

Gujurat: 21-27 December 2008 – Richard Webb

Introduction

Keen to escape Christmas in the UK but restricted to a week off work Jon Hall's visit to Gujurat in 2007 <http://www.mammalwatching.com/Oriental/orientindiaguajurat2007.html> inspired me to return to India after an 8-year break.

The main target species **Striped Hyaena** and **Asiatic Wild Ass (Khur)** proved to be easy to see although it was disappointing that '**Asiatic**' **Lion** proved elusive probably due to the large number of tourists in Gir. On the plus side an unexpected **Asiatic (Desert) Wildcat** was superb as were no fewer than 6 **Jungle Cats** and a nice male **Leopard**. Other mammalian highlights included **Wolf** and large numbers of **Blackbuck** and **Chinkara**.

Avian highlights included 3 Great Indian Bustards, 6 Macqueen's Bustards, several Indian Coursers, Mottled Wood and 'Indian' Eagle Owl & Grey Hypocorius.

Logistics

I flew Air India to Ahmedabad mainly because they had a direct flight from London. I paid an extra £120 for the privilege and was consequently not impressed when they cancelled the direct flight and re-routed me via Mumbai in both directions. I tried to persuade them to refund the difference in the cost of the flights but they refused to do so. I would not recommend using them. In addition to the schedule change there were delays in both directions, 5 hours on the way out, the planes were well past their best before dates and the service was not great. I would recommend using Qatar instead if flying from the UK.

Like Jon Hall I used North West Safaris www.northwestsafaris.com to organise the ground arrangements principally as they knew the sites having organised Jon's trip. They did a good job and I would recommend them again. I dealt with Anil Bhagia anilbhagia@northwestsafaris.com throughout and he generally replied to emails within a couple of days, He booked everything in advance but did not require any payment until I arrived in India. In hindsight this was a shame as the price was quoted in rupees and the falling pound added nearly £200 to the cost of the trip.

The total cost for vehicle and driver, seven nights' accommodation, a total of 10 jeep safaris at Gir, Cedo and Dasada and park entrance / guide fees came to Rs 59070, roughly £840 for the week. I organised an extra jeep safari at Gir at an extortionate cost of Rs 4500 plus Rs 500 per camera when I was there. Camera fees seem to be Rs 500 in all national parks. Camcorders cost much more so hide them.

My driver Bharvani Singh did a good job and was always flexible although I did have some difficulties communicating with him as his English is not as good as Anil's.

It should be remembered that despite the fees the guides etc expect to be tipped at the end of each drive so ensure that you have plenty of small notes to avoid leaving excessive tips particularly when as in Gir, the guides are crass. Better still don't tip crass guides. It might encourage them to improve.

The sites

Velavadar

Blackbuck National Park is only a couple of hours from Ahmedabad and as the name suggests was set up to preserve the large population of **Blackbuck** that occur there.

However it is also getting a reputation as perhaps 'the' place to see **Striped Hyaena** and certainly lived up to that reputation during my visit. Although I had less than a day in the park thanks to the delayed Air India flight I saw the hyaena without too much difficulty in the evening when an adult returned to its den.

The den was only 20 metres or so off of one of the tracks. From the reception go through the gate on the same side of the road and then immediately turn right on the track that runs parallel to the main road. After a few hundred metres the track bears left and then splits into two. Take the right hand fork and the den is on the right hand side about 75 metres down this track. It's best just to stay on the road and watch from there. The adult was totally unconcerned by our presence.

As expected the park also held large numbers of **Blackbuck** and **Nilgai** and I also saw three groups of **Wild Boar**. The park is also well-known for **Wolves** which are often seen from the numerous watch towers and **Jungle Cat** but we did not see either although we did have a **Jungle Cat** while spotlighting on the way back to our hotel in Bhavnagar.

The park is split into two sections on either side of the road and the area on the opposite side of the road to the reception has an excellent wetland full of birds. The park is also well-known among birders for its large harrier roost, large numbers of Common Cranes and the rare Stolzicka's Stonechat. Lesser Florican can also be seen here in summer.

We stayed about an hour away from Velavadar at the Narayani Heritage in Bhavnagar but in hindsight I would have preferred to have stayed at the chalets at the park itself as it would have enabled us to have an extra morning in the park.



Gir Forest

Without question the most disappointing part of the trip. My opinion is undoubtedly tainted by my failure to see '**Asiatic**' **Lion**, a common occurrence judging from several trip reports I have seen, but I think the real problem was the timing. Christmas is not a great time to visit the park as there is still too much cover and more importantly too much disturbance. Even though, according to Gir Birding Lodge, there is an official limit of 30 jeeps each morning and evening my experience suggested that there were far more vehicles tearing around and that this did not help matters. Although there were a handful of lion sightings during my visit most consisted of one jeep having

fleeting glimpses of a lion crossing the road and by all accounts on at least two occasions only one of two jeeps in a convoy actually saw the lion. The park officials do try to maximise your chances by going off on foot to follow up sightings. If successful they then lead you on foot for close range views. However given the racket created by jeep loads of Indian tourists waiting for a lion to be found the chances of one hanging around are zilch.

To make things worse the compulsory guides are worse than useless. Of the 4 guides that accompanied me only one had any field skills. The remainder simply relied on their mates calling them on their mobiles to say that they had found one! On the final drive my driver must have received over 40 calls in less than 3 hours asking if we had found a lion!

To add to the frustration you are not allowed to spotlight in the park or on the public roads around the park despite locals driving around in the park at night. As you can tell I was not impressed.

All-in-all it is a shame because it does sound like the park is a great place when it's not as busy and I did see **Leopard, Sambar, Chital, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Large Grey Mongoose** and **Southern Plains Grey Langur**. Others have also seen **Chousingha**. I also saw some good birds including Painted Sandgrouse and Mottled Wood Owl. I also visited a colony of **Indian Flying Foxes** a few kilometres outside Sasan Gir and saw a possible **Asiatic Wildcat** near Gir Birding Lodge.

I stayed at Gir Birding Lodge which was very comfortable with good food. Unfortunately I was less impressed by their jeep drives particularly as the driver turned up late both mornings. The cost i.e. Rs 4500 was also extortionate for a 3-hour drive particularly given that camera fees were extra.

There are lots of accommodation options in Sasan Gir and I would recommend that anyone on a budget asks Anil to research cheaper options in the town.

Great Rann of Kutch – CEDO

Cedo, the Centre for Desert and Ocean, www.cedobirding.com, 53 kilometres from Bhuj is, as Jon Hall says, an absolute gem, and should not be missed if you are into mammals or birds.

The accommodation is simple but adequate with **Little Indian Field Mice** around the feeders, and Jugal Tiwari is a superb host and guide. He could not have worked harder to make my visit a success. Although I only had an evening, one full day, and a couple of hours the following morning it was without doubt the highlight of the trip. Although we saw fewer mammals than Jon Hall, probably due to the time of the year, e.g. there were far fewer rodents I still saw some quality species in the three areas we visited.

In Banni Grasslands we saw **Asiatic (Desert) Wildcat, 3 Jungle Cats, Golden Jackals, Large Grey Mongoose, Chinkara, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Indian Gerbil, Little Indian Field Mouse** and **Black-naped Hare** and some great birds including Grey Hypocolius and Indian Eagle Owl.

In Naliya Grasslands we saw two more **Jungle Cats, Golden Jackals, Large Grey and Small Indian Mongooses, Chinkara** and **Nilgai** plus superb Great Indian Bustards and Indian Coursers and at Paat River we saw **Wolf, Bengal Fox, Golden Jackal, Chinkara** and **Black-naped Hare**.

We failed to find any **Lesser Bandicoot Rats, Indian Desert Jirds or hedgehogs** and did not visit the **Greater Mouse-tailed Bat** colony. See Jon Hall's report for more details.

Finally if birding don't overlook the salt pans that you cross on route to Bhuj. They are absolutely superb.

Little Rann of Kutch – Dasada

Like Jon Hall I found Rann Riders frustrating. Although the accommodations are fine with **Five-striped Palm Squirrels** around the chalets I found them pretty inflexible and the guides were poor.

Having been promised an extended night drive to look for **Wolves** and **Striped Hyaena** I ended up with a 30-minute drive for Sykes' Nightjar and **Black-naped Hare**. Not what I was really after.

The drive out to look for **Asiatic Wild Ass (Khur)** and Macqueen's Bustard produced both target species but the guide who also joined me the following morning for the visit to the sanctuary only knew the headline species and misidentified most other things. On the second morning he never even left the vehicle despite the fact that I spent nearly 3-hours birding the excellent wetlands.

Asiatic Wild Ass (Khur)s and Macqueen's Bustards are easy to see and if these are your sole targets I would suggest a flying visit on route from Bhuj to Ahmedabad. There is really no need to overnight here unless you are desperate for Sykes' Nightjar.

Ahmedabad

With a final afternoon and evening to kill in Ahmedabad we visited an **Egyptian Tomb Bat** colony in some step wells and also visited an **Indian Flying Fox** colony opposite Hotel Accolade where I spent the evening.

I would recommend finding an alternative hotel to Hotel Accolade which was exceptionally noisy with a neighbouring nightclub blasting loud music from 6.30 pm.

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Itinerary

20th December – After arriving at Heathrow for an 0845 departure we finally got into the air just after 1300 after several false starts. Not the most auspicious start to the trip.

21st December – Arrived in Ahmedabad 3 hours behind schedule and quickly met up with Anil Bhagia and Bharwani Singh before heading south to Velavadar. Arrived at Velavadar shortly after 9 am and spent morning in the grasslands near the visitor centre before visiting the grasslands and lake on the opposite side of the road. A brief visit to an occupied hyaena den proved fruitless and we decided to return towards dusk but large numbers of **Blackbuck** and **Nilgai** were seen and two groups of **Wild Boar** and good numbers of waterbirds including Dalmatian Pelican were seen around the lake.



After a break for lunch we returned to the reserve seeing the same species as during the morning including another group of **Wild Boar** and as dusk approached large numbers of Montagu's Harriers started to appear along with the odd Pallid and Marsh Harrier. Returning to the hyaena den we were delighted when a **Striped Hyaena** appeared and lay down in the entrance to the den seemingly unconcerned at our presence nearby. After a while it stood up and walked off only to lie down again a few metres from the den.



Leaving the reserve we headed back towards the hotel in Bhavnagar. Finding ourselves delayed by a slow-moving bus we stopped and set up the spotlights and within minutes found a **Jungle Cat** 30 metres or so from the road. An excellent end to the first day in Gujarat.

22nd December – a late start today as we left the hotel at 0730 for the long drive to Sasan Gir. The journey was relatively uneventful with a couple of **Five-striped Palm Squirrels**, three **Large Grey Mongooses** and a group of 14 **Blackbuck** the only mammals seen. A brief riverside birding stop produced a variety of birds including Black Ibis.

Arriving at Gir Birding Lodge around midday it was frustrating to find that we would not be able to do any spotlighting during my stay there despite previous assurances to the contrary. A quick walk around the lodge produced little of note so we spent the early afternoon resting ahead of the first game drive.

Leaving the lodge at 1530 we quickly set out towards an area where two lions had been seen in the morning but it very quickly became evident that it was going to be a frustrating time in the park as wherever a lion had been sighted was quickly overrun with noisy jeeps. Needless to say

we did not see the lions and the afternoon only produced **Southern Plains Grey Langur, Chittal, Sambar, Nilgai** and **Wild Boar**.

Returning to the lodge a small cat that appeared as we waited for dinner appeared to be either an **Asiatic Wildcat** or more likely a hybrid with a domestic cat.

23rd December – an inauspicious start to the day with the driver arriving 15 minutes late and a line of jeeps ahead of us at the entrance gate. Fortunately the guide suggested using a difference entrance and after passing a local vehicle on the park roads we entered an area of the park initially free of other jeeps. **Chital, Sambar, Nilgai** and **Wild Boar** were all seen again and after half an hour a superb male **Leopard** crossed the road and briefly sat watching us from 50 metres away before sloping off into cover. A distinct improvement on yesterday.

Unfortunately shortly afterwards we were back in 'jeep central' with lots of jeeps and no sign of the hoped-for lions. Birding provided some compensation however with two Mottled Wood Owls, a Collared Scops Owl, two Forest Owlets and three Painted Sandgrouse the highlights.

We returned to the lodge shortly after 1000, an hour earlier than really necessary, slightly more satisfied than yesterday. Keen not to waste 5 hours until the next game drive Bharwani drove me a few kilometres out of Sasan Gir to a nice colony of **Indian Flying Foxes** which provided excellent photographic opportunities.

Surprise surprise we were again late for the game drive and quickly headed off to an area where a lion had been seen in the morning only to find that it had been seen again 15 minutes before our arrival only to quickly disappear. Had we left the lodge on time we might have seen it. The rest of the drive was frustrating with the same species as yesterday i.e. **Southern Plains Grey Langur, Chittal, Sambar, Nilgai** and **Wild Boar** although River Terns on the reservoir were a lifer.

We returned to the lodge where I quickly arranged an extra game drive for the following morning at the rip-off rate of over USD100 plus camera fees!

24th December – another morning, another late arrival by the driver, this time 25 minutes late and yet again there was a queue of jeeps at the gate so we headed back out to the same entrance as yesterday. All-in-all a very disappointing morning much of it spent pointlessly chasing after a lioness seen by another jeep. It had disappeared immediately and there was no chance of it reappearing although we did hear a male roaring briefly nearby. We returned to the lodge frustrated and were quickly back out on the road on the long drive to Cedo in the Great Rann of Kutch eventually arriving shortly before it got dark.

After a brief break it was out for a spotlighting session in Banni Grasslands with Jugal. The grasslands themselves initially proved relatively disappointing although we did eventually see **Nilgai, Wild Boar, Indian Gerbil, Little Indian Field Mouse, Black-naped Hare** and **Golden Jackal**.

The drive back towards Cedo was excellent however with great views of two **Jungle Cats** the highlight.

25th December – quite probably the best Christmas Day I have ever had started with a dawn drive out towards Banni Grasslands **Chinkara** and **Wild Boar** being the first mammals of the day.

Birding took central stage for a short while with Grey Hypocolius at the roost the perfect start to the day with White-eared Bulbul another lifer. Moving on towards a rocky outcrop we quickly found Variable and Red-tailed Wheatears and some obliging Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse before having superb views of an excellent Indian Eagle Owl.

Back to the mammals we quickly found several **Golden Jackals** and then found an absolutely exquisite **Asiatic (Desert) Wildcat** sunbathing outside its burrow. An unexpected bonus and an absolute stunner. Heading back towards Cedo a **Large Grey Mongoose** played hide-and-seek with us and shortly afterwards a **Jungle Cat** was watching staring intently at two Rosy Starlings. A great morning.

After lunch back at Cedo we were quickly back out in the field heading off towards Naliya Grasslands seeing a superb roadside **Jungle Cat**, another **Large Grey Mongoose**, several **Small Indian Mongooses**, **Golden Jackal** and **Chinkara**. Birds then took over again with several superb Indian Coursers then three fabulous Great Indian Bustards. Black Vulture and some more obliging Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse made up the supporting cast. Could the day get any better? Yes!

Leaving Naliya we headed off towards Paat River and were soon enjoying even better views of another roadside **Jungle Cat**, a real performer after appropriately an initial game of cat-and-mouse.



We arrived at Paat River an hour or so before dark and positioned ourselves in a position where we had nice views over a wide area. Half an hour later on cue we heard the first of three **Wolves** howling and shortly afterwards one appeared albeit distantly and gave scope views. Unfortunately it disappeared all too quickly.

Returning to the vehicle we started spotlighting and quickly found the only **Bengal Fox** of the trip along with another **Golden Jackal**, several **Chinkara** and several **Black-naped Hares**.

Well satisfied we headed back to Cedo where a **Little Indian Field Mouse** in the feeders was the final mammal of the day. All-in-all one fabulous day and more than ample compensation for the disappointing time in Gir.

26th December – After the excitement of the day before Boxing Day was bound to be a bit of an anti-climax and so it proved to be. An early morning attempt for **Indian Desert Jird** was thwarted by unusually cold conditions and we were soon heading back south towards Dasada. A stop at salt pans in the Greater Rann or Kutch produced an excellent variety of shorebirds but little of note and we quickly continued on our way arriving at Rann Riders shortly after lunch. After a walk around the grounds with several **Five-striped Palm Squirrels** for company we were soon out on a jeep heading out into the Kutch to look for **Asiatic Wild Ass (Khur)**. We soon found our first of over 100 and had excellent close range views. The only other mammals were a handful of **Nilgai**, a search for the desert form of Red Fox proving fruitless. We did however find no fewer than six Macqueen's Bustards and two Short-eared Owls before returning to the lodge.



Annoyingly having been promised a long night drive to look for wolves and hyaenas on my arrival the night drive ended up being a 30 minute drive to look (successfully) for Sykes's Nightjar, the only mammals seen being two **Black-naped Hares**. As Jon Hall had found previously Rann Riders are simply not prepared to make any effort to spotlight for mammals.

27th December – an early departure to the Wild Ass Sanctuary produced no Asiatic Wild Asses (Khurs) and in fact no mammals at all. However the birding around the massive lake was superb with a good variety of passerines and non-passerines including notably White-tailed Lapwing, Paddyfield, Moustached and Blyth's Reed Warblers, Bluethroat and Rosy Starling.

We returned to Rann Riders for a shower before heading south towards Ahmedabad, a handful of **Nilgai** and Indian Roller being the only species of note on the journey.

After a brief stop at the offices of North-West Safaris another brief stop produced several **Egyptian Tomb Bats** in the step wells before we headed for the Hotel Accolade complete with a colony of **Indian Flying Foxes** in the park opposite.

The hotel itself proved to be unbelievably noisy with a neighbouring nightclub blasting head-splitting music from 1830 onwards and it was with some relief when Bharwani turned up to drive me to the airport.

28th December – departed the hotel shortly after midnight and after joining several queues in Ahmedabad airport the flight left on schedule for the long flight home via Mumbai.

Mammal checklist

Southern Plains Grey Langur	Seen on 3 of the 4 game drives in Gir, 2, 2 and 3 seen
Sambar	Seen on all 4 game drives in Gir, 3, 3, 9 and 5 including one young one
Chital	Common Gir
Nilgai	Common (50+) Velavadar, a total of 6 seen on 3 game drives in Gir, two on Banni Grassland night drive, 5 Naliya Grasslands, 6+ Dasada & 7+ Dasada-Ahmedabad
Blackbuck	100s Velavadar including a bachelor group of 50+ & some sparring between males. 14 on route from Bhavnagar-Gir c.35 kms from Junagadh
Chinkara	Surprisingly scarce, two Banni Grasslands, three Naliya Grasslands & three Paat River

Wild Boar	Velavadar – 3 groups totaling 16 animals. Gir seen on all 4 drives at least 37 animals including a group of at least 15. Banni Grasslands, two on the night drive and one the following morning.
Asiatic Wild Ass (Khur)	c.100 Dasada on the saltpans.
Golden Jackal	Banni Grasslands, one on night drive and four the following morning. Singles Naliya Grasslands & Paat River
Wolf	One Paat River with at least 2 others howling
Striped Hyaena	Superb views of an adult at a den in Velavadar
Bengal Fox	One Paat River
'Asiatic' Lion	One heard and tracks found in Gir but none actually seen. Extremely frustrating
Leopard	A large male seen at close range for a couple of minutes on the second drive at Gir.
Jungle Cat	One spotlighted on route from Velavadar to Bhavnagar, two spotlighted between Banni Grasslands & Cedo, one stalking Rosy Starlings at midday in Banni Grasslands and two singles at close range at the edge of the road in Naliya Grasslands again in broad daylight. Superb.
Asiatic (Desert) Wildcat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A superb unexpected bonus, an adult basking near its den in the Banni Grasslands. A beautiful cat so different to Eurasian & African Wildcats and surely deserving specific status. • Another cat seen at night on the edge of Gir Forest was either another Wildcat or a hybrid with a domestic cat.
Large Grey Mongoose	Three Bhavnagar-Gir, one Gir, one Banni Grasslands & one Naliya Grasslands
Small Indian Mongoose	Four Naliya Grasslands
Black-naped Hare	Seven Banni Grasslands night drive, six Paat River & two Rann Riders
Five-striped Palm Squirrel	Two Bhavnagar-Gir & 5+ Rann Riders
Indian Gerbil	Single Banni Grasslands night drive
Indian Desert Jird	Colony visited near Cedo but not seen in slightly cool conditions
Little Indian Field Mouse	Singles on Banni Grasslands & Paat River night drives. 1+ in feeders at Cedo
Indian Flying Fox	100s at colony near Gir & smaller numbers in colony opposite Hotel Accolade in Ahmedabad
Egyptian Tomb Bat	10+ in step wells at Ahmedabad

Bird checklist

This was primarily a mammal trip so the number of species seen is quite low. Nevertheless a good variety of species were seen with a lot of quality.

GRKS = Greater Rann of Kutch Saltpans

Great Crested Grebe	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Little Grebe	Velavadar, Naliya Grasslands, Dasada, Wild Ass Sanctuary
Great White Pelican	GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Dalmatian Pelican	Velavadar
Spot-billed Pelican	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Indian Cormorant	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary

Little Cormorant	Gir Forest & Dasada
Grey Heron	Widespread
Purple Heron	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Black-crowned Night Heron	Paat River
Indian Pond Heron	Widespread
Western Reef Egret	Velavadar & GRKS
Great Egret	Widespread
Intermediate Egret	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Little Egret	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Cattle Egret	Widespread
Painted Stork	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Woolly-necked Stork	Velavadar & Gir
White Stork	Velavadar
Black Ibis	Velavadar
Glossy Ibis	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Eurasian Spoonbill	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Greater Flamingo	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Greylag Goose	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Ruddy Shelduck	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Northern Pintail	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Teal	Velavadar, Naliya Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Spot-billed Duck	Dasada
Gadwall	Velavadar, Dasada & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Eurasian Wigeon	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Garganey	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Northern Shoveler	Velavadar, Naliya Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Pochard	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Black-shouldered Kite	Widespread
Oriental Honey Buzzard	Gir
Black Kite	Ahmedabad, GRKS & Dasada-Ahmedabad
Shikra	Gir, Banni Grasslands & south of Dasada
Long-legged Buzzard	Banni & Naliya Grasslands
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Gir
Steppe Eagle	Banni Grasslands & Paat River
Greater Spotted Eagle	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Lesser (Indian) Spotted Eagle	Velavadar (1)
Black Eagle	Gir
Cinereous Vulture	Naliya Grasslands
Egyptian Vulture	Gir & Dasada-Ahmedabad
Pallid Harrier	Velavadar & Paat River
Montagu's Harrier	Velavadar & Dasada
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Short-toed Snake Eagle	Gir
Crested Serpent Eagle	Gir
Kestrel	Widespread
Painted Francolin	Velavadar, Bhavnagar-Gir & Gir
Grey Francolin	Banni & Naliya Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Jungle Bush Quail	Two covies Gir
Indian Peafowl	Gir, Naliya Grasslands & Dasada
Common Crane	Velavadar (100s), Banni & Naliya Grasslands, Paat River & Wild Ass Sanctuary
White-breasted Waterhen	Gir
Purple Swamphen	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Coot	Velavadar, Bhavnagar-Gir & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Indian Bustard	Naliya Grasslands (3)
Macqueen's Bustard	Dasada (6)

Eurasian Oystercatcher	Velavadar
Black-winged Stilt	Widespread
Pied Avocet	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Eurasian Thick-knee	Banni Grasslands
Indian Courser	Naliya Grasslands (6+)
White-tailed Lapwing	Wild Ass Sanctuary (3+)
Red-wattled Lapwing	Widespread
Little Ringed Plover	Velavadar
Kentish Plover	GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Lesser Sand Plover	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Eurasian Curlew	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Black-tailed Godwit	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Spotted Redshank	GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Redshank	GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Marsh Sandpiper	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Greenshank	Velavadar
Wood Sandpiper	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Sandpiper	Velavadar & Bhavnagar-Gir
Common Snipe	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Little Stint	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Temminck's Stint	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Dunlin	GRKS
Curlew- Sandpiper	GRKS
Ruff	Velavadar, GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Slender-billed Gull	GRKS & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Whiskered Tern	Velavadar
Gull-billed Tern	Velavadar
River Tern	Gir (3+)
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	Banni & Naliya Grasslands, Paat River, Dasada & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Painted Sandgrouse	Gir (3)
Rock Pigeon	Widespread
Eurasian Collared Dove	Widespread
Red Collared Dove	Banni Grasslands
Laughing Dove	Widespread
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Bhavnagar-Gir & Gir
Plum-headed Parakeet	Gir
Greater Coucal	Bhavnagar-Gir & Gir
Collared Scops Owl	Gir (2)
Eurasian (Indian) Eagle Owl	Banni Grasslands (1)
Spotted Owlet	Gir (2)
Mottled Wood Owl	Gir (2)
Short-eared Owl	Dasada (2)
Syke's Nightjar	Rann Riders (2)
Common Kingfisher	Velavadar, Gir, Dasada & Wild Ass Sanctuary
White-breasted Kingfisher	Widespread
Little Green Bee-eater	Widespread
Indian Roller	Dasada-Ahmedabad
Common Hoopoe	Bhavnagar-Gir, Banni Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Coppersmith Barbet	Bhavnagar-Gir
Crested Lark	Velavadar, Banni Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Rufous-tailed Lark	Velavadar
Greater Short -toed Lark	Velavadar, Banni & Naliya Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Sand Martin	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Dusky Crag Martin	Gir (common)

Barn Swallow	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Southern Grey Shrike	Naliya Grasslands
Bay-backed Shrike	Velavadar & Naliya Grasslands
Isabelline Shrike	Velavadar, Banni Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Long-tailed Shrike	Velavadar & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Black Drongo	Widespread
Rosy Starling	Banni Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Starling	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Common Myna	Widespread
Bank Myna	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Rufous Treepie	Gir
House Crow	Widespread
Large-billed Crow	Gir
Grey Hypocolius	Banni Grasslands (2+)
Small Minivet	Gir
Marshall's Iora	Banni Grasslands (2-3)
Red-vented Bulbul	Gir
White-eared Bulbul	Banni Grasslands & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Rann Riders
Common Babbler	Velavadar, Bhavnagar-Gir & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Jungle Babbler	Gir
Clamorous Reed Warbler	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Paddyfield Warbler	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Moustached Warbler	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Graceful Prinia	Bhavnagar-Gir & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Rufous-fronted Prinia	Banni & Naliya Grasslands
Lesser Whitethroat	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Indian Robin	Widespread
Oriental Magpie Robin	Gir
Siberian Stonechat	Widespread
Stoliczka's Bush Chat	Velavadar (1)
Black Redstart	Gir
Blue Rock Thrush	Banni Grasslands
Bluethroat	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Isabelline Wheatear	Naliya Grasslands
Desert Wheatear	Banni & Naliya Grasslands & Dasada
Red-tailed Wheatear	Banni Grasslands
Variable Wheatear	Banni Grasslands & Dasada
Tawny Pipit	Wild Ass Sanctuary
White Wagtail	Bhavnagar-Gir
Yellow Wagtail	Wild Ass Sanctuary
Citrine Wagtail	Bhavnagar-Gir
Grey Wagtail	Gir
Purple Sunbird	Gir & Wild Ass Sanctuary
Oriental White-eye	Gir
House Sparrow	Banni Grasslands
Chestnut-Shouldered Petronia	Gir & Banni Grasslands
Indian Silverbill	Banni Grasslands
White-rumped Munia	Wild Ass Sanctuary
House Bunting	Banni Grasslands