

## Comments on Distribution and breeding of Orange-headed Thrush (*Geokichala citrina*) in Saurashtra by Rathod et al. (2022).

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Recently a research note was published by Rathod et al (2022) entitled 'Distribution and breeding of Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichala citrina* in Saurashtra'. The authors provided 22 sighting records of the Orange-headed Thrush from various locations of Saurashtra and an observation on the breeding of the species from Bhutnath Mahadev Temple, Halenda, Rajkot.

Earlier, the first breeding record of the Orange-headed Thrush (*Geokichala citrina*) in Saurashtra from the protected area of

Gir Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park (Vaja & Vaghasia 2016), and the second record from the protected area of Paniya Wildlife Sanctuary (Bhatt 2017). However, the present record of the breeding of Orange-headed Thrush from Bhutnath Mahadev Temple, Halenda, Rajkot, is the third report on the breeding of the specie from the Saurashtra region. Somehow, Rathod et al. (2022) missed referring to a report by Bhatt (2017) on the breeding record of Orange-headed Thrush from the Saurashtra region. The authors regret not referring to the literature, especially Bhatt (2017).

Hence, several sighting records of Orange-headed Thrush from Saurashtra show this species widely occurs in the Saurashtra area, not only, but it breeding well in this part of the state.

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## Sighting of Black-capped Kingfisher (*Halcyon pileata*) from Charakla Salt pans, Devbhumi Dwarka

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Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* is mainly a coastal kingfisher found in India along the coasts of Gujarat in the west and up to the coasts of West Bengal in the east but has been reported from 19 States (including union territories) (eBird 2022). It has been described to often move upriver, above tidal limits, and sometimes farther inland along larger rivers in forested habitats (Grimmett et al. 1998; Ali 2002; Rasmussen et al. 2005).

Recently, we made an eight days birding trip covering Nalsarovar, Little Rann of Kutch, Jamnagar and Porbandar. During the trip, while discussing with fellow birders we learned about Charakla salt pans and the bird diversity it hosts.