

News from the Italian Ornithological Commission (COI)

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This short note is intended to inform readers more quickly about some outcomes of the Commission activity, such as significant changes in the Italian bird checklist and the results of the assessment of recently submitted records. A dedicated symposium was held during the XXII Italian Ornithological Congress (Lecce, September 8-13, 2025). This has allowed a direct presentation to the audience of all our recent activities: a new system for reporting rarities using a specific form on Ornitho.it; a description of the commission's analytical approach to specific case studies; the importance of museum collections; the logical process that leads the Commission to periodically updating Italian Checklist.

In accordance with CISO, COI has now adopted the new *Global Avian Check-list* (AviList Core Team. 2025. AviList: The Global Avian Checklist, v2025 <https://doi.org/10.2173/avilist.v2025>) for all its taxonomic requirements, including the Italian checklist. Indeed, AviList represents the ultimate synthesis of the main taxonomies currently in use, with the aim of standardizing the nomenclature of all bird species of the world.

We start here by listing all rare species and subspecies submitted to and assessed by the Italian Ornithological Commission (Italian Rarities Committee) as of 31st December 2023. For each taxon, records are listed by date and accompanied by the following information: locality including municipality (where applicable) and province (abbreviated); names of the observers. More information (including numbers of records until 1950, photos and/or sound recordings of the approved records) will be included in the next COI report, which will be published soon on the Avocetta journal.

ACCEPTED RECORDS (Category 1A: unequivocal documentation. Category 1B: acceptable documentation)

Species	English_name	Site	Date	Finder	Cat
<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Pink-footed Goose	Furbara (RM)	01.V.2022	R. De Santis	1A
<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	Allen's Gallinule	Genova (GE)	05.I.2023	C. Musso	1A
<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	American Golden Plover	Diaccia Botrona (GR)	31.V.2023	W. Krauss	1A
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific Golden Plover	Ragusa	11.V.2023	A. Corso	1A
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific Golden Plover	Mazara del Vallo (TR)	15.V.2023	A. Corso	1A
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific Golden Plover	Brindisi	23.V.2023	C. Liuzzi	1A
<i>Anarhynchus asiaticus</i>	Caspian Plover	Orbetello (GR)	13.IV.2022	C. Andreuccetti	1A
<i>Anarhynchus leschenaultii</i>	Greater Sand Plover	San Michele al Tagliamento (VE)	04.III.2023	G. Guidotti	1A
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	Cervesina (PV)	07.III.2022	U. Binari	1A
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	Ostellato (FE)	15.IV.2022	P. Melandri, L. Siddi	1A
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	Comacchio (FE)	10.X.2022	M. Fenati	1A
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	Sabaudia (LT)	27.X.2022	R. Ragno	1A
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	Comacchio (FE)	18.IV.2023	E. Castellucci	1A
<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Gull	Noto (SR)	14.VI.2023	A. Corso	1A
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Brown Booby	Ventotene (LT)	28.IV.2023	E. Castellucci	1A
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Brown Booby	Capri (NA)	24.V.2023	F. Tatino	1B
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Brown Booby	Laigueglia (SV)	05.XI.2023	S. Grimaldi	1A

<i>Apus affinis</i>	Little Swift	Elmas (CA)	20.XI.2020	M. Cento	1A
<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>	Rüppell's Vulture	Civita (CS)	25.V.2011	G. De Marco	1A
<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>	Rüppell's Vulture	Rose (CS)	23.XI.2023	P. Serravalle	1A
<i>Tachypiza brevipes</i>	Levant Sparrowhawk	Lampedusa (AG)	28.IV.2023	L. Fabbricini	1A
<i>Merops persicus</i>	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Lampedusa (AG)	22.IV.2022	L. Bonomelli	1A
<i>Lanius excubitor elegans</i>	Great Grey Shrike ssp.	Favignana (TP)	23.VIII.2021	M. Sarà	1A
<i>Lanius excubitor pallidirostris</i>	Great Grey Shrike ssp.	Lampedusa (AG)	10.XI.2021	A. Lauricella	1A
<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Finale Emilia (MO)	22.V.2023	E. Borghi	1A
<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	Paddyfield Warbler	Lonate Pozzolo (VA)	26.V.2023	M. Misoni	1A
<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	Paddyfield Warbler	Codevigo (PD)	12.X.2023	L. Sattin	1A
<i>Curruca deserti</i>	African Desert Warbler	Ustica (PA)	26.IV.2023	D. D'Amico	1A
<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	Siberian Stonechat	Santa Gilla (CA)	04.I.2023	L. Siddi	1A
<i>Oenanthe monacha</i>	Hooded Wheatear	Bacoli (NA)	24.V.2023	M. Del Bene	1A
<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	Western Yellow Wagtail	Castellazzo Novarese (NO)	25.IV.2012	M. Ricci	1A
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	American Pipit	Linosa (AG)	02.XI.2023	O. Janni	1A

VALIDATED BUT NON ACCEPTED RECORDS (Category 2: subject of dubious wild origin. Category 3: escapees)

Species	English_name	Site	Date	Cat.
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Grey Catbird	Genova harbour (GE)	23.XI.2023	2A
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Snow Goose	Foce Adda, Colico (LC)	01.V.2010	3A
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Snow Goose	Cavedine (TN)	12.XII.2023	3A
<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Pink-footed Goose	Desenzano del Garda (BS)	09.IX.2023	3A

NON ACCEPTED RECORDS (Category 5)

Species	English name	Site	Date	Cat.
<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Schio (VI)	02.VI.2023	5
<i>Iduna opaca</i>	Western Olivaceous Warbler	Linosa (AG)	28.V.2021	5
<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	Black-winged Pratincole	Manfredonia (FG)	02.VII.2022	5
<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	Black-winged Pratincole	Manduria (TA)	07.V.2023	5
<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Glaucous Gull	Laghi di Medesano (PR)	12.I.2012	5
<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Black Heron	Ostia (RM)	16.XI.2023	5
<i>Tachypiza brevipes</i>	Levant Sparrowhawk	San Giovanni a Piro (SA)	26.IX.2021	5
<i>Lanius excubitor elegans</i>	Great Grey Shrike ssp.	Portoscuso (SU)	21.XI.2020	5
<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	Oriental Skylark	Gazzo Padovano (Padova province)	19.X.2022	5
<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	Red-headed Bunting	Isola del Giglio (Grosseto province)	29.IV.2023	5

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