

While going through the past records of Eastern Marsh Harrier in Telangana, and south-eastern India, we found a handful of records from Odisha, and one from Tamil Nadu, but no reports from erstwhile undivided Andhra Pradesh (Taher & Pittie 1996; eBird 2017). Tim Inskipp has compiled several instances of the occurrence of Eastern Marsh Harriers in Odisha (Inskipp 2015). Last year, an Eastern Marsh Harrier was documented for the first time in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (Kesavabharathi & Sundaram 2016). Hence, this appears to be the first record for Telangana.

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## Letter to the Editor

### A report of the Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* from southern West Bengal

The Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* is found in the southern Western Ghats, the Himalayan region from eastern Himachal Pradesh up to Arunachal Pradesh, and the hills of north-eastern India—on the mainland of the Indian Subcontinent (Rasmussen & Anderton 2012). During our year-round citizen science biodiversity monitoring program we recorded a single bird at Kumar Mangalam Park, Durgapur, West Bengal (23.56°N, 87.30°E), on 09 October 2016 (Maulick 2016) [115]. We identified the bird readily by its dark greenish/bluish breast and

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belly, reddish legs, blackish head, orange bill, and glossy-blue throat.

The range maps found in standard works (Grimmett *et al.* 2011; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012), and online sources (BirdLife International 2017; eBird 2017), indicate that the species is mainly found in the Himalayan foothills of West Bengal (the districts of Darjeeling, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, and Cooch Behar). This is probably the first record of this bird from southern West Bengal. Khan (2005) reported it as a resident species from the Sundarbans of Bangladesh. So, this individual could be a vagrant from that population.

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