

Paddyfield Warbler. Small Aksuat, Naurzum NR, Qostanay, Kazakhstan. 29th July 2010.  
Photo: Ross Ahmed.



## List of *Acrocephalus* Warblers 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 2014 & 2015 to: josephobbs@gmail.com.

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Apart from the reed warblers found on the northern Mariana Islands, which follow Saitoh *et al* 2012, the general order of species follows the International Ornithologists' Union World Bird List (**Gill, F. & Donsker, D.** (eds.) 2014. IOC World Bird List. Available from: <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/> [version 4.3 accessed September 2014]).

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## Cape Verde Warbler

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## African Swamp Warblers

### Greater Swamp Warbler

***Acrocephalus rufescens*** [Sharpe and Bouvier 1876, Landana, Cabinda, Angola].

[*A.r. rufescens*] Ghana, S Togo, S Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Bioko Island (aka Fernandóo Po), N Central African Republic & NW DR Congo.

[*A.r. senegalensis*] Senegal & Gambia.

[*A.r. chadensis*] Lake Chad and its environs.

[*A.r. ansorgei*] NW Angola & S Sudan S to Uganda, Rwanda & adjacent E DR Congo, W Kenya, Zambia, NE Namibia, extreme N Botswana & W Zimbabwe.

Other names: Rufous Swamp Warbler, Rufous Cane-warbler, Long-clawed Papyrus-warbler.

**Prof. Dr. William John Ansorge** (1850-1913), British physician, zoologist and explorer who spent time in tropical Africa.

### Lesser Swamp Warbler

***Acrocephalus gracilirostris*** [Hartlaub 1864, Liesbeek River, South Africa].

[*A.g. gracilirostris*] SE Zimbabwe & S Mozambique S to S Namibia & South Africa.

[*A.g. cunenensis*] SW Angola & N Namibia E to N Botswana, SW Zambia & W Zimbabwe.

[*A.g. winterbottomi*] E Angola E to N & NW Zambia and SW Tanzania.

[*A.g. leptorhynchus*] Tanzania & S Zaire and Angola to Mozambique.

[*A.g. parvus*] SW Ethiopia S to Kenya, N Tanzania, Rwanda & Burundi.

[*A.g. jacksoni*] W Kenya, Uganda & S Sudan.

[*A.g. tsanae*] NW Ethiopia.

[*A.g. neglectus*] W Chad.

Other names: Swamp Warbler, Lesser Swamp Reed-warbler, African Swamp-warbler, Cape Reed Warbler.

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Madagascar.

Other name: Madagascar Warbler.

**Sir Edward Newton** (1832-1897), British diplomat who collected in Madagascar and the Seychelles.

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***Acrocephalus sechellensis*** [Oustalet 1877, Marianne Island, Seychelles].

Cousin Island, Aride (where translocated in 1988), Cousine Island (where translocated in 1990), Denis Island (where translocated in 2004), Fregate Island (where translocated in 2011) (Seychelles, W Indian Ocean).

Other name: Seychelles Brush-Warbler, Seychelles Swamp-warbler.

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Rodrigues Island (Mascarene Islands, W Indian Ocean).

Other names: Rodrigues Swamp-warbler, Rodrigues Brush Warbler.

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## Great Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus arundinaceus*** [Linnaeus 1758, Gdańsk, Poland].

[*A.a. arundinaceus*] NW Africa, continental Europe, Turkey & the Levant E to Caspian Sea & Volga basin. Winters Africa S of Sahara.

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***Acrocephalus orientalis*** [Temminck and Schlegel 1847, Japan].

C Mongolia & SE Russia S to N & E China, Korea, Sakhalin Island & Japan. Winters mainly SE Asia to Greater Sundas, Philippines & Wallacea.

Other name: Eastern Great Reed Warbler.

1st WP Record: 28th February 1988. Eilat, Israel. Remained until 13th April (**Shirihai, H.** 1996. *The Birds of Israel*. Academic Press).

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## Clamorous Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus stentoreus*** [Hemprich and Ehrenberg 1833, Dumyât, N Egypt].

[*A.s. stentoreus*] Egypt.

[*A.s. levantinus*] Sinai, the Levant & NW Arabia.

[*A.s. brunescens*] NE Sudan, NW Somalia, Arabian peninsula and SC Kazakhstan S to S Iraq & Iran and E to N Indian subcontinent. Winters peninsular India.

[*A.s. meridionalis*] S India & Sri Lanka.

[*A.s. amyae*] NE India E to N Myanmar & S China.

[*A.s. siebersi*] W Java.

[*A.s. harterti*] Philippines.

[*A.s. lentecaptus*] Borneo, C & E Java and Lombok & Sumbawa (W Lesser Sundas).

[*A.s. celebensis*] S Sulawesi.

[*A.s. sumbae*] Buru (S Moluccas) and Sumba & Timor (C & E Lesser Sundas) to New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago & Solomon Islands.

Other names: Indian Great Reed Warbler (*brunescens*), Sri Lanka Great Reed Warbler (*meridionalis*), Assam Great Reed Warbler (*amyae*), Heinroth's Reed Warbler (*celebensis*).

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## Millerbird

***Acrocephalus familiaris*** [Rothschild 1892, Laysan Island, Hawaii].

[*A.f. familiaris*] Formerly Laysan Island, Hawaii. Considered extinct by at least 1923 and probably earlier following the introduction of the European Rabbit to the island in 1903, which had the effect of stripping the island of vegetation.

[*A.f. kingi*] Nihoa and introduced Laysan Island (NW Hawaiian Islands). Note: the total area of Nihoa is 171 acres, of which only about 100 acres is vegetated, the remainder is bare rock.

Other names: Hawaiian Reed-warbler, Laysan Millerbird (*familiaris*), Nihoa Warbler (*kingi*), Ululu (Hawaiian name).

In September 2011, 24 Millerbirds of the race *kingi* were translocated from Nihoa to Laysan and 21 are known to have survived the winter. By March 2012 at least one pair were successfully brooding a chick. In August 2012, a further 26 Millerbirds were translocated to Laysan Island. By June 2013 the population on Laysan Island had doubled to over 100 birds.

The name Millerbird is derived from their favourite food, i.e. moths of the genus *Agrotis* known in the vernacular as 'Millers' or 'Miller moths'.

**Capt. James King** (1750-1784), Royal Navy officer who served as second lieutenant on HMS Resolution under Capt. James Cook on his final expedition in the Pacific. Following the death of Cook he undertook the task of completing the account of the final part of the voyage.

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## Mariana Island Reed Warblers

### Nightingale Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus hiwae*** [Yamashina 1942, Saipan].

Alamagan Island & Saipan (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific).

Minori Hiwa, assistant to the Japanese ornithologist Marquis Yoshimaro Yamashina.

### Pagan Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus yamashinae*** [Taka-Tsukasa 1931].

Formerly Pagan Island, (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). Last observed during the 1960s and presumed extinct by about 1970. Most likely the causes of extinction included the destruction of their wetlands and the grazing of cattle.

Other name: Takatsukasa's Reed Warbler.

**Marquis Yoshimaro Yamashina** (1900-1989), Japanese ornithologist and founder of the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology now located at Abiko, Chiba, Japan.

### Aguiguan Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus nijoi*** [Yamashina 1940, Aguiguan].

Formerly Aguiguan Island (aka Agiguan), (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). By the 1980s the population was reduced to about 15 birds (Reichel *et al* 1992) and only 2 birds were observed in 1992. Later surveys carried out in 2000 and 2002 did not find any and their extinction was most likely caused by destruction of suitable habitat.

### Guam Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus luscinius*** [Quoy and Gaimard 1830, Guam].

Formerly Guam (Northern Mariana Islands, W Pacific). Last seen in 1969 and none found during searches in the 1970s and 1980s. Progressive drainage of their preferred wetland habitat and the adverse effects of the introduced Brown Snake contributed to their demise.

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### **Mangareva Reed Warbler**

***Acrocephalus astrolabii*** [Holyoak & Thibault 1978].

Formerly Mangareva, Gambier Islands (SE French Polynesia, C Pacific). Probably becoming extinct in the second half of the 19th century.

Known from two specimens only, both now held at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, that were probably collected during 1838 by a French expedition to the Pacific under the overall command of Capt. J.S.C. Dumont d'Urville on the ships 'Astrolabe' and 'Zéléé'. It was previously considered to be an extinct race of Nightingale Reed Warbler, but here treated as a full species after Cibois et al 2011.

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### **Nauru Reed Warbler**

***Acrocephalus rehsei*** [Finsch 1883, Nauru].

Nauru (Melanesia, W Pacific).

Other names: Finsch's Reed Warbler, Pleasant Warbler, Nauru Canary.

**Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch** (1839-1917), German ethnographer, naturalist & traveller. In addition to the warbler, a couple of species of parrot, a monitor lizard, a crater on the Moon and the town of Finschhafen in Morobe Province, northeast Papua New Guinea are all named after him.

**Ernst Rehse** (fl. 1880), German ornithologist who collected in the Pacific.

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### Bokikokiko

***Acrocephalus aequinoctialis*** [Latham 1790, Kiritimati (Christmas Island), E Polynesia].  
[*A.a. aequinoctialis*] Kiritimati (North Line Islands, Kiribati, C Pacific).  
[*A.a. pistor*] Teraina & formerly Tabuaeran (North Line Islands, Kiribati, C Pacific). Presumed extinct on Tabuaeran.  
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### Northern Marquesan Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus percernis*** [Wetmore 1919, Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands].  
[*A.p. percernis*] Nuku Hiva (C Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).  
[*A.p. postremus*] Hatutaa (N Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).  
[*A.p. aquilonis*] Eiao (NW Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).  
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## Tahiti Reed Warblers

### Tahiti Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus caffer*** [Sparman 1786, Tahiti].

Tahiti (Windward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific).

Other names: Long-billed Reed Warbler, Tahitian Warbler, Komako, Polynesian Warbler.

### Mo'orea Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus longirostris*** [Gmelin 1789]

Formerly Moorea (Windward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific). Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

Other name: Moorea Warbler.

### Leeward Islands Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus musae*** [Forster 1844]

[*A.m. musae*] Formerly Raiatea (Leeward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific).

Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

[*A.m. garretti*] Formerly Huahine (Leeward group of Society Islands, S French Polynesia, SC Pacific).

Probably became extinct in the 19th century.

Other names: Raiatea Polynesian Warbler (*musae*), Huahine Polynesian Warbler (*garretti*), Garrett's Reed Warbler (*garretti*).

The forms *caffer*, *longirostris*, *musae* and *garretti* are usually treated as races of Tahiti Reed Warbler *A. caffer*, but here treated as full species after Cibois *et al* 2008. Tahiti Reed Warbler occurs in two colour morphs, yellow and chocolate brown.

**Andrew Garrett** (1823-1887), American explorer and naturalist who spent years in the South Seas.

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### Southern Marquesan Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus mendanae*** [Tristram 1883, Hivaoa or Tahuata, Marquesas Islands].

[*A.m. mendanae*] Hiva Oa & Tahuata (SC Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. dido*] Ua Pou (C Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. consobrina*] Moho Tani (S Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*A.m. fatuhivae*] Fatu Hiva (S Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

Previously treated as conspecific with Northern Marquesan Reed Warbler.

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### Tuamotu Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus atyphus*** [Wetmore 1919, Fakarava, Tuamotu Archipelago].

[*A.a. atyphus*] Islands in N & W Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. ravus*] Atolls in SE Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. palmarum*] Anaa Island (WC Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. niauensis*] Niau (NW Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

[*A.a. eremus*] Makatea Island (NW Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, S Pacific).

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### Cook Islands Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus kerearako*** [Holyoak 1974, Mangaia, Cook Islands].  
 [A.k. *kerearako*] Mangaia (SE Cook Islands, S Pacific).  
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 Other names: Kerearako (*kerearako*), Kaoko (*kaoko*).

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### Henderson Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus taiti*** [Ogilvie-Grant 1913, Henderson Island, Pitcairn Islands].  
 Henderson Island (Pitcairn group, C Pacific).  
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Pitcairn Island (C Pacific).

Other name: Sparrow (local name).

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## Black-browed Reed Warbler

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E Transbaicalia E to S Amurland, Ussuriland and Sakhalin, N Mongolia, C & E China, Korea, Hokkaido & Honshu. Winters S China, Indochina, NE India & Bangladesh.

Other name: Schrenck's Reed Warbler.

**Leopold Ivanovich von Schrenck** (1826-1894), Russo-German zoologist & geographer who circumnavigated the world on the sailing vessel 'Aurora' and later explored Amurland and Sakhalin on board the schooner 'Vostok'.

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## Moustached Warbler

**Acrocephalus melanopogon** [Temminck 1823, near Rome, Italy].

[*A.m. melanopogon*] S Europe, NW Africa & Ukraine. Winters N Africa & the Levant.

[*A.m. mimicus*] Transcaspiya, S Iran & S Iraq. Winters Azerbaijan NE to Tadzhikistan, E Saudi Arabia & NW India.

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Range largely unknown, possibly Liaoning & Hebei (NE China) and adjacent parts of Russian Far East. Winters Philippines.

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### Blunt-winged Warbler

***Acrocephalus concinens*** [Swinhoe 1870, Beijing, China].

[*A.c. concinens*] N China. Winters S China, S Myanmar, Thailand & C Laos.

[*A.c. haringtoni*] N Afghanistan, N Pakistan & Kashmir. Winters not clearly established.

[*A.c. stevensi*] Plains of the R Brahmaputra (Assam, NE India) & adjacent parts of Bangladesh.

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## Manchurian Reed Warbler

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Manchuria (NE China) & Ussuriland (SE Russia). Winters SE Asia.

Other names: Manchurian Paddyfield Warbler, North China Reed-warbler.

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## Large-billed Reed Warbler

***Acrocephalus orinus*** [Oberholser 1905, Himachal Pradesh, India].

Riparian bushland along the Wakhan & Pamir Rivers in NE Afghanistan and adjacent SE Tajikistan.

Winters not clearly established, possibly parts of the Indian subcontinent & SE Asia.

Other name: Hume's Large-billed Warbler.

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## Paddyfield Warbler

**Acrocephalus agricola** [Jerdon 1845, near Nellore, Tamil Nadu, India].

[*A.a. agricola*] Area surrounding Caspian & Aral Seas and W Mongolia, NW China, Tajikistan, E Iran & N Afghanistan. Winters Indian subcontinent.

[*A.a. septima*] Black Sea coast from Bulgaria & Romania to S Ukraine. Winters Indian subcontinent.

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***Acrocephalus dumetorum*** [Blyth 1849, India].

S Finland E thru Russia to C Siberia and E to W Lake Baikal region & NW Mongolia and S to S Russia, Azerbaijan, E Iran, N Afghanistan & SW Siberia. Winters Pakistan, India & Sri Lanka. Edward Blyth (1810-1873), English zoologist, author and Curator of the Asiatic Society of Bengal between 1842 and 1864.

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## Reed Warbler

- Acrocephalus scirpaceus*** [Hermann 1804, Alsace, France].  
 [A.s. *scirpaceus*] NW Africa & Europe E to C European Russia, Crimea & W Asia Minor. Winters Africa S of the Sahara.  
 [A.s. *fuscus*] E & N Caspian Sea regions, Cacusus, E Asia Minor, Cyprus & the Levant. Winters Africa S of the Sahara.  
 [A.s. *avicenniae*] Coasts of S Red Sea, W Saharan Egypt & E Saharan Libya.  
 Other names: Eurasian Reed Warbler, Caspian Reed Warbler (*fuscus*), Mangrove Reed Warbler (*avicenniae*).  
 1st WP Record (A.s. *avicenniae*): November 2009. Near Ain Safi, W Saharan Egypt. Jens Hering, Stefan Brehme, Elmar Fuchs and Hans Winkler. Definate ID confirmed by using DNA analysis (Hering *et al* 2010).
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### **African Reed Warbler**

- Acrocephalus baeticatus*** [Vieillot 1817, Knysna district, SE Western Cape, South Africa].  
 [A.b. *baeticatus*] S,C & E South Africa to Zimbabwe & E Botswana.  
 [A.b. *guiers*] Senegal & perhaps the River Niger delta in Mali.  
 [A.b. *cinnamomeus*] S Senegal, S Mali, E Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Chad, W & S Sudan E to Ethiopia & S Somalia and S to DR Congo, E Zambia, Malawi & Mozambique and possibly this race in Libya.  
 [A.b. *suahelicus*] Coastal Tanzania S to Mozambique & KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa).  
 [A.b. *hallae*] SW Angola, E to SW Zambia and S to Namibia, NW Botswana & W South Africa.  
 Other names: African Marsh Warbler, Rufescent Reed Warbler, Cinnamon Reed Warbler, Tropical African Reed Warbler, South African Reed-warbler (*baeticatus*).  
 1st WP Record: May 2008. Western Lakes, (near) Benghazi, Libya. Jens Hering, Stefan Brehme, Elmar Fuchs and Hans Winkler. Breeding established; definite ID by DNA analysis (Hering *et al* 2010).
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