

List of the Birds Recorded in Bulgaria

*Bulgarian National Rarities Committee (BUNARCO)**

Abstract: This list gives the scientific, Bulgarian and English names of the birds recorded in Bulgaria. A critical review of all species observed in the period 1800 - December 31st 2008 was made by Bulgarian National Rarities Committee (BUNARCO). The National list consists of 409 species as follows: Category A – 406 species, Category B – 2 and Category C – 1 bird species. In Category D were listed 2 and in Category E – 6 species. For different reasons 27 species were not accepted by the Committee. Information on the recent status of each species is given. Since 1880 266 species of category A-C have bred in Bulgaria, but only 240 of them are part of the current breeding avifauna; 20 species are regarded as non-regular breeders and for 6 former regular breeders no breeding records have been known since at least 1990. The information about the breeding status of 5 species is not sufficient or reliable enough. 72 species are regular non-breeding visitors or transient migrants and 72 have been classified as vagrants (V/v). The latest systematic and taxonomic changes were used.

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