

Swiss Rarities Committee (SRC)



Species considered by the SRC

No.	English name	Conditions
1020	White-headed Duck	
0560	Tundra Swan	outside lake Constance
0660	Brent Goose	if supposed to be of wild origin
0670	Barnacle Goose	if supposed to be of wild origin
0690	Red-breasted Goose	if supposed to be of wild origin
0580	Snow Goose	if supposed to be of wild origin
0622	Pink-footed Goose	
0610	Lesser White-fronted Goose	if supposed to be of wild origin
0790	Marbled Teal	
0875	Ring-necked Duck	
0895	Lesser Scaup	
0730	Blue-winged Teal	
0540	Greater Flamingo	
3010	Oriental Turtle-dove	
2930	Pallas's Sandgrouse	
3280	Pallid Swift*	outside Locarno TI
3030	Great Spotted Cuckoo	
1700	Baillon's Crake	
1750	Purple Swampphen	
1720	Purple Gallinule	
1790	Little Bustard	
1800	Great Bustard	
1810	African Houbara	
1815	Asian Houbara	
0025	Pacific Loon	
0030	Common Loon*	outside lake Constance
0040	Yellow-billed Loon	
0290	European Storm-petrel	
0300	Band-rumped Storm-petrel	
0310	Leach's Storm-petrel	
0190	Sooty Shearwater	
0171	Scopoli's Shearwater	
0172	Cory's Shearwater	
0200	Manx Shearwater	
0205	Yelkouan Shearwater	
0532	African Sacred Ibis	
0330	Dalmatian Pelican	
0325	Pink-backed Pelican	
0320	Great White Pelican	
0340	Northern Gannet	
0370	Pygmy Cormorant	
0360	European Shag	
1890	Pacific Golden Plover	
1940	Killdeer	
1840	Sociable Lapwing	
2010	Slender-billed Curlew	
2370	Broad-billed Sandpiper	
2340	Purple Sandpiper	
2300	White-rumped Sandpiper	
2380	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	
2320	Pectoral Sandpiper	
2265	Western Sandpiper	
2200	Great Snipe	

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2430	Red-necked Phalarope	
2420	Red Phalarope	
2160	Terek Sandpiper	
2150	Spotted Sandpiper	
2070	Lesser Yellowlegs	
2080	Marsh Sandpiper	
2460	Cream-coloured Courser	
2470	Collared Pratincole	
2480	Black-winged Pratincole	
2690	Sabine's Gull	
2530	Ivory Gull	
2640	Slender-billed Gull	
2635	Franklin's Gull	
2625	Laughing Gull	
2540	Audouin's Gull	
2600	Iceland Gull	
2590	Glaucous Gull	
2580	Great Black-backed Gull	
2770	Roseate Tern	
2760	Arctic Tern	
2810	Lesser Crested Tern	
2520	Long-tailed Jaeger	
2510	Arctic Jaeger	
2500	Pomarine Jaeger	
2490	Great Skua	
2895	Long-billed Murrelet	
2880	Common Murre	
3110	Northern Hawk-Owl	
1070	Black-winged Kite	
1310	Egyptian Vulture	
1250	Lesser Spotted Eagle	
1240	Greater Spotted Eagle	
1230	Steppe Eagle	
1180	Bonelli's Eagle	
1190	Booted Eagle	
1340	Pallid Harrier	
1270	White-tailed Sea-eagle	
1170	Rough-legged Buzzard	
1140	Long-legged Buzzard	
3340	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	
3350	European Roller	
3460	Three-toed Woodpecker	outside known breeding range
3440	White-backed Woodpecker	outside known breeding range
1470	Lesser Kestrel	
1440	Eleonora's Falcon	
1400	Saker Falcon	
1410	Gyr Falcon	
5165	Brown Shrike	
5170	Isabelline Shrike	
5161	Long-tailed Shrike	
5130	Lesser Grey Shrike	
3770	Red-billed Chough	outside the Alps
3780	Yellow-billed Chough	outside the Alps
3510	Lesser Short-toed Lark	
3485	Bimaculated Lark	
3480	Calandra Lark	
3600	Horned Lark	
3490	White-winged Lark	
3540	Crested Lark	

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4710	Zitting Cisticola	
4560	Booted Warbler	
4510	Aquatic Warbler	
4440	Moustached Warbler	
4480	Blyth's Reed-warbler	
4490	Paddyfield Warbler	
4420	River Warbler	
4780	Yellow-browed Warbler	
4785	Hume's Leaf-warbler	
4790	Pallas's Leaf-warbler	
4760	Dusky Warbler	
4735	Iberian Chiffchaff	
4733	Siberian Chiffchaff	
4770	Radde's Warbler	
4810	Greenish Warbler	
4370	Cetti's Warbler	outside Bolle di Magadino TI
4580	Barred Warbler	
4590	Western Orphean Warbler	
4650	Sardinian Warbler	
4660	Subalpine Warbler	
4670	Spectacled Warbler	
4680	Dartford Warbler	
6073	Vinous-throated Parrotbill	
5190	Spotless Starling	
5200	Rosy Starling	
4200	Siberian Thrush	
4700	Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin	
4055	White-throated Robin	
4010	Thrush Nightingale	
4890	Red-breasted Flycatcher	
4875	Semi-collared Flycatcher	
4870	Collared Flycatcher*	outside Ticino and Val Bregaglia GR
4190	Blue Rock-thrush	outside known breeding range
4110	Isabelline Wheatear	
4130	Desert Wheatear	
4140	Black-eared Wheatear	
5252	Italian Sparrow	outside known breeding range
5270	Spanish Sparrow	
5300	Rock Sparrow	
5290	White-winged Snowfinch	outside the Alps
4960	Olive-backed Pipit	
4940	Richard's Pipit	
5100	Citrine Wagtail	
5510	Pine Grosbeak	
5470	Trumpeter Finch	
5380	Twite	
5780	Lapland Longspur	
5600	Black-headed Bunting	
5590	Pine Bunting	
5710	Rustic Bunting	
5720	Little Bunting	
5775	Song Sparrow	

* see also seasonal criteria overleaf

Subspecies considered by the SRC

No.	English name	Conditions
0621	Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis fabalis</i>
0753	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca carolinensis</i>
0351	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo carbo</i>
2571	Baltic Gull	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>
2572	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>
1160	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>
1420	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus calidus</i>
3712	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula soemmerringii</i>
4041	Red-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica svecica</i> outside alpine breeding range
5064	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>
5062	British Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>
5067	Yellow-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava lutea</i>
5032	British Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>
5400	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea flammea</i>

In addition to the species listed overleaf, records of species or subspecies not yet seen in Switzerland in the wild must be submitted to the Swiss Rarities Committee with a full description, as well as first breeding records. Similarly, hybrids in which one of the parents is a species considered by the SRC all year in all parts of the country must also be submitted to the SRC.

SRC seasonal criteria for submission

The SRC also examines reports of commoner species seen at unusual dates or locations. The periods during which submission is required have been fixed for each species (except resident species) and are listed below. Generally speaking, the particular species has never, or only very rarely, been observed during the given period. A few species (Greater Scaup, Whiskered Tern and White-winged Tern) are not unusual during the given period but their identification is not straightforward.

No.	English name	Time
1610	Common Quail	December – March
0890	Greater Scaup	June – September
0060	Horned Grebe	July – August
3000	European Turtle-dove	November – March
3230	European Nightjar	November – March
3260	Alpine Swift	December – February
3280	Pallid Swift*	December – February
3270	Common Swift	December – 15 March
3040	Common Cuckoo	November – February
1680	Corncrake	November – March
1710	Spotted Crake	December – February
1690	Little Crake	November – February
0030	Common Loon*	16 June – 15 October
0470	Common Little Bittern	December – March
0460	Black-crowned Night-heron	November – February
0420	Squacco Heron	October – March
0400	Purple Heron	November – 15 March
1970	Eurasian Dotterel	December – March
1910	Common Ringed Plover	December – February
1920	Little Ringed Plover	November – 15 February
1930	Kentish Plover	November – February
2000	Whimbrel	November – February
2250	Red Knot	December – March
2360	Curlew Sandpiper	November – March
2280	Temminck's Stint	November – March
2240	Sanderling	December – March
2270	Little Stint	December – March
2220	Jack Snipe	16 May – August
2090	Common Greenshank	December – February
2060	Common Redshank	December – February
2130	Wood Sandpiper	November – 15 March
2680	Black-legged Kittiwake	May – August
2800	Little Tern	16 October – March
2730	Common Gull-billed Tern	October – 15 April
2740	Caspian Tern	November – March
2700	Whiskered Tern	August – March
2710	White-winged Tern	August – March
2720	Black Tern	November – March
2750	Common Tern	16 October – 15 March
2820	Sandwich Tern	16 October – March
3080	Eurasian Scops-owl	November – 15 March
3180	Short-eared Owl	June – July
1380	Osprey	December – February
1080	European Honey-buzzard	November – 15 April
1370	Short-toed Snake-eagle	November – February
1300	Griffon Vulture	November – March
1290	Cinereous Vulture	November – March
1350	Montagu's Harrier	16 October – 15 March
1100	Black Kite	December – January

No.	English name	Time
3330	European Bee-eater	November – March
3370	Eurasian Wryneck	November – February
1460	Red-footed Falcon	November – March
1450	Merlin	16 May – August
1430	Eurasian Hobby	November – 15 March
3660	Eurasian Golden Oriole	October – 15 April
5160	Red-backed Shrike	December – March
5140	Woodchat Shrike	August – March
3500	Greater Short-toed Lark	August – March
4520	Melodious Warbler	16 September – 15 April
4530	Icterine Warbler	16 October – 15 April
4500	Sedge Warbler	November – 15 March
4470	Marsh Warbler	November – April
4460	Common Reed-warbler	December – March
4450	Great Reed-warbler	November – March
4430	Savi's Warbler	November – 15 March
4390	Common Grasshopper-warbler	November – March
3640	Northern House Martin	December – February
3620	Red-rumped Swallow	July – March
3650	Collared Sand Martin	September – February
4740	Western Bonelli's Warbler	October – March
4750	Wood Warbler	October – March
4720	Willow Warbler	November – 15 March
4600	Garden Warbler	November – March
4620	Lesser Whitethroat	November – 15 March
4610	Common Whitethroat	November – March
4300	Redwing	May – August
4840	Spotted Flycatcher	November – March
4040	Bluethroat*	November – February
4020	Common Nightingale	October – March
4860	European Pied Flycatcher	December – 15 March
4870	Collared Flycatcher*	September – 15 March
4070	Common Redstart	November – 15 March
4180	Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush	16 October – March
4090	Whinchat	December – March
4120	Northern Wheatear	December – February
5110	Bohemian Waxwing	May – September
4970	Tree Pipit	November – 15 March
4990	Red-throated Pipit	November – March
4950	Tawny Pipit	16 October – March
5060	Western Yellow Wagtail*	December – February
5500	Common Rosefinch	16 August – April
5790	Snow Bunting	16 April – September
5670	Ortolan Bunting	November – March

* see also other conditions overleaf