

CHECK LIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE AZORES

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This check list contains all records from the Azores up to december 1982 from personal observations and bibliography of the Azores (see Le Grand & Furtado (1982) *Bol. Mus. Mun. Funchal* 34 (150) : 142-190).

The relative status of the species mentioned is intended only as a guide, the number of some migratory and wintering species often vary from year to year and lack of observers difficult to obtain accurate status for many species.

When races or subspecies are recognisable it is indicated.

Resident species are, see also table in appendix.

Our division would be grateful to receive any records from residents or visiting birdwatchers. Such records should be sent to our office at the University of the Azores. To ensure accuracy in records, it would be appreciated if all records be accompanied by detailed description (photography when possible) for any sighting, in particular for difficult or rare species.

KEY

Islands: MA — Santa Maria; Mi — São Miguel; T — Terceira;
G — Graciosa; J — São Jorge; P — Pico; F — Faial;
Fo — Flores; C — Corvo; Az — all islands.

PM — Passage migrant (Spring or Autumn), don't stay in the Azores.

WV — Winter visitor, migrant species that stay more than two months.

SB — Summer visitor to breed.

RES — Resident breeding species.

HB — Has breed, but today need confirmation.

OS — Occasionally present in summer but don't breed.

INT — Introduced, this symbol alone may say that this species is not naturalised.

Order of abundance: A — Abundant; C — Common; FC — fairly common; Sc — scarce; OV — Occasional visitor (more than 10 records in different years; RV — rare or accidental visitor (less than 10 records); VA — very rare or accidental visitor (one or two records); TBC — to be confirmed (breeding or determination doubtful).

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<i>Gavia stellata</i>	RV-WV
<i>Gavia arctica</i>	RV-WV
<i>Gavia immer</i>	OV-WV
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	VA
<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	TBC
<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	VA
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	TBC
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	VA
<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	RV-WV
<i>Diomedea</i> sp.	TBC
<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	OV, breed Ma, G (TBC)
<i>Calonectris diomedea borealis</i>	A-SB (Az)
<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	VA
<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	VA
<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	OV, breed C, Mi, TBC for Fo, C
<i>Puffinus assimilis baroli</i>	OV, breed Ma, C. G. TBC In Mi, Fo, Fa, J.
<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	VA
<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	VA
<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	VA
<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	RV
<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>	OV, breed Ma, G.
<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	VA
<i>Sula bassana</i>	FC-WV
<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	VA
<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	VA
<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	OV-PM
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	OV-PM
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	RV-PM
<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	OV-PM
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	RV-PM
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	VA
<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	RV-PM
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	RV-WV
<i>Egretta gularis</i>	VA

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<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	C-WV, OS
<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	TBC
<i>Egretta alba</i>	VA
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	VA
<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	A-WV, Sc-OS, has breed on MA.
<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	RV-PM
<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	TBC
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	RV
<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	VA
<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	OV-WV
<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	VA
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	VA
<i>Anser fabalis rossicus</i>	VA
<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	VA
<i>Anser albifrons</i>	VA
<i>Anser anser</i>	VA, ssp TBC
<i>Anser caerulescens</i> (c. and atlanticus)	VA
<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	VA
<i>Branta bernicla</i>	VA
<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	VA
<i>Anas penelope</i>	RV-WV
<i>Anas americana</i>	RV-WV
<i>Anas crecca</i>	HB Fo (TBC today), FC-WV
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	RES Fo, FC-WV
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	VA
<i>Anas acuta</i>	VA
<i>Anas querquedula</i>	RV-WV
<i>Anas discors</i>	RV-WV
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	VA
<i>Aythya ferina</i>	RV-WV
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	RV-WV
<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	VA
<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	RV-WV
<i>Aythya marila</i>	RV-WV

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<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	VA
<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	RV-WV
<i>Melanita nigra</i>	VA
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	VA
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	RV-WV
<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	VA
<i>Buteo buteo rothschildi</i>	FC-RES (Az except Fo, C)
<i>Aquila</i> sp.	TBC
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	RV-PM
<i>Falco naumanni</i>	VA
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	OV-WV
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	VA
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	VA
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	TBC, HB in the 15th. century?
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	INT
<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	INT, RES Sc Ma, P
<i>Perdix perdix</i>	INT
<i>Coturnix coturnix coturnix</i>	INT, may interbred with con- turbans
<i>Coturnix c. conturbans</i>	RES, FC (Az)
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	INT
<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	VA
<i>Porzana porzana</i>	RV-PM
<i>Porzana parva</i>	VA
<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	VA
<i>Crex crex</i>	RV-PM
<i>Gallinula chloropus</i> (correia- na?)	RES (Mi, T, Fa, Fo) others TBC, FC-WV
<i>Porphyryla alleni</i>	RV-PM
<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>	VA
<i>Fulica atra</i>	HB(T), C-WV, Sc-OS
<i>Grus grus</i>	VA
<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	VA
<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	RV-WV
<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	VA
<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	VA

Charadrius dubius	OV-WV
Charadrius hiaticula	OV-WV
Charadrius semipalmatus	VA
Charadrius vociferus	RV
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	RES (Ma, Mi, T, G, P, Fa, others TBC), C-WV
Pluvialis apricaria	RV-PM
Pluvialis squatarola	OV-PM
Vanellus vanellus	RV-PM
Calidris canutus	OV-PM
Calidris alba	A-WV, Sc-OS
Calidris pusilla	RV-WV
Calidris mauri	TBC
Calidris minuta	RV-WV
Calidris temmincki	VA, TBC
Calidris minutilla	VA
Calidris fuscicollis	RV-WV
Calidris bairdii	VA
Calidris melanotos	RV-WV
Calidris ferruginea	RV-WV
Calidris maritima	OV-WV
Calidris alpina	OV-WV
Tryngites subruficollis	VA
Philomachus pugnax	OV-WV
Lymnocyptes minimus	VA
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i> (sp.?)	RES (Mi, T, P, J, Fa, Fo, TBC on others)
Limnodromus griseus	VA, TBC
<i>Scolapax rusticola</i> (ssp?)	RES (Az but TBC on Ma, Mi, G)
Limosa limosa	FC-WV
Limosa lapponica	RV-WV
Numenius phaeopus	C-WV, Sc-OS
Numenius tenuirostris	VA
Numenius arquata	OV-WV
Bartramia longicauda	VA

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<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	RV-WV
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	OV-WV
<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	VA
<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	RV-WV
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	VA
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	RV-WV
<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	VA
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	RV-WV
<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	OV-WV
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	VA, RV TBC
<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	VA
<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	A-WV, FC-OS
<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	VA
<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	VA
<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	VA
<i>Stercorarius</i> sp. (<i>parasiticus</i> , <i>pomarinus</i> , <i>skua</i> , <i>longicaudus</i>)	VA
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	OV-WV
<i>Larus canus</i>	VA
<i>Larus argentatus</i> (ssp TBC)	WV
<i>Larus cachinnans atlantis</i>	RES A (Az)
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	OV-WV, OS TBC
<i>Larus marinus</i>	C-W, Sc-OS
<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	VA
<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	RV-WV
<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	VA
<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	C-WV, Sc-OS
<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	VA
<i>Larus minutus</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Xema sabini</i>	VA
<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	OV-WV
<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Chlidonias leucoptera</i>	TBC
<i>Chlidonias nigra</i>	VA
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	VA

<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	SB-C (Az)
<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	OV-PM
<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	SB; Sc (Az)
<i>Sterna fuscata</i>	VA
<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	VA
Alle alle	RV-WV
Alca torda	VA
Uria lomvia	VA
Fratercula arctica	FC-WV
<i>Columba livia</i> (atlantis?)	RES C (Az)
<i>Columba palumbus azoricus</i>	RES Sc (Az except Ma, G, C)
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	VA
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	RV-PM
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	RV-PM
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	VA
<i>Tyto alba</i>	VA (TBC) (?RES J, Fo)
<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	VA
<i>Asio otus</i>	RES-FC (Az except Fo?, C)
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	RV-WV
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	VA
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	VA
<i>Collocalia fuciphaga</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Apus apus</i>	RV-PM
<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	VA
<i>Merops apiaster</i>	VA
<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	VA
<i>Upupa epops</i>	RV-PM, OV-Ma
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	RV-PM
<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	VA
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	RV-PM
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	RV-PM
<i>Motacilla cinerea patriciae</i>	RES-C (Az)
<i>Motacilla flava</i>	VA (TBC)
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	RV-PM
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	TBC (Mi, J)
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	RES C-(Az except Fo, C)

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<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	OV-WV
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	VA
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	VA
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	VA
<i>Turdus illiacus</i>	VA
<i>Turdus merula azorensis</i>	RES A-(Az)
<i>Sylvia atricapilla atlantis</i>	RES A-(Az)
<i>Regulus regulus sanctae-mariae</i>	RES Sc Ma
<i>Regulus regulus azoricus</i>	RES FC Mi
<i>Regulus regulus inermis</i>	RES FC T, J, P, Fa, Fo
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	VA
<i>Carduelis Chloris aurantiiventris</i>	INT, RES (Mi, T)
<i>Carduelis carduelis parva</i>	INT, RES (Az)
<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	VA
<i>Serinus canaria</i>	RES A-(Az)
<i>Fringilla coelebs moreletti</i>	RES A-(Az)
<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	OV-WV (some year FC)
<i>Pyrrhula murina</i>	RES Sc-Mi
<i>Petronia petronia</i>	VA
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	INT, RES A-(Az except Ma, Fo, C)
<i>Sturnus vulgaris granti</i>	RES C-(Az)
<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	RV-PM
<i>Corvus corax</i>	VA, TBC
<i>Corvus corone</i>	VA
<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	RV
<i>Corvus monedula</i>	VA

APPENDIX

Breeding birds of the Azores

C — common; E — endangered; I — indetermined, need more informations; R — rare, at risk; V — vulnerable; ? — need confirmation.

	MA	Mi	T	G	J	P	F	Fo	C
Bulweria bulwerii	I			I	?				
Calonectris diomedea	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Puffinus puffinus		I						I	I
Puffinus assimilis	I	?		R	I		I	I	
Oceanodroma castro	R			R					
Anas crecca								?	
Anas platyrhynchos								E	
Buteo buteo	C	C	V	V	C	C	C		
Alectoris rufa	R					R			
Coturnix coturnix	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Gallinula chloropus		E	E		?	?	E	E	
Charadrius alexandrinus	C	C	C	C	?	C	C	?	
Gallinago gallinago		E	E		V	E	E	E	?
Scolopax rusticola	?	I	E	?	R	R	R	V	C
Larus cachinnans	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sterna hirundo	C	V	V	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sterna dougallii	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	V	R
Columba livia	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Columba palumbus		V	V		V	V	V	E	
Asio otus	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	?	
Tyto alba					?			?	
Motacilla cinerea	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Erithacus rubecula	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Turdus merula	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sylvia atricapilla	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Regulus regulus	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	
Carduelis carduelis	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Carduelis chloris	I	C	C						
Serinus canarius	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Fringilla coelebs	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Pyrrhula murina		E							
Passer domesticus		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Sturnus vulgaris		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Ardea cinerea	I								
Number of species	20 +	24 +	24	20 +	21 +	23 +	23 +	19 +	14 +
	5	3		2	5	1	1	6	2