

Twite. Raghly Harbour, County Sligo, Ireland. 6th December 2009.  
Photo: Tom Shevlin.



## List of Twite, Linnet & Redpoll 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 2016 & 2017 to: josephobbs@gmail.com.

Please note that this and other Reference Lists I have compiled are **not exhaustive** and are best employed in conjunction with other sources.

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## Twite

***Linaria flavirostris*** [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

[*C.f. flavirostris*] Norway, N Sweden & N Finland E to Kola peninsula (NW Russia). Winters S to the coasts of the Baltic & North Sea and C & E Europe.

[*C.f. pipilans*] N & NW Ireland & N Britain. Winters, some S to coastal SE England and NE France E to Netherlands

[*C.f. bensonorum*] Outer Hebrides (Scotland).

[*C.f. brevisrostris*] Caucasus & adjacent S Russia S to SC & E Turkey and NW & N Iran.

[*C.f. kirghizorum*] N & C Kazakhstan. Winters S to S Kazakhstan & N Uzbekistan.

[*C.f. korejevi*] S Altai (Tarbagatay, NE Kazakhstan) & N Xinjiang (NW China). Winters SE Kazakhstan and Tajikistan S to C Afghanistan.

[*C.f. altaica*] C & E Altai, W Sayan Mts & Tuva Republic (S Russia) and W & N Mongolia.

[*C.f. montanella*] E Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, S Uzbekistan and W & SW Xinjiang S to Karakorum, Kunlun Shan and Altun Shan, E to N Qinghai (WC China), Afghanistan, Chitral, Gilgit & Baltistan (N Pakistan).

[*C.f. pamirensis*] Trans Alay Mts (N Pamir Mts, C Asia).

[*C.f. miniakensis*] S Qinghai & E Xizang (E Tibetan Plateau) E to E to Gansu and W Sichuan (C China).

[*C.f. rufostriata*] Ladakh & W & S Xizang (W & S Tibetan Plateau) and N India E to N Nepal.

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## Linnet

***Linaria cannabina*** [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

[*C.c. cannabina*] W, C & N Europe (except Scotland) to W Siberia & upper Yenisey and N from Pyrénées, N Italy, N of former Yugoslavia, Romania & Ukraine (except Crimea). Winters, some S to N Africa & SW Asia.

[*C.c. autochthona*] Scotland.

[*C.c. bella*] Islands in E Aegean S to Rhodes, Asia Minor, Levant & Crimea E thru Caucasus area to Iran & SW Turkmenistan and C Asia. Winters, some S to Baluchistan, Salt Range & Punjab (N Pakistan).

[*C.c. mediterranea*] Iberia E to Balkan countries & Karpathos (Greece) but not on islands in E Aegean and Morocco E to N Tunisia & N Libya.

[*C.c. guentheri*] Madeira.

[*C.c. meadewaldoi*] W & C Canary Islands.

[*C.c. harterti*] E Canary Islands.

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## Yemen Linnet

***Linaria yemenensis*** [Ogilvie-Grant 1913, Menacha, Yemen].

SW Saudi Arabia and W Yemen.

Other name: Arabian Linnet.

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## Warsangli Linnet

***Linaria johannis*** [S.R. Clarke 1919, Mush Haled, at 4000 feet, Warsangli country, Somalia].

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## Common Redpolls

### Mealy Redpoll

***Acanthis flammea*** [Linnaeus 1758, Norrland, Sweden].

[*A.f. flammea*] Scandinavia & the Baltic countries S to E Germany & Poland & E thru Russia S to c. 55°N & Mongolia, Amurland, Ussuriland, N Manchuria, Sakhalin and Aleutians, Alaska & N Canada. Winters, majority of population moves S.

[*A.f. rostrata*] E Baffin Island and W & E coasts of Greenland. Winters E Canada & NE USA W to Illinois & S to New Jersey and Iceland and probably Scotland & Ireland.

[*A.f. islandica*] Iceland.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2010 as *Carduelis flammea*.

Other names: Icelandic Redpoll (*islandica*), Greenland Redpoll (*rostrata*).

### Lesser Redpoll

***Acanthis cabaret*** [Müller 1776].

Ireland, Britain, SW Norway, S Sweden, Denmark and N & NE France E to S Belgium, Netherlands & N & C Germany and SE France E to Austria in the Alps and SE Czech Republic, S Poland & possibly N Romania in the Carpathians. Winters NW, NC & S Europe. Introduced to Lord Howe Island & New Zealand.

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***Acanthis hornemanni*** [Holboell, 1843, Ameralikfjord, Greenland].

[*C.h. hornemanni*] Ellesmere Island, Axel Heiberg Island, Devon Island, Bylot Island & N & E Baffin Island (N Canada) and W & E Greenland. Winters S to N Quebec & Labrador (C & NE Canada) and New England (NE USA).

[*C.h. exilipes*] N Norway, N Sweden & N Russia E to the Bering Sea & Anadyrland and W & N Alaska E N Yukon, N Nunavut & N Manitoba (Canada). Winters N Europe and S to NW Xinjiang, Gansu & E Inner Mongolia (N China) and Sakhalin Island and throughout Alaska, Canada & S Greenland.

Other names: Tundra Redpoll, Hornemann's Redpoll (*hornemanni*), Hoary Redpoll (*exilipes*), Coues's Redpoll (*exilipes*).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 2010 as *Carduelis hornemanni*.

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**Dr. Elliott B. Coues** (1842-1899), US Army surgeon and one of the founders of the AOU. The name is pronounced 'cows'.

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