

Special Birds of the Granitic Seychelles

These species are found only in the granitic Seychelles, nowhere else on earth. They are called **endemic** bird species. Conservation actions have saved the warbler and the magpie-robin from the verge of **extinction**. Four species are still **endangered** with extinction as classified on the IUCN (the World Conservation Union) Red List of Threatened Animals. Nature Seychelles and other conservation partners are working together to improve their conservation status.

Endangered



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Seychelles Magpie-robin *Copsychus sebellarum*
 Distribution: Frégate, Cousin, Cousine and Aride
 Population: 168 birds. The species remains one the rarest birds in the world



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Seychelles Kestrel *Falco araea*
 Distribution: Mahe and near by islands, Praslin, Silhouette, North Island and Felicite
 Population: about 450 pairs. The Seychelles Kestrel is the **smallest falcon** in the world



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Seychelles Bulbul *Hypsipetes crassirostris*
 Distribution: Mahe, Praslin, Silhouette, La Digue and some small islands
 Population: At least 20,000 birds



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Seychelles blue pigeon *Alectroenas pulcherrima*
 Distribution: Breeds on most large and medium-sized islands including Aride and Cousin
 Population: At least 5,000 birds

Endangered



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Seychelles White-eye *Zosterops modestus*
 Distribution: Mahe, Conception, Frégate
 Population: About 400 birds



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Seychelles Sunbird *Nectarinia dussumieri*
 Distribution: Almost all the granitic islands
 Population: At least 20,000 birds



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Seychelles Warbler *Acrocephalus sebellensis*
 Distribution: Cousin, Cousine, Aride and Denis
 Population: 3,500 birds



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Seychelles Fody *Foudia sebellarum*
 Distribution: Aride, Cousin, Cousine, Frégate and Denis
 Population: About 4,000 birds

Endangered



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Seychelles Scops Owl *Otus insularis*
 Distribution: Mahe Island
 Population: Up to 360 birds



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Seychelles Swiftlet *Aerodramus elaphrus*
 Distribution: Mahe, Praslin and La Digue Islands
 Population: Between 2,500 and 3,000 birds



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Female



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Male

Seychelles Black Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone corvina*
 Distribution: La Digue Island
 Population: About 230 birds
 This is the only species of endemic birds in the granitic Seychelles that female and male have a completely different appearance.



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