

Re-sighting of tagged Greater Sand Plover at Modhava, near Mandvi, Kachchh

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It was a matter of luck, to click a very small tag on the leg of a wader on a six kms long beach, where thousands of birds are moving around, flying and foraging.

As the same, tagged, Greater Sand Plover was reported for two consecutive years at same spot and almost at the same time, we were hopeful to sight the bird once more and started to visit Modhava as many times as possible. We visited Modhava beach, near Mandvi, Kachchh, on 8, 10, 20, 25, and 31 March 2017, and again on 4 April 2017.

After photographing many birds, on 25 March 2017, we saw one Greater Sand Plover which seemed to have a tag on its leg. It was in a mixed flock of waders, which had around 40 Greater Sand Plovers. On enlarging the image on my computer, I was overjoyed to see that it was the same individual seen in the previous years, with an orange plastic tag marked 'TA' on the right tibia. The ringing details for this individual have been given earlier (Tewari 2016).

It is extraordinary that this same individual was seen at the same place, almost at the same time, for three consecutive years during migration. It reaffirms the observation that Greater Sand Plovers are faithful to stop-over sites on migration.

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I was very excited when I saw a tagged Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*) and Lesser Sand Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*) last year in March 2016 at Modhava beach, near Mandvi, Kachchh (Tewari 2016, Parekh 2017).

Sighting of Red-breasted Parakeet in Tena village, Surat

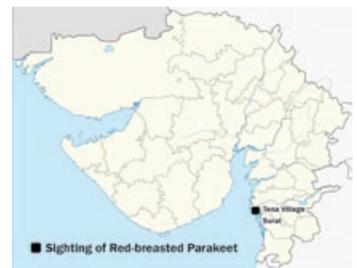
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The Red-breasted Parakeet (*Psittacula alexandri*) is listed as a 'Near Threatened' (NT) species by IUCN (BirdLife International 2013). It is resident along the foothills of the entire Himalayas, in North-eastern India, and the Andaman Islands (Grimmett *et. al.* 2011).



A single Red-breasted Parakeet was seen and photographed on 6 November 2016 in Tena village, near Surat. Gujarat is home to three species of parakeets; Plum-headed Parakeet (*Psittacula cyanocephala*), Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*) and