

# LANDGUARD ESCAPED BIRD LIST

The following is a list of all records of escaped species recorded at Landguard. Several other species could be included as “closed ringed” aviculturists birds have been trapped (mostly finches & buntings). Records of escapees prior to the formation of the bird observatory in 1983 are difficult to trace (particularly records of Budgerigar, Cockatiel & Canary) and, as such, other records may exist. Hybrid raptors are not included.

## **BLACK SWAN** *Cygnus atratus*

The 1989 birds flew into Minsmere later the same day.

- 1989 two north 26th September
- 1992 1st August
- 1995 14th May
- 2007 three 13th April  
two 21st July
- 2008 two juveniles 5th April
- 2010 three north 8th August  
four 22nd September
- 2014 8th May  
11th May (presumed same as above)

## **BAR-HEADED GOOSE** *Anser indicus*

- 2000 23rd March

## **SNOW GOOSE** *Anser caerulescens*

The 2001 records are probably the same bird that was seen with a “hybrid goose”.

- 2001 18th & 26th May
- 2010 south then in 18th May

## **RED-BREASTED GOOSE** *Branta ruficollis*

The 2016 records are probably the same bird seen with flocks of Barnacle Geese.

- 2012 26th June
- 2016 23rd February  
14th March

## **RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

The first bird may have been a genuine vagrant with the second an escape.

- 1990 south 23rd October
- 2002 male 1st April

## **AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadornoides*

- 2012 27th November

## **WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL** *Anas bahamensis*

One record of a bird found in a bramble bush following a gale.

- 1982 30th September

## **GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus*

This bird was seen in the days prior to this date at Breydon Water & Minsmere.

- 1990 south 8th October

## **CHILEAN FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus chilensis*

- 2010 north 16th June

## **FLAMINGO Sp.** *Phoenicopterus sp.*

- 1989 south 15th July

**JAPANESE QUAIL** *Coturnix japonica*

This bird was trapped and its feet were in very poor condition suggesting it had not been well looked after.

1992 adult 25th August

**SAKER** *Falco cherrug*

2004 28th October

2007 10th September

**AMERICAN KESTREL** *Falco sparverius*

A juvenile that had escaped from Stonham Barns the previous week.

2010 3rd November

**HARRIS'S HAWK** *Parabuteo unicinctus*

Several records of presumably the same bird

2008 14th March

25th April

23rd August

13th, 15th & 29th September

13th October

2009 15th January

13th, 24th & 25th September

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*

2001 26th May

**BARBARY DOVE** *Streptopelia risoria*

One record of an "apricot morph" individual.

2004 13th October

**DIAMOND DOVE** *Geopelia cuneata*

1989 29th to 30th May

2017 28th July

**ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET** *Psittacula krameri*

The following are assumed to be escapes and not part of the naturalised British population.

1987 2nd August

20th November

1999 2nd & 4th September

2001 two south 13th August

2018 26th September

**LORD DERBY'S PARAKEET** *Psittacula derbiana*

2006 male 14th December

**PARAKEET Sp.** *Psittacula sp.*

1985 9th & 11th September

1987 8th October

1988 18th June

1996 25th May

**SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO** *Cacatua galerita*

1993 22nd November

**COCKATIEL** *Nymphicus hollandicus*

At least 22 individuals with another caught in the cottage in the early 1980's living to a ripe old age.

1986 13th August

1989 6th June

2nd August  
1990 7th October  
1991 3rd May  
9th November  
1992 27th to 28th June  
1st to 2nd October  
1994 24th & 30th May  
21st to 22nd September  
1995 17th to 18th July  
1996 6th to 7th September  
1998 27th May  
1999 1st September  
2005 18th July  
2006 26th September  
2008 17th June  
2009 22nd May  
2011 22nd August  
2013 17th July  
2015 23rd April

**EASTERN ROSELLA** *Platycercus eximius*

1992 26th June

**BUDGERIGAR** *Melopsittacus undulatus*

1981 5th September  
1984 21st to 23rd June  
12th September  
1986 16th to 20th May  
19th July  
1989 31st October  
1990 4th August  
1991 2nd July  
1992 25th & 27th August  
5th September  
4th October  
1993 5th September  
1994 one dead riverbank 27th June  
14th July  
1995 30th May  
21st July  
1997 25th May  
2003 23rd January  
2004 26th April  
14th to 15th June  
15th September  
2006 19th July  
8th, 12th, 15th & 18th August  
2011 18th September  
1st October  
2016 15th to 19th June  
2017 6th August

11th August  
2018 26th July  
**SUPERB PARROT** *Polytelis swainsonii*  
1997 22nd March  
**ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD** *Agapornis roseicollis*  
1998 22nd June  
**GREY PARROT** *Psittacus erithacus*  
2004 9th August  
2014 7th August  
**SCARLET MACAW** *Ara macao*  
2004 26th October  
**BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET** *Thectocercus acuticaudata*  
2007 13th June  
**SOOTY-HEADED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
Trapped and found to be in very good condition.  
1989 3rd to 4th September  
**VERDITER FLYCATCHER** *Eumyias thalassinus*  
This bird had a worn tail that appeared diamond-shaped in the field.  
1994 12th May  
**RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX** *Leiothrix lutea*  
Three of these four individuals were trapped and varied in condition from very good to one with worn feathers and damaged feet.  
1994 12th June  
1998 6th to 16th June  
2000 15th to 16th June  
2001 18th May  
**COMMON HILL MYNA** *Gracula religiosa*  
2004 25th April  
**COMMON MYNA** *Acridotheres tristis*  
2014 16th May  
**PURPLE GLOSSY STARLING** *Lamprotornis purpureus*  
This bird was also seen in Coronation Drive, Felixstowe on intervening dates.  
1990 12th & 19th August  
**PURPLE/PALESTINE SUNBIRD** *Cinnyris asiaticus/osea*  
1987 26th to 27th May  
**TACAZZE SUNBIRD** *Nectarinia tacazze*  
This bird was in immaculate condition when trapped on the last date.  
2003 female 11th, 26th & 28th May  
**SUDAN GOLDEN SPARROW** *Passer luteus*  
Several of those below have been trapped with the conditions varying from immaculate to worn.  
1992 male 5th May  
1996 female 4th August, male 13th to 14th August  
1998 males 11th to 14th June, 21st June & 11th August  
2004 male 20th to 21st June  
**VITELLINE MASKED WEAVER** *Ploceus vittelinus*  
1992 14th October  
**VILLAGE WEAVER** *Ploceus cucullatus*

The bird on 6th October 1990 was seen migrating south with other finches.

1983 male 17th to 18th November

1988 males 1st to 11th June & 17th July

1990 males 9th August & 6th October

1991 male 17th to 19th August, another male 19th August & male 29th August

1992 male 22nd August

1997 one 14th July

**WEAVER Sp.** *Ploceus sp.*

1985 12th October

**RED-HEADED QUELEA** *Quelea erythrops*

This bird was in immaculate condition when trapped in the heligoland.

2002 8th June

**RED-BILLED QUELEA** *Quelea quelea*

1980 28th September

1983 12th August

**YELLOW-CROWNED BISHOP** *Euplectes afer*

2008 27th September

**NORTHERN RED BISHOP** *Euplectes franciscanus*

2010 3rd September

**BLACK-RUMPED WAXBILL** *Estrilda troglodytes*

1988 two 17th September

**COMMON WAXBILL** *Estrilda astrild*

2000 27th August

**WAXBILL Sp.** *Estrilda sp.*

1989 25th September

**PIN-TAILED WHYDAH** *Vidua macroura*

1988 female or immature 7th to 9th July

**RED-FRONTED SERIN** *Serinus pusillus*

Singing briefly on site this bird may have been a wild bird as it occurred at the same time as a run of vagrants in the area.

1992 male 6th June

**CANARY** *Serinus canaria*

The 1998 birds plumage was identical to a wild bird with the others varying in their plumage tones.

1981 3rd May

1982 10th to 16th October

1983 11th May

1998 12th April

2001 7th October

2003 4th June

2006 27th May

2007 26th April

2009 25th November

2010 10th May

2012 14th June

**YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY** *Crithagra mozambicus*

The pair in 1990 were seen nest building in the Holm Oaks in early September.

1990 male & female 4th August to at least 14th September

1997 9th September

**GREY-HEADED BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula erythaca*

2000 male 15th to 16th May

**DESERT FINCH** *Rhodospiza obsoleta*

1994 female/immature 4th November

**YELLOW-BILLED GROSBEAK** *Eophona migratoria*

1998 18th June

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