

Mediterranean Gull. Hellegatsplaten, South Holland, Netherlands. 30th April 2010.
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List of Gulls - Part 1

with References

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Introduction

This is the first of two Gull Reference lists. It includes all those species of Gull that are **not** included in the genus *Larus*.

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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The general order of species follows the International Ornithologists' Union World Bird List (**Gill, F. & Donsker, D.** (eds.). 2016. IOC World Bird List. Available from: <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/> [version 6.3 accessed August 2016]).

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Black-legged Kittiwake

Rissa tridactyla [Linnaeus 1758, Great Britain].

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[*R.t. pollicaris*] NE Siberia, Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk & Kuril Islands thru the Bering Sea to Alaska. Winters S to East China Sea & NW Mexico.

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Sabine's Gull

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Circumpolar. Winters SE Atlantic off SW Africa and E Pacific off NW South America.
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Slender-billed Gull

Chroicocephalus genei [Brème 1839, Sardinia].

Senegal & Mauritania and S & E Iberia E thru Mediterranean, Black Sea, Middle East & Asia Minor to E Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan & NW India. Winters S to the Horn of Africa.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus genei*.

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Bonaparte's Gull

Chroicocephalus philadelphia [Ord 1815, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA].

W Alaska & S British Columbia E to E Quebec. Winters along Pacific coast S to Sinaloa (Mexico) and Atlantic coast S to Florida & the Greater Antilles and occasionally C USA from Great Lakes S to Gulf of Mexico.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus philadelphia*.

Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte (1803-1857), French ornithologist, diplomat and nephew to Napoleon Bonaparte.

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Silver Gull

Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae [Stephens 1826, New South Wales, Australia].

[*C.n. novaehollandiae*] S Australia and Tasmania.

[*C.n. forsteri*] N Australia and New Caledonia & Loyalty Islands.

[*C.n. scopulinus*] E coasts of North & South Islands of New Zealand, Lake Rotorua (North Island, New Zealand) and Stewart Island, Chatham Island, Bounties Islands, Snares Islands, Aucklands Islands & Campbell Islands (off New Zealand).

Proposed form *gunni* included with the nominate.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus novaehollandiae*.

C.n. scopulinus sometimes treated as a full species.

Other name: Red-billed Gull (*scopulinus*).

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Black-billed Gull

Chroicocephalus bulleri [Hutton 1871, New Zealand].

South Island, New Zealand and Rotorua, Gisborne, Clive & Porangahau (North Island, New Zealand). Winters S North Island & N South Island (New Zealand) and occasionally to Stewart Island and Snares Islands.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus bulleri*.

Other name: Buller's Gull.

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Andean Gull

Chroicocephalus serranus [Tschudi 1844, Jauja Valley, Junín, Peru].

Andean lakes from N Ecuador S to N Chile, W Bolivia and N Argentina. Winters Pacific coast S to SC Chile.

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Brown-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus [Jerdon 1840, India].

C China to the Aral Sea mainly on the Tibetan plateau. Winters Nepal, coasts of India, Sri Lanka & SE Asia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus brunnicephalus*.

Other name: Indian Black-headed Gull.

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Brown-hooded Gull

Chroicocephalus maculipennis [Lichtenstein 1823, Montevideo, Uruguay].

SC Chile & Uruguay S to Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands and probably Rio Grande do Sul (SE Brazil). Winters N to N Chile & CE Brazil.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus maculipennis*.

Other name: Patagonian Black-headed Gull, Pink-breasted Gull.

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Black-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus ridibundus [Linnaeus 1766, England].

Newfoundland, S Greenland & Iceland E thru Europe & C Asia to Kamchatka, Ussuriland & NE China. Winters S to New England and W & E Africa E thru Arabian coasts & India E to the Philippines. Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus ridibundus*.

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Grey-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus [Vieillot 1818, Brazil].

[*C.c. cirrocephalus*] Coastal Ecuador & Peru and coastal C Brazil to S Buenos Aires (Argentina) and along the river basins of the Paraguay and Paraná to Lake Melinué (Santa Fé, Argentina). Winters to the N of breeding areas.

[*C.c. poiocephalus*] Scattered populations from Ethiopia S to Malawi and S Africa (including Rift Valley lakes) and coasts and inland rivers of W Africa. Winters: some populations are sedentary but some from S Africa move N along Atlantic and Indian Ocean coasts. Within the WP at Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania there were between 20 and 30 breeding pairs in 1995.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus cirrocephalus*.

Other name: Grey-hooded Gull.

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Hartlaub's Gull

Chroicocephalus hartlaubii [Bruch 1853, Cape of Good Hope].

Coastal SW Africa from C Namibia to SW Cape Province.

Treated by some as race of Silver Gull.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus hartlaubii*.

Karel Johan Gustav Hartlaub (1814-1900), German physician, ornithologist and collector for the Bremen Natural History Museum. In 1852, along with Jean Cabanis, he set up the '*Journal für Ornithologie*', also known as the '*Journal of Ornithology*'.

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Saunders's Gull

Chroicocephalus saundersi [Swinhoe 1871, Fujian, China].

Liaoning & Hebei S thru Shandong to Jiangsu (coastal NE China). Winters South Korea & S Japan S to N Vietnam.

Other name: Chinese Black-headed Gull.

Synonym: *Saundersilarus saundersi*.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus saundersi*.

Howard Saunders (1835-1907), British ornithologist and expert on gulls who was secretary of the British Ornithologists' Union from 1901 to 1907 and the first Secretary and Treasurer of the British Ornithologists' Club.

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Little Gull

Hydrocoloeus minutus [Pallas 1776, rivers of Siberia].

N Scandinavia, Baltic republics & W Russia E to W Siberia between rivers Ural & Ob' and the basin of the River Lena SW to L Baikal (E Siberia) and sporadically in W & C Europe with small numbers in NE North America. Winters mostly S & W of breeding range.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus minutus*.

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Ross's Gull

- Rhodostethia rosea*** [MacGillivray 1824, Melville Peninsula, Canada].
Taymyr peninsula E to R Kolyma and Peary Land & Disko Bay (W Greenland), Spitsbergen (Svalbard, Arctic Ocean) and Cheyne Islands, Prince Charles Island & islands in Penny Strait (Nunavut Territory, Canada) & Churchill (Manitoba, Canada). Winters mainly in the Arctic at the edge of the pack ice with some birds moving further south.
Treated by some as *Hydrocoloeus rosea*
Other name: Rosy Gull.
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Dolphin Gull

Leucophaeus scoresbii [Traill 1823, South Shetland Islands].

SC Chile & SC Argentina S to Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands. Winters along the coast to N of breeding areas.

Treated by some as *Gabianus scoresbii*.

Other names: Scoresby's Gull, Magellan Gull.

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Lava Gull

Leucophaeus fuliginosus [Gould 1841, Santiago (James) Island, Galapágos].

Galapágos Islands.

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Other name: Dusky Gull.

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Laughing Gull

- Leucophaeus atricilla*** [Linnaeus 1758, Bahamas].
 [*L.a. atricilla*] West Indies S to Trinidad and islands off Venezuela. Winters S to N Brazil.
 [*L.a. megalopterus*] SE California S to W Mexico and Nova Scotia S to Florida & Texas and locally thru E Central America. Winters S to S Peru.
 Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus atricilla*.
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Franklin's Gull

Leucophaeus pipixcan [Wagler 1831, Mexico].

British Columbia to Alberta and Montana to Minnesota (continental North America). Winters off W South America coast S to Chile and Galapagos Islands.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus pipixcan*.

Rear Admiral Sir John Franklin RN (1786-1847), British explorer who perished while attempting to chart and navigate a section of the Northwest Passage in the Canadian Arctic.

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Grey Gull

Leucophaeus modestus [Tshudi 1843, Lurin, south of Lima, Peru].

Atacama and other inland deserts of N Chile and (probably) S Peru. Winters along the coast from Ecuador S to SC Chile.

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Relict Gull

Ichthyaetus relictus [Lönnerberg 1931, Tsondol, Inner Mongolia, China].

L Alakol' (NE Kazakhstan), L Barun-Torey (Chita, S Transbaikalia), Tatsain Tsagaan Nuur (on the edge of Edsin Gol, C Mongolia), N Gansu (NC China) & Taolimiao-Alashan Nur (C Ordos Highlands, Inner Mongolia). Winters (probably) Vietnam and (perhaps) South Korea.

The type specimen was collected in 1929 at Tsondol, Inner Mongolia, China. It was initially considered a race of Mediterranean Gull until the second specimen was collected in 1969 at a breeding colony in Kazakhstan.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus relictus*.

Other name: Central Asian Gull.

1st WP Record: [Flock of 14] 7th May 2000. Maly Uzen' River, (near) Dryamsky, Saratov, Russia.

Vladimir Piskunov & A.N. Antonchikov (Piskunov & Antonchikov 2007).

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Audouin's Gull

Ichthyaetus audouinii [Payraudeau 1826, Sardinia and Corsica].

Mediterranean coasts; primarily on the Ebro Delta (NE Spain) & Chafarinas Islands (off NE Morocco) with scattered colonies E to Tunisia, Aegean Sea, S Turkey & Cyprus. Winters S to Senegambia region.

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Larus audouinii*.

Jean Victoire Audouin aka **Victor Audouin** (1797-1841), French naturalist, entomologist, malacologist, ornithologist and member of the French Academy of Sciences. Along with Jean-Baptiste Dumas and Adolphe Theodore Brongniart, he founded the journal '*Annales des Sciences Naturelles*' in 1824.

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Mediterranean Gull

Ichthyaetus melanocephalus [Temminck 1820, coasts of the Adriatic Sea].

Mainly on Black Sea coasts of Ukraine, with recent spread to N Caucasian Plains & Baku archipelago (Azerbaijan) with scattered populations thru Europe and large numbers recently in Holland, Camargue (S France), Italy, Greece & Turkey and smaller numbers in Ireland, S England, Belgium, NE Germany, NE Spain & C Europe. Winters Mediterranean, Black Sea, NW Europe & NW Africa. Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus melanocephalus*.

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Great Black-headed Gull

Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus [Pallas 1773, Caspian Sea].

Crimea E to L Balkhash with scattered populations NE to NW Mongolia. Winters E Mediterranean, Red Sea, S Caspian Sea and N Indian Ocean E to Myanmar and S to SC Ethiopia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus ichthyaetus*.

Other name: Pallas's Gull.

Peter Simon Pallas (1741-1811), German zoologist who worked in Russia and one of the greatest 18th century naturalists. In addition to various bird species his name is commemorated in the vernacular and scientific names of mammals and fish as well as a city in Russia, street names and an asteroid.

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White-eyed Gull

Ichthyaetus leucophthalmus [Temminck 1825, Red Sea coasts].

Red Sea & Gulf of Aden.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus leucophthalmus*.

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Sooty Gull

Ichthyaetus hemprichii [Bruch 1853, Red Sea].

Red Sea & Gulf of Aden and Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman E to S Pakistan and S to N Kenya.

Treated by some as *Adelarus hemprichii*.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Larus hemprichii*.

Other names: Hemprich's Gull, Aden Gull.

William Fredrich Hemprich (1796-1825), German natural scientist, zoologist, physician, traveller and collector.

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