

preferred to stay on top of the shrubs and mixed easily with the whitethroats. I clicked a few photographs of the leaf-warbler and identified it as a Tickell's Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus affinis*) by the lemon-yellow wash on the breast and belly, greenish back, long and prominent yellow supercilium, and a pale lower mandible. One of the important features for identification of the Tickell's Leaf Warbler is the olive-green wing edges, which was seen and photographed in this individual. Later, I asked Ashwin Viswanathan and he also suggested that it was a Tickell's Leaf-Warbler.



Photo: Vyom Vyas

The sighting of a Tickell's Leaf Warbler is an uncommon sighting in the drier regions of India (mainly in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat). This species has been recorded a few times previously in Gujarat; the first record was by Akhtar & Tiwari (1995), and it was subsequently seen in Morbi (Ganpule

2013), in Vansda National Park, Navsari, in March 2012 (see eBird checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S20694735> - no photograph is available), and at Sant Sarovar, Gandhinagar in 2019 (see photo: [Macaulay Library ML184905771](https://macaulaylibrary.org/ml/184905771)). There is a sighting from the Little Rann of Kachchh too (Christian 2017). This is another record of the species with photographic evidence from Gujarat and it is probably the first record from Ahmedabad district. The Tickell's Leaf-Warbler is likely to be overlooked in Gujarat and it is possible that it could be occurring here in suitable habitats.

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Errata

In the article on the Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*) with 'progressive greying' in the previous issue [Flamingo Gujarat 5 (1): 5-7], a reference from a newspaper, 'The Hindu' is given for an aberrant Eurasian Coot seen in Kerala where it was identified as a 'leucistic' individual. The correct reference is as follows:

Hariharan, C., Raveendran, J., Prabhu, V., & John, A., 2016. Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* affected by progressive greying. *Malabar Trogon* 14 (1-3): 27-28.

and the bird was affected by the mutation 'progressive greying'.

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