

ARDB update: January 2014

- The ARDBThe ARDB continues to grow..
- Total record count entered in the database at the end of January 2014: 58,372

During January we imported 9 records submitted by Brian Waswala (Kenya), 199 records from Munir Virani (Kenya), 613 records from Andre Botha (South Africa). Thank you very much for these

We have also received several hundred new raptor records for The Gambia and our first major contribution for Senegal from Clive Barlow.

In addition to being the major contributor of records for Senegambia, Clive Barlow has very kindly agreed to help the ARDB more formally as a facilitator for this important region of West Africa. By way of introduction, for those of you who don't know him, Clive has spent the last 30 years in the Gambia. He pioneered the bird tour business and has worked very closely with the Department of Parks and Wildlife Management (DPWM) & other Govt agencies & NGOs. His co-worker at DPWM is Lamin Sanyang who helps with data collection. Clive has contributed to setting up Community Forest Parks, National Parks, Bird Reserves and IBAs in The Gambia and has carried out fieldwork in the region from Guinea-Bissau to Nigeria. He has co-authored a Fieldguide to the Birds of the Gambia and Senegal with Tim Wacher, another industrious contributor to the ARDB and distinguished ornithologist for West Africa. Clive is currently busy preparing a manuscript on the East Atlantic Flyway and working with Keith Bildstein on vulture projects. Gambian gull population studies and European songbird sound recording work make up other field time.

As a facilitator for the ARDB, Clive has already sent us a very significant contribution this last month of 750 observations made by Bruno Bargain for South Senegal and The Gambia. Joost Brouwer is kindly helping us sort out map projections so we can enter these valuable data to the ARDB.

We are very fortunate that Clive and colleagues are giving their time and energy to the ARDB project.

Thanks Clive and Welcome!

Best wishes,

The ARDB team