

## RED LIST of BIRDS of IRAQ

Based on IUCN/BirdLife International global criteria at 2013.

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**Those species highlighted in yellow occur at Peramagroon**

### THREATENED:

#### Critically Endangered

**Northern Bald Ibis**  
*Geronticus eremita*

Occurred on passage historically; could still do so, though wild population in Middle East probably less than 20 birds.

**Sociable Lapwing**  
*Vanellus gregarius*.

Historically a regular winter visitor, no recent records but known to pass through on migration (from satellite tracking).

**Slender-billed Curlew**  
*Numenius tenuirostris*

Historically has occurred on migration. Now probably globally extinct.

#### Endangered

**Red-breasted Goose**  
*Anser ruficollis*

Occasional in winter

**White-headed Duck**  
*Oxyura leucocephalus*

Probably a regular winter visitor

**Egyptian Vulture**  
*Neophron percnopterus*

Breeding summer visitor to Kurdistan, where important regional population; passage migrant.

**Basra Reed Warbler**  
*Acrocephalus griseldis*.

Endemic breeding summer visitor. where recent NI surveys have shown the population is probably c6,000 pairs

#### Vulnerable

**Lesser White-fronted Goose**  
*Anser erythropus*

Uncommon winter visitor

**Marbled Duck**  
*Marmaronetta angustirostris*

Breeding resident and winter visitor. NI winter counts in Southern Marshes have exceeded 23,000 - the highest concentration in the world

<b>Dalmatian Pelican</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Uncommon winter visitor
<b>Pallas's Fish-eagle</b> <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Occurred historically in winter but not seen recently
<b>Cinereous Vulture</b> <i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Rare winter visitor
<b>Greater Spotted Eagle</b> <i>Aquila clanga</i>	Passage migrant and winter visitor
<b>Eastern Imperial Eagle</b> <i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Passage migrant and winter visitor
<b>Saker Falcon</b> <i>Falco cherrug</i>	Rare winter visitor
<b>Great Bustard</b> <i>Otis tarda</i>	Rare winter visitor
<b>Houbara Bustard</b> <i>Chlamydotis undulate</i>	Winter visitor; breeds in south and west
<b>NEAR THREATENED:</b>	
<b>Falcated Duck</b> <i>Anus falcata</i>	Recorded once, historically
<b>Ferruginous Duck</b> <i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Breeding resident, passage migrant and winter visitor
<b>Red-footed Falcon</b> <i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Rare passage migrant
<b>Red Kite</b> <i>Milvus milvus</i>	Rare passage migrant
<b>Bateleur</b> <i>Terathopus ecaudatus</i>	Recorded once historically
<b>Pallid Harrier</b> <i>Circus macrourus</i>	Passage migrant
<b>Little Bustard</b> <i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	Rare winter visitor

<b>Great Snipe</b> <i>Gallinago media</i>	Passage migrant but no recent records
<b>Black-tailed Godwit</b> <i>Limosa limosa</i>	Passage migrant and winter visitor
<b>Eurasian Curlew</b> <i>Numenius arquata</i>	Passage migrant and winter visitor
<b>Black-winged Pratincole</b> <i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	One recent record; regular historically
<b>European Roller</b> <i>Coracias garrulous</i>	Passage migrant
<b>Semi-collared Flycatcher</b> <i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	Passage migrant
<b>Cinereous Bunting</b> <i>Emberiza cineracea</i>	Breeding summer visitor to Kurdistan

## TOWARDS AN IRAQI COUNTRY REDLIST

In addition to the above the following breeding species have been identified for inclusion in a country Redlist for Iraq. This follows the development of a Regional Redlist (for Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon) following a workshop in Sharjah, UAE in February 2013 (Sharjah EPAA. (in prep). Regional Red List Status of the Breeding Birds of the Arabian Peninsula).

### REGIONALLY THREATENED:

#### Regionally Critically Endangered

<b>African Sacred Ibis</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Iraq has the only breeding colony (in the southern marshes) in the Middle East
<b>African Darter</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Iraq has the only breeding colony (in the southern marshes) in the Middle East. It has been assigned to endemic race, <i>chantrei</i>

#### Regionally Endangered

**Griffon Vulture**  
*Gyps fulvus*

**Golden Eagle**

*Aquila chrysaetos*

**European Goldfinch**

*Carduelis carduelis*

**Regionally Vulnerable**

**Goliath Heron**

*Ardea goliath*

**Pygmy Cormorant**

*Phalacrocorax pygmaeus*

**Barbary Falcon**

*Falco pelegrinoides*

**Black-winged Kite**

*Elanus caeruleus*

**Lammergeier**

*Gypaetus barbatus*

**Short-toed Snake-eagle**

*Circaetus gallicus*

**Middle Spotted Woodpecker**

*Dendrocopos medius*

**White-throated Dipper**

*Cinclus cinclus*

**Red-fronted Serin**

*Serinus pucillus*

**REGIONALLY NEAR THREATENED**

**Red-crested Pochard**

*Netta rufina*

**White Stork**

*Ciconia ciconia*

**Grey Heron**

*Ardea cinerea*

**Purple Heron**

*Ardea purpurea*

**Lesser Kestrel**

*Falco naumanni*

**Western Marsh Harrier**

*Circus aeruginosus*

**Pied Avocet**

*Recurvirostra avocetta*

**Great Spotted Cuckoo**

*Clamator glandarius*

**Common Cuckoo**

*Cuculus canorus*

**Common Kingfisher**

*Alcedo atthis*

**Horned Lark**

*Eremophila alpestris*

**Black Redstart**

*Phoenicurus ochruros*

**Common Redstart**

*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

**Grey Wagtail**

*Motacilla cinerea*

**Ortolan Bunting**

*Emberiza hortulana*

**NOTE:**

**Iraq has two Endemic species:**

**Basra Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus griseldis*. GLOBALLY ENDANGERED

**Iraq Babbler** *Turdoides altirostris*. LEAST CONCERN