

Distribution not well known and is probably widespread but overlooked. Many historical records.

****Swinhoe's Snipe:** *Gallinago megala*

Hypothetical. Could be occurring. Since field identification of Swinhoe's Snipe from Pin-tailed Snipe is impossible unless seen in hand (Leader & Carey 2003), it

is possible that Swinhoe's Snipe could be occurring but due to identification difficulties, it has not been recorded.

199. Common Snipe: *Gallinago gallinago*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat in suitable habitat. Most common snipe, seen all over the state.

Godwits and Curlews (Plate 60)

200. Black-tailed Godwit: *Limosa limosa*

Common winter visitor. Seen all over the state.

201. Bar-tailed Godwit: *Limosa lapponica*

Common to uncommon winter visitor. Sightings from the coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Seen in good numbers in Narara and Pirotan MNP. Probably uncommon in Gujarat.

202. Asian Dowitcher: *Limnodromus semipalmatus*

Vagrant. Winter. Sightings from Jamnagar (Bhatt 2008, Forsten & Lindholm 2008). Could be occurring in other coastal areas. Recently photographed in Narara in MNP (Robson 2012).

203. Long-billed Dowitcher: *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

Vagrant. Winter. Recent sightings (two) from MNP near Jamnagar (Forsten & Lindholm 2008) and Khijadia in

2012 (Unpublished photo of a single bird by Laurens Steijn – See *Indian BIRDS* 8 (4): 101-103, photos available).

204. Whimbrel: *Numenius phaeopus*

Common winter visitor. Sightings from coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Also in Gujarat. Present in small numbers at almost all coastal areas.

205. Eurasian Curlew: *Numenius arquata*

Common winter visitor. Sightings from coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Also in Gujarat. Present in small numbers at almost all coastal areas.

****Slender-billed Curlew:** *Numenius tenuirostris*

Very rare vagrant (possibly extinct). Sighting from Porbandar (Khachar & Rughani 2007) and MNP (Crockford 2009). Needs confirmation. See www.rspb.org.uk for excellent details of the species.

Tringa Sandpipers (Plate 61)

206. Spotted Redshank: *Tringa erythropus*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

207. Common Redshank: *Tringa totanus*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

208. Marsh Sandpiper: *Tringa stagnatilis*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

209. Common Greenshank: *Tringa nebularia*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

****Nordmann's Greenshank:** *Tringa guttifer*

Hypothetical. Unconfirmed sighting for Gujarat (Grimmett *et al.* 2011), the details of which could not be traced and an unconfirmed sighting from Rajkot Dist. (Ganpule 2010).

210. Green Sandpiper: *Tringa ochropus*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

211. Wood Sandpiper: *Tringa glareola*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

Sandpipers, Turnstone and Knots (Plate 62)

212. Terek Sandpiper: *Xenus cinereus*

Uncommon winter visitor. Mainly coastal. Sightings from Saurashtra coastline. Also in Kachchh. Fairly common in Jamnagar area. Rare in Gujarat.

213. Common Sandpiper: *Actitis hypoleucos*

Common winter visitor. Seen in all of Gujarat.

214. Ruddy Turnstone: *Arenaria interpres*

Common winter visitor. Sightings from coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Rare in Gujarat. Common in Jamnagar area.

215. Great Knot: *Calidris tenuirostris*

Uncommon winter visitor. Sightings from coastal areas of Jamnagar, Porbandar, Bhavnagar and Kachchh (Ganpule *et al.* 2011). Not seen in large numbers. Rare in Gujarat coastal area.

216. Red Knot: *Calidris canutus*

Vagrant .Winter. Recently photographed in Narara in MNP (Naik 2012). Could be occurring as a vagrant in

entire Gulf of Kachchh – a photographic record from Kachchh, but details could not be obtained. A group of six birds noted in Narara in November 2004 (Robson 2005).

Stints and Small Sandpipers (Plate 63, 64)

217. Red-necked Stint: *Calidris ruficollis*

Vagrant. Included in Parasharya *et al.* (2004), but not shown in the reference books (Grimmett *et al.* 2011, Rasmussen & Anderton 2012). A single bird was ringed at Jahkau, Kachchh under the BNHS - MAPS program (Mclure & Porntip 1972), and hence should be included in the Gujarat list. In non-breeding plumage, very similar to Little Stint, and could be overlooked. No photos on birding websites from Gujarat.

218. Little Stint: *Calidris minuta*

Common winter visitor. In all areas of Gujarat. Common in Jamnagar area. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Also in Gujarat. Seen inland.

219. Temminck's Stint: *Calidris temminckii*

Common winter visitor. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Also in Gujarat. Seen inland also.

220. Long-toed Stint: *Calidris subminuta*

Vagrant. A sighting from Jamnagar (Bhatia & Solanki 2016).

221. Sanderling: *Calidris alba*

Common winter visitor. Mainly coastal areas. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Rare in Gujarat.

222. Curlew Sandpiper: *Calidris ferruginea*

Common winter visitor. Mainly coastal areas. Common in Jamnagar. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Also in Gujarat.

223. Dunlin: *Calidris alpina*

Common winter visitor. Mainly coastal areas. Common in Jamnagar. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Rare in Gujarat.

****Spoon-billed Sandpiper:** *Eurnyorhynchus pygmaeus*

Hypothetical. Included in Parasharya *et al.* (2004). One unconfirmed sighting from Porbandar area (Dhadhal 2005). Should not be included without proper documentation.

224. Broad-billed Sandpiper: *Limicola falcinellus*

Uncommon winter visitor. Mainly coastal areas. Common in Jamnagar. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh coastline. Rare in South Gujarat area?

Couriers and Pratincoles (Plate 65)

225. Cream-coloured Courser: *Cursorius cursor*

Uncommon to rare winter visitor. Sightings from LRK, GRK and grasslands from Kachchh. Rare/vagrant elsewhere.

226. Indian Courser: *Cursorius coramandelicus*

Common to uncommon resident. Present all over the state but scattered. Very common in grasslands in Kachchh. Scattered sightings from all over Saurashtra. In Gujarat and South Gujarat also.

227. Collared Pratincole: *Glareola pratincola*

Uncommon to rare resident. Also local migrant. Breeding in Nalsarovar BS and in other locations. Sightings from LRK, GRK, Jamnagar area and in other places in Saurashtra and Kachchh.

228. Oriental Pratincole: *Glareola maldivarum*

Uncommon to rare resident. Also local breeding migrant. Sightings from LRK, GRK, Jamnagar area and in other places in Saurashtra and Kachchh. Breeding in a few locations in the state.

229. Small Pratincole: *Glareola lactea*

Common to uncommon resident. Also monsoon breeding migrant. All over the state. Infrequent sightings. In Saurashtra, Gujarat and Kachchh. Common in Nalsarovar. Seen in Saurashtra regularly before monsoon.