## Flamingo Gujarat - Bulletin of Gujarat Birds Vol. 1-4, October - December, 2018

**Editor:** Bakul Trivedi, M.S. **Associate Editor:** Prasad Ganpule

**Assistance:** Anuj Raina; Ashok Mashru; Maulik Varu, M.D.

Consulting Faculty: Bhavbhuti Parasharya, PhD; Geeta Padate, PhD; Indra Gadhvi, PhD; Jugalkishor Tiwari; Shantilal Varu; Uday Vora, IFS; Vinod Soni, PhD

**Cover Photo:** 'Black Bittern' by Jayesh Joshi **Layout and design:** Pugmark Qmulus Consortium

Address for articles: 19/414, Satyagrah Chhavni, Satellite Road, Ahmedabad-380015, Gujarat. flamingo.bcsg@gmail.com / drbakultrivedi@gmail.com

## **Contents:**

Status of Yellow Bittern, Cinnamon Bittern and Black Bittern in	
Ukai-Kakarapar irrigation command area, South Gujarat	1
Observations on breeding of Coppersmith Barbet in Rajkot	7
Water Pipit in Kachchh	10
Sykes's Short-toed Lark in Gujarat	11
Tagged Great Knot from Jamnagar	12
Purple Heron preying on a Barred Buttonquail	13
Golden Eagle near Palanpur: an addition to the avifauna of Gujarat	14

A juvenile Thick-billed Flowerpecker feeding another juvenile	16
Unusual feeding behaviour of Gull-billed Terns	17
Arctic Skua from Nal Sarovar	17
Black-capped Kingfisher near Veraval	18
Greater Coucal impaling chameleon on a thorn for feeding	19
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush in Gir	19
Short Birding Notes	20
'Feather Frame'	24
Book Review	25

- · Views expressed by the contributors in 'Flamingo' are not necessarily those of BCSG.
- No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, without permission in writing from Bird Conservation Society, Gujarat (BCSG).



## bcsg Bird Conservation Society, Gujarat

## **Governing body:**

Lifetime Patron:Lalsinh RaolHon. Secretary:Bakul Trivedi, M.S.President:V. C. Soni, PhDHon. Jt. Secretary:Uday VoraVice President:Shantilal VaruHon. Treasurer:Prashant Shah

Exe. Committee: Adil Kazi; Ajay Desai; Anuj Raina; Ashok Mashru; Bhanubhai Adhvaryu; Dhaval Vargiya; D. N. Rank, PhD; Gaurang Bagda, M.D.;

Indra Gadhvi, *PhD*; Jaipalsinh Jadeja; Jugalkishor Patel; Kailash Jani; Kartik Shastri; Mahamadhasan Jat; Maulik Varu, *M.D.*;

Nirav Bhatt; Pankaj Maheria, M.S.; Piyush Patel, M.D.; Prasad Ganpule; Rajendra Desai; Ranjitsingh Devkar, PhD; Shakir Kadiwala;

Snehal Patel; Suresh Prajapati, PhD; Tejas Doshi; Viral Joshi; Yashodhan Bhatia

Bird Conservation Society, Gujarat (BCSG) was founded in 2000 with the objective of conservation of birds of the State through field research, documentation, training, awareness activities, networking with like-minded NGOs; and lobbying for protection of birds and their habitats. It is the only statewide network of bird-watchers, ornithologists and conservationists of Gujarat striving to achieve the above goal.

BCSG brings out a quarterly bulletin – 'Flamingo'. Articles, notes on bird-life of Gujarat, interesting bird sightings, knowledge about important bird areas, information / appeal regarding conservation issues are published in 'Flamingo'. For publication of articles/notes in the Flamingo, both the common English and scientific names must be given when a bird species is mentioned for the first time and later references, common English name only. Common English and scientific names should follow Richard Grimmett, Carol Inskipp and Tim Inskipp (2011), Birds of Indian Subcontinent, Second edition. Oxford University Press, New Delhi. If the nomenclature is adopted from other source, full reference should be given.

For subscription and more information about BCSG: Jyoti Dhandhukia, 94, Avnish Society, Opp. Pavitrakunj Society, Near CTM Cross Road, Below CTM Overbridge, Ahmedabad-380026. M. 9725018556, E-mail: birdcsg@gmail.com

Subscription: Rs. 500 per annum to be paid by Cheque/DD in favour of BCSG payable at Ahmedabad. Donations to BCSG are exempt from IT under 80G. NEFT: Central Bank of India, A/c # 1215745262, IFSC: CBIN0280548

**Email:** birdcsg@gmail.com **Web:** www.bcsg.co.in

Printed by Bakul Trivedi; published by Bakul Trivedi on behalf of 'Bird Coservation Society, Gujarat'. Printed at Satkar offset, 22, Relief Shipping Centre, Opp. GPO, Salapas road, Relief road, AHMEDABAD 380001, Gujarat and published from Bakul Trivedi, 19/414, Satyagrah Chhavni, Satellite road, Ahmedabad - 380015, Gujarat. Editor: Bakul Trivedi.