

Full species list of the Madeiran archipelago (the Salvage Islands excluded)

This list contains all known records of birds that have occurred in the archipelago (Madeira, Desertas and Porto Santo) up to January 2006. The meaning of symbols used in the list is as follow:

R – resident and regular breeder
 S – migrant breeder, present only/mainly in breeding period
 P – passage migrant
 W – regular winter visitor
 A – Accidental species
 I – Introduced species

1 – abundant
 2 – common
 3 – fairly common
 4 – scarce or localised
 5 – rare or very localised

New species which have been recorded in recent years is marked with year*.

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SPECIES	STATUS	SPECIES	STATUS
Great Northern Diver <i>Gavia immer</i>	A	Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>	2004*
Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	A	Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>	A
Slavonian Grebe <i>Podiceps auritus</i>	A	Eurasian Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i>	A
Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	A	Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i>	A
Zino's Petrel <i>Pterodroma madeira</i>	R5	Eurasian Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>	A
Fea's Petrel <i>Pterodroma feae</i>	R5	Speckled Teal <i>Anas georgica</i>	2003*
Bulwer's Petrel <i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	S3	Garganey <i>Anas querquedula</i>	2003*
Cory's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea borealis</i>	R2	Marbled Duck <i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	A
Great Shearwater <i>Puffinus gravis</i>	P*	Common Pochard <i>Aythya ferina</i>	A
Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	P*	Ring-necked Duck <i>Aythya collaris</i>	A
Balearic Shearwater <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	A	Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	A
Sooty Shearwater <i>Puffinus griseus</i>	P*	Greater Scaup <i>Aythya marila</i>	A
Little Shearwater <i>Puffinus assimilis baroli</i>	R4	Long-tailed Duck <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	A
Wilson's Storm-petrel <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	A	Common Scoter <i>Melanitta nigra</i>	A
European Storm-petrel <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	A	Surf Scoter <i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	A
Leach's Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	A	Goldeneye <i>Bucephala clangula</i>	A
Madeiran Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma castro</i>	R3/S3	Red-breasted Merganser <i>Mergus serrator</i>	A
White-faced Storm-petrel <i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	A	Honey Buzzard <i>Pernis apivorus</i>	A
Red-billed Tropicbird <i>Phaeton artherus</i>	A	Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	P5
Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i>	P/W	Red Kite <i>Milvus milvus</i>	A
Great Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A	Egyptian Vulture <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	A
Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	A	Western Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	A
Bittern <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	A	Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus pygargus</i>	A
Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	A	Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus granti</i>	R5
Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	A	Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo harterti</i>	R4
Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	A	Long-legged Buzzard <i>Buteo rufinus</i>	A
Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	P5	Booted Eagle <i>Aquila pennatus</i>	A
Western Reef Egret <i>Egretta gularis</i>	A	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A
Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	R4	Lesser Kestrel <i>Falco naumanni</i>	A
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	R4	Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus canariensis</i>	R3
Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	P5	Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	A
Black Stork <i>Ciconia nigra</i>	A	Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	A
White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	A	Elenora's Falcon <i>Falco eleonorae</i>	A
Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	A	Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	A
Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	A	Barbary Falcon <i>Falco peregrinoides</i>	A
Bean Goose <i>Anser fabalis</i>	A	Red-legged Partridge <i>Alectoris rufa</i>	I/R4
Pink-footed Goose <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	A	Quail <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	R5
White-fronted Goose <i>Anser albifrons</i>	A	Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	I
Greylag Goose <i>Anser anser</i>	A	Helmeted Guineafowl <i>Numida meleagris</i>	I
Ruddy Shelduck <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	A	Water Rail <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	A
Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	A	Spotted Crake <i>Porzana porzana</i>	A
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	P5	Little Crake <i>Porzana parva</i>	A

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Baillon's Crane <i>Porzana pusilla</i>	A	Little Gull <i>Larus minutus</i>	A
African Black Crane <i>Limnocorax flavirostra</i>	A	Sabine's Gull <i>Larus sabini</i>	A
Corncrake <i>Crex crex</i>	A	Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	P4/W4
Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	P5/R5	Ring-billed Gull <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	W5
Allen's Gallinule <i>Porphyryula alleni</i>	A	Common Gull <i>Larus canus</i>	A
American Purple Gallinule <i>Porphyryula martinica</i>	A	Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>	P3/W3
Purple Swamp-hen <i>Porphyryula porphyrio</i>	A	Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i>	A
Eurasian Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>	P5/R5	Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i>	?
Common Crane <i>Grus grus</i>	A	American Herring Gull <i>Larus smithsonianus</i>	2003*
Little Bustard <i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	A	Yellow-legged Gull <i>Larus michahellis atlantis</i>	R2
Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	A	Iceland Gull <i>Larus glaucoides</i>	A
African Black Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus moquini</i>	A	Glaucous Gull <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	A
Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	A	Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i>	A
Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	A	Black-legged Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	W5/P5
Stone-curlew <i>Burhinus oediacnemus</i>	A	Gull-billed Tern <i>Sterna nilotica</i>	A
Cream-coloured Courser <i>Cursorius cursor</i>	A	Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	A
Collared Pratincole <i>Glareola pratincola</i>	A	Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	P5/W5
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	P5/R5	Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i>	S5
Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	P5	Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	R3/S3
Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	R5	Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	P5
Killdeer <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	A	Sooty Tern <i>Sterna fuscata</i>	A
Eurasian Dotterel <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	A	Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	A
Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	A	Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	A
Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	A	Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	A
Northern Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	W5/P5	White-winged Black Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	A
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>	P5	Little Auk <i>Alle alle</i>	A
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	P4	Atlantic Puffin <i>Fratercula arctica</i>	A
Semipalmated Sandpiper <i>Calidris pusilla</i>	A	Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	R3
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	P5	Feral Dove <i>Columba livia</i> (domestic)	R3
Temminck's Stint <i>Calidris temminckii</i>	2002*	Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i>	2006*
Western Sandpiper <i>Calidris mauri</i>	A	Trocaz Pigeon <i>Columba trocaz</i>	R4
White-rumped Sandpiper <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	A	Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	A
Pectoral Sandpiper <i>Calidris melanotos</i>	A	Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	P5
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris feruginea</i>	P5	Great Spotted Cuckoo <i>Clamator glandarius</i>	A
Purple Sandpiper <i>Calidris maritima</i>	A	Common Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	A
Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>	P4	Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba schmitzi</i>	R4
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	P5	Scops Owl <i>Otus scops</i>	A
Jack Snipe <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	P5	Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i>	P5/W5
Common Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	W4	European Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	A
Great Snipe <i>Gallinago media</i>	A	Red-necked Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	A
Woodcock <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	R4	Plain Swift <i>Apus unicolor</i>	S/R3
Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	P5	Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	P5
Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	P5	Pallid Swift <i>Apus pallidus</i>	S4
Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	P4	Alpine Swift <i>Apus melba</i>	A
Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	P5	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	A
Upland Sandpiper <i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	A	Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	A
Spotted Redshank <i>Tringa erythropus</i>	A	European Bee-eater <i>Merops apiaster</i>	P5
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	P5	European Roller <i>Coracias garrulus</i>	P5
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	P5	Eurasian Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i>	S5
Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	A	Eurasian Wryneck <i>Jynx torquilla</i>	A
Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	A	Calandra Lark <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	A
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	A	Greater Short-toed Lark <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	A
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	P5	Lesser Short-toed Lark <i>Calandrella rufescens</i>	A
Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularia</i>	A	Eurasian Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	P5/W5
Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	P4/W5	Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i>	P5
Wilson's Phalarope <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	A	Eurasian Crag Martin <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	A
Red-necked Phalarope <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	A	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	P5
Grey Phalarope <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	A	Red-rumped Swallow <i>Hirundo daurica</i>	P5
Pomarine Skua <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	P5	House Martin <i>Delichon urbica</i>	P5
Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	P4	Tawny Pipit <i>Anthus campestris</i>	A
Long-tailed Skua <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	P4	Berthelot's Pipit <i>Anthus berthelotii madeirensis</i>	R4
Great Skua <i>Stercorarius skua</i>	P5	Tree Pipit <i>Anthus trivialis</i>	A
Great Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ichthyæetus</i>	A	Meadow Pipit <i>Anthus pratensis</i>	A
Mediterranean Gull <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	P5	Red-throated Pipit <i>Anthus cervinus</i>	A
Laughing Gull <i>Larus atricilla</i>	2005*	Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	A
Franklin's Gull <i>Larus pipixcan</i>	A	Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea schmitzi</i>	R3

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White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i>	P5	Hawfinch <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	A
Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	A	Yellow Warbler <i>Dendroica petechia</i>	A
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin <i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	A	American Redstart <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	A
Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	R3/W3	Snow Bunting <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	A
Common Nightingale <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	P5	Ortolan Bunting <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	A
Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	P5		
Common Redstart <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	P5		
Whinchat <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	P5		
Common Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	A		
Isabelline Wheater <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	A		
Northern Wheater <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	P5		
Desert Wheater <i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	A		
Rufous-tailed Rock Trush <i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	A		
Ring Ouzel <i>Turdus torquatus</i>	A		
Blackbird <i>Turdus merula cabreræ</i>	R3		
Red-throated Trush <i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	A		
Fieldfare <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	A		
Song Trush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	A		
Redwing <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	W5		
Mistle Trush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	W5		
Fan-tailed Warbler <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	A		
Grasshopper Warbler <i>Locustella naevia</i>	P5		
River Warbler <i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	A		
Sedge Warbler <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	P5		
Marsh Warbler <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	A		
Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	P5		
Great Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	A		
Olivaceous Warbler <i>Hippolais pallida</i>	A		
Icterine Warbler <i>Hippolais icterina</i>	A		
Melodius Warbler <i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	A		
Spectacled Warbler <i>Sylvia conspicillata bella</i>	R5		
Subalpine Warbler <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	A		
Orphean Warbler <i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	A		
Sardinian Warbler <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	A		
Lesser Whitethroat <i>Sylvia curruca</i>	A		
Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i>	P5		
Garden Warbler <i>Sylvia borin</i>	P5		
Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla heineken</i>	R2		
Yellow-browed Warbler <i>Phylloscopus inotnatus</i>	A		
Bonelli's Warbler <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	A		
Wood Warbler <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	A		
Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	W4/P5		
Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	P5		
Madeira Firecrest <i>Regulus madeirensis</i>	R3		
Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	P5		
Red-breasted Flycatcher <i>Ficedula parva</i>	A		
Pied Flycatcher <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	P5		
Eurasian Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	P5		
Red-backed Shrike <i>Lanius collurio</i>	A		
Woodchat Shrike <i>Lanius seantor</i>	P5		
Western Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i>	A		
Rook <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	A		
Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	W5		
Spotless Starling <i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	A		
Rose-coloured Starling <i>Sturnus roseus</i>	A		
Spanish Sparrow <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	I/R5		
Rock Sparrow <i>Petronia petronia madeirensis</i>	R5		
Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs maderensis</i>	R3		
Brambling <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	A		
European Serin <i>Serinus serinus</i>	A		
Canary <i>Serinus canaria</i>	R2		
European Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	A/P5		
Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis parva</i>	R4		
Eurasian Siskin <i>Carduelis spinus</i>	R5		
Common Linnnet <i>Carduelis cannabina nana</i>	R5		
Common Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	A		

Additional resource: 'A birdwatchers' guide to Portugal and Madeira'. Moore C.C., Elias G. & Costa H., 1997.

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