

Citrine Wagtail. Tacumshin Lake, Co. Wexford, Ireland. 2nd June 2006.
Photo: Alyn Walsh.



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Introduction

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Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava [Linnaeus 1758, southern Sweden]

[*M.f. flava*] S Scandinavia W to France and C European mountain ranges E to the Urals. Winters sub-Saharan Africa.

[*M.f. flavissima*] Ireland (intermittently), Britain & adjacent coastal Europe. Winters Africa.

[*M.f. thunbergi*] C & N Scandinavia & N Estonia E thru Siberia to the R Kolyma. Winters mainly sub-Saharan Africa, possibly NE Africa and across S & SE Asia.

[*M.f. iberiae*] Iberia, SW France and NW Africa S to islands of Banc d'Arguin (Mauritania). Winters W & NC Africa.

[*M.f. cinereocapilla*] Italy, Sardinia, Sicily, SW Slovenia & NW Croatia. Winters along Mediterranean coast and Mali E to Lake Chad.

[*M.f. pygmaea*] Nile valley & NW Sinai (Egypt).

[*M.f. feldegg*] Bulgaria, S Romania, S Slovenia, W Croatia, Bosnia, S Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, Greece & Crete NE to S Ukraine and E to Turkey, E Mediterranean, Iraq, W Caspian, Iran, Afghanistan & S Kazakhstan E to L Balkhash, Lake Alakol and adjacent N Xinjiang (China). Winters mainly Nigeria E to Sudan and S to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi & N DR Congo.

[*M.f. lutea*] SW Russia between lower R Volga and R Irtysh and N Kazakhstan E to L Chany & L Zaysan. Winters Africa & Indian subcontinent.

[*M.f. beema*] Upper R Volga E to SW Siberia and S to N Kazakhstan & Altai Mts and Ladakh & possibly also N Kashmir (W Himalayas). Winters mainly Indian subcontinent also Arabia & E Africa.

[*M.f. leucocephala*] NW Mongolia, N Xinjiang (extreme NW China) and adjacent parts of far eastern Russia. Winters in India probably.

The proposed form *melanogrisea* is included with *M.f. feldegg*.

The proposed form *plexa* is included with *M.f. thunbergi* but see Bot et al 2014 (p. 297) for an examination of the *plexa-thunbergi* relationship.

The proposed form *superciliaris* is regarded as a *feldegg x flava* intergrade here.

The forms *leucocephala* and *plexa* might be forms of Eastern Yellow Wagtail.

Other names: Western Yellow Wagtail, White-throated Wagtail (*cinereocapilla*, *pygmaea*, *iberiae*), Blue-headed Wagtail (*flava*), Yellow-crowned Wagtail (*flavissima*), Dark-headed Wagtail (*thunbergi*), Grey-headed Wagtail (*thunbergi*), Spanish Wagtail (*iberiae*), Iberian Yellow Wagtail (*iberiae*), Ashy-headed Wagtail (*cinereocapilla*), Egyptian Yellow Wagtail (*pygmaea*), Black-headed Wagtail (*feldegg*), Yellow-headed Wagtail (*lutea*), Sykes's Wagtail (*beema*), Turkestan Black-headed Wagtail (*melanogrisea*), White-headed Wagtail (*leucocephala*), North Siberian Yellow Wagtail (*plexa*), Channel Wagtail (*flava x flavissima*), Middlewest Wagtail (*flava x iberiae*).

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Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla tschutschensis [Gmelin 1789].

[*M.t. tschutschensis*] NE Siberia and N & W Alaska & extreme NW Canada. Winters mainly SE Asia E to Philippines & S to Indonesia.

[*M.t. macronyx*] SE Transbaikalia E to Amurland and Ussuriland and S to NE Mongolia & C Manchuria. Winters SE Asia S to Malay peninsula & SE China.

[*M.t. taivana*] SE Siberia, Amurland, Sakhalin & N Hokkaido (Japan). Winters Myanmar, S China & Taiwan S to Greater Sundas, Philippines & Wallacea.

The proposed forms *zaissanensis*, *angarensis* and *simillima* are included with *M.t. tschutschensis*.

Other names: Beringian Yellow Wagtail (*tschutschensis*), Alaska Wagtail (*tschutschensis*), Chinese Yellow Wagtail (*taivana*), Green-headed Wagtail (*taivana*), Kuril Yellow Wagtail (*taivana*), Short-tailed Grey-headed Wagtail (*simillima*), Siberian Wagtail (*simillima*), Manchurian Wagtail (*macronyx*), South Siberian Yellow Wagtail (*angarensis*).

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Citrine Wagtail

Motacilla citreola [Pallas 1776, Siberia].

[*M.c. citreola*] Finland & N Russia E to C Siberia, Transbaikalia, Mongolia & NW Manchuria and S to E Poland, Belarus & Ukraine and E to Russian Altai, N & E Kazakhstan & N & C China. Winters mainly Indian subcontinent & SE Asia.

[*M.c. calcarata*] E Iran, Afghanistan and Tien Shan E to C Gansu & Sichuan (C China mountains) and S to N Himalayas. Winters S Afghanistan E to Myanmar.

The proposed form *werae* is included with *M.c. citreola*.

Other names: Yellow-headed Wagtail, Black-backed Citrine Wagtail (*calcarata*).

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Cape Wagtail

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 [*M.c. simplicissima*] Angola E to SE DR Congo and S to NE Namibia, N Botswana & Zambia and Zambezi R (W Zimbabwe).
 [*M.c. wellsii*] E DR Congo E to SW Uganda & NW Tanzania and W & C Kenya.
 Other names: Angolan Wagtail (*simplicissima*), Wells's Wagtail (*wellsii*).
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Grey Wagtail

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[*M.c. cinerea*] Scandinavia S thru Ireland, Britain & W Europe to the Mediterranean and the Atlas Mts (NW Africa) and Asia Minor & the Caucasus E thru Iran & Afghanistan to the Himalayas and NE to Tien Shan (W China) and the Urals E to Kamchatka and S to S Gansu, Shaanxi, Shanxi & Hebei (C & E China) and Japan S thru islands in the East China Sea to Taiwan. Winters W & S Europe and W, N & E Africa and Middle East, Arabia, Iraq, Iran & the Indian subcontinent E to S China, SE Asia, Philippines, Indonesia & W New Guinea.

[*M.c. patriciae*] Furnas & São Miguel (Azores).

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Mountain Wagtail

Motacilla clara [Sharpe 1908, Simien Mountains, north Ethiopia].

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[*M.c. torrentium*] E Uganda & C & S Kenya and E & S DR Congo, Rwanda & NW & N Tanzania S to C & SW Angola, Zambia, N Zimbabwe & W Mozambique and mountains of E South Africa & Swaziland.

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White Wagtail

Motacilla alba [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden]

[*M.a. alba*] Extreme SE Greenland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Shetland, S Novaya Zemlya and Europe (except Ireland & Britain) E to the Urals. Winters, some populations S to S Europe and Africa as far S as Kenya & Malawi.

[*M.a. yarrellii*] Ireland, Britain & locally along adjacent coasts of continental Europe. Winters, some resident, some populations mainly to SW France, Iberian peninsula & coastal Morocco.

[*M.a. subpersonata*] Morocco.

[*M.a. baicalensis*] Upper R Yenisey E to Stanovoy Mts (SC Siberia) and S to Mongolia & NE China. Winters N India E to SE China & C Indochina.

[*M.a. ocularis*] N & NE Siberia E from Taymyr peninsula & R Yenisey S to Lensk region, Stanovoy Mts & N Kamchatka and extreme W Alaska. Winters S Asia E from NE Indian subcontinent.

[*M.a. lugens*] S coasts of Sea of Okhotsk, Sakhalin Island, C Kamchatka & Commander Islands S to N Korea & Japan. Winters Myanmar E to SE China, Taiwan & S Japan.

[*M.a. leucopsis*] Qinghai E to Heilongjiang & W Zhejiang and S to N Guangxi & N Guangdong (C & E China), Amurland & Ussuriland (Far East Russia), Korea and SW Honshu & N Kyushu (Japan). Winters S Asia E from N India.

[*M.a. alboides*] Himalayas E from NE Pakistan thru S Xizang, S & SE Qinghai E to S Shaanxi and S to Yunnan & Guizhou (S China), N Myanmar, extreme N Laos & extreme N Vietnam. Winters at lower altitudes and S to Bangladesh & N Thailand.

[*M.a. personata*] Transcaspia & N Iran E to S Russia, W Mongolia, extreme NW & W Xinjiang (NW China) and S to N Afghanistan, N Pakistan & Kashmir. Winters Iran & E Arabia E to Indian subcontinent.

The proposed forms *dukhunensis* & *persica* are included with *M.a. alba*.

Other names: Pied Wagtail (*yarrellii*), Moroccan Wagtail (*subpersonata*), Masked Wagtail (*personata*), Black-backed Wagtail (*lugens*), Amur Wagtail (*leucopsis*), Hodgson's Wagtail (*alboides*), Swinhoe's Wagtail (*ocularis*), Indian Pied Wagtail (*dukhunensis*), West Siberian White Wagtail (*dukhunensis*), East Siberian Wagtail (*ocularis*), Himalayan Wagtail (*alboides*), Baikal Wagtail (*baicalensis*).

William Yarrell (1784-1856), English naturalist.

Brian Houghton Hodgson FRC (1800-1894), English civil servant who made a significant contribution to Indian ornithology.

Robert Swinhoe (1836-1877), Anglo-Indian diplomat and naturalist.

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Motacilla grandis [Sharpe 1885, Japan].

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