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## Sandgrouses (Plate 73, 74)

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**259. Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** *Pterocles alchata*

Vagrant. Historical record (Nurse 1902). No recent sightings.

**260. Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse:** *Pterocles exustus*

Common resident. Common in dry and arid areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh. Also in Gujarat and South Gujarat.

**261. Spotted Sandgrouse:** *Pterocles senegallus*

Rare winter visitor. But vagrant now. Many historical records. No recent sightings. Could be occurring in LRK, GRK, and Kachchh.

**262. Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** *Pterocles orientalis*

Rare winter visitor. But vagrant now. Many historical records. No recent sightings. Could be occurring in LRK, GRK and Kachchh.

**263. Painted Sandgrouse:** *Pterocles indicus*

Uncommon resident. Sightings from Gir NP area, Kachchh, Gujarat and South Gujarat.

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## Pigeons, Doves and Green Pigeons (Plate 75, 78, 80)

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**264. Common Pigeon:** *Columba livia*

Very common resident. Seen in good numbers all over the state. In every part of Gujarat.

**265. Yellow-eyed Pigeon:** *Columba eversmanni*

Vagrant. Recent sighting from LRK (Malik 2010).

**266. Oriental Turtle Dove:** *Streptopelia orientalis*

Common to uncommon winter visitor. Scattered sightings from all over the state. Fairly common in Gir NP and South Gujarat.

**267. Eurasian Collared Dove:** *Streptopelia decaocta*

Common resident. Sightings from all over the state in good numbers.

**268. Red Collared Dove:** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Common resident. Sightings from all over the state in good numbers.

**269. Spotted Dove:** *Streptopelia chinensis*

Common resident. Sightings from all over the State in good numbers.

**270. Laughing Dove:** *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Common resident. Sightings from all over the state in good numbers.

**271. Grey-fronted Green Pigeon:**

*Treron (pompadora) affinis*

Rare resident. Recent records from Dang forest (Mukesh Bhatt, *pers. comm.*). Also included in Parasharya *et al.* (2004).

**272. Yellow-footed Green Pigeon:** *Treron phoenicopterus*

Common to uncommon resident and local migrant. Common in Gir NP. Uncommon and scattered sightings from Saurashtra and Kachchh. Common in forest areas from North to South Gujarat.

**273. Emerald Dove:** *Chalcophaps indica*

Uncommon / rare resident. Probable winter migrant also. Occurs in Dang and surrounding forest areas.

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## Hanging Parrots and Parakeets (Plate 81, 82)

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**\*\*Vernal Hanging Parrot:** *Loriculus vernalis*

Vagrant. Recently photographed in Morbi (Ganpule 2011c). Probably an escapee (caged bird). However if there are sightings in the future, this may be revised.

**274. Alexandrine Parakeet:** *Psittacula eupatria*

Common resident. Seen in good numbers in forest areas of Gujarat. Scattered elsewhere with some sightings from Saurashtra. Rare in Kachchh.

**275. Rose-ringed Parakeet:** *Psittacula krameri*

Very common resident. Seen in good numbers all over the state.

**276. Plum-headed Parakeet:** *Psittacula cyanocephala*

Common resident. Seen in good numbers in Saurashtra (Gir NP areas) and in Gujarat also. Scattered elsewhere. Rare in Kachchh.