

The Kuwait Bird Report 2008



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Kuwait Ornithological Rarities Committee (KORC)

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Introduction

The purpose of the annual bird report is to document bird occurrences and their habitats in Kuwait from 01 January to 31 December 2008.

This report lists all the birds that have been seen in Kuwait during 2008 as reported to the Kuwait Environment Protection Society, Ornithological Society of Kuwait (OSK) and the Kuwait Ornithological Rarity Committee (KORC). All the records in this report have been validated, adjudicated and accepted by KORC.

Although we are almost at the end of 2009, this report has been delayed because of the time it takes in gathering records and sightings from individuals websites, birders lists, adjudicating them and inputting the records into the Kuwait Birds Database to produce an accurate report.

The Kuwait Ornithological Rarities Committee has again worked very hard this year and reviewed and accepted 33 records out of 37 completed KORC Forms that have been submitted to KORC.

This report has been consolidated and created from 4785 records that have been collected from many sightings and submitted records by many bird watchers and visitors during the 2008 year. All these records have been added to Kuwait Birds Database.

There has been growth in the number of Kuwaiti birdwatchers and photographers and together with international visitors; Kuwait's profile and status is gaining momentum as a birding hot spot especially during the exciting spring and autumn migration. This in turn has raised the birding 'profile' of Kuwait in the international birding world and as a direct result; this coverage has produced more records and sightings which improved the overall birding picture of Kuwait. However, this fantastic local and international exposure has highlighted the importance of more stringent conservation and protection policies to ensure this marvel called migration can be sustained and continue to be enjoyed by future generations and the growing number of local and international birders who come to Kuwait to enjoy this rewarding pastime.

As a result of this increase in observers, there has been an increase in the number of new records and new firsts for Kuwait. Five (5) new birds have been added to Kuwait list as opposed to four (4) of the year 2007. Twenty eight (28) vagrant species have been recorded this year as opposed to twenty (20) of last year.

Although Kuwait enjoyed good birding this year, even more indiscriminate and unnecessary bird shooting has been seen by local and visiting birders. This has annoyed and frustrated the visiting birders who did not expect to see this in Kuwait, especially since

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the neighbouring countries has much less bird shooting than in Kuwait which are enforced with more formal and regulated conservation and hunting policies.

The report also documents some of our initiatives to improve conservation awareness and the need for bird habitat protection together with minimizing habitat destruction.

One of OSK's key objectives is to collectively work toward conservation and protection of birds and their habitat whilst making inroads to educate the public in being more aware of the need for protection, conservation and pride in the natural heritage that Kuwait, as a desert state has to offer.

Kuwait Ornithological Records Committee (KORC)

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| Chairman | Mike Pope |
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| Kuwait Members | Pekka Fågel, Brian Foster (up until June 2008) |
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Voluntary Work Centre (VWC)

Khaled Al-Nasrallah, Husain Al-Ghallaf

Kuwait Environment Protection Society (KEPS)

Mahmoud Shehab, Misha'1 Al-Jeriwi ,Abdulmohsen Al-Suraye.

Bird Conservation and Protection

OSK has made some initiatives for the protection of birds these include:

- 1- Liaising with Ministry of Works: After deepening the water course at JEO there was less flooding so OSK has contacted the Ministry in order to spread the water to mudflats rather directly going to the sea. An efforts has been made although was not enough to spread the more water to the mudflats.
- 2- Liaising with The Public Authority for Agriculture and Fishery Resources PAAF: illegal grazing has been practiced unnoticed by concerned bodies for years at JEO where camels and sheep have been grazing the reeds and the desert area disturbing the breeding birds and their habitat. OSK had met with the Chairman of PAAF presented a report that documents the illegal hunting and grazing at JEO in order to stop this illegal grazing at JEO and other areas. An agreement had been reached to report these activities directly to the Manager of Public Relations. By reporting these activities we succeeded in stopping grazing at JEO and at Subiya and partially at Khiran. OSK is still liaising with PAAF to stop overgrazing and illegal fishing at JEO.
- 3- Liaising with Ministry of Interior: OSK had met the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Interior and presented him with a full report full of coloured photographs to show him how bad is the situation at JEO where poor birds have been hunted merely for pleasure leaving dead bird covering the grounds at JEO, negotiated means of stopping illegal bird shooting at JEO and Failaka Island and other parts of Kuwait such as Khiran. Shooting had been reported on daily basis until it had been drastically reduced.
- 4- Liaising with the Environment Protection Authority: OSK had met with Chairman on EPA and presented him with a report of how bird habitat and bird shooting is going on. Also presented him with another report documenting the illegal trade of wild birds caught in Kuwait and sold at the Kuwait Bird Market. We negotiated finding means of stopping illegal trading of birds at the Bird Market. OSK also conducted a meeting with the Manager of Live Resources for finding means to report illegal activities at the Bird Market. Little progress had been made, but a full report that documents a year round illegal trading of wild bird is under construction.

OSK will continue its efforts in protecting the birds and their habitat and urge all to join and support their initiatives until things gets in order.

Kuwait based Observers during 2008

Abdulrahman Al-Sirhan, Abdulmohsen Al-Suraye, Brian Foster, Gary Brown, George Gregory, Hasan Al-Hadad, Hamad Al-Muhaiteeb, Humoud Al-Shayji, Iain Laver, Ibrahim Al-Nassar, Jim Bishop, Khaled Al-Ghanem, Khalid Al-Nasrallah, Mark Chichester,

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Mahmoud Shehab, Mike Pope, Misha'1 Al-Jeriwi, Mohammed Al-Kandari, Mohammed Khorshed, Nawaf Ahmed, Ouda Al-Bathali, Pekka Fågel, Rashed Al-Hajji, Robert Montgomery, Rick Saval, Saad Al-Nouri, Simon Price, Tareq Malallah.

International Visitors

Kuwait continues to attract international birders and listers through the diversity of birds, especially during spring and autumn migration. A few birders have put Kuwait on par with Israel and if this is the case, even more effort should be expended into protecting birds and creating reserves as this has the potential to become a revenue generating pastime and will put Kuwait firmly on the international birding map.

This year we had top birders from Sweden, Belgium, Britain, Finland, Austria, Germany, France and Denmark and from this perspective it is critical that they leave Kuwait knowing and reporting that birds in Kuwait are not being maliciously hunted and killed as they are in other Mediterranean countries.

22 Dec 2007 - 1 Jan 2008 - Johan Fagefors, Arne Holgersson, Olof Jönsson, Hans Larsson and Stefan Magnusson from Sweden

24 Dec- 04Jan 2008 - Kris De Rouck and Dirk Colin from Belgium

12 – 20 Jan 2008 - Douglas Barr, Chris Batty, Richard Bonser, Chris Bell and Andy Clifton from Britain

31 Jan – 04 Feb 2008 Lee Evans and Ernie Davis, from Britain.

23-30 March 2008 - Gordon Beck and Bola, from Britain.

14-28 March 2008 -Axel Halley, Stefan Pfützke, Harro Müller, Andreas Noeske, from Sweden.

20-27 March 2008 - Jouko Lunden, Rauli Lumio & Jukka Nurmi from Finland.

03-05 April 2008 - Klas Rådberg from Sweden.

03-13 April 2008 - Janne Aalto, Hanna Aalto and Janne Kilpimaa, Petri Kuhno, Tero Linjama and Tero Toivanen, from Finland.

02 - 11 April 2008 Chris Lansdell, Justin Lansdell, Andy Wilkinson and Lee Gregory, from Britain.

11 April 2008 - Lee Evans, Matthew Deans, Robert Fuge, Craig Holden, Mick Frosdick and Chris Baines, from Britain.

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05-15 April 2008 - Uwe Streese-Browa, Hermann Leitner, Rupert Hafner, from Austria and Werner Steffen from Germany.

19 - 25 April 2008 - Pierre-André Crochet, Jean-Philippe Sibley, from France.

24 April to 3 May 2008 - Jean-Philippe Sibley, Grégoire Gauthier, Pierre-André Crochet, Frédéric Jiguet, from France.

24-30 April 2008 - Ernie Davis, from Britain.

22-27 Dec 2008 - Steve Smith, Dot Machin and Ian Mills

Christian Leth, Andre Riis Ebbesen, Johnny Salomonsson and Jacob Benzon Hansen, from Denmark.

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The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research for allowing access to Kabd Reserve.

Voluntary Work Center for allowing access to SAANR and Sulaibikhat Reserve.

List of Sites/Locations

The list and status of each site is shown in this report to record changes and highlight the need for better conservation policies and protection of critical sites as development across Kuwait gains momentum.

Sabah Al-Salem:

This area is no longer a birding site as the reed bed has dried out and construction and development has now destroyed this as a birding site for the future.

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Sulaibikhat Nature Reserve:

Water supply to the pool has been inconsistent during the year and it really needs to be permanently sustained. However, the reeds are growing slowly and birding is improving.

South Doha Nature Reserve:

There is still water in the pools but it has also been subject to digging and some works.

Jahra Pool Reserve (designated by Birdlife as an IBA):

There was no water at this site for all of 2008 but this reserve remains a very important site for breeding birds, migrants, summer and winter visitors.

Water has been restored in May 2009 to the levels of the 1990's and has again become the largest protected area with a pool, reed beds and marsh in Kuwait. In our opinion maintaining the water at the current level or even increasing it a bit would be fine. Also we suggest that the EPA should liaise with the Ministry of Public Works in such a manner to guarantee the supply of enough water to the reserve all year round. We have also suggested fencing a path that leads to a watching cabinet closer the pool windows for the use of bird watchers without disturbing the birds. A team of rangers is a must for the protection of the reserve as well as monitoring access.

Sulaibiya Pivot Fields (United Agricultural Production Co.):

This too has been one of the prime birding sites in Kuwait, due to constant water supply for crops that attract insects, rodents and reptiles as food sources for migrating and resident birds

Doha Peninsula:

There are new chalets that are being built on this important birding area and the northern part is occupied by apparently unofficial industrial area. This stretch of coastline is a critical area for many thousands of waders on passage as well as pelagic (gulls and terns) birds.

Jahra East Outfall (designated by Birdlife as an IBA):

Another prime birding location in Kuwait and home to breeding Basra Reed Warblers that is under threat of residential development planned for 2010.

OSK worked closely with the Public Authority of Agriculture & Fish Resources to stop grazing the area during the summer of 2009 and succeeded in stopping this activity. They cooperated with the Ministry of Interior and have partly succeeded in reducing bird shooting during the spring of 2009 with the active help of the police who have arrested shooters and confiscated firearms.

OSK will continue its effort with governmental cooperation to protect this important bird habitat. The development has commenced and the area is being prepared for a residential area as close as 1Km from the sea shore. At this early stage of development for this new residential area it is still not clear of how Jahra East Outfall will be protected by developers and eventually residents, although OSK has worked hard to try and ensure that the developers consider the protection of JEO as part of the development. OSK will continue

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its efforts in ensuring that JEO and the coast is protected from development as it believes that the coastal area is an important area for the birds and a nursery for fish and any pollution to this area will have bad consequences on the public in future and the fish they eat.

Al Abraq al Khabari

A critical oasis site on the western boundary of Kuwait where water is pumped into a reservoir for agricultural purposes, that is a magnet and haven for migratory birds. Shooting does happen during migration, but it does appear to be restricted and the farm has some protection in the form of a high berm around the perimeter, although it doesn't always stop the shooters from shooting birds flying in to rest and feed.

Firsts for Kuwait during the year 2008

Purple Sunbird (*Cinnyris asiaticus*) found by R.Al-Hajji at Subiya on 05/01

Oriental Pratincole (*Glareola maldivarum*) Found by A Al-Sirhan at Pivot Fields on 25/03

Lesser Frigatebird (*Fregata ariel*) found by C. Lansdell et al at Zour Port on 10/04

Lappet-faced Vulture (*Aegypius trachelotos*) found by K.Al-Nasrallah at SAANR on 15/04.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus orientalis*) found by P Fågel at Jahra Farms on 12/08.

Other important records during the year 2008

Hume's Leaf Warbler a 2nd record found by K de Rouck, D Collin, J Celis at Al Abraq on 02/12

Grey Phalarope, a 3rd record found by K Al-Ghanem at Jahra East Outfall on 05/06

European Golden Plover, Stock Dove and Sociable Lapwing were 4th records

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Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*
1st record, at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan



Lappet-faced Vulture *Aegypius trachielotos*
1st record at SAANR on 15/04 K.Al-Nasrallah



Purple Sunbird *Cinnerys asiaticus*
1st record, at Subiya on 5/1/2008 by R.Al-Hajji



Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*
1st record, two at Jahra Farms on 12/8/2008 by P Fågel



Grey Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*
3rd record, at JEO on 5/6/2008 by K Al-Ghanem.



Hime's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*
2nd record at Al-Abraq on 28/12/2008 by K De Rouck,
D Collin, J Celis.

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STATUS:

The seasonal status of each species is judged to be one of the following categories:

| Status | Description |
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| Abundant | Occurs annually in very large numbers |
| Very common | Occurs annually in large numbers |
| Common | Occurs annually in moderate numbers |
| Uncommon | Occurs annually in small numbers |
| Scarce | Occurs annually in very small numbers |
| Rare | Does not occur annually but has occurred more than 10 times in total |
| Vagrant | Has occurred less than 10 times in total |
| Irregular | Occurs, not necessarily every year, in very variable numbers this is due to being overhunted, this happens with Sandgrouse |
| Extinct | No longer exists |
| Migrant | Passage through Kuwait in spring and autumn |
| Winter visitor | Occurs in Kuwait during winter after migration has ended and stays in Kuwait for sometime |
| Summer visitor | Occurs in Kuwait during summer after migration has ended and stays in Kuwait for sometime |
| Resident | Occurs in Kuwait all year round |
| Breeds | Breeds every year |
| Has bred | A bird that has bred in the past but there is no sign of breeding in recent years |

CATEGORY DEFINITION

The Kuwait List comprises only those species in Category A, and C

| Category | Description |
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| A | Species that have been recorded in an apparently natural state at least once. |
| C | Species that, although introduced (escaped) now derive from the resulting self-sustaining population |
| E | Species that have been recorded as introductions, human-assisted transportees or escapees from captivity and whose breeding populations (if any) are thought not to be self sustaining |

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KEY:

HDC: Highest Daily Count in the year 2008.

PHDC: Previous Highest Daily Count. We have used the most recent HDC i.e. if there were two equal counts we refer to the newest.

All dates from the year **2008** unless otherwise clearly stated.

NOTE:

The OSME format which follows IOC (Gill, F. and M. Wright. 2006. *Birds of the World: Recommended English Names*) is followed for recording birds during 2008 and beyond.

This was agreed at a KORC meeting where we took note of the need to record sightings to race level where possible (for appropriate species). This will provide more detail for data provided to Birdlife International for input into proposed IBA's for Kuwait.

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Kuwait Species Account for the Birds Recorded during 2008

Common Quail

Coturnix coturnix

Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 4 on 19/06 by A Al-Sirhan and 4 on 2/08 by P Fågel, R Saval both at Pivot Fields.

PHDC: 320 on 5/09/2007 at Subiya by M. Shehab.

Common Shelduck

Tadorna tadorna

Common winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant

HDC: 100 on 31/1 by A Al-Sirhan and Lee Evan, and on 22/12 by R. Al-Hajji both at Sulaibikhat Bay.

PHDC: 300 on 28/1/2007 a Finnish group.

Ruddy Shelduck

Tadorna ferruginea

Rare winter visitor. Rare passage migrant

HDC: 1 on 22/12/2008 by Steve Smith et al at JEO

PHDC: 3 on 03/03/2005

Gadwall

Anas strepera

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor

HDC: 22 on 8/2 at JEO, B Foster, P. Cowper, P Fågel.

PHDC: 450 on 17/1/1997.

Eurasian Wigeon

Anas penelope

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 220 on 8/2 at JEO, B Foster, P. Cowper, P Fågel.

PHDC: 350 on 17/1/1997.

Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 186 on 28/12 at Doha North, P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan, K. Al-Khanem

PHDC: 500 on 3/09/2007 at North Doha Reserve by M. Shehab.

Northern Shoveler

Anas clypeata

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 146 on 3/2 at Sulaibikhat Bay, L Evan, E Davis.

PHDC: 160 on 4/12/1992.

Northern Pintail

Anas acuta

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 20/10 at Sulaibikhat Bay, A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 50 on 13/11/1992.

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Garganey

Anas querquedula

Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 50 on 20/10 at Sulaibikhat Bay, A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 120 on 4/9/1992.

Eurasian Teal

Anas crecca

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 126 on 28/12 at North Doha, P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan, K. Al-Khanem.

PHDC: 750 on 7/12/2007 P. Fågel and a Finnish Group.

Common Pochard

Aythya ferina

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 1 on 20/12 at Subiya, R. Al-Hajji

PHDC: 7 on 6/11/1992.

Tufted Duck

Aythya fuligula

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 1 on 17/10 at Sulaibikhat Club, P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 30 on 11/03/1986.

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Scarce resident. Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 5 on 27/3 at South Doha Reserve by P Fågel and 3 Finns.

PHDC: 30 on 29/9/1995 at Quisat.

Great Crested Grebe

Podiceps cristatus

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 1 on 22/12 at JEO by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 12 on 26/02/1999 at Quisat

Black-necked Grebe

Podiceps nigricollis

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 1 on 16/11 at JEO by R. Al-Hajji

PHDC: 53 on 12/2/1999.

Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopterus roseus

Very common winter visitor. Very common disperser in all seasons. Has bred.

HDC: 3000 on 3/2 at Sulaibikhat Bay by L Evans and Ernie Davis

PHDC: 3000 on 8/2/2001.

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Black Stork

Ciconia nigra

Vagrant, eight records.

1st - 1 on 28/10/1977 at Jal Az-Zor by L Corral and W A Stuart.

2nd - 1 on 13/6/1980 at Jahra Pool Reserve by L Corral.

3rd - 1 on 1/11/1992 at Jahra area by S T Spencer, B Wright.

4th - 1 shot dead on 2/11/2001 at Abraq Al-Khabari by Kuwaiti hunters (source: M Shehab).

5th - 1 on 25/10/2005 at Jahra East Outfall by AbdulRahman. Al-Sirhan and M Al-Jeraiwi.

6th - 1 on 29/9/2006 at Sulaibikhat Nature Reserve by Hussain Al-Qallaf.

7th - 1 on 3/12/2006 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

8th - 1 on 31/10/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by Richard Saval.

Western White Stork

Ciconia ciconia

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 6 on 12/4 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, M Pope, B Foster

PHDC: 65 on 5/4/1957.

Glossy Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 41 on 4/8 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 80 on 29/08/2007 at Jahra Pool K Al-Ghanem.

Eurasian Spoonbill

Platalea leucorodia

Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 5 on 30/7 at Bubiyan Island by A. AlSirhan, M. Shehab, M. Al-Jeraiwi, A. Al-Suraye

PHDC: 200 on 17/5/2002.

Eurasian Bittern

Botaurus stellaris

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 21/8 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan et al, last seen on 2/9.

PHDC: 6 on 20/10/1995.

Little Bittern

Ixobrychus minutus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 4 on 23/4 at JEO by P Fågel.

PHDC: 30 on 25/2/1985.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

Scarce passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor. Has bred

HDC: 3 on 2/5 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, B Foster, R Saval and 4 French, also 3 on Pivot Fields on 24/7 by P Fågel

PHDC: 15 on 7/4/1995.

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Squacco Heron

Ardeola ralloides

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 30 on 3/5 at Pivot Fields by Gary Brown

PHDC: 60 on 15/9/1981.

Western Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 140 on 5/4 at Pivot Fields by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 200 on 21/3/2006.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 200 on 30/10 at Sulaibikhat Nature Reserve by P Fågel.

PHDC: 650 on several dates.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 138 on 10/4/2008 at Sulaibikhat Nature Reserve by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 22 on 14/9/2004.

Western Great Egret

Ardea alba

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 23/12 at JEO by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 34 on 2/1/2002.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 12/1 by B Foster, P Fågel, R. Montgomery and 10 on 9/9 at Pivot Fields A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 20 on 28/8/1999.

Indian Reef Heron

Egretta gularis schistacea

Very common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 20 on 30/7 at Bubiyan Island by A. AlSirhan, M.Shehab, M. Al-jeraiwi, A. Al-Suraye, also the same number on 18/8 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 900 breeding adults in 2004.

Lesser Frigatebird

Fregata ariel

Vagrant, one record.

1st - 1 on 10/4/2008 at Zour Port Chris Lansdell et al

Great Cormorant

Phalacrocorax carbo

Common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 200 on 13/11 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji.

PHDC: 13600 on 25/1/2007 G. Gregory at Failaka Island.

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Socotra Cormorant

Phalacrocorax nigrogularis

Uncommon disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Has bred

HDC: 4 on 24/5 at Kubbar Island by A Al-Sirhan, B Foster, M Pope

PHDC: 40 on 18/8/2000.

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one bird seen in many sites, JEO, Pivot Fields, SAANR, Mahboula by R. Al-Hajji, M Pope, Charlie Moore, K. Al-Khanem, R Saval, P Fågel, Gordon & Bola, G Gregory.

PHDC: 3 on 17-18/10/2005.

European Honey Buzzard

Pernis apivorus

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: one on 17/10 by P Fågel and R Saval and one on 18/11 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel.

PHDC: 3 on 17/04/2001.

Crested Honey Buzzard

Pernis ptilorhyncus

Rare passage migrant.

HDC: 1 on 22/9 at SAANR by P Fågel and K. Al-Ghanem

PHDC: 3 on 12/09/2001.

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus

Rare, 10 records.

1st - 1 seen at Al-Abraq on 28/2/2002 after it was caught by falconers.

2nd - 1 on 28/6/2003 on Jahra Pool by K Al-Ghanem.

3rd - 1 on 14/11/2006 by P Lascelles and K Al-Ghanem

4th - 1 on 05/7/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji then it was seen by P Fågel and M Pope. Also on 5/07 and then on 18/7/2007 by M Pope. Photographed by R Al-Hajji subsequently on 7/8/2007, 11/8/2007, 22/09/2007 and on 2/11/2007. Also seen by P Fågel on 10/11/2007

5th - 1 on 18/8/2007 at Al-Abraq by M Pope, P Fågel

6th - 1 on 28/09/2007 at Mahboula by P Fågel

7th - 1 on 4/11/2007 by P Fågel

8th - 1 10/11/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by P Fågel

9th - 1 on 13/7/2008 at SAANR by A Al-Sirhan

10th - 1 on 8/8/2008 at Pivot Fields by M Pope

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 180 on 18/10 at Pivot Fields by P. Fågel

PHDC: 300 on 24/3/1966.

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Eurasian Griffon Vulture

Gyps fulvus

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: one on 1/1 at Shajat Al-Huwamlliya by G. Brown

PHDC: 5 on several dates in November and December 2001.

Cinereous Vulture

Aegypius monachus

Rare passage migrant.

HDC: one on 28/3 at JEO by P Fågel, R Saval, Gordon & Bola

PHDC: 2 on 09/03/1990 at Jahra Pool Reserve CWT Pilcher.

Lappet-faced Vulture

Aegypius trachelotos

Vagrant, one record.

1st - 1 on 15/04/2008 at SAANR by K. Al-Nasrallah.

Short-toed Snake Eagle

Circaetus gallicus

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 25/3 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown.

PHDC: 14 on 13/10/1989.

Western Marsh Harrier

Circus aeruginosus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 6 on 3/5 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown and 6 on 18/9 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel.

PHDC: 15 on 21/10/1994.

Hen Harrier

Circus cyaneus

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: a single bird on 13/11 at JEO by R. Al-Hajji et al stayed until 30/12, another one on 27/2, 29/3, 5/4 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, G Brown, A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 2 on several dates.

Pallid Harrier

Circus macrourus

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 29/3 by G Brown and on 4/4 by Chris Lansdell et al both at Pivot Fields

PHDC: 35 on 21/9/2004.

Montagu's Harrier

Circus pygargus

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 10 on 4/4/2008 at Pivot Fields by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 8 on 11/4/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by a visiting British Group.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 12/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel and 6 Finnish birders.

PHDC: 2 on several dates.

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Eurasian Sparrowhawk

Accipiter nisus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 17/10 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel and R Saval

PHDC: 29 on 15/4/2006.

Northern Goshawk

Accipiter gentilis

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 11/1 at Pivot Fields by B Foster, M Pope, P Fågel, one on 1/4 by P Fågel, one 5/4 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 1 on many dates.

Steppe Buzzard

Buteo buteo vulpinus

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 50 on 3/4 at Sulaibikhat Nature Reserve by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 2000 on 23/9/2003.

Long-legged Buzzard

Buteo rufinus

Scarce passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 12/1, 29/12/2008 at Pivot Fields by B Foster, P Fågel, R Montgomery, A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 10 on 10/12/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by P. Fågel and a visiting Finnish Group.

Greater Spotted Eagle

Aquila clanga

Uncommon passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 16/1 at JEO by R Bonser, 4 on 7/10, 11/10 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 6 on 5/3/1999.

Steppe Eagle

Aquila nipalensis

Very common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 50 on 28/3 at JEO by P Fågel, R Saval, Gordon & Bola

PHDC: 770 on 28/2/2002 by T. Spencer.

Eastern Imperial Eagle

Aquila heliaca

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 17/2 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 12 on 13/10/1989.

Bonelli's Eagle

Aquila fasciatus

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

HDC: singles on 27/9/2008 at SAANR by M Pope, Charlie Moore and on 28/9 and 20/11 at Pivot and on 2/11 at JEO Fields by R.Al-Hajji.

PHDC: 6 on 9/4/2007 at Quisat by B. Foster.

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Booted Eagle

Aquila pennata

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 2 on 28/3 at JEO by P Fågel, R Saval, Gordon&Bola, 2 on 8/4 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown, 2 on 12/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, 6 Finns.

PHDC: 7 on 13/10/1989.

Lesser Kestrel

Falco naumanni

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 39 on 4/4 at Pivot Fields by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: Tens of thousands' 'during the end of March and April' from 1929 to 1969.

Common Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon resident. breeds.

HDC: 5 on 12/4 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown, 5 on 26/7 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 500 on 4/2/2007 at Imqara by M. Shehab.

Merlin

Falco columbarius

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 14/01 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 15 on 05/02/1993 by Charles Pilcher.

Eurasian Hobby

Falco subbuteo

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 3 on 21/4 at Hahboula by P Fågel.

PHDC: 10 on 27/4/2001 by T Spencer.

Saker Falcon

Falco cherrug

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 5/1 at JEO by Rashed Al-Hajji

PHDC: 1 on many dates.

Macqueen's Bustard

Chlamydotis macqueenii

Rare winter visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 2 on 19/1/2008 at SAANR by R Bonser et al, 2 on 29/2/2008 at SAANR by P Fågel, and one on 5/10/2008 at Quisat by R.Al-Hajji.

PHDC: 30 on 06/03/1966 at Ahmadi VAD Sales.

Water Rail

Rallus aquaticus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Has bred.

HDC: 4 on 28/12 at JEO by P Fågel.

PHDC: 10 on 13/11/1991 at Jahra Pool Reserve by M Reed, T Cross

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Corncrake

Crex crex

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 9/5, 16/5, 19/9/2008 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, B Foster, G Brown.

PHDC: 3 on 30/9/1988.

Little Crake

Porzana parva

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 5 on 25/2 at JEO by G Brown, 5 on 25/12 at JEO Steve Smith et al, 5 on 28/12 at JEO by P Fågel

PHDC: 44 on 1/03/1995 at Jahra Pool Reserve by T Spencer.

Baillon's Crake

Porzana pusilla

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 3 on 26/12/2008 at JEO by Kris De Rouck and Dirk Colin.

PHDC: 3 on 11/3/1986 at Jahra Pool by A Tye.

Spotted Crake

Porzana porzana

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Has bred.

HDC: 3 on 25/2 at JEO by G Brown, 3 on 3/4 at JEO by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 20 on 27/3/1987 at Jahra Pool by G. Gregory, A Tye, M Shehab.

Purple Swamphen

Porphyrio porphyrio

Scarce resident. Breeds.

HDC: 9 on 29/03/2008 at South Doha Reserve by P Fågel, Gordon Beck.

PHDC: 9 on 17/08/2007 at South Doha Reserve by P Fågel, M Pope.

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 50 on 21/12 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 390 on 26/11/1993 at Jahra Pool by C Pilcher.

Eurasian Coot

Fulica atra

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 10 on 27/02/2008 at South Doha Reserve by P Fågel.

PHDC: 311 on 26/11/1993 Jahra Pool by C Pilcher.

Eurasian Stone-curlew

Burhinus oedicnemus

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 5 on 18/09/2008 at Sulaibikhat Bay, 5 on 18/10 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji,

PHDC: 10 on 9/2/2007 at Al-Salmi by M. Shehab.

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Eurasian Oystercatcher

Haematopus ostralegus

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.

HDC: 100 on 3/8 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 250 on 6/4/1999 at Doha H-M Busc, J Rathberger-Knan, W Bindl.

Crab-plover

Dromas ardeola

Very common summer visitor. Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 413 on 03/02/2008 at Sulaibikhat Bay by L Evan,E Davis

PHDC: 3000 breeding adults in 2004 in Bubiyan Island.

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 50 on 01/09/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 390 on 26/8/1999 at Quisat by ST Spencer.

Pied Avocet

Recurvirostra avosetta

Uncommon passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 210 on 03/02/2008 at Sulaibikhat Bay by L Evan,E Davis

PHDC: 160 on 10/2/2000 at Sulaibikhat Bay G. Rowlands.

Northern Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

Scarce passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 150 on 11/1/2008 and on 29/12/2008 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel,M Pope,A Al-Sirhan, B Foster, 3 Belgians.

PHDC: 268 on 14/12/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by P. Cowper, P. Fågel and B. Foster.

Spur-winged Lapwing

Vanellus spinosus

Vagrant, eight records.

1st - 1 on 29/11/1958 at Ahmadi by V A D Sales

2nd - 2 on 16/10/1992, 3 on 23/11/1992 at Jahra Bay by M Shehab, S T Spencer, C W T Pilcher

3rd - 1 at Jahra Pool Reserve, 12-13/03/1996 by P Jones, T Squire.

4th - 1 on 7/01/2000 at Jahra Bay by S T Spencer, M Chichester

5th - 1 on 6/06/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

6th - 1 on 6/11/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by A Al-Surayea.

7th - 1 on 2/4/2008 at Pivot Fields by K de Rouck, D Collin, J Celis

8th - 3 on 3/11/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by M Khorshed

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Uncommon resident. Uncommon disperser in all seasons. Breeds.

HDC: 13 on 01/02/2008 at Abdali Farms by B Foster,P.Cowper,P Fågel, L Evan,E Davis

PHDC: 15 on several dates in January 2003.

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Sociable Lapwing

Vanellus gregarius

Vagrant, four records.

1st - 1 on 19/03/1971 at Subiya by J Webb.

2nd - 1 on 12/12/1999 at Bharat by M Shehab.

3rd - 1 on 17/06-6/07/2000 at Mahboula by J M Bishop.

4th - 3 on 30/12-31/12/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan et al.

White-tailed Lapwing

Vanellus leucurus

Uncommon passage migrant. Has bred.

HDC: 4 on 15/6 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 61 on 25/2/1999 at Quisat Jeremy Gaskell.

Eurasian Golden Plover

Pluvialis apricaria

Vagrant, five records

1st - 1 on 22/11/2007 at Jahra East Outfall R Al-Hajji.

2nd - 1 on 8/12/2007 at Pivot Fields by K Haataja, V Jouhki, P Fågel.

3rd - 2 on 29/12/2007 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan, Gary Brown et al.

4th - 9 on 12/1/2008 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, B Foster, G Brown

5th - 5 on 29/12/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 300 on 26/4 at Doha Spit by P Fågel, B Foster, ED

PHDC: 1000 on 27/04/2007 M. Pope ,P. Fågel.

Common Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 20 on 3/5/2008 at JEO by B Foster, P Fågel,R.Montgomery

PHDC: 240 on 6/5/2005 at JEO P Fågel, B Foster.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor

HDC: 7 on 19/8 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 20 on 15/3/2000 at JEO.

Kentish Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus

Very common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 50 on 6/5 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 'Thousands' on 15/7/1958

Lesser Sand Plover

Charadrius atrifrons

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Common summer visitor.

HDC: 3000 on 12/1 at Doha Spit by B Foster, P Fågel,R.Montgomery

PHDC: 600 on 21/4/2007 at Doha Peninsula by a British Group.

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Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor. Has bred.
HDC: 50 on 2/2 at Sulaiblkhat Bay by L Evans, E Davis
PHDC: 'Several thousand' on 20/11/1965.

Caspian Plover

Charadrius asiaticus

Uncommon passage migrant.
HDC: 6 on 7/9 and 9/9 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 168 on 15/3/2007 by B Foster, G Gregory and P Fågel.

Jack Snipe

Lymnocyptes minimus

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
HDC: 4 on 16/1 at JEO by R Bonser et al
PHDC: 10 on 9/10/1992.

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
HDC: 27 on 11/10 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 40 on 20/3/2005.

Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.
HDC: 20 on 4/8 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji
PHDC: 24 on 25/10/1985.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Limosa lapponica

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.
HDC: 500 on 7/4 at Doha Spit by Janne Aalto et al
PHDC: 2000 on 16/4/1999.

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
HDC: 20 on 26/4 at Doha Spit by P Fågel, B Foster, E Davis
PHDC: 123 on 29/4/2005.

Eurasian Curlew

Numenius arquata

Common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Common summer visitor.
HDC: 600 on 7/4 at Doha Spit by Janne Aalto et al
PHDC: 1500 on 6/4/1999.

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Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 26/4 at South Doha Reserve P Fågel, M Pope, B Foster and E Davis and one on 1-15/9 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan et al,

PHDC: 7 on 25/9/1992.

Common Redshank

Tringa totanus

Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 100 on 23/12 at JEO by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 1000 on 20/1/2005.

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 50 on 18/9 at Sulaibikhat Club by P Fågel

PHDC: 63 on 28/3/2000.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 18/8 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 80 on 11/3/1966.

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 23/7 at Sulaibikhat Bay A Al-Sirhan, 3 on 24/7 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, 3 on 30/8 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, R Saval, M Pope, and 3 on 11/9 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 18 on 28/08/1999.

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 35 on 3/4 at South Doha Reserve by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 482 on 6/5/2005.

Terek Sandpiper

Xenus cinereus

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 200 on 9/4 at Doha Spit Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 1000 on 7/2/1964.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 6 on 3/4 at Jahra Farms by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 100 on 10/4/1959.

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Ruddy Turnstone

Arenaria interpres

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 150 on 7/4 at Doha Spit by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 1000 on 24/04/2007 at Doha Peninsula by a British Group.

Sanderling

Calidris alba

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 12 on 18/08/2008 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 'Several thousand' on 7/2/1964.

Little Stint

Calidris minuta

Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Common summer visitor.

HDC: 2000 on 9/4/2008 at JEO by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 2000 on 25/1/2007 at Doha Spit by a Finnish Group.

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 01/09/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 32 on 01/03/1987 by Alan Tye.

Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea

Common passage migrant. Common summer visitor.

HDC: 2000 on 26/04/2008 at Doha Spit by P Fågel, B Foster, E Davis

PHDC: 700 on 12/12/2006.

Dunlin

Calidris alpina

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.

HDC: 5000 on 29/3/2008 at Doha Spit by P Fågel, Gordon Beck, 5000 on 12/4 at Doha Spit by P Fågel, 6 Finnish birders

PHDC: 10000 on 25/1/2007 at Doha Spit by a Finnish Group.

Broad-billed Sandpiper

Limicola falcinellus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 70 on 12/4/2008 at Jahra Pool by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 500 on 21/4/2005.

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Common summer visitor.

HDC: 60 on 2/9 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 156 on 27/4/2006.

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Red-necked Phalarope

Phalaropus lobatus

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 64 on 12/4 at JEO by P Fågel with Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 83 on 21/4/2006.

Grey Phalarope

Phalaropus fulicarius

Vagrant, three records.

1st - 1 on 10/1994 at Jahra Pool Reserve by G Gregory, S T Spencer and C W T Pilcher.

2nd - 3 on 23/4/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by a British Group.

3rd - 1 on 5/6/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by K Al-Ghanem.

Cream-coloured Courser

Cursorius cursor

Common disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Breeds.

HDC: 9 on 21/6 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 161 on 15/7/1956.

Collared Pratincole

Glareola pratincola

Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 129 on 10/4 at Pivot Fields by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 200 on 27/4/2006.

Oriental Pratincole

Glareola maldivarum

Vagrant, one record

1st - 1 on 25/3/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

Black-winged Pratincole

Glareola nordmanni

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 156 on 20/4/2008 at SAANR by P Fågel with two French visitors

PHDC: 90 on 21/4/2007 at SAANR by a British Group.

Slender-billed Gull

Chroicocephalus genei

Abundant passage migrant. Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 400 on 18/8 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 20000 on several dates.

Common Black-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus ridibundus

Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 300 on 10/11 at Sulaibikhat Bay by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 5000 on several dates.

Great Black-headed Gull

Larus ichthyaetus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 40 on 1/2 at Zour Port by M. Chechester

PHDC: 542 on 12/3/2001.

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Common Gull

Larus canus

Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: one on 14/1 at Sulaibikhat Bay by R Bonser et al., one on 27/12 at Doha Reserve by De Rouck and Dirk Colin

PHDC: 4 on 25/03/2007 at Sulaibikhat Bay by a Swedish Group.

Caspian Gull

Larus cachinnans

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 21/1 at Sulaibikhat Bay by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: past numbers were combined with Steppe Gull.

Armenian Gull

Larus armenicus

Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 12 on 19/1 at Sulaibikhat Bay by P Fågel, B Foster

PHDC: 20 on 8/12/2007 at Khiran by P. Fågel and a Finnish Group.

Baltic Gull

Larus fuscus

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 21/01 at Sulaibikhat Bay A. Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: past numbers were combined with Steppe Gull.

Heuglin's Gull

Larus fuscus/heuglini heuglini

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 33 on 10/11/2008 at Sulaibikhat Bay by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: past numbers were combined with Caspian Gull.

Steppe Gull

Larus fuscus/heuglini barabensis

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 23 on 23/8 at Sulaibikhat Club by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: past numbers were combined with Caspian Gull.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica

Common summer visitor. Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 47 on 18/8 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 1234 breeding adults on 25/3/2004.

Caspian Tern

Hydroprogne caspia

Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 100 on 9/4 at Doha Spit by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 300 breeding adults on 11/7/1958.

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Swift Tern

Sterna bergii

Common summer visitor. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 2 on 22/2 at Mahboula by P. Fågel, 2 on 2/7 at JEO and 2 on 30/7 at Bubiyan Island by A Al-Sirhan,.

PHDC: 1200 breeding adults on 15/4/2004.

Lesser Crested Tern

Sterna bengalensis

Common summer visitor. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 400 on 27/6 at Kubbar Island by A Al-Sirhan and OSK members

PHDC: 600 breeding adults on 19/6/2001.

Sandwich Tern

Sterna sandvicensis

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 25 on 7/7 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 200 on 29/1/2007 by a Finnish Group.

Little Tern

Sternula albifrons

Common passage migrant. Common summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 151 on 18/8 at Shuwaikh Port by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 300 on 10/4/1959.

Bridled Tern

Onychoprion anaethetus

Very common summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 2000 on 24/5 at Kubbar Island by B Foster, M Pope, A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 4400 breeding adults on 15/5/2003.

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 6 on 28/7 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 30 on 23/5/1986.

White-cheeked Tern

Sterna repressa

Very common summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 900 on 27/6 at Kubbar Island by A Al-Sirhan and OSK members

PHDC: 4000 breeding adults on several dates.

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybrida

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 5 on 12/6 at Sulaibikhat Traditional Caffee by B Foster, M Pope, P Fågel

PHDC: 17 on 17/6/1994 at Jahra Pool C Pilcher.

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White-winged Tern

Chlidonias leucopterus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 42 on 21/6 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 2300 on 27/4/2006 at SAANR B Foster, P. Fågel.

Black Tern

Chlidonias niger

Vagrant, nine records.

1st - 1 on 11/6/2005 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

2nd - 1 on 4/6/2006 at South Doha Reserve by A Al-Sirhan.

3rd - 1 8/6-10/7/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan and R Al-Hajji.

4th - 1 on 3/8/2007 at Sulaibikhat Bay by M Pope.

5th - 1 on 7/12/2007 at Sulaibikhat Bay by P Fågel and a Finnish Group.

6th - 1 on 10/6/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji.

7th - 1 on 21/6/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji.

8th - 1 on 23/8/2008 at Sulaibikhat Club by A Al-Sirhan.

9th - 1 on 30/11/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji.

Arctic Skua

Stercorarius parasiticus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: one on 1/4 at Zour Port by Dirk Colin, one on 26/4 at a Ferry to Failaka by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 50 on 21/8/1989 at Quisat James Brown.

Feral Pigeon

Columba livia forma domestica

Abundant resident. Breeds.

HDC: 300 at Kuwait City

PHDC: 'Thousands' on many dates

Stock Dove

Columba oenas

Vagrant, four records.

1st - 1 in March 1998 at Jaber Al-Ali Farm by M Shehab.

2nd - 1 on 15/10/1998 at Jahra Pool Reserve by S T Spencer.

3rd - 1 on 30/11/2004 at Umm Al-Aish by G Gregory.

4th - 1 on 19/11/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by M Khorshed.

Common Woodpigeon

Columba palumbus

Scarce disperser in winter spring and autumn.

HDC: 31 on 21/10 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 48 on 27/10/2007 at Pivot Fields by A. Al-Sirhan.

European Turtle Dove

Streptopelia turtur

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 4 on 26/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, B Foster, M Pope, R Saval, E Davis

PHDC: 480 on 27/4/1958 at Ahmadi V Sales.

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Rufous Turtle Dove

Streptopelia orientalis meena

Vagrant, five records.

1st - 2 birds at Ahmadi on 06/06/1956 by V A D Sales.

2nd - 1 shot bird on 1/10/2001 by K Al-Nasrallah, G Gregory.

3rd - 1 on 17/09/2004 by G Gregory, A Bailey, B Foster.

4th - 1 on 21/09/2004 at Bubiyan Island by G Gregory et al (KISR Bird Team).

5th - 1 on 1/11/2008 at Al-Abraq by A Al-Sirhan, R Al-Hajji

Eurasian Collared Dove

Streptopelia decaocto

Common resident. Uncommon disperser in spring and autumn. Breeds.

HDC: 500 on 19/8 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 800 on 15/1/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields G Gregory, A Al-Sirhan.

African Collared Dove

Streptopelia risoria

Scarce resident. Scarce disperser in spring and autumn.

HDC: one on 2/7/2008 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 9 on 6/2/2002.

Laughing Dove

Stigmatopelia senegalensis

Abundant resident. Breeds.

HDC: 20 on 19/11 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel

PHDC: 300 on many dates.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis

Uncommon resident. Scarce disperser in spring and autumn. Breeds.

HDC: 54 on 15/11 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 50 on 3/11/2007 at Pivot Fields by M. Pope, A. Al-Sirhan, P. Fågel, B. Foster.

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Psittacula krameri

Common winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Has bred.

HDC: 30 on 24/12 at Jahra Farms by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 250 on many dates.

Great Spotted Cuckoo

Clamator glandarius

Rare passage migrant.

HDC: one on 8/3 at Khiran by R.Al-Hajji, one on 14/8 at SAANR by P Fågel

PHDC: 2 on several dates.

Common Cuckoo

Cuculus canorus

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 5 on 21/4/2008 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown.

PHDC: 4 on 24/4/1981.

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Eurasian Scops Owl

Otus scops

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 2 on 4/4 at SAANR by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 8 on 24/10/2006.

Lilith Owllet

Athene noctua lilith

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: two on 25/1 at SAANR by B Foster, P Fågel and two Britts, also two on 29/2 at SAANR by P Fågel,

PHDC: 5 on 4/1/2001.

Short-eared Owl

Asio flammeus

Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: one on 21/1, 29/3, 17/8, 21/11 & 24/11 by Saad Al-Nouri, A Al-Sirhan, P Fågel and R Saval.

PHDC: 9 on 18/2/1983.

European Nightjar

Caprimulgus europaeus

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 2 on 21/9 at JEO by R. Al-Hajji

PHDC: 6 on 7/5/1961.

Egyptian Nightjar

Caprimulgus aegyptius

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 8 occasions by P Fågel, R Saval, A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 15 found dead on 17/9/1999.

Alpine Swift

Tachymarptis melba

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: one on 14/2 at JEO by R. Al-Hajji, and one on 9/4 at Salmiya Football Field by Chris Lansdell et al,

PHDC: 8 on 31/8/1973.

Common Swift

Apus apus

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 29/12 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 200 on several dates.

Pallid Swift

Apus pallidus

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 500 on 27/2 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 520 on 15/1/2007 by G. Gregory.

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Little Swift

Apus affinis

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

HDC: 2 on 16-18/3/2008 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: one on many occasions.

Indian Roller

Coracias benghalensis

Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

HDC: 2 on 12/11 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 2 on many dates.

European Roller

Coracias garrulus

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 6 on 19/6 by A Al-Sirhan, also 6 on 19/8 by P Fågel both at Pivot Fields

PHDC: 32 on 18/8/2007 at Al-Abraq by P. Fågel and M. Pope.

White-throated Kingfisher

Todirhamphus smyrnensis

Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

HDC: 3 on 10/11 at Jahra Farms by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 5 on several dates in May 2001.

Common Kingfisher

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Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 10/9 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 3 on 30/9/2004.

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor

HDC: 2 on 4/3 at JEO, 2 on 15/10 at Sulaibikhat Bay by R.Al-Hajji, 2 on 21/10 by P Fågel at Pivot Fields.

PHDC: 6 on 21/11/1965 at Ahmadi VAD Sales.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater

Merops persicus

Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 100 on 19/8 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji, 100 on 31/8 at Al-Abraq by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 1000 on 2/5/1964.

European Bee-eater

Merops apiaster

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 100 on 31/8 at Al-Abraq by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 1000 on many dates.

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Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 50 on 29/3 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 57 on 14/3/1966.

Eurasian Wryneck

Jynx torquilla

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor

HDC: 2 on 22/3 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel & 3 Finns, 2 on 11/4 by P Fågel & 6 Finns, 2 on 16/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, M Pope, R Saval, B Foster, E Davis

PHDC: 9 on 24/4/1966.

Red-backed Shrike

Lanius collurio

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 300 on 3/5 at Sulaibikhat Reserve, Pivot Fields and JEO by B Foster, P Fågel, R. Montgomery .

PHDC: 1000 to 2000 on each day from 12-18/5/1966.

Daurian Shrike

Lanius isabellinus

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 30 on 3/5 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 40 on several dates.

Turkestan Shrike

Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 6/5 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: unknown.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

Vagrant, two records.

1st - 1 on 07/10/2004 at Jahra Pool Reserve by K Al-Ghanem.

2nd - 1 on 14/10/2006 to 09/04/2007, then from 03/11/2007 up to 12/4/2008 last seen by 4 Finnish birders.

Lesser Grey Shrike

Lanius minor

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 60 on 3/5 of which 20 at Pivot Fields, 20 at Sulaibikhat Reserve, 20 at JEO by B Foster, P Fågel, R Montgomery

PHDC: 16 on 2/5/1965.

Steppe Grey Shrike

Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 12 on 01/03/2008 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 15 on 24/03/2000.

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Woodchat Shrike

Lanius senator

Uncommon passage migrant. Has bred.

HDC: 6 on 1/3 of which 3 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown and 3 at Pivot Fields by A. Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 20 on 15/3/2000.

Masked Shrike

Lanius nubicus

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. rare summer visitor.

HDC: 3 on 9/5/2008 at Al-Abraq, 3 on 13/5 at JEO, 3 on 16/5 at Al-Abraq, 3 on 23/5 at SAANR by B Foster, P Fågel, G Brown, R Saval, A Al-Sirhan, IB

PHDC: 34 on 13/4/2007 at A-Abraq, Salmi Road and Tulha by P. Fågel, M. Pope and B. Foster.

Eurasian Golden Oriole

Oriolus oriolus

Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 5 on 5/9, 12/9 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, J.Bishop

PHDC: 20 on several dates between 1952 and 1968.

House Crow

Corvus splendens

Uncommon resident. Scarce disperser in all seasons. Breeds.

HDC: 5 on 4/5 at KISR, Shuwaikh by G Brown

PHDC: 18 on 16/12/2001.

Hypocolius

Hypocolius ampelinus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 20 at 17/1 at Green Island by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 50 on 5/11/1989.

Eurasian Penduline Tit

Remiz pendulinus

Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 15 on 19/11 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 28 on 29/3/2005.

Greater Hoopoe-Lark

Alaemon alaudipes

Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 3 on 16/2 at Al-Salmi, 3 on 26/7 at SAANR by B Foster and P Fågel.

PHDC: 20 on 28/12/1972.

Bimaculated Lark

Melanocorypha bimaculata

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 5 on 20/10 at Sulaibikhat Bay, R.Al-Hajji.

PHDC: 400 on 18/3/2007 at Al-Abraq by M. Shehab.

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Bar-tailed Lark

Ammomanes cinctura

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 30 on 01/02/2008 at SAANR by L Evan and E Davis.

PHDC: 94 on 17/11/2000.

Desert Lark

Ammomanes deserti

Uncommon resident. Has bred.

HDC: 8 on 16/2 at A-Salmi by B Foster, P Fågel

PHDC: 12 on 8/2/1996.

Greater Short-toed Lark

Calandrella brachydactyla

Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Common summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 418 on 14/9 at SAANR by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 3000 on 10/3/2000.

Lesser Short-toed Lark

Calandrella rufescens

Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 4 on 25/2 at Al-Salmi by G Brown, P Fågel

PHDC: 550 on 7/3/2002.

Dunn's Lark

Eremalauda dunnii

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 15 on 30/3 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 15 on several occasions.

Crested Lark

Galerida cristata

Very common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 150 on 12/8 at SAANR by P Fågel

PHDC: 1000 on 3/7/1953.

Woodlark

Lullula arborea

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 20/12 at Jahra Farms by R. Al-Hajji

PHDC: 9 on 8-10/2/1983.

Eurasian Skylark

Alauda arvensis

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 200 on 27/2 by P Fågel, 200 29/2 by G Brown both at Pivot Fields

PHDC: 2000 on 14/12/2007 at SAANR.

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

HDC: 2 on 7-12/4 at JEO by Janne Aalto et al, Chris Lansdell, P Fågel, 6 Finnish birders

PHDC: 15 on 2/12/2005.

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Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 60 on 8/4 at Kabd by G Brown

PHDC: 100 breeding pairs in summer 2006.

Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha*

Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring. Breeds.

HDC: 2 on 18/1 at Al-Abraq by B Foster, P Fågel, 4 Danish birders

PHDC: 35 on 9/12/2005.

White-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys leucotis*

Very common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 50 on 22/11 at Abdali Farms by P Fågel

PHDC: 100 on many dates.

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 6 on 06/01/2008 at Green Island by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 6 on several dates.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.

HDC: 500 on 21/4 at Mahboula by P Fågel

PHDC: 'Several thousand' on several dates between 1952 and 1968.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Common summer visitor.

HDC: 10000 on 21/4 at Mahboula by P Fågel

PHDC: 'Thousands' on many dates.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 9/5 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, B Foster, G Brown, IB

PHDC: 30 on 14/4/1997 at Shaab M. Shehab.

Pale Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula obsoleta*

Vagrant, seven records.

1st - 3 at Kuwait City on 23/05/1973 by E Grieve.

2nd - 1 near Jal Az-Zor on 25/02/1974 by P R Haynes.

3rd - 2 on 07/01/1987 by C W T Pilcher, M Shehab.

4th - 2 at Khiran on 4/04/1999 by H-M Busch, J Rathberger-Knan, W Bindl.

5th - 1 at Jal Az-Zor on 25/12/2001 by S T Spencer.

6th - 1 at Jahra East Outfall on 5/12/2004 by G Gregory.

7th - 1 at Al-Abraq on 28/3/2008 by P Fågel

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Common House Martin

Delichon urbicum

Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 25 on 21/4 at Mahboula by P Fågel

PHDC: 1000 on several dates.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 30 on 29/2 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel

PHDC: 50 on several dates in spring between 1952 and 1968.

Cetti's Warbler

Cettia cetti

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: one at JEO on 16/11, 25/3 and probably other dates by G Brown, R.Al-Hajji, M.Khorshed, P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 4 on 19/11/1991.

Willow Warbler

Phylloscopus trochilus

Abundant passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 15 on 29/3 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, G Beck

PHDC: 150 in April 1993.

Common Chiffchaff

Phylloscopus collybita

Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 20 on 5/11/2008 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, 20 on 22/11 at JEO by P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 500 on 09/04/1989 at Al-Abraq by C Pilcher.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler

Phylloscopus orientalis

Vagrant, one record.

1st two on 12/8/2008 at Jahra Farms P Fågel

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 17/10 at Al-Abraq by R Saval

PHDC: 2 on 26/09/1986 at Al-Abraq by C Pilcher.

Hume's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus humei

Vagrant, two record.

1st - 1 on 8/12/1995 at Jahra Farms by G Gregory.

2nd - 1 on 28/12/2008 at Al-Abraq by K De Rouck, D Collin, J Celis

Green Warbler

Phylloscopus nitidus

Rare passage migrant.

HDC: one bird on 31/1 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 2 on 30/4/1997.

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Basra Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus griseldis

Common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 10 on 9/4 at JEO by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 23 on 13/4/1997.

Great Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus arundinaceus

Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 6 on 26/6 and on 12/11 both at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 40 on several dates in May 1961.

Indian Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce resident.

HDC: one on many occasions during Feb., June, Aug., Nov., and Dec.

PHDC: 6 on several dates.

Moustached Warbler

Acrocephalus melanopogon

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 3 on 24-25/2 by P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan, 3 on 29/11 by M Pope, 3 on 25/12 by Steve Smith et al all at JEO.

PHDC: 40 on many dates from 1985 to 1988.

Sedge Warbler

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 5 on 16/5 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, B Foster

PHDC: 130 on 11/5/1995.

Eurasian Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Very common passage migrant. Common summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 8 on 26/6 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 189 on 11/5/1995.

Marsh Warbler

Acrocephalus palustris

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 30 on 16/8 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 60 on 10/5/1997.

Sykes's Warbler

Iduna rama

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 6 on 16/5 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, B Foster

PHDC: 5 on 6/9/1985.

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Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida*

Common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.
HDC: 5 on 29/3 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, G Beck,
PHDC: 40 on 21/4/2007 by G. Gregory.

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*

Uncommon passage migrant. Common summer visitor.
HDC: 12 on 21/6 at SAANR by A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 40 on 27/4/2007 at Kabd Reserve by G. Brown.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

Scarce passage migrant.
HDC: 3 on 15/8 at Jahra Farms by A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 5 on 5/5/1961.

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*

Scarce passage migrant.
HDC: one on 29/8 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, M Pope, IL
PHDC: 3 on 10/04/1965.

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*

Uncommon passage migrant.
HDC: one on 24/2 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan, one on 4/4 at JEO by Janne Aalto et al
PHDC: 7 on 31/3/1966.

Graceful Prinia *Prinia gracilis*

Common resident. Breeds.
HDC: 10 on 3/5 at Sulaibikhat Reserve by B Foster, P Fågel, R Montgomery, 10 on 26/6 at
JEO by A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 40 on 6/4/2006.

Afghan Babbler *Turdoides caudata huttoni*

Uncommon resident. Breeds.
HDC: 9 on 01/02/2008 at Abdali Farms by B Foster, P Fågel, P Cowper, L Evan, E Davis.
PHDC: 9 on many dates.

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
HDC: 10 on 19/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel.
PHDC: 100 on several dates in spring 1956.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
HDC: 12 on 21/5 at SAANR by A Al-Sirhan
PHDC: 1000 on 12-13/5/1966.

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Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 5 on 21/4 at Kabd by G Brown

PHDC: 30 on 3/10/1966.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 5 on 10/11 at Jahra Farms by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 30 on 05/04/1993.

Eastern Orphean Warbler *Sylvia crassirostris*

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 2 on 12/9 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, J Bishop

PHDC: 11 on 3/3/1957.

Asian Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana*

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 7 on 17/1 at SAANR by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 14 on 17/12/2001.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

Very common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 10 on 21/8 by A Al-Sirhan, 10 on 29/8 by P Fågel, R Saval, M Pope and IL, 10 on 5/9 at by P Fågel, R Saval and J Bishop all at Al-Abraq

PHDC: 'thousands' on 12-14/05/1966.

Ménétriés's Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 01/03/2008 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 7 on 27/03/1987.

Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus*

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 18 on 4/9 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel

PHDC: 500 on many dates in 2001.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Very common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 93 on 01/02/2008 at Kuwait University, Shuwaikh by L Evan, E Davis

PHDC: 100 on 09/08/1998.

Rose-coloured Starling *Pastor roseus*

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 8/5 at JEO by R Al-Hajji, one on 25/12 at Jahra Farms by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 28 on 28/11/1964.

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Common Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

Common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor.

HDC: 250 on 12/1/2008 at Pivot Fields by B Foster, P Fågel, R Montgomery

PHDC: 1000 on 15/02/2002.

Ring Ouzel

Turdus torquatus

Vagrant, seven records.

1st - 1 on 20/11/1971 Al-Rawdatain by S Howe, R Stafford.

2nd - 2 on 17/02/1989 at Al-Abraq by G Gregory, C W T Pilcher, M Shehab.

3rd - 1 on 8/12/1995 at Jahra Farms by G Gregory.

4th - 1 on 15/11/1998 at Wafra Oil Fields by M Chichester.

5th - 1 on 21/11/2004 at Jahra Pool Reserve by K Al-Ghanem.

6th - 1 on 18/1/2008 at Al-Abraq by a Danish Group, P Fågel, B Foster.

7th - 1 on 5/11/2008 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel.

Eurasian Blackbird

Turdus merula

Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 12-18/11 at Al-Abraq by K Al-Ghanem , P Fågel, A Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: 4 on 08/02/2002.

Black-throated Thrush

Turdus atrogularis

Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 12/11/2008 K Al-Ghanem and on 30/12/2008 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel and 3 Belgians

PHDC: 24 on 18/1/1995.

Redwing

Turdus iliacus

Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 12-17/11/2008 on Al-Abraq by K Al-Ghanem, one on 31/12 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel and 3 Belgians

PHDC: 2 on 08/12/1995.

Song Thrush

Turdus philomelos

Uncommon passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 11/1 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel, B Foster 3 Belgians, 10 on 2/2 at Green Island by L Evan, E Davis and 10 on 28/11, 27/12 1 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel, B Foster 3 Belgians.

PHDC: 55 on 17/02/1967.

Mistle Thrush

Turdus viscivorus

Rare winter visitor.

HDC: one on 27/11 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, K Al-Ghanem, A Al-Surayae.

PHDC: 3 on many dates.

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European Robin

Erithacus rubecula

Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 20/1 at Al-Abraq by A Al-Sirhan, 2 on 24/12 at JEO by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 9 on 03/11/2000.

Red-spotted Bluethroat

Luscinia svecica svecica

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 3 on 22/11 at JEO by P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 30 on 20/3/2002.

Thrush Nightingale

Luscinia luscinia

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 10 on 26/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, E Davis, M Pope, E Saval, B Foster

PHDC: 99 on 25/4/1968.

Common Nightingale

Luscinia megarhynchos

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 2 on 21/9 at Fahaheel Park by P Fågel

PHDC: 20 on 23/4/1966.

White-throated Robin

Irania gutturalis

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 5 on 26/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, E Davis, M Pope, R Saval, B Foster

PHDC: 72 on 12/4/2007 at Kabd Reserve by G. Brown and B. Foster.

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas galactotes

Common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: 7 on 29/5 at JEO and on 8/8 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 30 breeding adults on many dates.

Western Black Redstart

Phoenicurus ochruros ochruros

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 29/3 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval, Gordon Beck

PHDC: 6 on 11/12/1987.

Common Redstart

Phoenicurus phoenicurus

Very common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 19/4 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel

PHDC: 100 on several dates.

Whinchat

Saxicola rubetra

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 30 on 26/4 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 80 on 11/4/2006.

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European Stonechat

Saxicola rubicola

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 01/03/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan, 4 on 5/11 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel

PHDC: 10 on many dates.

Siberian Stonechat

Saxicola maurus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 1/11/2008 at Al-Abraq by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 2 on 01/11/2008.

Byzantine Stonechat

Saxicola maurus armenicus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: one on 20/10 at Sulaibikhat Bay by A Al-Sirhan, one on 8/11 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 6 on 26/02/2007 A Al-Sirhan.

Caspian Stonechat

Saxicola maurus variegatus

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 01/03/2008 at Pivot Fields A. Al-Sirhan.

PHDC: unknown.

Isabelline Wheatear

Oenanthe isabellina

Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor.

HDC: 30 on 29/2 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 50 on 12/3/2000.

Northern Wheatear

Oenanthe oenanthe

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 8 on 12/4 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 50 on 11/3/2000.

Kurdistan Wheatear

Oenanthe xanthopyrna

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: one on 25/3/2008 at Khiran by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: one on all occasions.

Red-tailed Wheatear

Oenanthe chrysopygia

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 5 on 17/1/2008 at SAANR by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 4 on 14/11/1985.

Pied Wheatear

Oenanthe pleschanka

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 45 on 9/4/2008 at SAANR by Janne Aalto et al

PHDC: 40 on 14/3/2000.

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Eastern Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca*

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 3 on 16/9/2008 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel

PHDC: 40 on 15/3/2007.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 50 on 26/12/2008 at SAANR by Steve Smith et al

PHDC: 30 on 20/3/1992.

Eastern Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens*

Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 30 on 17/01/2008 at SAANR by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 6 on several dates.

Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 4 on 17/1 at SAANR by R Bonser et al

PHDC: 7 on 17/1/2000.

Hume's Wheatear *Oenanthe albonigra*

Vagrant, six records.

1st - 1 on 12/12/1963 by V A D Sales.

2nd - 2 on 30/09/1977 at Jal Az-Zor by P R Haynes L. Corrall, W A Stuart.

3rd - 1 on 15/10/1978 by W A Stuart.

4th - 1 on 28/01/1983 by C W T Pilcher.

5th - 1 on 11/02/2005 at SAANR by A Bailey, B Foster, G Gregory.

6th - 1 on 9/9/2008 at Zour Port by M.Chichester.

White-crowned Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga*

Vagrant, 11 records.

HDC: one on 28/7 at SAANR by M Shehab, K Al-Nasrallah

1st - 1 on 19/09/1954 at Ahmadi by V A D Sales.

2nd - 1 on 28/02-17/3/1971 at Ahmadi MAB

3rd - 1 on 24/03/1972 at Mina Al-Ahmadi by EG

4th - 1 on 8/04/1983 at Al-Batin by C W T Pilcher

5th - 1 on 07/03/1987 at Jal Al-Zor by A Tye

6th - 1 on 01/04/1989 at Kuwait City by AW

7th - 1 on 31/12/1998 to 5/02/1999 at Jal Al-Zor by T Spencer C W T Pilcher

8th - 1 on 04/01/2000 at Wafra by M Chichester

9th - 1 on 26/03/2003 at Sulaibikhat Reserve by G Gregory.

10th - 1 on 08/03/2005 at Wadi Al-Batin by G Gregory.

11th - 1 on 28/07/2008 at SAANR by M Shehab, K Al-Nasrallah.

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Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 3 on 25/3 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 10 on 2/5/1967.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 1/3/2008 at SAANR by R Montgomery, R Saval, P Fågel, 2 on 3/3 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 6 on many dates.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 3/5 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 75 on 27/4/1968.

Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*

Uncommon passage migrant.

HDC: 2 on 22/3 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, 2 Finnish birders

PHDC: 23 on 18/3/1988 at Al-Abraq.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 6 on 17/10 at Al-Abraq by R Saval, P Fågel

PHDC: 5 on 22/10/2004.

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*

Vagrant, one record.

1st on 5/1/2008 at Subiya by R.Al-Hajji

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Abundant resident. Breeds.

HDC: 700 on 8/8 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 'Thousands' on many dates.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

Very common winter visitor. Common resident. Breeds.

HDC: 1000 on 18/9 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 13000 on 7/1/2007 at Sewer Plant Reeds by P. Fågel.

Dead Sea Sparrow *Passer moabiticus*

Vagrant, seven records

1st - 7 on 01/11/1996 at Jahra Pool Reserve, by G Gregory, C W T Pilcher, S T Spencer.

2nd - 1 on 1/04/1997 at Jahra Pool Reserve by N Cleere, D Kelly.

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3rd - 23 on 6/11/1998 at Jahra Pool Reserve by G Gregory.

4th - 2 on 06/10/2003 at Jahra Pool Reserve by K Al-Ghanem.

5th - 1 on 18/03/2004 at Jahra Pool Reserve by K Al-Ghanem.

6th - 7 on 29/10/2008 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel

7th - 30 on 2/11/2008 at Green Island by P Fågel

Pale Rockfinch *Carpospiza brachydactyla*

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.

HDC: 100 on 12/4 at Kabd Reserve by G Brown

PHDC: 200 on 17/3/2006 at SAANR by G Gregory, M Jennings.

Yellow-throated Sparrow *Gymnoris xanthocollis*

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

HDC: one bird on 20/4 at SAANR by P Fågel, 2 French, one on 23/4 at Jahra Farms, one on 14/8 at Sabriya Farm, one on 2/9 at SAANR all by P Fågel

PHDC: 48 on 10/8/2000.

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*

Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.

HDC: 60 on 3/5/2008 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: unknown.

Sykes's Wagtail *Motacilla flava beema*

Common passage migrant

HDC: 10 on 14/9/2008 at SAANR by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: unknown.

White-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava leucocephala*

Rare passage migrant

HDC: one on 28/4 at JEO by P Fågel, one on 1/5 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji, one on 17/5 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, R Saval, B Foster, J Bishop

PHDC: 2 on 23/04/2007 at JEO.

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg*

Scarce passage migrant

HDC: one on 11/3 and on 20/6 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: unknown.

Eastern Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava 'melanogrisea'*

Very common passage migrant. Very Common winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 13/3 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 2000 on 21/04/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields a British group.

Yellow-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava lutea*

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Common passage migrant

HDC: one on 6-8/4 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 3 on 10/04/1998.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 27/12 at JEO K de Rouck, D Collin.

PHDC: 10 on 16/8/1985.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 4/4 at SAANR by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 20 on 12/3/2000.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor.

HDC: 500 on 18/10 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel

PHDC: 1000 on 06/03/1986

Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaseelandiae richardi*

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: one on 19/1 at Pivot Fields by G Brown, one on 4/11 at JEO by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 6 on 24/11/2007 at Pivot Fields by A. Al-Sirhan.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*

Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

HDC: 20 on 21/2 at East Doha Reserve by P Fågel

PHDC: 35 on 7/4/2006.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 18/1 at Al-Abraq by B Foster, P Fågel, 4 Danish birders, 2 on 19/11 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel, 2 on 27/12 at Jahra Farms by P Fågel, K de Rouck, D Collin.

PHDC: 50 on 12/1/1994.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 10 on 26/3 at KISR, Shuwaikh by G Brown

PHDC: 136 on 8/4/1966.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Very common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

HDC: 63 on 8/4/2008 at JEO by A Al-Sirhan

PHDC: 1200 on 21/4/2007 at Pivot Fields by a British Group.

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Buff-bellied Pipit

Anthus rubescens japonicus

Vagrant, ten records.

1st - 1 on 11/2/2005 at East Doha by A Bailey, B Foster and G Gregory.

2nd - 1 on 21/11/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

3rd - 1 on 24/11/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

4th - 1 on 5/12/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

5th - 1 on 8/12/2007 at Sulaibiya Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

6th - 2 on 12/12/2007 at Jahra East Outfall by A Al-Sirhan.

7th - 2 on 17/2/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

8th - 1 on 1/03/2008 at Pivot Fields by A Al-Sirhan.

9th - 2 on 11/11/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji

10th - 1 on 17/12/2008 at Jahra East Outfall by R Al-Hajji

Water Pipit

Anthus spinoletta

Common passage migrant. Very Common winter visitor.

HDC: 150 on 29/2 at Pivot Fields by G Brown

PHDC: 320 on 11/12/2002.

Eurasian Siskin

Carduelis spinus

Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 2 on 21/11 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 100 on 29/11/1985

Trumpeter Finch

Bucanetes githagineus

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

HDC: 85 on 29/12/2008 at SAANR by P Fågel and three Belgian visitors.

PHDC: 10 on 29/01/1958.

Desert Finch

Rhodospiza obsoleta

Vagrant, seven records.

1st - 2 on 20/5/2004 at Sabah Al-Ahmad Natural Reserve by H Al-Qallaf.

2nd - 1 juvenile on 11/6/2004 at Jahra Farms by G Gregory.

3rd - 1 on 15/11/2004 at Abraq Al-Khabari by G Gregory.

4th - 8 on 12/4/2006 at Kabd by S Aspinall and G Brown .

5th - 2 on 15/5/2006 at Sabah Al-Ahmad Natural Reserve by M Al-Jraiwi.

6th - 1 on 26/4/2008 at Al-Abraq by M Pope.

7th - 3 on 14/11/2008 at Zour Port by M Chichester.

Common Rosefinch

Carpodacus erythrinus

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 5 on 19/9 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel, R Saval

PHDC: 22 on 15/10/2007 at Al-Abraq P. Fågel, B. Foster and M. Pope.

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Corn Bunting

Emberiza calandra

Uncommon passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

HDC: 20 on 13/11 at Al-Abraq by R Saval, 20 on 13/12 at Khiran by R.Al-Hajji

PHDC: 184 on 4/1/2002.

Eastern Cinereous Bunting

Emberiza cineracea semenowi

Scarce passage migrant.

HDC: 3 on 8/4 at Zour Port by Chris Lansdell et al

PHDC: 7 on 14/4/1968.

Ortolan Bunting

Emberiza hortulana

Common passage migrant.

HDC: 500 on 18/4 at Pivot Fields by P Fågel, R Saval, R.Montgomery, B Foster

PHDC: 400 on 18/4/1959.

Black-headed Bunting

Emberiza melanocephala

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

HDC: 6 on 16/9 at Al-Abraq by P Fågel

PHDC: 32 on 26/8/2005.