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General Notes


Little Auk

Alle alle [Linnaeus 1758, Scotland].


[A.a. polaris] Franz Josef Land and possibly this race from Severnaya Zemlya E to St Lawrence Island & Little Diomede (Bering Sea).

Other name: Dovekie.


Guillemot

Uria aalge [Pontoppidan 1763, Iceland].


Other names: Common Murre, Thin-billed Murre.


Razorbill

Alca torda [Linnaeus 1758, Stora Karlsö, Baltic Sea].
[A.t. torda] Digges Sound (Ungava peninsula, Nunavik, Quebec) & SE Baffin Island S to Gulf of Maine (E North America), Greenland and E to Bear Island, Norway, Denmark, Baltic Sea, Murmansk & White Sea. Winters offshore and on coasts S to Long Island & W Mediterranean.
[A.t. islandica] Iceland, Faroe Islands, Ireland, Britain, Brittany (NW France), Channel Islands E to Helgoland. Winters offshore and on coasts S to W Mediterranean.


Great Auk

*Pinguinus impennis* [Linnaeus 1758].

Formerly Papa Westray (Orkneys), St. Kilda (off Scotland), Grimsey Island (off S Iceland), Geiruglasker & Eldey Island (off SW Iceland), Funk Island (off NE Newfoundland), the Bird Rocks (Gulf of St. Lawrence) and probably the Faroe Islands & Cape Cod (Massachusetts) as well as other unknown sites. Prehistoric remains discovered in Florida and W Mediterranean. Wintered offshore in the N Atlantic as far S as Florida and S Spain.

Initially, it was killed in large numbers for food and eggs by local inhabitants and later for its feathers that were in demand as fashion items. In 1844 the last known pair were killed and their egg destroyed on Eldey Island, Iceland. The last live bird was seen on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland in 1852 (Halliday 1979).

Other name: Garefowl.

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**Black Guillemot**

*Cepphus grylle* [Linnaeus 1758, Baltic Sea].

*C. g. grylle* Baltic Sea.

*C. g. faeroensis* Faroe Islands.

*C. g. islandicus* Iceland.

*C. g. mandtii* Arctic E North America S to Labrador & N Newfoundland, W & E Greenland, Jan Mayen & Svalbard E thru E Siberia to N Alaska.

*C. g. arcticus* North America & S Greenland to Ireland, Britain, Norway, SW Sweden, Denmark, Murmansk & White Sea.

Other name: Tystie.


**Pigeon Guillemot**

*Cepphus columba* [Pallas 1811, Kamchatka and Bering Strait].
[C.c. *kaiurka*] Commander Islands to WC Aleutian Islands. Winters at sea S of breeding grounds.
[C.c. *snowi*] Kuril Islands.

The proposed forms *eureka* & *adianta* are included with *C.c. columba*.

Other name: Sea Pigeon, Kuril Guillemot (*snowi*).

Capt. Henry James Snow (b. 1848), mariner, hunter and author who explored around and in the Kuril Islands.


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**Spectacled Guillemot**

*Cepphus carbo* [Pallas 1811, Kuril Islands].

Camchatka & Sea of Okhotsk S to NE Korea, Kuril Islands and Hokkaido & N Honshu (N Japan).

Winters usually S of breeding grounds.

Other names: Sooty Guillemot, Bridled Guillemot.


Marbled Murrelet


Long-billed Murrelet

*Brachyramphus perdic* [Pallas 1811].
Kamchatka & Sea of Okhotsk S to Hokkaido (N Japan). Winters mainly in seas around N Japan with some S to seas around South Korea & S Japan.
Treated by del Hoyo et al 1996 as a race of Marbled Murrelet.
1st WP Record: [1st winter] Sometime between the 15th and 18th December 1997. Lake Zurich, near Zollikon, Meilen, Switzerland. Urs Bäumler, ID by Lional Maumary (Maumary & Knaus 2000).


Kittlitz’s Murrelet

*Brachyramphus brevirostris* [Vigors 1829, San Blas, Mexico; error = N Pacific].
Bering Sea coasts N into Chukchi Sea & S to Gulf of Alaska and E Chukotkiy peninsula in Chukchi Sea W to Cape Schmidt & to Anadyr Gulf & Shelekhov Bay in N Sea of Okhotsk and Alaska from E of Cape Lisburne S to Aleutian Islands & E to Glacier Bay & Stilei Sea W to Cape Schmidta & S to Anadyr Gulf & Shelekhov Bay & possibly Wrangel Island. Winters E Siberia & Kuril Islands S to Hokkaido (N Japan) and Aleutian Islands E to Glacier Bay mainly offshore near breeding area.
Friedrich Heinrich Freiherr von Kittlitz (1799–1874), German artist, naval officer, explorer and naturalist who was descended from Prussian nobility.


Xantus’s Murrelets

Guadalupe Murrelet
Synthliboramphus hypoleucus [Xántus de Vesey 1860, Cape San Lucas, Baja California]. San Benito Island & Guadalupe Island (NW Baja California) and possibly Santa Barbara & Channel Islands (off S California).

Scripps’s Murrelet
Synthliboramphus scrippsi [Green & Arnold 1939]. Channel Islands (off S California) and islands off W coast of Baja California S to at least San Benito Island.

Treated by del Hoyo et al 2006 as a race of Xantus’s Murrelet.


John Xantus de Vesey aka John Xantus de Csíktaplócza (1825-1894), Hungarian zoologist who settled in America.


Roth, J.E. 2005. Xantus’s Murrelet breeding relative to prey abundance and oceanographic conditions in the Southern California Bight. Marine Ornithology 33: 115-121.


**Craveri’s Murrelet**

*Synthliboramphus craveri* [Salvadori 1865, Raza Island, Gulf of California]. Islands in Gulf of California N to Consag Rock and probably islands along Pacific coast of Baja California N to San Benito. Winters at sea in Gulf of California & coasts N to Monterey Bay (S California) & S to Sonora. Brothers Frederico (1815-1890) and Ettore Craveri (1816-1884). Italian meteorologists, collectors and naturalists who spent time in Mexico and California. Frederico was a professor at the National Museum of Mexico City and later at the University of Turin (see Olson 1996).


**Ancient Murrelet**

*Synthliboramphus antiquus* [Gmelin 1789, Bering Sea].

[S.a. antiquus] Yellow Sea & Peter the Great Bay (Sea of Japan) N thru Sakhalin, Kuril Islands & Talan Island (N Sea of Okhotsk) to Kamchatka and E thru Aleutian Islands to S Alaska and S to Queen Charlotte Island.

[S.a. microrhynchos] Medny Island (Commander Islands).


**Japanese Murrelet**

*Synthliboramphus wumizusume* [Temminck 1835, Japan].
Coasts and islands off E & S Japan & South Korea. Winters mostly off breeding grounds.
Other name: Crested Murrelet.


**Cassin’s Auklet**

*Ptychoramphus aleuticus* [Pallas 1811, N Pacific Ocean].
[P.a. aleuticus] Aleutian Islands to SW & S Alaska and S to N Baja California. Winters mostly off breeding grounds.
[P.a. australis] San Benito Island S to Asuncion and San Roque Island (W Baja California).
John Cassin (1813-1869), American ornithologist who is generally considered to be one of the leading 19th century taxonomists and giants of American ornithology.


Parakeet Auklet
Aethia psittacula [Pallas 1769, Kamchatka].

Chukotsky peninsula S to Commander Islands, Kamchatka, Matyky Island (Sea of Okhotsk) & Kuril Islands and Diomede Island & Norton Sound (W Alaska) S to Aleutian Islands and E to N Gulf of Alaska. Winters Bering Sea S to N Japan and casually to S California mostly near breeding grounds. Treated by del Hoyo et al 1996 as Cyclorrhynchus psittacula.


Least Auklet

*Aethia pusilla* [Pallas 1811, Kamchatka].
Chukotskiy peninsula S to Yamskie Islands (Sea of Okhotsk) & C Kuril Islands and Diomede Island & Cape Lisburne (W Alaska) S to Aleutian Islands and E to NW Gulf of Alaska. Winters at sea and along coasts in Bering Sea usually near breeding grounds from N limits of open water S to Gulf of Alaska & Hokkaido (N Japan).


Whiskered Auklet

*Aethia pygmaea* [Gmelin, 1789, Bering Sea].
Yamskie Islands, Penzhin Gulf & St. Jonas Island (NE Sea of Okhotsk) & Commander Islands S to at least C Kuril Islands and thru Aleutian Islands E to Krenitzen Island & Four Mountains Island. Winters mostly near breeding grounds and further S.

Other name: Pygmy Auklet.


**Crested Auklet**

*Aethia cristatella* [Pallas 1769, Hokkaido to Kamchatka].

Chukotskiy peninsula S thru Diomede Island to N Sea of Okhotsk, Sakhalin & Kuril Islands and W Alaska S thru St Lawrence Island, St Matthew Island & Pribilofs to Aleutians E to Shumagin Island. winters at sea and along coasts in Bering Sea usually close to breeding grounds and further S. 1st WP Record: [adult] August 1912. 45° NE of Langesnes, Iceland. O.A. Christiansen. Collected sometime between 12th and 20th August (Hørring 1933).


Rhinoceros Auklet

*Cerorhinca monocerata* [Pallas 1811, Cape St Elias, Alaska].

Akademii Gulf, S Sakhalin & S Kuril Island S to Japan & extreme NE Korea and C Aleutian Islands, S & SE Alaska S to British Columbia, W Washington & N California. Winters mostly offshore and along coasts in Asia near breeding areas and in North America mainly from S British Columbia S to Baja California.

Other name: Rhinoceros Puffin.


**Fratercula arctica** [Linnaeus 1758, N Norway].


Treated by the BOU as monotypic.

Other name: Atlantic Puffin.


***Breton, A.R. et al 2006.*** Encounter, survival, and movement probabilities from an Atlantic Puffin (Fratercula arctica) metapopulation. *Ecological Monographs* 76: 133-149.


**Horned Puffin**

*Fratercula corniculata* [J.F. Naumann 1821, Kamchatka].

Wrangel Island, Heard Island & Chukotskiy peninsula S thru Kamchatka & Commander Islands to Sea of Okhotsk, Sakhalin & N Kuril Islands and W Alaska S thru Bering Sea to Aleutian Islands and E thru Gulf of Alaska S to Queen Charlotte Island (British Columbia). Winters offshore and along sea coasts mostly near breeding grounds and casually S to C Japan and S British Columbia, N Washington & rare to Oregon & California.


Tufted Puffin

*Fratercula cirrhata* [Pallas 1769, Bering Sea].

Hokkaido (N Japan) thru Kuril Islands, Sakhalin & Sea of Okhotsk to N Chukotskiy peninsula and W Alaska S to Aleutian Islands and E thru Kodiak Archipelago (Gulf of Alaska) and S to British Columbia & C California. Winters mostly at sea and along coasts from Kamchatka peninsula and S Alaska S thru breeding grounds to S Japan & S California. 1st WP Record: [adult] 1st June 1994. Laholmsbukten Bay, Lagoset, Halland, Sweden. Seen again on the 8th June (Haraldsson 1995).


