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	A
Red-throated Thrush †		<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	A
Dusky Thrush †		<i>Turdus eunomus</i>	A
Naumann's Thrush †		<i>Turdus naumanni</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
Rock Sparrow †		<i>Petronia petronia</i>	A
Tree Sparrow	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	A
Spanish Sparrow †		<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	A



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Alpine Accentor †		<i>Prunella collaris</i>	A
Siberian Accentor †		<i>Prunella montanella</i>	A
Dunnock		<i>Prunella modularis</i>	A
Yellow Wagtail ‡	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	A
Eastern Yellow Wagtail †		<i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>	A
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	European 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



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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
Yellow-breasted Bunting †		<i>Emberiza aureola</i>	AE
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 pensylvanica</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 9th Edition (December 2017, *Ibis* 160: 190-240).



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

- White-bellied Storm Petrel *Fregetta grallaria* or Black-bellied Storm Petrel *F. tropica*
- Madeiran Storm Petrel (Band-rumped Petrel) *Oceanodroma castro* or Monteiro's Storm Petrel *O. monteiroi* or Cape Verde Storm Petrel *O. jabejabe*
- Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus* or Northern Giant Petrel *M. halli*
- Zino's Petrel *Pterodroma madeira*, Fea's Petrel *P. feae* or Desertas Petrel *P. deserta*

†/‡ 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

¹ Extinct

LINKS TO ONLINE ITEMS

Main British List page

bou.org.uk/british-list/

British List categories

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