

data needed to make any assessment. Also included in the checklist of Birds of Gujarat (Parasharya *et al.* 2004).

47. Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel: *Oceanodroma monorhis*
Vagrant. A sighting from Gulf of Kachchh in January 2016 (photo posted on eBird, E. Munshi), of this species. Could be occurring off the Gujarat coast. More data needed to make any assessment. Occurs in the Arabian Sea.

Grebes (Plate 17)

48. Little Grebe: *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Common resident. In all parts of the state. Most common grebe.

49. Red-necked Grebe: *Podiceps grisegena*
Vagrant. Winter. Rajkot record (Mundkur & Pravez 1990). Also from Kheda District (Tatu 1998). Saurashtra Region (Report in 'Vihang').

50. Great-crested Grebe: *Podiceps cristatus*
Uncommon to common resident and local migrant. Sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh. Also from Gujarat. Commonly breeding around Jamnagar. Scattered breeding records from other areas.

51. Black-necked Grebe: *Podiceps nigricollis*
Uncommon winter visitor. Regular sightings in Charakhala salt pans near Jamnagar, where recorded in large numbers. Scattered reports from other parts of Saurashtra. Also in Kachchh.

Storks (Plate 18, 19)

52. Painted Stork: *Mycteria leucocephala*
Uncommon to locally common resident. Seen in large water bodies in Saurashtra, Kachchh and Gujarat. Not in very large numbers, but flocks of up to 200 seen sometimes in some areas.

53. Asian Openbill: *Anastomus oscitans*
Common resident. Common in South Gujarat and Central Gujarat. Also in Saurashtra. Probably uncommon in Kachchh.

54. Black Stork: *Ciconia nigra*
Uncommon to rare winter visitor. In LRK, GRK and in Saurashtra. Rare in Gujarat. Usually in small numbers, but flocks of more than 30 birds also noted.

55. Woolly-necked Stork: *Ciconia episcopus*
Common to uncommon resident. In all parts of the state. Commonly seen near Ahmedabad, Thol BS and in South Gujarat. Not very common in Saurashtra and Kachchh.

56. White Stork: *Ciconia ciconia*
Uncommon to rare winter visitor. In GRK, LRK and scattered elsewhere. Rare in Gujarat. More common in GRK where seen in good numbers. Also in Velavadar and North Gujarat. Usually in small flocks.

57. Black-necked Stork: *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*
Uncommon to rare resident. Regularly breeding in Jamnagar. Also in Chhari-Dhand in Kachchh, around LRK. Rare elsewhere. Sightings from Saurashtra and Gujarat.

58. Lesser Adjutant: *Leptoptilos javanicus*
Vagrant. One recent sighting with photograph near Valsad in South Gujarat (Jat 2010). Historical record from Mandvi, Kachchh (Ali 1954).

59. Greater Adjutant: *Leptoptilos dubius*
Vagrant. No recent sighting. Historical records from Kachchh and North Gujarat [Ali (1954), Dharmakumarsinhji (1955)].

Flamingos, Ibises and Spoonbill (Plate 20)

60. Greater Flamingo: *Phoenicopterus roseus*
Common resident. Seen in lagoons, salt pans and in and around shallow lakes in Saurashtra and Kachchh. Commonly seen in LRK, GRK, Nalsarovar, Thol BS. Around the coastline in large numbers in Porbandar, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar. Uncommon in South Gujarat. Records from all over the state. Breeds in GRK in August/

September in large numbers in favourable years. Nests recorded recently in LRK but breeding not successful.

61. Lesser Flamingo: *Phoenicopterus minor*
Common resident. In lagoons, salt pans and in and around shallow lakes Saurashtra and Kachchh. Commonly seen in LRK, GRK, Nalsarovar, Thol BS.

Around the coastline in large numbers in Porbandar, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar. Uncommon in South Gujarat area. Generally less common than Greater Flamingo. Breeds in GRK in August/September. Recorded nesting in LRK and Porbandar, but breeding unsuccessful.

62. Black-headed Ibis: *Threskiornis melanocephalus*

Common resident. Seen in all parts of the state in fairly good numbers. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and in fields.

63. Red-naped Ibis: *Pseudibis papillosa*

Common resident. Seen in all parts of the state in fairly good numbers. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and in fields. Most common ibis seen here.

64. Glossy Ibis: *Plegadis falcinellus*

Common to uncommon resident and migrant. Sightings from LRK, GRK and other parts of the state. Fairly common in Jamnagar area. Also in South Gujarat, Thol BS and in Nalsarovar. In almost all regions of Saurashtra. Breeding in GRK, Bhavnagar, but breeding probably under recorded.

65. Eurasian Spoonbill: *Platylea leucorodia*

Common resident and local migrant. In lagoons, salt pans and in and around shallow coastal areas in Saurashtra and Kachchh. Commonly seen almost all over the state in suitable habitat. Around the coastline in large numbers. Also in fresh water lakes and large water bodies.

Bitterns (Plate 21)

66. Little Bittern: *Ixobrychus minutus*

Vagrant. Recent sighting from Nalsarovar (Trivedi 2015). Probably under recorded due to skulking habits.

67. Yellow Bittern: *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Uncommon monsoon /breeding migrant. Sightings from many areas in Saurashtra. Scattered records elsewhere in the state. Uncommon in Kachchh. Relatively the most common bittern in Gujarat.

68. Cinnamon Bittern: *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Uncommon monsoon / breeding migrant. Sightings from Saurashtra. Also in South Gujarat. Uncommon in Kachchh. In suitable habitats locally all over the state.

69. Black Bittern: *Dupetor flavicollis*

Uncommon / rare monsoon breeding migrant. Recent sightings from near and around Nalsarovar BS and in South Gujarat. Rare elsewhere. Also occurs in Saurashtra and Central Gujarat (isolated records). Historical records from many areas in Gujarat. Probably more common than believed. Photos on INW, OBI from Gujarat.

70. Great Bittern: *Botaurus stellaris*

Rare winter visitor. Recent sightings from Nalsarovar BS (Trivedi 2015), Junagadh (Bagda 2014) and Porbandar (Tank 2015, reports on eBird by D.Vargiya, Bharat Rughani, etc.). Also LRK (Bech 2006). Many historical records from North and Central Gujarat (Ali 1954).

Small Herons (Plate 22)

71. Striated Heron: *Butorides striata*

Common resident. Shy and skulking. Near lakes, marshes and rivers/ reed beds. Common in Saurashtra and Gujarat. Uncommon in Kachchh. Regular sightings from Nalsarovar, near Jamnagar, Rajkot and other parts of the state.

72. Black-crowned Night Heron: *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Common resident. In all parts of the state in fairly good

numbers. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and ponds. Fairly common.

73. Indian Pond Heron: *Ardeola grayii*

Common resident. Seen in all parts of the state in fairly good numbers. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and in fields. Most common heron.

74. Chinese Pond Heron: *Ardeola bacchus*

Vagrant. Recorded from Bhavnagar (Parasharya 1983).

Large Herons and Egrets (Plate 23, 24)

75. Grey Heron: *Ardea cinerea*

Common resident and winter visitor. Fairly common. In all parts of the state in fairly good numbers including Kachchh. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and ponds. Also near salt pans and around sea shores, lagoons etc.

76. Purple Heron: *Ardea purpurea*

Common resident. Fairly common. In all parts of the state in fairly good numbers. Near lakes, marshes, rivers and ponds. Breeding colonies in many areas in the state.