

## CHANGES TO IBPAOU25.DBF (FROM IBPAOU24.DBF) BASED ON AOS (2025)

This file documents all changes to species names and codes to IBPAOU25 (from IBPAOU23) performed in August 2025. These changes are based on changes to species and nomenclature as recorded in the 66th Supplement to the AOS Checklist, made available online by the AOS in August 2025. In all cases additions and changes were thoroughly cross-checked for new conflicts and for the release of old conflicts. Unless stated it can be assumed that no new conflicts occurred. Updates are made to the Common Name and associated 4-letter alpha code (SPEC), and to the Scientific Name and associated 6-letter alpha code (SPEC6) entries. NUMB., CAT, PNO, and ORD (species number, category, species status, and order) are internal codes used by IBP, in part to resolve conflicts (see Pyle and DeSante 2003, listed on [IBP's alpha-code page](#) for details).

Changed: *Streptopelia chinensis* (Spotted Dove) to *Spilopelia chinensis*, SPEC6 to SPICHI (from STRCHI).

Re-arranged linear sequence and added subfamilies to 52 species and one non-species taxon among Columbidae.

Added: Subfamilies Claravinae, Sturnoenadinae, Columbinae, and Raphinae to species among Columbidae as indicated.

Changed: Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) to Common Squirrel Cuckoo, SPEC to CSCU (from SQCU).

Inserted: Mexican Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya mexicana*) following Common Squirrel Cuckoo, CAT=3, NUMB=06523, SPEC=MSCU, ORD=1, SPEC6=PIAMEX, ORD6=1.

Changed: *Apus melba* (Alpine Swift) to *Tachymarptis melba*, SPEC6 to TACMEL (from APUMEL).

Re-arranged linear sequence among Gruiformes as indicated (moved 7 species of Aramidae, Gruidae, and Heliornithidae to precede Rallidae).

Changed: *Charadrius dubious* (Little Ringed Plover) to *Thinornis dubious*, SPEC6 to THIDUB (from CHADUB).

Changed: CAT for Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) to 2 (from 3).

Inserted: Kentish Plover (*Anarhynchus alexandrinus*) following Western Snowy Plover, CAT=2, NUMB=03725, SPEC=KEPL, ORD=1, SPEC6=ANAALE, ORD6=1.

Changed: CAT for Gray Gull (*Leucophaeus modestus*) to 2 (from 3).

Changed: SPEC for CAT=1 Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*) to HEGU (from HEEG), ORD to 1 (from 2) due to release of conflict with code HERG for Herring Gull (see below). The ORD=2 code for CAT=3 species Helmeted Guineafowl (HELG) is unaffected.

Changed: Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) to European Herring Gull, SPEC to EHGU (from HERG), CAT to 2 (from 1), ORD to 1 (from 2), NUMB to 04712 (from 04710). This change results in a change to SPEC for Heermann's Gull (see above).

Inserted: Vega Gull (*Larus vegae*) following European Herring Gull, CAT=2, NUMB=04715, SPEC=VEGU, ORD=1, SPEC6=LARVEG, ORD6=1.

Inserted: American Herring Gull (*Larus smithsonianus*) following Vega Gull, CAT=1, NUMB remains 04710, SPEC=AHGU, ORD=1, SPEC6=LARSMI, ORD6=1.

Changed: White Tern (*Gygis alba*) to Blue-billed White-Tern (*Gygis candida*), SPEC to BBWT (from WHTT), ORD to 1 (from 4), SPEC6 to GYGCAN (from GYGALB). The change in SPEC results in a change to SPEC for Whiskered Tern (see below).

Inserted: Little White-Tern (*Gygis microrhyncha*) following Blue-billed White-Tern, CAT=2, NUMB = 05123, SPEC=LIWT, ORD=1, SPEC6=GYGMIC, ORD6=1.

Changed: SPEC for Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*) to WHITE (from WHST), ORD to 1 (from 4) due to release of conflict with codes WHITE, WTER, and WHIT for White Tern (see above).

Re-arranged linear sequence for 28 species and 3 non-species taxa of noddies, white-terns, terns, and skimmer to precede gulls, and changed subfamily names as indicated.

Changed: SPEC for CAT=2 species Eurasian Storm-Petrel (*Hydrobates pelagicus*) to ESTP, ORD to 2, due to new conflict with the ORD=1 SPEC (EUSP) for Eurasian Sparrowhawk (see below).

Changed: CAT for Ainley's Storm-Petrel (*Hydrobates cheimomnestes*) to 2 (from 3).

Changed: SPEC for CAT=3 species Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) to ESPO (from EURS), ORD to 3 (from 2), due to conflicts with the SPEC of CAT=2 species European Storm-Petrel and European Sparrowhawk (see above and below).

Re-arranged linear sequence for eight species of Threskiornithidae to precede Pelicanidae.

Inserted: Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) following Sharp-shinned Hawk, CAT=2, NUMB = 02204, SPEC=ESPA, ORD=3, SPEC6=ACCNIS, ORD6=1. ORD=3 SPEC ESPA is necessitated by conflicts of the ORD=1 (EUSP) and ORD=2 (EURS) SPECs with those of European Storm-Petrel and Eurasian Spoonbill (see above).

Changed: *Accipiter soloensis* (Chinese Sparrowhawk) to *Tachyspiza soloensis*, SPEC6 to TACSOL (from ACCSOL) and moved it to follow Tiny Hawk.

Re-arranged linear sequence of three species and one non-species taxon of *Accipiter* to follow Chinese Sparrowhawk.

Changed: Genus of five species of *Accipiter* to *Astur* as indicated, SPEC6 from ACCXXX to ASTXXX.

Changed: Unidentified *Accipiter* Hawk to Unidentified *Accipiter*/*Astur* Hawk, SPEC6 to ACASPE (from ACCSPE). SPEC=UAHA remains unchanged.

Re-arranged linear sequence of three species of *Circus* to follow American Goshawk.

Changed: SPEC for Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) to BTTR (from BTAT), ORD to 1 (from 2) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Black-throated Trogon (see below).

Changed: Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*) to Graceful Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon tenellus*), SPEC to GBTT (from BTHT), ORD to 1 (from 2), SPEC6 to TROTEN (from TRORUF), ORD6 to 1 (from 2). The change in SPEC results in a change to SPEC for Black-tailed Trogon (see above), and the change in SPEC6 results in a change to SPEC6 for *Troglodytes rufociliatus* (see below).

Changed: Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) to Common Hoopoe, SPEC to COHO (from EHOO), ORD to 1 (from 3). The change in SPEC results in a change to SPEC for Eurasian Hobby (see see below).

Changed: CAT for Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) to 2 (from 3).

Changed: SPEC for Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) to EUHO (from EHOB) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Eurasian Hoopoe (see above).

Changed: SPEC for Cuban Parakeet (*Psittacara euops*) to CUPA (from CPAK), ORD to 1 (from N) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Cuban Parrot (see below).

Changed: SPEC for Puerto Rican Parakeet (*Psittacara mauei*) to PRPA (from PRPK), ORD to 1 (from N) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Puerto Rican Parrot (see below).

Changed: SPEC for Hispaniolan Parakeet (*Psittacara chloropterus*) to HIPA (from HPAK), ORD to 1 (from N) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Hispaniolan Parrot (see below).

Changed: SPEC for Mexican Parrotlet (*Forpus cyanopygius*) to MEPA (from MEXP), ORD to 1 (from 2) due to release of conflict with the SPEC for Mealy Parrot (see below).

Changed: Group common names of 18 species in genus *Amazona* to Amazon (from Parrot), SPEC from XXPA to XXAM. Changes in ORD are for Cuban Amazon (CUAM; N to 1), Hispaniolan Amazon (HIAM; N to 1), Puerto Rican Amazon (PRAM; N to 1), Mealy Amazon (MEAM; 2 to 1); and Yellow-crowned Amazon (YCAM; 2 to 1). These changes also result in changes to SPEC for four other parakeet and parrotlet species (see above). SPEC for CAT=1 species Yellow-chevroned Parakeet remains YCPA.

Changed: SPEC for Sad Flycatcher (*Myiarchus barbirostris*) to SADP (from SAFL), ORD to 2 (from 1) due to new conflict with the SPEC for Salvadorian Flycatcher (see below).

Inserted: Salvadorian Flycatcher (*Myiarchus flavidior*) following Nutting's Flycatcher, CAT=3, NUMB = 11752, SPEC=SALF, ORD=2, SPEC6=MYIFLA, ORD6=1. This addition results in a change of SPEC for Sad Flycatcher (see above).

Changed: Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) to Northern Plain-Xenops (*Xenops mexicanus*), SPEC to NOPX (from PLXE), SPEC6 to XENMEX (from XENMIT), ORD6 to 1 (from 2). The change in SPEC6 results in a change in SPEC6 for *Xenerpestes minlosi* (see below).

Changed: *Philydor fuscipenne* (Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner) to *Neophilydor fuscipenne*, SPEC6 to NEOFUS (from PHIFUS).

Changed: SPEC6 for *Xenerpestes minlosi* (Double-banded Graytail) to XENMIN (from XENMIL), ORD6 to 1 (from 2) due to release of SPEC6 conflict with *Xenops minutus* (see above).

Inserted: Western Warbling-Vireo (*Vireo swainsoni*) preceding Eastern Warbling-Vireo, CAT=1, NUMB = 12758, SPEC=WEWV, ORD=1, SPEC6=VIRSWA, ORD6=1.

Changed: Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) to Eastern Warbling-Vireo, SPEC to EAWV (from WAVI).

Inserted: Non-species taxon Unidentified Warbling-Vireo (*Vireo swainsoni* x *gilvus*) after Eastern Warbling-Vireo, SPEC = UNVI, ORD=1, SPEC6=VIRSWG, ORD6=1.

Changed: *Corvus monedula* (Eurasian Jackdaw) to *Coloeus monedula*, SPEC6 to COLMON (from CORMON).

Changed: *Sylvia currica* (Lesser Whitethroat) to *Currica currica*, SPEC6 to CURCUR (from SYLCUR).

Changed: *Garrulax pectoralis* (Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush) to *Pterorhinus pectoralis*, SPEC6 to PTEPEC (from GARPEC).

Changed: SPEC6 for *Troglodytes rufociliatus* (Rufous-browed Wren) to TRORUF (from TRORUC), ORD6 to 1 (from 2) due to release of conflict with the SPEC6 for *Trogon rufus* (see above).

Re-arranged: Black Catbird (*Melanoptila glabrirostris*) to follow Gray Catbird.

Inserted: Dagua Thrush (*Turdus daguae*) after White-throated Thrush, CAT=3, NUMB = 14972, SPEC=DATH, ORD=1, SPEC6=TURDAG, ORD6=1.

Changed: *Cyanecula svecica* (Bluethroat) to *Luscinia svecica*, SPEC6 to LUSSVE (from CYASVE).

Inserted: Blue Rock-thrush (*Monticola solitarius*) after Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush, CAT=2, NUMB = 14448, SPEC=BLRT, ORD=1, SPEC6=MONSOL, ORD6=1.

Changed: CAT for European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) to 1 (from 3).

Changed: Family for five species in (former) Nesospingidae and Spindalidae to Phaenicophilidae and added subfamilies Phaenicophilinae and Spindalidae as indicated.

Changed: *Basileuterus lachrymosus* (Fan-tailed Warbler) to *Euthlypis lachrymosa*, SPEC6 to EUTLAC (from BASLAC).

Changed: CAT for Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) to 2 (from 3). This results also in SPEC for this species changing from BGRA (ORD= N) to BBGR (ORD = 1) due to coding priority over that for CAT=3 Blue-black Grosbeak, which remains SPEC=BGRO (ORD=N).

### Other Changes

Fixed: typos to the scientific name in the entries for Atlantic Brant (*Branta bernicla*), Black x Atlantic Brant Intergrade (*Brnta bernicla bernicla x nigricans*) and Black Brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*), and for Lesser Whitethroat (*Currica currica*).

Added: Non-species taxon Unidentified Vireo (*Vireo* sp.), following Yucatan Vireo, at the request of a user. PNO=2, CAT=1, NUMB=12825, SPEC=UNVI, ORD=1, SPEC6=VIRSPC, ORD6=2. ORD6=2 code VIRSPC used because VIRSPE is already assigned to Solitary Vireo (unidentified species).

Changed: SPEC for Unidentified Sagebrush Sparrow (*Artemisiospiza nevadensis/belli*) back to SAGS (from USSP) at the request of a user that has been entering codes for these taxa. This allows the code for Sagebrush Sparrow to remain as SABS rather than changing it to SAGS, which would only invite more confusion.

## Differences between AOS and Clements/eBird nomenclature:

Our alpha code list is based on the taxonomy and nomenclature of the American Ornithological Society. Another taxonomy, that of Clements (2024: <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/>), is used by eBird and other online bird resources. Below we provide a list of differences between our names and those of Clements (2024). Four-letter and six-letter codes are provided for the Clements nomenclature.

### A. Common Name Differences (Our name vs. Clements name)

- Erckel's Francolin vs. Erckel's Spurfowl (ERSP)
- Common Wood Pigeon vs. Common Wood-Pigeon (COWP)
- Fork-tailed Swift vs. Pacific Swift (PASW)
- Antillean Palm-Swift vs. Antillean Palm Swift (APSW)
- Common Moorhen vs. Eurasian Moorhen (EUMO)
- Purple Swampphen vs. Gray-headed Swampphen (GHSW)
- Yellow-nosed Albatross vs. Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross (AYNA)
- Wandering Albatross vs. Antipodean Albatross (ANAL)
- Cocos Flycatcher vs. Cocos Tyrannulet (COTY)
- Mouse-colored Tyrannulet vs. Northern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (NMCT)
- Rusty-winged Antwren vs. Rufous-margined Antwren (RMAN)
- Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser vs. Middle American Leaf Tosser (MALE)
- Hwamei vs. Chinese Hwamei (CHHW)
- Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush vs. Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush (RTRT)
- Blue Rock-thrush vs. Blue Rock-Thrush (BLRT)
- Asian Stonechat vs. Amur Stonechat (AMST)

### B. Scientific Name Differences (Our name vs. Clements name)

- *Neochen jubata* vs. *Oressochen jubatus* (OREJUB)
- *Porphyrio martinicus* vs. *Porphyrio martinica* (PORMAR)
- *Porphyrio porphyrio* vs. *Porphyrio poliocephalus* (PORPOL)
- *Calidris pygmaea* vs. *Calidris pygmaea* (CALPYG)
- *Diomedea exulans* vs. *Diomedea antipodensis* (DIOANT)
- *Milvago chimachima* vs. *Daptrius chimachima* (DAPCHI)
- *Mionectes olivaceus* vs. *Mionectes galbinus* (MIOGAL)
- *Lophotriccus pilaris* vs. *Atalotriccus pilaris* (ATAPIL)
- *Haplospiza rustica* vs. *Spodiornis rusticus* (SPORUS)
- *Euthlypis lachrymosa* vs. *Basileuterus lachrymosus* (BASLAC)

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