

Marsh Harrier: Zevenhoven, Groene Jonker, The Netherlands. 3rd May 2011.
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Introduction

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Western Marsh Harrier

Circus aeruginosus [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

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Circus spilothonax [Salvadori and D'Albertis 1875].

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Swamp Harrier

Circus approximans [Peale 1848, Vanua Levu, Fiji].

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The proposed form *gouldi* is included.

Other name: Pacific Marsh Harrier, Australian Harrier, Harrier Hawk, Gould's Harrier (*gouldi*).

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Réunion Harrier

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Réunion Island (SW Indian Ocean).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1994 as a race of the polytypic Madagascar Harrier.

Other names: Papangue, Pied Jaun.

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Madagascar & the Comoro Islands (SW Indian Ocean).

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Spotted Harrier

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Hen Harrier

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Northern Harrier

Circus hudsonius [Linnaeus 1766].

North America S to NW Mexico & SE Virginia. Winters S to N South America.

Other name: Marsh Hawk.

Both forms treated as full species by Simmons 2000 and Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001.

1st WP Record: [juvenile] 22nd October 1982. Porthellick Down, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, England.

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Pallid Harrier

Circus macrourus [S.G. Gmelin 1770, Voronezh, Russia].

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Pied Harrier

Circus melanoleucos [Pennant 1769, Sri Lanka].

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