



Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* near Bilimora, Navsari District

A Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*) was seen and photographed for many days in January 2019 at Devsar, near Bilimora, in Navsari District. It was seen in a large wetland in the area. According to senior bird watchers here, it was the first record of the species after ten years as it was last seen here in January 2008. There was one pair seen in this area. The Red-crested Pochard is known to occur in wetlands of Central and North Gujarat while it is rare in Saurashtra and South Gujarat. Thus, this sighting from Navsari District after ten years is quite surprising and it seems that it visits wetlands in this district only rarely.

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White-browed Bulbul *Pycnonotus luteolus* near Rajkot

A White-browed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus luteolus*) was seen and photographed near Sindhavadar, in Ta: Wankaner, Dist: Rajkot, on 26 January 2019. The bird was seen perched in the bushes and we managed to take a few photographs. The area is a scrub surrounded by farms. We were surprised to see the White-browed Bulbul here as it is quite rare in Saurashtra. Though a recent record from Rajkot is known (Bhatt & Trivedi 2016), this location is more than 50 kms from the place where it was seen earlier and there are no other recent records from the region.

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Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus* near Amalsad, Navsari District

I visited Amalsad outskirts, in Navsari District, on 5 December 2019, with Viren Desai. We had gone there to see and photograph a Great Bittern (*Botaurus stellaris*) which was found by Praveen Patel and Anil Bhatt. We reached there at around 07:00 hrs and saw the Great Bittern at around at 08.15 hrs. We searched the area for other waders / water birds. At around 10:00 hrs, I saw a bird fly from one patch of reeds towards another and land some distance away in the water. Before it went inside the reeds, we managed to get a record shot from long distance and we immediately identified it as a Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*) by its long, down-curved red bill, streaked olive-brown upperparts etc. The Water Rail is uncommon / rare in Navsari District.

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