Kuwait Bird List – Families V3

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Anatidae (Ducks & Geese)

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*
Greylag Goose *Anser anser rubrirostris*
Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*
Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*
Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*
Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*
Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*
Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*
Garganey *Spatula querquedula*
Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*
Gadwall *Mareca strepera*
Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope*
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

Phasianidae (Partridges & Allies)

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*
Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Otididae (Bustards)

Asian Houbara *Chlamydotis macqueenii*

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Pteroclidae (Sandgrouse)

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse *Pterocles alchata*
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*
Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus*
Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*

Columbidae (Doves and Pigeons)

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis meena*
European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*
Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*
Rock Dove *Columba livia forma domestica*
Stock Dove *Columba oenas*
Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

Gruidae (Cranes)

Demoiselle Crane *Grus virgo*
Common Crane *Grus grus*

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*
Corn Crake *Crex crex*
Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*
Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus*
Striped Crake *Aenigmatolimnas marginalis*
White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
Little Crake *Zapornia parva*
Baillon's Crake *Zapornia pusilla*

Burhinidae (Thick-knees and Stone-curlews)

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*
Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Haematopodidae (Oystercatchers)

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*
Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
Eurasian Dotterel *Eudromias morinellus*
Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
Little Ringed Plover *Thinornis dubius*
Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*
Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*
White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus*
Caspian Plover *Anarhynchus asiaticus*
Tibetan Sand Plover *Anarhynchus atrifrons*
Greater Sand Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultii*
Kentish Plover *Anarhynchus alexandrinus*

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*
Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
Jack Snipe *Lymnocryptes minimus*
Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*
Great Snipe *Gallinago media*
Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*
Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*
Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*
Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
Temminck’s Stint *Calidris temminckii*
Sanderling *Calidris alba*
Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Dromadidae (Crab-Plover)

Crab-plover *Dromas ardeola*

Glareolidae (Coursers and Pratincoles)

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*
Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*
Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Stercorariidae (Jaegers and Skuas)

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*
Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*
Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Laridae (Skimmers, Noddies, Terns, and Gulls)

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus*
Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*
White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*
Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*
Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis*
Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*
Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*
Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*
Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
Pallas's Gull *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus*
Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*
White-eyed Gull *Ichthyaetus leucophthalmus*
Sooty Gull *Ichthyaetus hemprichii*
Common Gull *Larus canus*
Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*
Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus*
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

Phaethontidae (Tropicbirds)

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*

Gaviidae (Loons)

Black-throated Loon *Gavia arctica*

Procellariidae (Petrels, Shearwaters, and Diving Petrels)

Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*
Short-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna tenuirostris*
Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea*
Persian Shearwater *Puffinus persicus*

Ciconiidae (Storks)

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*

Sulidae (Boobies and Gannets)

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

Anhingidae (Anhinga and Darters)

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

Pygmy Cormorant *Microcarbo pygmaeus*
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Socotra Cormorant *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*
African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*
Little Bittern *Botaurus minutus*
Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis schistacea*
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Little Heron *Butorides atricapilla*
Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*
Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
Great Egret *Ardea alba*
Western Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*
Eastern Cattle Egret *Ardea coromanda*
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Nighthawks)

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*
Egyptian Nightjar *Caprimulgus aegyptius*

Apodidae (Swifts)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*
Little Swift *Apus affinis*
Common Swift *Apus apus*
Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*

Tytonidae (Bay Owls and Barn Owls)

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

Strigidae (Owls)

Little Owl *Athene noctua lilith*
Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops*
Pallid Scops Owl *Otus brucei*
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*
Pharaoh Eagle-Owl *Bubo ascalaphus*

Pandionidae (Osprey)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Accipitridae (Kites, Old World Vultures, Eagles, and Hawks)

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*
European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus*
Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*
Himalayan Vulture *Gyps himalayensis*
Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*
Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*
Greater Spotted Eagle *Clanga clanga*
Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*
Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*
Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*
Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
Bonelli’s Eagle *Aquila fasciata*
Shikra *Tachyspiza badia cenchroides*
Levant Sparrowhawk *Tachyspiza brevipes*
Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
Eurasian Goshawk *Astur gentilis*
Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
Montagu’s Harrier *Circus pygargus*
Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*
Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

Upupidae (Hoopoes)

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Coraciidae (Rollers)

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*
European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Meropidae (Bee-eaters)

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*
White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*
Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*
Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*
Merlin *Falco columbarius*
Eleonora’s Falcon *Falco eleonorae*
Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor*
Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*
Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*

Psittaculidae (Old World Parrots)

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri (Category C)*

Oriolidae (Old World Orioles)

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Dicruridae (Drongos)

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Laniidae (Shrikes)

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor pallidirostris*
Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*
Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*
Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*
Bay-backed Shrike *Lanius vittatus*

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*
Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*
Red-tailed Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides*
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*
Brown-necked Raven *Corvus ruficollis*
Carrion Crow *Corvus corone cornix*
House Crow *Corvus splendens (Category C)*

Remizidae (Penduline Tits)

Eurasian Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*

Paridae (Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice)

Great Tit *Parus major*
Sombre Tit *Poecile lugubris*

Alaudidae (Larks)

Greater Hoopoe-Lark *Alaemon alaudipes*
Thick-billed Lark *Ramphocoris clotbey*
Bar-tailed Lark *Ammomanes cinctura*
Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*
Woodlark *Lullula arborea*
Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*
Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*
Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*
Temminck’s Lark *Eremophila bilopha*
Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*
Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*
Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*
Arabian Lark *Eremalauda eremodites*
Turkestan Short-toed Lark *Alaudala heinei*

Cisticolidae (Cisticolas and Allies)

Delicate Prinia *Prinia lepida*
Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

Acrocephalidae (Reed Warblers and Allies)

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*
Upcher’s Warbler *Hippolais languida*
Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum*
Thick-billed Warbler *Arundinax aedon*
Booted Warbler *Iduna caligata*
Sykes’s Warbler *Iduna rama*
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida*

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*
Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*
Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*
Common Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus*
Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*
Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens*

Locustellidae (Grasshopper Warblers, Grassbirds, and Allies)

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*
Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*
Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia straminea*

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*
Pale Martin *Riparia diluta*
Grey-throated Martin *Riparia chinensis*
Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
Pale Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne obsoleta*
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Western House Martin *Delichon urbicum*
Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*
European Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis rufula*
Eastern Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*
Streak-throated Swallow *Petrochelidon fluvicola*

Cettiidae (Bush Warblers and Allies)

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

Phylloscopidae (Leaf Warblers)

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*
Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*
Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*
Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Plain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus neglectus*
Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Mountain Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus sindianus lorenzii*
Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*

Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls)

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer (Category C)*
White-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucotis (Category C)*

Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers and Allies)

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*
Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
Barred Warbler *Curruca nisoria*
Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca*
Eastern Orphean Warbler *Curruca crassirostris*
Asian Desert Warbler *Curruca nana*
Menetries's Warbler *Curruca mystacea*
Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*

Leiothrichidae (Laughingthrushes and Allies)

Afghan Babbler *Argya huttoni salvadorii*

Hypocoliidae (Hypocolius)

Grey Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus*

Regulidae (Kinglets)

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Sturnidae (Rhabdornis, Starlings, and Mynas)

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*
Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus (Category C)*
Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis (Category C)*

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*
Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*
Redwing *Turdus iliacus*
Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*
Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*
Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*
Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis*
Dusky Thrush *Turdus eunomus*

Muscicapidae (Chats, Old World Flycatchers, and Allies)

Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe*
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*
Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*
White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*
Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*
Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*
Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*
Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*
Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*
Semicollared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis*
European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*
Eversmann's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythronotus*
Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*
Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
Common Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*
Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*
Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*
Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata*
Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*
European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*
Hooded Wheatear *Oenanthe monacha*
Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*
Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe melanoleuca*
Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*
Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*
Variable Wheatear *Oenanthe picata*
Hume's Wheatear *Oenanthe albonigra*
Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*
Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens*
Kurdish Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthoprymna*
Red-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe chrysopygia*
White-crowned Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga*

Nectariniidae (Spiderhunters and Sunbirds)

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*

Ploceidae (Weavers and Allies)

Rüppell's Weaver *Ploceus galbula (Category C)*

Estrildidae (Munias, Parrotfinches, Waxbills, and Allies)

Indian Silverbill *Euodice malabarica (Category C)*

Prunellidae (Accentors)

Black-throated Accentor *Prunella atrogularis*
Radde's Accentor *Prunella ocularis*
Dunnock *Prunella modularis*

Passeridae (Snowfinches and Old World Sparrows)

Pale Rockfinch *Carpospiza brachydactyla*
Yellow-throated Sparrow *Gymnoris xanthocollis*
Dead Sea Sparrow *Passer moabiticus*
Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*
Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*
Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*
White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*
Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*
Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*
Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*
Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*
Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*
Siberian Pipit *Anthus japonicus*
Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*
Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta coutelli*

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*
Eurasian Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*
Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*
Mongolian Finch *Bucanetes mongolicus*
Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*
Desert Finch *Rhodospiza obsoleta*
European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*
Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina*
European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*
Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*
Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*

Emberizidae (Old World Buntings)

Striolated Bunting *Emberiza striolata*
Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*
Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*
Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica*
Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*
Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*
Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*
Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*
Grey-necked Bunting *Emberiza buchanani*
Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea semenowi*
Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*
Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*