

The Taxonomic Sequence of Avian Orders and Families

Domain: Eukaryota

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Subphylum: Vertebrata

Class: Aves

Subclass: Archaeornithes – birds extinct Jurassic & early Cretaceous

Subclass: Neornithes – all living birds – 41/251/11017

Infraclass: Paleognathae – Ancient Jaw – 5/5/59

Superorder: Struthionimorphae – 1/1/2

1. Order: Struthioniformes – 1/2

1. Family: Struthionidae – Ostriches – 2

Superorder: Rheimorphae – 1/1/2

2. Order: Rheiformes – 1/2

1. Family: Rheidae – Rheas – 2

Superorder: Tinamimorphae – 1/1/46

3. Order: Tinamiformes – 1/46

1. Family: Tinamidae – Tinamous – 46

Superorder: Apterygimorphae – 2/2/9

4. Order: Apterygiformes – 1/5

1. Family: Apterygidae – Kiwis – 5

5. Order: Casuariiformes – 1/4

1. Family: Casuariidae – Cassowary & Emu – 4

Infraclass: Neognathae – 36/246/10958

Parvclass Galloanseres – 2/8/483

6. Order: Anseriformes – 3/178

1. Family: Anhimidae – Screamers – 3

2. Family: Anseranatidae – Magpie Goose – 1

3. Family: Anatidae – Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl – 174

7. Order: Galliformes – 5/305

1. Family: Megapodiidae – Megapodes – 21

2. Family: Cracidae – Guans, Chachalacas & Curassows – 57

3. Family: Numididae – Guinea fowl – 8

4. Family: Odontophoridae – New World Quail – 33

5. Family: Phasianidae – Pheasants, Grouse & Allies – 186

Parvclass Neoaves – 34/238/10475

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Clade Columbea – 5/5/400

Clade Superorder: Phoenicopterimorphae – 2/2/28 (or Clade Mirandornithes)

8. Order: Phoenicopteriformes – 1/6

1. Family: Phoenicopteridae – Flamingos – 6

9. Order: Podicipediformes – 1/22

1. Family: Podicipedidae – Grebes – 22

Clade Superorder: Columbimorphae – 3/3/372

10. Order: Columbiformes – 1/353

1. Family: Columbidae – Pigeons & Doves – 353

11. Order: Mesitornithiformes – 1/3

1. Family: Mesitornithidae – Mesites – 3

12. Order: Pterocliiformes – 1/16

1. Family: Pteroclididae – Sandgrouse – 16

Clade Passerea – 29/233/10075

Clade Otidae – 4/11/805

Clade Superorder: Otidimorphae – 3/3/196

13. Order: Otidiformes – 1/26

1. Family: Otidae – Bustards – 26

14. Order: Musophagiformes – 1/23

1. Family: Musophagidae – Turacos – 23

15. Order: Cuculiformes – 1/147

1. Family: Cuculidae – Cuckoos – 147

Superorder: Caprimulgimorphae – 1/8/609 (Clade *Strisores*)

16. Order: Caprimulgiformes – Nightbirds, Swifts, Hummers – 8/609

2. Family: Caprimulgidae – Nightjars & Allies – 97

Clade Vanescaves

3. Family: Nyctibiidae – Potoos – 7

4. Family: Steatornithidae – Oilbird – 1

Clade Letornithes

1. Family: Podargidae – Frogmouths – 16

Clade Daedalornithes

5. Family: Aegothelidae – Owlet-nightjars – 9

Clade Apodiformes

Clade Suborder Apodi

6. Family: Apodidae – Swifts – 112

7. Family: Hemiprocidae – Treeswifts – 4

Clade Suborder Trochili

8. Family: Trochilidae – Hummingbirds – 363

Clade Gruae – 3/26/579

Clade Superorder: Opisthocomimorphae – 1/1/1

17. Order: Opisthocomiformes – 1/1

1. Family: Opisthocomidae – Hoatzin – 1

Clade Superorder: Gruimorphae 2/25/578 (or Charadriimorphae, Cursorimorphae)

18. Order: Gruiformes – Cranes & allies – 6/192

Suborder: Ralli – 3/173

1. Family: Sarothruridae – Flufftails – 15

2. Family: Rallidae – Rails, Gallinules & Coots – 155

3. Family: Heliornithidae – Finfoots – 3

Suborder: Gru – 3/19

4. Family: Aramidae – Limpkin – 1

5. Family: Psophiidae – Trumpeters – 3

6. Family: Gruidae – Cranes – 15

19. Order: Charadriiformes – Shorebirds & Gulls – 19/386

Suborder: Charadrii – 8/105

1. Family: Pluvianellidae – Magellanic Plover – 1

2. Family: Chionidae – Sheathbills – 2

3. Family: Burhinidae – Thick-knees – 10

4. Family: Pluvianidae – Egyptian Plover – 1

5. Family: Recurvirostridae – Stilts & Avocets – 9

6. Family: Ibisornithidae – Ibisbill – 1

7. Family: Haematopodidae – Oystercatchers – 12

8. Family: Charadriidae – Plovers & Lapwings – 69

Suborder: Scolopaci – 5/113

9. Family: Pedionomidae – Plains-wanderer – 1
10. Family: Thinocoridae – Seedsnipes – 4
11. Family: Rostratulidae – Painted-Snipes – 3
12. Family: Jacanidae – Jacanas – 8
13. Family: Scolopacidae – Sandpipers & Allies – 97

Suborder: Lari – 6/168

14. Family: Turnicidae – Buttonquail – 18
15. Family: Dromadidae – Crab-Plover – 1
16. Family: Glareolidae – Pratincoles & Coursers – 17
17. Family: Stercorariidae – Skuas & Jaegers – 7
18. Family: Alcidae – Auks, Murres & Puffins – 25
19. Family: Laridae – Gulls, Terns & Skimmers – 100

Clade Superorder Eurypygimorphae – 2/3/5 (or Phaethontimorphae)

20. Order: Eurypygiformes – 2/2

1. Family: Rhynochetidae – Kagu – 1
2. Family: Eurypygidae – Sunbittern – 1

21. Order: Phaethontiformes – 1/3

1. Family: Phaethontidae – Tropicbirds – 3

Clade Aequornithes – Core Waterbirds – 6/16/365

Clade Superorder: Gaviimorphae – 1/1/5

22. Order: Gaviiformes – 1/5

1. Family: Gaviidae – Loons – 5

Clade Feraequornithes – 5/15/360

Clade Austrodyptornithes – 2/5/164 (or Superorder Procellariimorphae)

23. Order: Sphenisciformes – 1/18

1. Family: Spheniscidae – Penguins – 18

24. Order: Procellariiformes – 4/146

1. Family: Diomedidae – Albatrosses – 20
2. Family: Oceanitidae – Southern Storm-Petrels – 10
3. Family: Hydrobatidae – Northern Storm-Petrels – 18
4. Family: Procellariidae – Shearwaters & Petrels – 98

Clade Superorder: Pelecanimorphae – 3/10/196

25. Order: Ciconiiformes – 1/20

1. Family: Ciconiidae – Storks – 20

Clade: Pelecanes – 2/9/176

26. Order: Suliformes – 4/59

1. Family: Fregatidae – Frigatebirds – 5
2. Family: Sulidae – Boobies & Gannets – 10
3. Family: Anhingidae – Anhingas – 4
4. Family: Phalacrocoracidae – Cormorants & Shags – 40

27. Order: Pelecaniformes – 5/117

Suborder: Pelicani – 3/10

1. Family: Pelecanidae – Pelicans – 8
2. Family: Balaenicipitidae – Shoebill – 1
3. Family: Scopidae – Hamerkop – 1

Suborder: Ardei – 2/107

4. Family: Ardeidae – Herons, Egrets & Bitterns – 71
5. Family: Threskiornithidae – Ibises & Spoonbills – 36

Clade Telluraves (Core Landbirds) – 14/177/8321

Clade Infraclass Afroaves – 10/28/1254

Clade Superorder: Accipitriformae – 2/4/259

28. Order: Cathartiformes – 1/7

1. Family: Cathartidae – New World Vultures – 7

29. Order: [Accipitriformes](#) – 3/252

1. Family: Sagittariidae – Secretarybird – 1

2. Family: Pandionidae – Osprey – 1

3. Family: Accipitridae – Hawks, Eagles & Kites – 250

Clade Superorder: *Strigimorphae* – 1/2/247

30. Order: [Strigiformes](#) – 2/247

1. Family: Tytonidae – Barn-Owls – 18

2. Family: Strigidae – Owls – 229

Clade Superorder: *Coraciimorphae* – 7/22/748

31. Order: [Coliiformes](#) – 1/6

1. Family: Coliidae – Mousebirds – 6

Clade Cavitaves – 6/21/742

32. Order: [Leptosomiformes](#) – 1/1

1. Family: Leptosomidae – Cuckoo-roller – 1

Clade Eucavitaves – 5/20/741

33. Order: [Trogoniformes](#) – 1/46

1. Family: Trogonidae – Trogons – 46

Clade Picocoraciae – 4/19/695

34. Order: [Bucerotiformes](#) – 4/75

Suborder: Upupi – 2/11

1. Family: Upupidae – Hoopoes – 3

2. Family: Phoeniculidae – Woodhoopoes & Scimitarbills – 8

Suborder: Buceroti – 2/64

3. Family: Bucorvidae – Ground-Hornbills – 2

4. Family: Bucerotidae – Hornbills – 62

Clade Picodynastornithes – 3/15/620 (was Superorder: *Coraciimorphae*)

35. Order: [Coraciiformes](#) – 6/185

Clade unnamed

1. Family: Todidae – Todies – 5

2. Family: Momotidae – Motmots – 14

3. Family: Alcedinidae – Kingfishers – 117

Clade unnamed

4. Family: Meropidae – Bee-eaters – 31

5. Family: Coraciidae – Rollers – 13

6. Family: Brachypteraciidae – Ground-Rollers – 5

36. Order: [Galbuliformes](#) (sometimes suborder [Galbuli](#) in *Picaformes*) – 2/55

1. Family: Bucconidae – Puffbirds – 37

2. Family: Galbulidae – Jacamars – 18

37. Order: [Piciformes](#) – 7/380

Infraorder Ramphastides – 5/129

1. Family: Lybiidae – African Barbets – 41

2. Family: Megalaimidae – Asian Barbets – 35

3. Family: Capitonidae – New World Barbets – 15

4. Family: Semnornithidae – Toucan-Barbets – 2

5. Family: Ramphastidae – Toucans – 36

Infraorder: Picides – 2/251

6. Family: Indicatoridae – Honeyguides – 16

7. Family: Picidae – Woodpeckers – 235

Clade Infraclass *Australaves* – 4/149/7067

38. Order: [Cariamiformes](#) – 1/2

1. Family: Cariamidae – Seriemas – 2

Clade Superorder Eufalconimorphae – 148/7065

39. Order: Falconiformes – 1/65

1. Family: Falconidae – Falcons & Caracaras – 65

Clade Psittacopasseres – 147/7000 (formerly Passerimorphae)

40. Order: Psittaciformes – 4/405

Superfamily: Strigopoidea – 1/4

1. Family: Strigopidae – New Zealand Parrots – 4

Superfamily: Cacatuoidea – 1/22

2. Family: Cacatuidae – Cockatoos – 22

Superfamily: Psittacoidea – True Parrots – 2/379

3. Family: Psittaculidae – Old World Parrots – 202

4. Family: Psittacidae – New World & African Parrots – 177

41. Order: Passeriformes – 143/6595

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As you go through the following list, note the 3 suborders, 4 infraorders, 5 parvorders and 10 superfamilies.

41. Order: Passeriformes – 143/6595

Suborder Acanthisitti – 1/4

1. Family: Acanthisittidae – New Zealand Wrens – 4

Suborder Tyranni – Non-oscine Passerines – 17/1386

Infraorder Eurylaimides – Old World Suboscines – 5/68

5. Family: Philepittidae – Asities – 4
3. Family: Eurylaimidae – Asian & Grauer's Broadbills – 10
2. Family: Calyptomenidae – African & Green Broadbills – 6
4. Family: Sapayoidae – Sapayoa – 1
6. Family: Pittidae – Pittas – 47

Infraorder Tyrannides – New World Suboscines – 12/1318

Parvorder Furnariida – 7/714

8. Family: Melanopareiidae – Crescentchests – 4
9. Family: Conopophagidae – Gnateaters – 12
7. Family: Thamnophilidae – Typical Antbirds – 237
10. Family: Grallariidae – Antpittas – 70
11. Family: Rhinocryptidae – Tapaculos – 65
12. Family: Formicariidae – Anthrushes – 12
13. Family: Furnariidae – Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers – 314

Parvorder Tyrannida 5/604

14. Family: Pipridae – Manakins – 55
15. Family: Cotingidae – Cotingas – 65
16. Family: Tityridae – Tityras and Allies – 35
17. Family: Oxyruncidae – Sharpbill, Royal Flycatcher & Allies – 8
- Family: [Onychorhynchidae](#) – Royal Flycatcher – Part of Oxyruncidae
18. Family: Tyrannidae – Tyrant Flycatchers – 441

Suborder Passeri – Oscine Passerines 125/5205

Basal families in Passeri clade – 11/342

20. Family: Atrichornithidae – Scrub-birds – 2
19. Family: Menuridae – Lyrebirds – 2
22. Family: Climacteridae – Australasian Treecreepers – 7
21. Family: Ptilonorhynchidae – Bowerbirds – 27
23. Family: Maluridae – Fairywrens – 32
25. Family: Dasyornithidae – Bristlebirds – 3

- 26. Family: Pardalotidae – Pardalotes – 4
- 27. Family: Acanthizidae – Thornbills & Allies – 66
- 24. Family: Meliphagidae – Honeyeaters – 191
- 28. Family: Pomatostomidae – Pseudo-Babblers – 5
- 29. Family: Orthonychidae – Logrunners – 3

Infraorder Corvides – 30/847 (previously parvorder Corvida)

Basal families in Corvides clade – 4/107

- 30. Family: Cinclosomatidae – Quail-thrushes & Jewel-babblers – 12
- 31. Family: Campephagidae – Cuckooshrikes – 89 (some in *Orioloidea*)
- 32. Family: Mohouidae – Whiteheads – 3
- 33. Family: Neosittidae – Sittellas – 3

Superfamily: Orioloidea 8/180

- 34. Family: Psophodidae – Whipbirds & Wedgebills – 5
- 35. Family: Eulacestomatidae – Ploughbill – 1
- 37. Family: Falcunculidae – Shrike-tits – 3
- 36. Family: Oreoicidae – Australo-Papuan Bellbirds – 3
- 38. Family: Paramythiidae – Tit Berrypecker & Crested Berrypecker – 3
- 39. Family: Vireonidae – Vireos, Shrike-Babblers & Erpornis – 61
- 40. Family: Pachycephalidae – Whistlers & Allies – 63
- 41. Family: Oriolidae – Old World Orioles – 41

Superfamily: Malaconotoidea – 8/154

- 42. Family: Machaerirhynchidae – Boatbills – 2
- 43. Family: Artamidae – Woodswallows, Bellmagpies & Allies – 24
- 44. Family: Rhagologidae – Mottled Berryhunter – 1
- 49. Family: Malaconotidae – Bushshrikes & Allies – 50
- 47. Family: Pityriidae – Bristlehead – 1
- 48. Family: Aegithinidae – Ioras – 4
- 45. Family: Platysteiridae – Wattle-eyes & Batises – 32
- 46. Family: Vangidae – Vangas, Helmetshrikes & Allies – 40

Superfamily: Corvoidea – 10/406

- 50. Family: Rhipiduridae – Fantails – 64
- 51. Family: Dicruridae – Drongos – 28
- 54. Family: Monarchidae – Monarch Flycatchers – 100
- 53. Family: Ifritidae – Ifrita – 1
- 52. Family: Paradisaeidae – Birds-of-Paradise – 44
- 55. Family: Corcoracidae – White-winged Chough & Apostlebird – 2
- 56. Family: Melampittidae – Melampittas – 2
- 58. Family: Laniidae – Shrikes – 34
- 57. Family: Platylophidae – Crested Shrikejay – 1
- 59. Family: Corvidae – Crows, Jays & Magpies – 130

Infraorder Passerides – 84/4016 (previously parvorder Passerida)

Basal families in Passerides clade – 8/76

- 60. Family: Cnemophilidae – Satinbirds – 3
- 61. Family: Melanocharitidae – Berrypeckers & Longbills – 12
- 62. Family: Callaeidae – Wattlebirds – 5
- 63. Family: Notiomystidae – Stitchbird – 1
- 64. Family: Petroicidae – Australasian Robins – 50
- 67. Family: Eupetidae – Rail-babbler – 1
- 65. Family: Picathartidae – Rockfowl – 2
- 66. Family: Chaetopidae – Rockjumpers – 2

Parvorder Sylviida – 26/1363

Basal families in Sylviida clade – 9/364

- 68. Family: Hyliotidae – Hyliotas – 4
- 69. Family: Stenostiridae – Fairy Flycatchers – 9
- 70. Family: Paridae – Tits, Chickadees & Titmice – 63
- 71. Family: Remizidae – Penduline-Tits – 11
- 73. Family: Panuridae – Bearded Reedling – 1
- 72. Family: Alaudidae – Larks – 93
- 74. Family: Nicatoridae – Nicators – 3
- 75. Family: Macrosphenidae – African Warblers – 18
- 76. Family: Cisticolidae – Cisticolas & Allies – 162

Superfamily: *Locustelloidea* – 6/231

- 77. Family: Acrocephalidae – Reed Warblers & Allies – 60
- 78. Family: Locustellidae – Grassbirds & Allies – 67
- 79. Family: Donacobiidae – Donacobius – 1
- 80. Family: Bernieridae – Malagasy Warblers – 11
- 81. Family: Pnoepygidae – Cupwings – 4
- 82. Family: Hirundinidae – Swallows – 88

Superfamily: *Sylvioidea* 7/640

- 83. Family: Pycnonotidae – Bulbuls – 156
- 88. Family: Sylviidae – Sylviid Warblers & Allies – 32
- 89. Family: Paradoxornithidae – Parrotbills – 38
- 90. Family: Zosteropidae – White-eyes, Yuhinas & Allies – 148
- 91. Family: Timaliidae – Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers & Allies – 58
- 93. Family: Leiothrichidae – Laughingthrushes & Allies – 143
- Family: [Alcippeidae](#) – Alcippe fulvettas (now in Leiothrichidae)
- 92. Family: Pellorneidae – Ground Babblers & Allies – 65

Superfamily: *Aegithaloidea* – 4/128

- 84. Family: Phylloscopidae – Leaf Warblers – 80
- 85. Family: Hyliidae – Hylas – 2
- 87. Family: Aegithalidae – Long-tailed Tits – 11
- 86. Family: Scotocercidae – Bush Warblers & Allies – 35
- Family: [Cettidae](#) – Cettia bush warblers & allies (now in Scotocercidae)
- Family: [Erythrocercidae](#) – Yellow flycatchers (now in Scotocercidae)

Parvorder *Muscicapida* – 19/856 (previously superfamily *Muscicapoidea*)

Superfamily: *Bombycilloidea* – 6/15

- 110. Family: Dulidae – Palmchat – 1
- 107. Family: Bombycillidae – Waxwings – 3
- 109. Family: Ptiliogonatidae – Silky-flycatchers – 4
- 111. Family: Hylocitreidae – Hylocitrea – 1
- 112. Family: Hypocoliidae – Hypocolius – 1
- 108. Family: Mohoidae – Hawaiian Honeyeaters – 5

Superfamily: *Muscicapoidea* – 8/693

- 100. Family: Elachuridae – Spotted Elachura – 1
- 101. Family: Cinclidae – Dippers – 5
- 106. Family: Muscicapidae – Old World Flycatchers – 345
- 105. Family: Turdidae – Thrushes & Allies – 175
- 102. Family: Buphagidae – Oxpeckers – 2
- 103. Family: Sturnidae – Starlings – 125
- 104. Family: Mimidae – Mockingbirds & Thrashers – 34
- 94. Family: Regulidae – Kinglets – 6

Superfamily: *Certhioidea* 5/148

- 95. Family: Tichodromidae – Wallcreeper – 1
- 96. Family: Sittidae – Nuthatches – 29

- 97. Family: Certhiidae – Treecreepers – 11
- 98. Family: Polioptilidae – Gnatcatchers – 21
- 99. Family: Troglodytidae – Wrens – 86

Parvorder Passerida – 31/1721 (previously superfamily Passeroidea)

Basal families in Passerida clade – 15/863

- 113. Family: Promeropidae – Sugarbirds – 2
- 114. Family: Modulatricidae – Dapple-throat & Allies – 3
- 116. Family: Nectariniidae – Sunbirds & Spiderhunters – 148
- 115. Family: Dicaeidae – Flowerpeckers – 53
- 118. Family: Chloropseidae – Leafbirds – 12
- 117. Family: Irenidae – Fairy-bluebirds – 3
- 119. Family: Peucedramidae – Olive Warbler – 1
- 120. Family: Urocynchramidae – Przevalski's Pinktail – 1
- 121. Family: Ploceidae – Weavers & Allies – 123
- 123. Family: Viduidae – Indigobirds – 20
- 122. Family: Estrildidae – Waxbills & Allies – 138
- 124. Family: Prunellidae – Accentors – 12
- 125. Family: Passeridae – Old World Sparrows – 43
- 126. Family: Motacillidae – Wagtails & Pipits – 69
- 127. Family: Fringillidae – Finches, Euphonias & Allies – 235

Superfamily: Emberizoidea 16/858 (previously New World 9-primaried oscines)

- 129. Family: Rhodinocichlidae – Thrush-Tanager – 1
- 128. Family: Calcariidae – Longspurs & Snow Buntings – 6
- 130. Family: Emberizidae – Old World Buntings – 44
- 142. Family: Cardinalidae – Cardinals & Allies – 51
- 141. Family: Mitrospingidae – Mitrospingid Tanagers – 4
- 143. Family: Thraupidae – Tanagers & Allies – 384
- 131. Family: Passerellidae – New World Sparrows – 132
- 140. Family: Parulidae – New World Warblers – 115
- 138. Family: Icteriidae – Yellow-breasted Chat – 1
- 139. Family: Icteridae – Troupials & Allies – 106
- 132. Family: Calyptophilidae – Chat-Tanagers – 2
- 136. Family: Zeledoniidae – Wrenthrush – 1
- 137. Family: Teretistridae – Cuban Warblers – 2
- 134. Family: Nesospingidae – Puerto Rican Tanager – 1
- 135. Family: Spindalidae – Spindalises – 4
- 133. Family: Phaenicophilidae – Hispaniolan Tanagers – 4