

Editor: Bakul Trivedi
Associate Editor: Prasad Ganpule
Assistance: Anuj Raina; Ashok Mashru; Maulik Varu
Consulting Faculty: Geeta Padate; Indra Gadhvi; Ketan Tatu; Nirav Bhatt; Shantilal Varu; Uday Vora; Vinod Soni
Layout and design: Pugmark Qmulus Consortium

Contents:

Notes on Small Buttonquail <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i> in Khirasara vidi.....	1
Sighting of Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i> at Nalsarovar: a second record for Gujarat.....	3
Sighting of Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> in Kachchh.....	4
Sighting of Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i> near Mahuva, Bhavnagar: a third record for Gujarat.....	5
Rescue of Slaty-legged Crake <i>Rallina eurizonoides</i> from Madhavpur-Ghed, near Porbandar.....	6
Sightings of Great Bittern <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> near Amalsad, South Gujarat.....	7
Does the Grey Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i> occur in Gujarat?	8
Sighting of Hume's Short-toed Lark <i>Calandrella acutirostris</i> in Little Rann of Kachchh and a review of its status in Gujarat.....	10
Few interesting observations on nesting Indian Pitta <i>Pitta brachyura</i> at Hingolghadh, near Rajkot.....	12
Road kill of a Black Bittern <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> near Narmada Main Canal, Narmada District.....	13
An incidence of brood parasitism: Purple-rumped Sunbird <i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i> feeding a juvenile Grey-bellied Cuckoo <i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	15
Re-sighting of a Russian-tagged Great Knot at Jamnagar.....	16
First breeding record of Black-naped Monarch <i>Hypothymis azurea</i> and Black-headed Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> in Kachchh, along with other interesting observations.....	18
Breeding of Small Pratincole <i>Glareola lactea</i> near Jamnagar.....	20
Ashy Woodswallow <i>Artamus fuscus</i> near Vadodara.....	22
Pallid Scops Owl <i>Otus brucei</i> at Ambla, near Bhavnagar.....	22
A rare colour aberrant Common Crane <i>Grus grus</i> in Kachchh.....	24
Short Birding Notes.....	25
ABSTRACTS.....	29

Editorial

The year 2020 has left fearful memories for us on a finishing note! While bringing out the last FLAMINGO Gujarat issue of the year, I have mixed feelings.

It is very unfortunate that we lost a birdman of Gujarat and one of the finest ornithologists of the country, Dr. Bhavbhuti Parasharya, to COVID. He was also a founder secretary of BCSG and had worked for the society in various capacities. Losing Dr. Parasharya is a big loss to us, the birdwatcher fraternity of Gujarat. He will always be remembered and respected for his enormous contribution to the ornithological science of Gujarat. We have dedicated the newly published 'A Checklist of the Birds of Gujarat' to him.

On a happy note, BCSG has published a hard copy 'A Checklist of the Birds of Gujarat', compiled by Prasad Ganpule. It contains, in a tabulated form, an updated list of all the avian species recorded in the state, with Gujarati and alternate names, as well as their status, under different categories. I am sure it will make for a very handy reference material for one and all.

The pandemic had put constraints on the movement of bird watchers for the large part of the year. We are still not out of danger and friends who have resumed field trips still need to follow all the necessary safety protocols. Good rains in the last monsoon have ensured that bird watching will be enjoyable in the coming months. Best wishes!

- Bakul Trivedi

- 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).
- Author will be held responsible for any act of plagiarism.

Cover Photo: 'Small Buttonquail' by Raju Karia



bcsg Bird Conservation Society, Gujarat

Governing body:

President: V. C. Soni
Vice President: Shantilal Varu
Exe. Committee : Ajay Desai; Anand Patel; Anikaben Tere; Anuj Raina; Arif Theba; Ashok Mashru; Bhanubhai Adhvaryu; Dhaval Vargiya; Gaurang Bagda; Hiren Majithiya; Indra Gadhvi; Jugal Patel; Kailash Jani; Kartik Shastri; Kunal Joshi; Mahammad Jat; Maulik Varu; Minal Patel; Neel Solanki; Neerav Bhatt; Nilam Patel; Pankaj Maheria; Piyush Patel; Prasad Ganpule; Raghuvirsinh Jadeja; Raju Desai; Ranjit Devkar; Sakir Kadivala; Snehal Patel; Sunil Kini; Sunil Moteria; Tejas Doshi; Yagnesh Bhatt; Yashodhan Bhatia
Hon. Secretary: Bakul Trivedi
Hon. Treasurer: Prashant Shah
Hon. Jt. Secretary: Uday Vora

Address for correspondence: 19/414, Satyagrah Chhavi, Satellite Road, Ahmedabad-380015, Gujarat.

Email: drbakultrivedi@gmail.com, birdcsg@gmail.com, **Web:** www.bcsug.co.in