

Snapshot sightings

Red Phalarope from Satpura National Park, Madhya Pradesh

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On 14 April 2014, a Phalarope was photographed at Madhai mudflats (22.57°E, 78.13°N), Satpura National Park, Madhya Pradesh. It was initially suspected to be a Red-necked Phalarope *P. lobatus*, but shorter and stouter beak with yellow base and lack of white stripe on sides of mantle indicated a Red Phalarope *P. fulicarius*. The species is a rare spring passage migrant through India (Sangha *et al.* 2013) and is probably the second record from Central India (Rawal *et al.* 2013).

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White-winged Tern from Loktak Lake, Manipur

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On 16 May 2015, a single White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*, in non-breeding plumage, was photographed at Moirangkom (24.51°N, 93.76°E) near Loktak Lake, Manipur. Though it looked superficially like a Whiskered Tern *C. hybrida*, white rump, tail sides and the distinct black cheek patch lacking an eye-stripe separated it from the latter species. A passage migrant to most of south-eastern India, this is probably the first record for Manipur (Grimmett *et al.* 2011; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012).

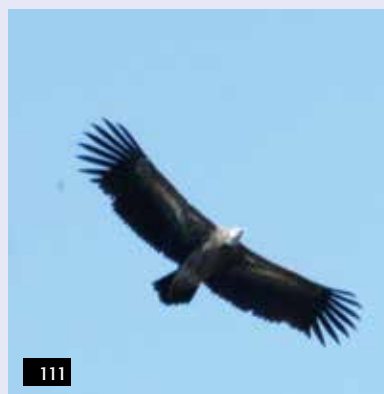
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Himalayan Vulture from Uttara Kannada, Karnataka

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While birding on 10 January 2016 in Halga-Ulga region of Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka, a vulture was photographed at Bolshitta (14.90°N, 74.22°E) that was tentatively identified



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Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush from Kachchh, Gujarat

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A Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* was photographed near Karaghogha (22.95°N, 69.68°E) Village, Bhuj District in Kachchh, Gujarat on 23 September 2015. Grey and scaly upperparts with rufous tinge on rump and long wings reaching more than half the length of the tail



confirm it as a first winter male of this species which was probably on its autumn passage. There has been only one previous record of this species from Gujarat (Mishra 2015).

Near Water Tank, Darbar Street, Karaghogha Village, Mundra Taluk, Bhuj District (Kachchh) – Gujarat, 370415, India. E-mail: raaj_software@yahoo.com

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