

# 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

**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

**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 risoria*

One record of an “apricot morph” individual.

2004 13th October

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*

2001 26th May

**DIAMOND DOVE** *Geopelia cuneata*

1989 29th to 30th May

2017 28th July

**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)

**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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