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Recent additions in the bird check-list of Gujarat



Anwar Turk

Black-naped Oriole, Ref: Turk 2010



Rajni Trivedi

Large-billed Reed Warbler, Ref: Trivedi & Ganpule 2016



Yashodhan Bhatia

Long-toed Stint, Ref: Bhatia & Solanki 2016



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Lesser White-fronted Goose, Ref: Shreeram & Deomurari 2014



Mohammed Jat

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Ref: Jat 2015



Jugalkishor Tiwari

Pale Rock Sparrow, Ref: Tiwari 2012

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Editorial....

We are happy to publish an extra issue of Flamingo at this juncture, which in fact is an interim issue that encompasses the period during which Flamingo remained unpublished i.e. later half of 2010 to beginning of 2015. To maintain the link, this issue will be labeled VIII (3) - XII (4).

Gujarat is witnessing significant changes in the distribution of various bird-species. Actual alterations are occurring due to the transformation in landscape scenario. Narmada waters having swept across the mainland Gujarat has presumably contributed a lot in this shift. Degradation of natural habitats with increasing population, urbanization, industrialization and other anthropogenic pressures has taken its toll on avian ecology.

This issue carries a valuable account of status and distribution of birds of Gujarat prepared and compiled by our team member Prasad Ganpule in his individual capacity. This scientific monograph is the result of painstaking persuasion of published records and well-organized compilation of the available data by an individual who is passionately following the ever-expanding science of 'Field-Ornithology'.

The author, Prasad Ganpule, has been bird-watching for more than 20 years in various parts of India. He has published more than 30 papers in peer reviewed journals and magazines like Indian BIRDS, Birding ASIA and Wader Study Group Bulletin. He is in the editorial team of Flamingo and is a regular contributor to our journal. He is also on the editorial board of Indian BIRDS. He has a special interest in the birds of Gujarat, and has traveled extensively all over the state.

His studies on Kashmir Flycatcher, Marshall's Iora, Shrikes, Gulls and on birds of prey have been path breaking. His contributions have added to our knowledge of birds.

This checklist is meticulously researched. Such checklists are very important in documenting the avifauna of any region and helps policy makers to arrive at decisions regarding management plans for protected areas and other habitats.

- **Bakul Trivedi, M.S.**