



### **Ruddy Turnstone from Dhari, Amreli**

On 11 November 2018, at around 16:00 hrs, I visited Khodiyar Dam, near Dhari, Dist: Amreli. I reached there and started scanning the area with my binoculars. At the edge of the dam, I saw and photographed a Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), which was a surprise sighting for me. I confirmed the identification by sending the photos to Ashokbhai Mashru, Viralbhai Joshi and Rameshbhai Vagadiya. This was the first record of a Ruddy Turnstone from Dhari area and it was a first sighting for me also. This species is usually seen on coasts or in coastal areas of our state and I am not aware of any inland records of it here. Grimmett *et al.* (2011) show it as a winter visitor only to the coastal areas of Gujarat and do not give any inland record of this species in the distribution map.

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### **Common Ringed Plover in Porbandar**

On 17 April 2016, we were bird watching in coastal areas of Porbandar between 07:00 to 10:30 hrs. We saw and photographed one Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) in this area. It seemed to be in breeding plumage, as it had orange legs and bill, and a broad black breast band. On the same day, we also saw 25 Pacific Golden Plovers (*Pluvialis fulva*), 30 Grey Plovers (*Pluvialis squatarola*) and other waders at the same place. The Common Ringed Plover was a surprise sighting here, as the species is a rare to uncommon winter visitor in Gujarat (Ganpule 2016), with regular sightings only from Jamnagar area. There are very few photographic records from Porbandar.

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### **Common Whitethroat in Wadhwan**

A Common Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*) was seen in Wadhwan, near Surendranagar, on 28 August 2014, at around 08:30 hrs. The identification was confirmed by the grayish mantle, wings with rufous fringes to the coverts, breast and flanks showing pinkish wash, and plain faced appearance. I was watching a Rain quail (*Coturnix coromandelica*) and a Rock Bush Quail (*Perdica argoondah*) near Kharva village, when I saw and photographed the Common Whitethroat. I observed the bird for the next 15 minutes from my car. It perched on small bushes in the area. In Gujarat, the Common Whitethroat is an uncommon to rare passage migrant, with sightings mainly from Kachchh and Saurashtra (Ganpule 2016). It is rare in Surendranagar district.

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