

Booted Warbler. Sarykopa, Aqtobe, Kazakhstan. 17th July 2010.
Photo: Ross Ahmed.



List of Tree Warblers with References

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Introduction

Tree Warblers are those members of the Acrocephalidae that are included in the genera *Iduna*, *Calamonastides* and *Hippolais*.

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:

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Thick-billed Warbler

Iduna aedon [Pallas 1776, SE Transbaikalia, E Siberia, Russia]
 [*I.a. aedon*] Tomsk E to Kansk and S to Lake Teletskoy (Altai, SC Siberia) & E Sayan Mts (SC Siberia) and adjacent NW Mongolia. Winters Nepal, E & S India E to Myanmar & Thailand.
 [*I.a. rufescens*] E Siberia & NE Mongolia E to Sea of Japan and S to NE China. Winters S China & Indochina.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Acrocephalus aedon*.

Treated by Kennerley & Pearson 2010 as *Phragmaticola aedon*.

Note: *rufescens* is a synonym of *stegmanni*.

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Dark-capped Yellow Warbler

Iduna natalensis [A. Smith 1847, near Port Natal (= Durban), South Africa].

[*I.n. natalensis*] S Tanzania & E Zambia S to E Zimbabwe & E South Africa.

[*I.n. massaica*] SE Sudan & Ethiopia S to E DR Congo, Uganda, Kenya & N Tanzania.

[*I.n. major*] Gabon E to S DR Congo and S to Angola and N & W Zambia.

[*I.n. batesi*] SE Nigeria E & S to N DR Congo.

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Mountain Yellow Warbler

Iduna similis [Richmond 1897, Mount Kilimanjaro at 10,000 feet, Tanzania].
 Imatong Mts & Dongatona Mts (S Sudan), Mt. Morongole (NE Uganda), Rwenzoris Mts S to Itombwe Forest & Mt. Kabobo (the highlands of E DR Congo, W Rwanda & W Burundi), Mt. Kenya, Mt. Elgon & Mt. Kenya (Kenya) and Crater Highlands (Tanzania) E to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Ukagurus Mts. S to Njombe (N & E Tanzania) and the Nyika plateau (on the Zambia-Malawi border).
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Booted Warbler

Iduna caligata [M.H.C. Lichtenstein 1823, Ilek, Ural River, near Orenburg, SW Russia].
 Extreme SE Finland, W & SW Russia E to Kazakhstan (except most of W & S), Dzungaria (extreme NW China), NW Mongolia & SC Siberia. Winters E Indian subcontinent including Bangladesh.
 Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Hippolais caligata*.
 Other name: Eversmann's Warbler.
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Sykes's Warbler

Iduna rama [Sykes 1832, Deccan, India].

Lower R Volga, Ural R & N Caspian Sea coast E to E Kazakhstan & W & C Xinjiang (extreme W China) and S to S Iran, Afghanistan and NW & W Pakistan and NW Oman. Winters Indian subcontinent.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 and Parkin & Knox 2010 as *Hippolais rama*.

Col. William Henry Sykes (1790-1872), Indian army and naturalist, one time director of the East India Company and an MP for Aberdeen in later life.

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Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida [Hemprich and Ehrenberg 1833, the River Nile, in Egypt and Nubia].

[*I.p. pallida*] W & N Egypt S to N Sudan along the River Nile. Winters C & S Sudan, Eritrea & N Ethiopia.

[*I.p. elaeica*] Hungary & Romania E to S Ukraine and Slovenia & Croatia S to Greece and Bulgaria, Turkey & Cyprus and W Syria S to N Israel & W Jordan and N & S Caucasus S to Iraq, W & N Iran, E Arabian peninsula and SW & S Kazakhstan S to Uzbekistan, S Turkmenistan & N Afghanistan. Winters C & E Sahel region.

[*I.p. reiseri*] SE Morocco, desert habitats of interior Algeria, S Tunisia & Fezzan (SW Libya). Winters not precisely established. Northern breeding populations possibly to Senegal, Gambia, Niger & N Nigeria and southern breeding populations probably resident.

[*I.p. laeneni*] Lake Chad region, SE Niger, NE Nigeria & W Sudan.

[*I.p. alulensis*] Mangrove coasts of the Red Sea, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia & Bab El Mandab (Yemen).

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Western Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna opaca [Cabanis 1851, Senegal].

Iberia & NW Africa. Winters S Mauritania & Senegal E to S Niger & W Chad and S to Ghana, N Nigeria & N Cameroon (tropical W Africa).

Other name: Isabelline Warbler.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Hippolais opaca*.

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Papyrus Yellow Warbler

Calamonastides gracilirostris [Ogilvie-Grant 1906, Muhokya, near Lake George, Uganda].

[*C.g. gracilirostris*] Lake Edward, S of Virunga Volcanoes (E DR Congo), Lakes Mutanda, Bunyoni, Edward & George (SW Uganda), N & S Rwanda, Karuzi, the Nduruma valley & R Ruvubu (along Tanzania border with N Burundi) and Lake Victoria (W Kenya).

[*C.g. bensoni*] Mouth of R Luapala (Lake Mweru, N Zambia).

Other names: Papyrus Flycatcher-Warbler, Thin-billed Flycatcher-Warbler, Yellow Flycatcher-warbler, Yellow Swamp-warbler.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 2006 as *Chloropeta gracilirostris*.

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Upcher's Warbler

Hippolais languida [Hemprich and Ehrenberg 1833, Syria].

S Turkey & the Near East E thru the Caucasus, Transcaspia, Turkestan, N Iraq, Iran & N Afghanistan to NW Pakistan. Winters S Ethiopia & N Kenya.

Sir Henry Morris Upcher JP (1839-1921), Deputy-Lieutenant for the county of Norfolk and close friend of the Reverend Henry Baker Tristram. The original description of this warbler by Hemprich and Ehrenberg was considered to be less than satisfactory. Tristram re-described it in 1864 and named it after his friend.

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Olive-tree Warbler

Hippolais olivetorum [Strickland 1837, Zakynthos, Ionian Islands, Greece].

The Balkans, S Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Crete, Cyprus, Near East & N Iran. Winters S Zambia, Zimbabwe, C & S Mozambique, Botswana & NE South Africa.

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Melodious Warbler

Hippolais polyglotta [Vieillot 1817, France].

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Icterine Warbler

Hippolais icterina [Vieillot 1817, Nancy, France].

Scandinavia & S Finland E to WC Russia and S to NE France, S Germany, Romania, N Balkans, Ukraine, Crimea to the Sea of Azov and locally in areas around the S Caspian Sea. Winters S tropical Africa.

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