



Grasshopper Warbler. Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland. 2 June 2006
Photo: Richard H. Coombes

List of *Locustella* Warblers with References

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Introduction

I have endeavored to keep typos, errors etc in this list to a minimum, however when you find more I would be grateful if you could mail the details during 2011 to: josephobbs@gmail.com.
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Spotted Bush Warbler

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 [L.t. *thoracica*] 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). Winters W Nepal E to Arunachal Pradesh (NE India) in the Himalayan foothills.
 [L.t. *przevalskii*] E Tibetan plateau from N Qinghai E to SW Gansu & S Shaanxi (C China). Treated by del Hoyo et al 2006 as *Bradypterus thoracica*. Other names: Grey-breasted Bush Warbler, Spotted Scrub Warbler.

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David's Bush Warbler

Locustella davidi [La Touche 1923, Chinwangtao, Ne Hebei, China].
 [L.d. *davidi*] SE Transbaikalia E to W Amurland (SE Russia) and NE China S to N Hubei (C China). Winters SE Asia.
 [L.d. *suschkini*] Altai E to SW Transbaikalia (SC Siberia). Winters SE Asia.
 Treated by del Hoyo et al 2006 as *Bradypterus davidi*. Other names: Siberian Bush Warbler, Baikal Bush Warbler.
 Fr. Jean Pierre Armand David (1826-1900), French Lazarist priest who travelled to China as a missionary.

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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).
 [L.m. *innae*] Kunlun Mts & W Altun Shan (W & S Xinjiang, W China). 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 & Guangxi (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.

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Russet Bush Warbler

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

[*L.m. mandelli*] Sikkim, Darjeeling & Assam (NE India) E to Bhutan, W & N Myanmar, S & C China N to Sichuan, N Thailand, N Laos & N Vietnam.

[*L.m. idoneus*] Langbian Plateau (Annam, SC Vietnam).

[*L.m. melanorhynchus*] Hubei S to Fujian (E China). Winters S to SE China.

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Mountains in Lepanto (N Luzon, Philippines).

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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.

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Other name: Java Scrub Warbler.

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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).

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Long-tailed Bush Warbler

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

[*L.c. caudatus*] N Luzon (Philippines).

[*L.c. unicolor*] Mindanao except Zamboanga peninsula (S Philippines).

[*L.c. malindangensis*] N Zamboanga peninsula (W Mindanao, S Philippines).

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

Other name: Long-tailed Ground Warbler.

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).

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Other name: Kinabalu Bush Warbler.

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Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler

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

[*L.c. castaneus*] 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*.

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 & N Philippines S to Sumatra & W Java.
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Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella naevia [Boddaert 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.

[*L.n. mongolica*] Zayzan Depression (E Kazakhstan) E to Sayan Mts (S Russia) & W Mongolia. Winters possibly in S Asia.

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

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Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler

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

[*P.c. certhiola*] Transbaikalia E to Sea of Okhotsk (SE Siberia) & NE China. Winters. SE Asia.

[*P.c. sparsimstriata*] Tomsk & Novosibirsk (S Siberia) E to L Baikal and S to N Altai Mts & N Mongolia. Winters probably in S & SE Asia.

[*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.

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Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella ochotensis [Middendorff 1853, Udkoye, lower Uda River, Sea of Okhotsk].
 Magadan S to mouth of R Amur & Kamchatka (coastal Sea of Okhotsk, E Russia), Sakhalin Island, Kuril Islands & N & E Hokkaido (Japan). Winters Philippines & N Borneo.
 Other name: Asiatic Grasshopper Warbler.
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Styan's Grasshopper Warbler

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

Several small islands (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 name: Pleske's Warbler, Taczanowski's Grasshopper Warbler.

Frederick William Styan (1858-1934), British tea trader & collector in China where he was Curator of the Shanghai Museum between 1884 and 1887. 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 and Fellow and Director of the Russian Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg.

Władysław 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.

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River Warbler

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Savi's Warbler

Locustella luscinoides [Savi 1824, Pisa, Italy].

[*L.I. luscinoides*] S Baltic S & E to C Urals, Crimea & Balkans and N Morocco E to N Tunisia. Winters Senegal E to L Chad and S to N Ghana.

[*L.I. sarmatica*] E Ukraine E to S Urals, Volga valley & N foothills of Caucasus. Winters NE Africa.

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

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Gray's Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella fasciolata [G.R. Gray 1861, Bacan, by Halmahera, Moluccas].
E of upper R Ob' E to Amurland & Ussuriland (SE Russia) & NE China. Winters Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.
Other names: Large Warbler, Large Grasshopper Warbler.
Brothers George Robert Gray (1808-1872) and / or John Edward Gray (1800-1875), British ornithologists.
1st WP Record: [1st w. ♀] 26 September 1913. Creac'h Lighthouse, Ile d'Ouessant, Finistere, France.
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Sakhalin Warbler

Locustella amnicola [Stepanyan 1972].
Sakhalin Island, S Kuril Islands & Hokkaido (Japan). Winters not fully established, possibly Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas & W New Guinea.
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.

Marsh Grassbird

Locustella pyreri [Seebold 1884, Tokyo, Japan].
[*L.p. pyreri*] N & E Honshu (Japan). Winters S to Shikoku (Japan).
[*L.p. sinensis*] Extreme E Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Liaoning & Shanghai (E China) & extreme SE Russia. Winters in the basin of lower R Chiang Jiang (S Hubei), N Hunan & N Jiangxi (all SE China). Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Megalurus pyreri*.
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