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Publication		Vernay Survey		Peters		H&M (2003)		Ripley (1982)	
Date	Vol.: p	New name	Text entry	Vol.: p.	Author(s)	p.	Author(s)	p.	Author(s)
15.8.33	36: 574	<i>Prinia⁶ socialis inglisi subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	11: 142	W & K	558	W & K	414	W & K
15.8.33	36: 582	<i>Irena puella sikkimensis subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	9: 307	W & K	632	W & K	308	W & K
15.4.34	37: 105	<i>Eremopterix grisea ceylonensis subsp. nov.</i> [= <i>Eremopterix griseus</i>]	'I'	9: 32	W	550	N / A	247	W & K
15.8.34	37: 294	<i>Dinopium javanense malabaricum subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	6: 145	W & K	329	W & K	232	W & K
15.12.34	37: 516	<i>Thereiceryx zeylanicus kangrae subsp. nov.</i> [= <i>Megalaima zeylanica kangrae</i>]	'I'	6: 32	W	305	N / A	221	W & K
15.4.35	37: 760	<i>Ceryle rudis travancoreensis subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	5: 167	W	293	W	204	W & K
15.8.35	38: 37	<i>Caprimulgus indicus hazarae subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	4: 203	W & K	242	W & K	191	W & K
15.4.36	38: 434	<i>Astur trivirgatus layardi subsp. nov.</i> [= <i>Accipiter t. layardi</i>]	'I'	1: 324 ⁷	W	104	W	45	W & K
15.4.36	38: 435	<i>Accipiter virgatus kashmiriensis subsp. nov.</i> [= <i>Accipiter v. affinis</i>]	'I'	1: 338 ⁷	W	107	N/A	46	W & K
15.8.36	38: 686	<i>Perdica asiatica ceylonensis subsp. nov.</i>	'I'	N/A ⁸	N / A	55	W & K	75	W & K
15.4.37	39: 251	<i>Leucopoliis alexandrinus leggei subsp. nov.</i> [= <i>Charadrius a. leggei</i>]	'I'	N/A ⁸	N / A	136	W & K	116	W & K

Marbled Teal *Marmaronetta angustirostris*, a rare winter visitor on the Pulicat Lake, Andhra Pradesh

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During 1998–2009, I spent every winter on the Pulicat Lake at Sullurpet, Andhra Pradesh, to monitor wintering wetland birds on the lake. A survey of the wetland birds, and the maximum numbers of all species during 1999–2004, is given in Jacobsen & Raj (2009). On 26 February 2002, a flock of 30 Marbled Teal *Marmaronetta angustirostris* was observed at 0715 hrs in Pulicat Lake, close to the bird watchtower on the SHAR road (Jacobsen & Raj 2009). This is the first record of Marbled Teal from Pulicat Lake, and probably the first from southern India itself. While processing the data for publication, I realised that the Marbled Teal is an endangered species (Islam & Rahmani 2002).

The flock associated with dabbling ducks, such as Shoveller *Anas clypeata*, Gadwall *A. strepera*, and Garganey *A. querquedula*. The birds were in shallow water and were feeding actively, frequently upending. The birds were observed for about 20 minutes, and were not observed later in the day.

Previously, I have observed Marbled Teals in Eastern Europe (Romania), and the Western Mediterranean (Morocco and Tunisia). According to Grimmett *et al.* (1999), the Marbled Teal migrates during the non-breeding season to eastern Iran, Pakistan, the north-western parts of India, and recently, astonishingly, even to Assam. So far, it has not been recorded south of Pune (Maharashtra) in India. Hence, this isolated record of a straggler flock, as far south as Pulicat Lake, is of great interest

to the managers of Pulicat Lake in particular, as well as Indian birdwatchers in general.

At Pulicat Lake, in late winter, large and mixed flocks of Anatidae (six species of ducks, three of teals and one of geese) keep dabbling in shallow water, "overtaking" one another, resulting in a situation where it is easy to overlook particular species and individuals. However, a good deal of patience would amply reward birdwatchers on the Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary, which is an increasingly popular winter destination even for distant migrant water birds.

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