

# Snapshot sightings

## Amur Falcon at Narsapur Forest, Telangana

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While on a birding trip to Narsapur forest (17.73°N, 78.29°E), Medak district near Hyderabad, a male Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* was photographed on 09 May 2015. Though widespread in autumn passage, records during spring passage (Rasmussen & Anderton 2012) from the Indian

subcontinent are much less and there appears to be no earlier reports from the state of Telangana state.

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## Lesser Noddy on Hoogly River, West Bengal

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On 26 May 2015, a Lesser Noddy *Anous tenuirostris* was photographed by JG from the front deck of the cruise vessel Paramhansa, at Raichak (22.10°N, 88.07°E) on Hoogly river, West Bengal. The bird was apparently exhausted and stayed put for full 45 minutes before it took to wing. Very few records of Lesser Noddy exist from India (Praveen *et al.* 2013) and this is perhaps the first for West Bengal.

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## Yellow-browed Warbler at Sinhagad valley, Maharashtra

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A well-marked Warbler photographed from Sinhagad valley (18.36°N, 73.76°E), Pune district, Maharashtra was later identified as a Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* based on double whitish wing-bars, yellowish wash on the flanks, pale lower mandible with a dark tip and yellowish eye-brow. This is a rare winter visitor to Maharashtra (Prasad 2006), with one specimen in BNHS (Navarro & Unnithan 1990) from Dhule district which



requires confirmation as per Rasmussen & Anderton (2012) while the ringing records from Nasik district could also have been Hume's Warbler *P. humei*. This is the first record for Pune district and possibly the first photographic record for Maharashtra.

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## Long-eared Owl from Mishmi Hills, Arunachal Pradesh

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On 3 February 2015, a Long-eared Owl *Asio otus* was photographed by RB during the late hours from an open rocky stretch from Mishmi Hills, Arunachal Pradesh at an altitude of 1600 m. The bird was briefly seen at the same spot on 20 April 2015 by BK and photographed (inset) the very next day. These appears to be the first records of this Owl for Arunachal Pradesh (Choudhury 2006, Grimmett *et al.* 2011) and is in fact a rarely photographed species from the country (Deomurari 2015).

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