

NP: National Park
OBI: Website <http://orientalbirdimages.org>
Pavo: Ornithology Journal, Maharaj Sayajirao University, Baroda (Now closed).
RNBWS: Royal Naval Birdwatching Society

Sea Swallow: Journal of Royal Naval Birdwatching Society
Vihang: Newsletter of Gujarat Birds (In Gujarati) (Now closed)
WFVZ: Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, California, USA
WSGB: Wader Study Group Bulletin

Bird species with annotations:

Francolins, Quails, Bush Quails, Partridges, Spurrows and Junglefowls (Plate 2-5, 7)

1. Black Francolin: *Francolinus francolinus*

Common resident. Mainly in Kachchh. More easily seen in the monsoon. Status in Saurashtra and Gujarat uncertain. Seen in grasslands near Naliya and GRK very easily. No published records / photos from Saurashtra / Gujarat.

2. Painted Francolin: *Francolinus pictus*

Common resident. In Saurashtra and Gujarat. Absent in Kachchh. Common in 'vidi' areas and grasslands in Saurashtra. More easily seen in the monsoon when frequently seen calling from prominent perches.

3. Grey Francolin: *Francolinus pondicerianus*

Common resident. In all parts of the state. Very common in grasslands, scrub forest and stony areas.

4. Common Quail: *Coturnix coturnix*

Common winter visitor. In Saurashtra and Kachchh. Seen regularly in grasslands near Naliya in Kachchh and in other grasslands in Saurashtra. Common in LRK. Also in Velavadar NP. In Gujarat, but not common.

5. Rain Quail: *Coturnix coromandelica*

Common monsoon / breeding migrant. In all parts of the state. Common in grasslands of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Call heard very commonly in monsoon. Seen in good numbers in grasslands near Naliya, Rajkot and other grasslands near Jamnagar, Porbandar, Surendranagar etc. Also in Velavadar NP and other areas in Gujarat.

6. King Quail: *Coturnix chinensis*

Vagrant. Could be occurring as a monsoon vagrant but status not known. Sighting near Morbi (Ganpule 2005). Also listed for Thol BS near Ahmedabad (Iyer 2005).

7. Jungle Bush Quail: *Perdica asiatica*

Common resident. In Gujarat and Saurashtra. More common in Gujarat, rarer in Saurashtra. Seen regularly in Gir NP and other jungle areas nearby. Rare in other areas in Saurashtra. Status in Kachchh uncertain.

8. Rock Bush Quail: *Perdica argoondah*

Common resident. In arid and scrub forest of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Rarer in Gujarat. Seen in vidis and grasslands in Saurashtra quite regularly.

9. Red Spurrow: *Galloperdix spadicea*

Uncommon resident. In the forested belt from North Gujarat to South Gujarat. Many historical records (Ali 1954).

10. Red Junglefowl: *Gallus gallus*

Vagrant. Or rare resident? Sighting from Rajpipla (Monga & Naoroji 1983). Probably a vagrant in the forest belt in South Gujarat. Not present elsewhere in Saurashtra or Kachchh.

11. Grey Junglefowl: *Gallus sonneratii*

Uncommon / rare resident. Sightings from Rajpipla and South Gujarat (Monga & Naoroji 1983, Trivedi & Soni 2006). Specimens from Navasri Dist. (NMNH). Reported to be present in the forested belt in North Gujarat. Not present elsewhere in Saurashtra or Kachchh.

Peafowls (Plate 8)

12. Indian Peafowl: *Pavo cristatus*

Common resident. In Gujarat, Kachchh and Saurashtra. Seen commonly in all areas of the state. Good numbers in Gir NP.