

- Downlisted from Critically Endangered to Endangered: Abbott's Booby *Papasula abbotti*
- Downlisted from Vulnerable to Near Threatened: Hume's Pheasant *Syrnium humiae*, Germain's Peacock-pheasant *Polyplectron germaini*, Crested Argus *Rheinardia ocellata*, Slaty Cuckoo-dove *Turacoena modesta* and Timor Sparrow *Padda fuscata*
- Downlisted from Vulnerable to Least Concern: Malaysian Whistling-thrush *Myophonus robinsoni*
- Downlisted from Near Threatened to Least Concern: White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*
- Uplisted from Endangered to Critically Endangered: Isabela Oriole *Oriolus isabellae* and Banggai Crow *Corvus unicolor*
- Uplisted from Least Concern to Vulnerable: Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri*
- Uplisted from Least Concern to Near Threatened: Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*, Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea*, European Roller *Coracias garrulus* and Ryukyu Robin *Erithacus komadori*
- Moved from Not Evaluated to Endangered: Flores Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus floriss*
- Moved from Not Evaluated to Vulnerable: Calayan Rail *Gallirallus calayanensis*
- Moved from Not Evaluated to Near Threatened: Tickell's Brown Hornbill *Anorrhinus tickelli* and Sumatran Babbler *Trichastoma buettikoferi*

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Nevertheless, insufficient information was available to help us resolve the situation with several species. Moreover, during 2005 a number of proposals to review the status of other species were also brought to our attention, and the BirdLife Taxonomic Working Group accepted several newly described species and proposals for new splits. Consequently, the current consultation contains topics on the following species for discussion:

- Rufous-backed Bunting *Emberiza jankowskii*: information needed
- For information: Amami Thrush *Zoothera major*: no longer recognised as a full species
- Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* downlist to Least Concern?
- White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* downlist to Vulnerable?
- Serendib Scops Owl *Otus thilohoffanni*: newly described and Vulnerable?
- Chestnut-winged Whistling-thrush *Myophonus castaneus*: newly split and Near Threatened?
- Red-and-black Thrush *Zoothera mendeni*: newly split and Threatened?
- Enggano Thrush *Zoothera leucolaema*: newly split and Near Threatened?
- Seram Thrush *Zoothera joiceyi*: newly split and Near Threatened?
- Buru Thrush *Zoothera dumasi*: newly split and Near Threatened?
- Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri* declines accelerating?
- Falcated Duck *Anas falcata*: information needed from China
- Sulawesi Eared-nightjar *Eurostopodus diabolicus*: downlist to Near Threatened?
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*: uplist to Near Threatened or Vulnerable?
- Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*: information from Asia needed
- Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*: uplist to Vulnerable?
- Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*: uplist to Near Threatened or Vulnerable?
- Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*: what are the trends in Asia?
- White Eared-pheasant *Crossoptilon crossoptilon*: downlist to Least Concern?
- Black-bellied Tern *Sterna acuticauda*: upgrade to Vulnerable?

How you can help

To read and contribute to discussions on the species currently under review in Asia, please visit the forum at <http://208.185.149.227/Globally%20Threatened%20Bird%20Forums/ThreatenedAsianBirds/>. Click each link to view a short topic on each species, giving the rationale for the proposed status change and a request for information. Please make your contribution through the forum by typing it in the box below the topic, and then clicking "post my message".

We appreciate that the speed of Internet access makes it difficult to use the forums in some parts of Asia, and have therefore attached with these notes the latest forum discussions for the species listed above. You are welcome to send contributions to the forums to us by email, which we will post onto the relevant forum topics on your behalf.

Discussions on these forums will run until **20 December**, when we will assess the contributions made and post up a draft list of decisions. There will then follow a further two-week period for people to comment. Final decisions will be made and posted up on **10 January**. These deadlines have been set because the final decisions on these species must be documented and prepared for submission to IUCN for the 2006 IUCN Red List.

Thank you very much. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Best regards,

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