

LANDGUARD ESCAPED BIRD LIST

This is a list of records of escaped birds recorded at Landguard. Several other species could be included as “closed ringed” aviculturists birds have been trapped (mostly finches & a Yellowhammer). 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 geese & hybrid raptors are not included.

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

BAR-HEADED GOOSE *Anser indicus*

1998 7th June

2000 23rd March

SNOW GOOSE *Anser caerulescens*

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

1991 9th October

2001 18th & 26th May

2010 south then in 18th May

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)

2020 17th April

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

The first bird may have been a genuine vagrant.

1990 south 23rd October

2002 male 1st April

2020 west 3rd September

AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadornoides*

2012 27th October

MUSCOVY DUCK *Cairina moschata*

1987 23rd January

1991 31st March

2019 25th May

WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL *Anas bahamensis*

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

1982 30th September

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

BARBARY DOVE *Streptopelia roseogrisea f.*

One record of an “apricot morph” individual.

2004 13th October

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*

2001 26th May

2025 9th June

DIAMOND DOVE *Geopelia cuneata*

1989 29th to 30th May

2017 28th July

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*

1984 12th December

2010 north 16th June

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

AMERICAN KESTREL *Falco sparverius*

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

2010 3rd November

SAKER *Falco cherrug*

2004 28th October

2007 10th September

COCKATIEL *Nymphicus hollandicus*

Another caught in the cottage in the early 1980's lived to a ripe old age.

1986 13th August

1989 15th May

11th 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

26th August
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

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO *Cacatua galerita*

1993 22nd November

GREY PARROT *Psittacus erithacus*

2004 9th August
2014 7th August

SCARLET MACAW *Ara macao*

2004 26th October

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET *Thectocercus acuticaudatus*

2007 13th June

SUPERB PARROT *Polytelis swainsonii*

1997 22nd March

PARROT Sp.

1996 18th March

LORD DERBY'S PARAKEET *Psittacula derbiana*

2006 male 14th December

RING-NECKED 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
2021 18th May
22nd, 24th September & October 1st
2023 16th & 17th May
10th & 11th June (probably same as above)
2024 27th February

PARAKEET Sp. *Psittacula sp.*

1985 9th & 11th September
1987 8th October
1988 18th June
1996 25th May

EASTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus eximius*

1992 26th June

BOURKES PARROT *Neopsephotus bourkii*

2022 14th May

BUDGERIGAR *Melopsittacus undulatus*

1981 5th September

1983 28th August
1984 21st to 23rd June
25th August
12th September
1986 16th to 20th May
19th July
1989 1st October
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
1998 2nd August
1999 28th April
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
2023 27th July (plucked remains)

ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD *Agapornis roseicollis*

1998 22nd June

SOOTY-HEADED BULBUL *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Trapped and found to be in very good condition.

1989 3rd to 4th September

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

2021 13th July

PURPLE STARLING *Lamprotornis purpureus*

This bird was also seen in Coronation Drive, Felixstowe on intervening dates.

1990 12th & 19th August

VERDITER FLYCATCHER *Eumyias thalassinus*

This bird had a worn tail that appeared diamond-shaped in the field.

1994 12th May

TACAZZE SUNBIRD *Nectarinia tacazze*

This bird was in immaculate condition when trapped on the last date.

2003 female 11th, 26th & 28th May

PURPLE/PALESTINE SUNBIRD *Cinnyris asiaticus/osea*

1987 26th to 27th 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 male 11th to 14th June

male 21st June

male 11th August

2004 male 20th to 21st June

VITELLINE MASKED WEAVER *Ploceus vitellinus*

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 male 1st to 11th June

male 23rd August

1990 male 9th August

male 6th October

1991 male 17th to 19th August

male 19th August

male 29th August

1992 male 22nd August

1997 one 14th August

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

COMMON WAXBILL *Estrilda astrild*

2000 27th August

BLACK-RUMPED WAXBILL *Estrilda troglodytes*

1988 two 17th September

WAXBILL Sp. *Estrilda sp.*

1989 25th September

PIN-TAILED WHYDAH *Vidua macroura*

1988 female or immature 7th to 9th July

CHINESE GROSBEAK *Eophona migratoria*

1998 18th June

GREY-HEADED BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula erythaca*

2000 male 15th to 16th May

DESERT FINCH *Rhodospiza obsoleta*

1994 female/immature 4th November

YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY *Crithagra mozambica*

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

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

ATLANTIC 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

1988 16th to 18th February

6th September

1994 5th to 19th May

12th June

19th June

1998 12th April

2001 7th October

2003 9th May

4th June

2006 27th May

2007 26th April

2009 25th November

2010 10th May

2012 14th June

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