

# Bird Monitoring and Protection Team (BMAPT)

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## THE YEAR 2002

The Year 2002 was important for the consolidation of the position of BMAPT and for the expansion of its activities.

During the year:

The team's website at [www.kuwaitbirds.com](http://www.kuwaitbirds.com) was upgraded by Omar Al-Faddagh.

The team met several times at the headquarters of its parent body, KEPS, in Shuwaikh, to submit bird data, photographs and news and to plan future activities.

The first meeting of the Bird Records Committee took place. The committee started work on the Fourth Edition of the Kuwait Bird List, and considered a number of descriptions and photographs of vagrant species of birds.

The Annual Report 2001 was sent to the OSME Library and to various international organizations, magazines and ornithologists.

The team and other bodies were involved in environmental clean-up operations at a number of coastal and inland sites.

The team secured management rights over a 100 kilometer squared area of the National Park, including the important sites of Wadi Ar-Rimam and Tulha. Management and development work in this area was scheduled to start in 2003.

The team secured ownership and management rights over a one kilometer stretch of Sulaibikhat Bay, to become a new nature reserve. Management and development work in this reserve was also scheduled to begin in 2003.

The team carried out a series of breeding bird surveys to Bubiyan Island between March and June, which rediscovered breeding by a number of species for the first time in many decades.

A number of important breeding records, including several first records for Kuwait, were submitted to the Atlas of Breeding Birds of Arabia.

Restrictions on over-grazing and on hunting and disturbance helped reduce the impact of these activities on bird populations in Kuwait.

This annual report, the third for Kuwait, demonstrates the increasing influence and effectiveness of BMAPT in the fields of bird monitoring and protection.

## **THE NEED FOR BIRD MONITORING AND PROTECTION IN KUWAIT**

Bird populations are being monitored in Kuwait to find out if human activities or environmental changes are affecting them.

The most common breeding birds in Kuwait are House Sparrow, Laughing Dove, White-cheeked bulbul, Common Mynah and Feral Pigeon. These species have increased in numbers because the greening of Kuwait City has provided food and habitats for them.

Oasis farm areas at Jahra, Abdali and Wafra are the breeding sites of species such as White-breasted Kingfisher, Black-crowned Finch Lark and Spanish Sparrow.

Kuwait's small offshore islands are important because they support breeding colonies of seabirds such as Lesser Crested Tern, White-cheeked Tern and Bridled Tern. The large island of Bubiyan is an important breeding site for Western Reef Heron, Grey Heron, Spoonbill, Crab Plover, Slender-billed Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Swift Tern and possibly other species.

Some species tolerant of arid conditions, such as various larks and Cream-coloured Courser, breed in the desert areas and wadi systems.

A number of reedbed warblers, Little Crake and Moorhen breed at the sewage outfalls, and other species probably do so.

Many species pass through Kuwait on spring and autumn migration because it is at a crossroads of migration routes between breeding grounds in Asia and winter quarters in southern Arabia, Africa and the Indian subcontinent. The most common migrant landbirds are Common Swift, Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Short-toed Lark, Sand Martin, Swallow, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler.

Mud-flats around the coast are important resting and feeding areas for migrant herons, egrets, waders, gulls and terns. A number of reedbeds, freshwater pools, sewage outfalls and flooded sabkha areas are used by migrant waterside birds.

Birds arriving in Kuwait for the winter include White Wagtail, Robin, Bluethroat, Song Thrush and Desert warbler.

Some species such as Greater Flamingo, Barn Owl and Ring-necked Parakeet can be found in Kuwait in various seasons without necessarily breeding.

Bird populations in Kuwait have completely recovered from the environmental damage at the end of the Iraqi invasion, and some have increased. The main threats to birds in Kuwait now are over-grazing, shooting, disturbance, building and oil lakes.

Over-grazing reduces both plant and animal food for birds, and removes habitats for nesting and roosting birds. Restrictions on grazing in the east of Kuwait have been introduced.

There has been some reduction in shooting in recent years, but it still is fairly severe in some areas. Shooting is mainly for sport, although some species, such as Turtle Dove and Barred Warbler, are eaten as delicacies. The species most commonly shot in Kuwait are Turtle Dove, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, European Bee-eater and Swallow. Indiscriminate shooting results in the reduction of some raptors and regionally scarce species.

Disturbance by camping and other activities is now prevented by the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, the Environment Public Authority and the Kuwait Environment Protection Society in the National Park and in Nature Reserves at Jahra Pool, Doha and Sulaibikhat Bay.

The recent security fencing around various large oil fields has stopped grazing, shooting and most disturbance there, and has effectively created very large nature reserves where the vegetation is regenerating naturally.

Building sometimes creates new habitats for birds to nest or roost in, but chalet building along the coastline prevents the breeding of Kentish Plover and possibly of other species.

Some of the oil lakes have naturally dried out and some others have been covered over. However, others remain, for example at Bahra, where some birds die by being trapped in oil residues.

The establishment of more nature reserves, increased control of shooting, environmental education and publicity to increase public awareness are some of the best ways of protecting birds in Kuwait.

## **THE KUWAIT BIRD LIST (FOURTH EDITION)**

The Kuwait Bird List has been divided, for present convenience, into:  
The Commoner Species of Birds, The Vagrant Species of Birds, The Species of Birds Requiring Confirmation and The Species of Birds of Captive Origin.

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The Kuwait Bird List has not been easy to compile, due to loss, destruction and inaccessibility of records, nor is it immutable, and BMAPT would welcome any comments, suggested changes or constructive criticism concerning the list so that it can be kept up to date and accurate. The list, of course, is constantly changing, as every year brings new data and new discoveries about Kuwait's birds.

## **THE COMMONER SPECIES OF BIRDS**

The Commoner Species of Birds are those species which are judged to have occurred at least 10 times in total.

### **Seasonal Status:**

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

Abundant: occurs annually in very large numbers (10,000+)

Very Common: occurs annually in large numbers (1,000 - 9,999)

Common: occurs annually in moderate numbers (100 - 999)

Uncommon: occurs annually in small numbers (10 - 99)

Scarce: occurs annually in very small numbers (1 - 9)

Rare: does not occur annually

**Species:**

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

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

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*)

Scarce winter visitor. Scarce passage migrant

Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Very common winter visitor. Very common passage migrant.

Socotra Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*)

Uncommon disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Has bred.

White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*)

Rare disperser in all seasons. Has bred.

Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Bittern (*Botaurus stellaris*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

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

Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

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

Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

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

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Western Reef Heron (*Egretta gularis*)

Very common resident. Breeds.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Great White Egret (*Egretta alba*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

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

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*)

Scarce passage migrant.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*)  
Common resident. Breeds.

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*)  
Very common resident. Very common disperser in all seasons. Has bred.

White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*)  
Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Teal (*Anas crecca*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Pintail (*Anas acuta*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Pochard (*Aythya ferina*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)  
Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Honey Buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*)

Scarce disperser in spring, autumn and winter.

Black Vulture (*Aegypius monachus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)

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

Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)

Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Pallid Harrier (*Circus macrourus*)

Common passage migrant.

Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.

Levant Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter brevipes*)

Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)

Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Long-legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*)

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Spotted Eagle (*Aquila clanga*)

Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*)

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Eastern Imperial Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraaetus fasciatus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*)

Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

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

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

Rare winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.

Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*)

Common passage migrant.

Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*)

Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Rare disperser in all seasons. Rare resident.

Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*)

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

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*)

Uncommon resident. Uncommon passage migrant. Has bred.

Spotted Crake (*Porzana porzana*)

Uncommon resident. Uncommon passage migrant.

Little Crake (*Porzana parva*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Has bred.

Baillon's Crake (*Porzana pusilla*)

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Corncrake (*Crex crex*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

Common resident. Uncommon winter visitor. Breeds.

Coot (*Fulica atra*)

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

Common Crane (*Grus grus*)

Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

Demoiselle Crane (*Anthropoides virgo*)

Rare passage migrant.

Macqueen's Bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*)

Rare disperser in all seasons. Has bred.

Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

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

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

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



Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*)

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

Crab Plover (*Dromas ardeola*)

Very common resident. Breeds.

Stone Curlew (*Burhinus oediconemus*)

Uncommon Passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Cream-coloured Courser (*Cursorius cursor*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*)

Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.

Black-winged Pratincole (*Glareola nordmanni*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

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

Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

Very common resident. Breeds.

Lesser Sand Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*)

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

Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*)

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

Caspian Plover (*Charadrius asiaticus*)

Common passage migrant.

Dotterel (*Charadrius morinellus*)

Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)

Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.

Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

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

Red-wattled Plover (*Hoplopterus indicus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Sociable Plover (*Chettusia gregaria*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

White-tailed Plover (*Chettusia leucura*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*)

Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)

Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)

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

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)

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

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

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

Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcipennis*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Jack Snipe (*Lymnocyptes minimus*)

Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Great Snipe (*Gallinago media*)

Rare passage migrant.

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

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

Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Redshank (*Tringa tetanus*)

Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor.

Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Pomarine Skua (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)  
Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

Arctic Skua (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)  
Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.

Great Black-headed Gull (*Larus ichthyæetus*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor.

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Common resident. Breeds.

Common Gull (*Larus canus*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)  
Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

Siberian Gull (*Larus heuglini*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus cachinnans*)  
Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)  
Common resident. Common passage migrant. Breeds.

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Swift Tern (*Sterna bergii*)  
Common summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Lesser Crested Tern (*Sterna bengalensis*)  
Common summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident.

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

White-cheeked Tern (*Sterna repressa*)  
Very common summer visitor. Rare resident. Breeds.

Bridled Tern (*Sterna anaethetus*)  
Very common summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

White-winged Black Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

Spotted Sandgrouse (*Pterocles senegallus*)

Irregular (has been common) summer visitor. Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring. Has bred.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse (*Pterocles orientalis*)

Uncommon winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse (*Pterocles alchata*)

Irregular (has been common) summer visitor. Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Has bred.

Rock Dove (*Columba livia*)

Abundant resident (Feral Pigeons, Tumblers, etc). Breeds.

Woodpigeon (*Columba palumbus*)

Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring .

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

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

Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*)

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

Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

Abundant resident. Breeds.

Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*)

Uncommon resident. Scarce disperser in spring and autumn. Has bred.

Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*)

Very common winter visitor. Uncommon resident.

Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

Scarce disperser in spring and autumn.

Scops Owl (*Otus scops*)

Common passage migrant.

Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*)

Scarce resident. Breeds.

Little Owl (*Athene noctua*)

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*)

Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

European Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europaeus*)

Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

Egyptian Nightjar (*Caprimulgus aegyptius*)

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

Common Swift (*Apus apus*)

Abundant passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*)

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

Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*)

Scarce passage migrant.

White-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*)

Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

Scarce winter visitor. Scarce passage migrant.

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (*Merops superciliosus*)

Abundant passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.

European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)

Abundant passage migrant.

European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*)

Common passage migrant.

Indian Roller (*Coracias bengalensis*)

Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)

Common passage migrant.

Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Dunn's Lark (*Eremelauda dunnii*)

Scarce disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Rare disperser in winter.

Bar-tailed Desert Lark (*Ammomanes cincturus*)

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Desert Lark (*Ammomanes deserti*)

Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Hoopoe Lark (*Alaemon alaudipes*)

Common resident. Uncommon disperser in spring and autumn. Breeds

Thick-billed Lark (*Ramphocoris clotbey*)

Rare disperser in winter and spring. Has bred.

Bimaculated Lark (*Melanocorypha bimaculata*)

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

Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*)

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

Lesser Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*)

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

Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*)  
Very common resident. Breeds.

Wood Lark (*Lullula arborea*)  
Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

Small Skylark (*Alauda gulgula*)  
Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*)  
Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

Temminck's Horned Lark (*Eremophila bilophus*)  
Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring. Has bred.

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.

Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*)  
Common passage migrant.

House Martin (*Delichon urbica*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*)  
Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Olive-backed Pipit (*Anthus hodgsoni*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*)  
Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)  
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.

Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*)  
Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*)  
Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.

Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)  
Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.

Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*)  
Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)  
Abundant winter visitor. Abundant passage migrant.

White-cheeked Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucogenys*)  
Very common resident. Breeds.

Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*)  
Common resident. Breeds.

Grey Hypocolius (*Hypocolius ampelinus*)  
Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Rufous Bush Robin (*Cercotrichas galactotes*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.

Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*)  
Common winter visitor.

Thrush Nightingale (*Luscinia luscinia*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*)  
Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.

White-throated Robin (*Irania gutturalis*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Eversmann's Redstart (*Phoenicurus erythronotus*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*)  
Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Common Redstart (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*)  
Very common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)  
Abundant passage migrant.

Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Desert Wheatear (*Oenanthe deserti*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

Finsch's Wheatear (*Oenanthe finschii*)  
Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.

Red-tailed Wheatear (*Oenanthe xanthopyrna*)  
Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Mourning Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugens*)  
Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Hooded Wheatear (*Oenanthe monacha*)  
Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

White-crowned Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucopyga*)  
Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Rock Thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)  
Scarce winter visitor.

Black-throated Thrush (*Turdus ruficollis*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*)  
Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*)  
Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.

Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)  
Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)  
Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring.

Graceful Warbler (*Prinia gracilis*)  
Common resident. Breeds.

Grasshopper Warbler (*Locustella naevia*)  
Scarce passage migrant.

River Warbler (*Locustella fluviatilis*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Savi's Warbler (*Locustella lusciniodes*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Moustached Warbler (*Acrocephalus melanopogon*)  
Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Has bred.

Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*)  
Common passage migrant.

Marsh Warbler (*Acrocephalus palustris*)



Common passage migrant.

European Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*)

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

Clamorous Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus stentoreus*)

Common passage migrant. Scarce resident.

Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*)

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

Basra Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus griseldis*)

Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*)

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

Syke's Warbler (*Hippolais rama*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Upcher's Warbler (*Hippolais languida*)

Very common passage migrant.

Icterine Warbler (*Hippolais icterina*)

Scarce passage migrant.

Ménétries's Warbler (*Sylvia mystacea*)

Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Desert Warbler (*Sylvia nana*)

Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.

Orphean Warbler (*Sylvia hortensis*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Barred Warbler (*Sylvia nisoria*)

Uncommon passage migrant.

Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*)

Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Hume's Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia althaea*)

Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Desert Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia minula*)

Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*)

Very common passage migrant.

Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*)

Scarce passage migrant.

Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*)

Very common passage migrant.

Green Warbler (*Phylloscopus nitidus*)

Rare passage migrant.

Wood Warbler (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*)  
Scarce passage migrant.

Mountain Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus sindianus*)  
Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*)  
Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor.

Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)  
Abundant passage migrant.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*)  
Very common passage migrant.

Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*)  
Scarce passage migrant.

Semi-collared Flycatcher (*Ficedula semitorquata*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Penduline Tit (*Remiz pendulinus*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*)  
Common passage migrant.

Isabelline Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.

Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*)  
Common passage migrant.

Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*)  
Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Steppe Grey Shrike (*Lanius pallidirostris*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.

Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Masked Shrike (*Lanius nubicus*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

House Crow (*Corvus splendens*)  
Uncommon summer visitor and passage migrant. Breeds.

Brown-necked Raven (*Corvus ruficollis*)  
Scarce summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)  
Very common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.

Rose-coloured Starling (*Sturnus roseus*)

Scarce passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.

Bank Mynah (*Acridotheres ginginianus*)  
Common resident. Breeds.

Common Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*)  
Very common resident. Breeds.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)  
Abundant resident. Breeds.

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*)  
Very common winter visitor. Common resident. Breeds.

Pale Rock Sparrow (*Petronia brachydactyla*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.

Yellow-throated Sparrow (*Petronia xanthocollis*)  
Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.

Indian Silverbill (*Euodice malabarica*)  
Uncommon resident.

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Linnet (*Carduella cannabina*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Trumpeter Finch (*Bucanetes githagineus*)  
Scarce disperser in all seasons. Has bred.

Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)  
Uncommon passage migrant.

Cinereous Bunting (*Emberiza cineracea*)  
Scarce passage migrant.

Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*)  
Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.

Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*)  
Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*)  
Rare winter visitor.

Black-headed Bunting (*Emberiza melanocephala*)  
Rare passage migrant.

Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

Common winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.

## THE VAGRANT SPECIES OF BIRDS

The Vagrant Species of Birds are those species that are judged to have occurred fewer than 10 times in total, with each record supported by a written description available to BMAPT, acceptable by modern standards. If new species are supported by acceptable descriptions, then they will be added to this list.

### Species:

- Slavonian Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)
- Pygmy Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax pygmeus*)
- Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*)
- Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)
- Marbled Teal (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*)
- Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
- Crested Honey Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*)
- Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*)
- Sooty Falcon (*Falco concolor*)
- Barbary Falcon (*Falco pelegrinoides*)
- Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio porphyrio*) (*has bred*)
- Black Francolin (*Francolinus francolinus*) (*caveat escapes*)
- Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
- Spur-winged Plover (*Hoplopterus spinosus*)
- Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)
- Slender-billed Curlew (*Numenius tenuirostris*)
- Grey Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)
- Long-tailed Skua (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)
- Mediterranean Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*)
- Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)
- Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse (*Pterocles exustus*)
- Rufous Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*)
- Bruce's Green Pigeon (*Treron waalia*) (*caveat escapes*)

Great Spotted Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*)  
Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)  
Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*)  
African Rock Martin (*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*)  
Blyth's Pipit (*Anthus godlewskii*)  
Richards Pipit (*Anthus richardi*)  
Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus xanthopygos*) (*caveat escapes*)  
Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)  
Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*)  
Black-throated Accentor (*Prunella atrogularis*)  
Ring Ouzel (*Turdus torquatus*)  
Dusky Thrush (*Turdus naumanni*)  
Fan-tailed Warbler (*Cisticola juncidis*)  
Olive-tree Warbler (*Hippolais olivetorum*)  
Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*)  
Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus humei*)  
Bearded Tit (*Panurus biarmicus*) (*caveat escapes*)  
Common Babbler (*Turdoides caudatus*)  
Black Drongo (*Dicrurus macrocercus*) (*caveat escapes*)  
Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*)  
Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*) (*caveat escapes*)  
Dead Sea Sparrow (*Passer moabiticus*)  
Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)  
Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*)  
Rustic Bunting (*Emberiza rustica*)  
Red-headed Bunting (*Emberiza bruniceps*)

## **THE SPECIES OF BIRDS REQUIRING CONFIRMATION**

The Species of Birds Requiring Confirmation are those species which have been published as occurring in Kuwait, but which require confirmation because:

- 1- no description was written for any record,
- 2- no description is available for adjudication of any record by BMAPT,

- 3- one or more descriptions are available to BMAPT, but are judged not to be acceptable by modern standards, or  
4- the identification was not claimed or listed as completely certain.

Persian Shearwater (*Puffinus (Iherminieri) persicus*)

Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaeton aethereus*)

African Darter (*Anhinga rufa*)

Indian Pond Heron (*Ardeola grayii*)

Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser erythropus*)

Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*)

Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*)

Velvet Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)

Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*)

Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*)

Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*)

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*)

Armenian Gull (*Larus armenicus*)

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*)

Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)

Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougalli*)

Saunders's Tern (*Sterna saundersi*)

Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)

Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*)

Striated Scops Owl (*Otus brucei*)

Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*)

Hume's Tawny Owl (*Strix butleri*)

Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

Little Green Bee-eater (*Merops orientalis*)

Long-billed Pipit (*Anthus similis*)

Guldenstadt's Redstart (*Phoenicurus erythrogaster*)

Blackstart (*Cercomela melanura*)

Eastern Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe picata*)

Hume's Wheatear (*Oenanthe alboniger*)

Scrub Wheatear (*Scotocerca inquieta*)  
Paddyfield Warbler (*Acrocephalus agricola*)  
Blyth's Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*)  
Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*)  
Spectacled Warbler (*Sylvia conspicillata*)  
Subalpine Warbler (*Sylvia cantillans*)  
Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*)  
Cyprus Warbler (*Sylvia melanothorax*)  
Ruppell's Warbler (*Sylvia rueppelli*)  
Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus bonelli*)  
Radde's Warbler (*Phylloscopus schwarzi*)  
Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*)  
Collared Flycatcher (*Ficedula albicollis*)  
Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)  
Iraq Babbler (*Turdoides altirostris*)  
Hooded Crow (*Corvus corone cornix*)  
Arabian Golden Sparrow (*Passer euchlorus*)  
Serin (*Serinus serinus*)  
House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*)  
Cretzschmar's Bunting (*Emberiza caesia*)



## **THE SPECIES OF BIRDS OF CAPTIVE ORIGIN**

The Species of Birds of Captive Origin are those species whose occurrence is judged to involve only deliberately released or escaped individuals of species which have bred or been recorded in the wild elsewhere in the OSME region.

Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*)  
See-see Partridge (*Ammoperdix griseogularis*)  
Grey Crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*)  
African Collared Dove (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*) (including Barbary Dove and Albinos)  
Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*)  
Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulates*)

Brahminy Mynah (*Sturnus pagodarum*)

Streaked Weaver (*Ploceus manyar*)

Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*)

Avadavat (*Amandava amandava*)

Zebra Waxbill (*Amandava subflava*)

## NOTES ON SELECTED SPECIES IN THE YEAR 2002

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Socotra Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*)

Maximum seven at Al-Zour on 13.6.2002.

White Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*)

Two at Sulaibikhat Bay on 29.11.2002.

Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

A pair in reeds at Sabah Al-Salem for weeks from 23.5.2002.

Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

Up to four in reeds at Sabah Al-Salem from 25.4.2002.

Western Reef Heron (*Egretta gularis*)

About 300 pairs breeding on Bubiyan Island, including c10 pairs on a wrecked ship in the Khur as Subiyah. Eggs recorded from 4.3.2002, pulli from 4.4.2002.

Great White Egret (*Egretta alba*)

Maximum 34 at Jahra Bay on 2.1.2002.

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

About 100 pairs breeding on Bubiyan Island, including 5 pairs on a wrecked ship in the Khur as Subiyah. Eggs recorded from 4.3.2002, pulli from 4.4.2002.

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

Maximum 14 at Al-Zour on 13.9.2002 and at Khor Ala'ma on 23.9.2002.

Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*)

About 50 pairs breeding on Bubiyan Island. Eggs from 4.4.2002, pulli from 17.5.2002.

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*)

Maximum 1500 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 1.2.2002.



Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*)

Two at Sulaibikhat Bay on 15.3.2002 and 20.3.2002.

Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)

Maximum 208 from Sulaibikhat Bay to Jahra Bay on 1.1.2002.

Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

Maximum 15+ at Jahra Pool Area on 4.1.2002.

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)

Maximum two or more at Jahra Pool Area on 4.1.2002.

Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Maximum six at storm ponds near Road 230.

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

Maximum seven at Sulaibikhat Bay on 8.2.2002.

Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

Three at Sewer Plant Reeds on 20.2.2002.

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)

Maximum 27 at Al-Zour on 20.9.2002.

Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)

Maximum 18 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 29.11.2002.

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)

Maximum two at Sulaibikhat Bay on 8.2.2002.

Crested Honey Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*)

A juvenile found dead at Qaisat on 4.10.2002. Probably overlooked previously.

Black-winged Kite (*Elanus caerulus*)

One caught in a baited raptor trap, then photographed, at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 28.2.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait record).

Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

Maximum 150 at Sulaibiya on 15.2.2002.

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*)

One at Salmi on 14.9.2002.

Black Vulture (*Aegypius monachus*)

One at Wafra Oil Field on 28.9.2002.

Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

A first-year male found dead at Sabah Al-Salem on 16.1.2002.

Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

Singles at Rawdatain on 26.4.2002, caught in a baited raptor trap at Salmi on 10.9.2002, and at Qaisat on 13.12.2002; all photographed.

Has been annual in recent years.

Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*)

One at Qaisat on 5.4.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*)

Maximum c770 at Kabd on 28.2.2002.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

An inland record of one found dead at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 18.10.2002.

Red-footed Falcon (*Falco vespertinus*)

A second-year female found dead at Hujaijah on 9.5.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait record).

Sooty Falcon (*Falco concolor*)

Two at Jabriya on 21.4.2002 and two photographed at Shuwaikh on 19.6.2002.

Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*)

Singles at Salmi on 6.9.2002 and at Ratqa on 19.11.2002.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

The single bird continued to roost on a tall bank building in Kuwait City for the third year.

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*)

Found breeding at Sabah Al-Salem on 11.6.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> confirmed Kuwait breeding record).

Spotted Crake (*Porzana porzana*)

Numerous sightings in reeds at Jahra East Outfall and Sabah Al-Salem from January to May and from September to December 2002.

Probably breeds in small numbers.

Little Crake (*Porzana parva*)

Numerous multiple sightings at Jahra East Outfall, Sabah Al-Salem and Sewer Plant Reeds from January to June, singing and responding to tape once, and from September to December 2002. Up to ten pairs suspected of breeding annually.

Coot (*Fulica atra*)

Maximum 25 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 1.2.2002.

Macqueen's Bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*)

One at Ratqa on 5.1.2002. 'Many' reported by hunters in northern Kuwait from October to December 2002, including two in North-East Kuwait and one at Ratqa on 19.11.2002.

Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

Maximum 120 at Jahra East Outfall on 15.3.2002.

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

Maximum 22 at Jahra East Outfall on 15.3.2002.

Crab Plover (*Dromas ardeola*)

Found breeding on Bubiyan Island. c1000 full-grown birds with two food-begging adults on 4.4.2002; c100 active nest burrows on 17.5.2002, with many adults and two juveniles emerging; some eggs found outside burrows.

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*)

Maximum 13 at Jahra East Outfall on 22.3.2002.

Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

Maximum 40 at Sabah Al-Salem on 17.1.2002.

Lesser Sand Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*)

Maximum 300 at Sabah Al-Salem on 3.1.2002.

Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*)

Maximum 200 at Sabah Al-Salem on 24.1.2002, but no breeding this year.

Caspian Plover (*Charadrius asiaticus*)

Maximum three at Khor Ala'ma on 16.8.2002. Probably thoroughly under-recorded.

Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)

One at Doha on 8.2.2002. Probably under-recorded.

White-tailed Plover (*Chettusia leucura*)

Maximum 30 at Ratqa on 5.3.2002.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

Maximum 130 at Sabah Al-Salem on 17.1.2002.

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)

Maximum 30 at Sabah Al-Salem on 23.2.2002.

Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*)

Maximum 5 at Sabah Al-Salem on 23.2.2002.

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)

Maximum 22 At Khor Ala'ma on 25.7.2002.

Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcinellus*)

Maximum 30 at Sabah Al-Salem on 15.1.2002.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

Maximum 25 at Jahra East Outfall on 22.3.2002.

Great Snipe (*Gallinago media*)

One at Jahra Farms on 13.9.2002.

Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)

Up to three at Sabah Al-Salem until 31.1.2002.

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

Maximum 200 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 2.1.2002.

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

Maximum 8 at Jahra Pool on 22.2.2002 and at Jahra East Outfall on 11.10.2002.

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

Maximum 150 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 26.4.2002 and 2.5.2002.

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Maximum 14 at Al-Zour on 26.7.2002.

Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

Maximum 70 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 2.5.2002.

Great Black-headed Gull (*Larus icthyaetus*)

Maximum 117 at Khor Ala'ma on 11.1.2002.

Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*)

Found breeding on Bubiyan Island, with c200 agitated adults on 4.4.2002, and c50 agitated adults and four well-feathered pulli on 17.5.2002.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

Maximum 250 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 20.3.2002.

Siberian Gull (*Larus heuglini*)

Maximum 20 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 20.3.2002.

Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus cachinnans*)

Maximum 450 at Al-Zour on 8.2.2002.

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Hundreds of pairs found breeding on Bubiyan Island, with eggs from 4.4.2002.

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)

Found breeding on Bubiyan Island, with c30 agitated adults on 4.4.2002, and with c25 agitated adults and seven nests with apparently predated eggs on 17.5.2002.

Swift Tern (*Sterna bergii*)

Found breeding on Bubiyan Island, with seven eggs and many agitated adults on 4.3.2002, and c300 agitated adults, c100 eggs and four downy pulli on 4.4.2002.

Lesser Crested Tern (*Sterna bengalensis*)

Five adults were in possible breeding habitat on Bubiyan Island on 17.5.2002.

Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*)

Three adults (one dead) were in possible breeding habitat on Bubiyan Island on 4.4.2002.

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

Two adults were in possible breeding habitat on Bubiyan Island on 17.5.2002.

Bridled Tern (*Sterna anaethetus*)

Two adults were in possible breeding habitat on Bubiyan Island on 4.4.2002.

Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*)

Four adults on 4.4.2002 and two adults on 17.5.2002 were in possible breeding habitat on Bubiyan Island.

White-winged Black Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

Bred again at Jahra East Outfall, with maximum of 12 adults and second-year birds on 17.5.2002, but only one juvenile on 14.6.2002.

Spotted Sandgrouse (*Pterocles senegallus*)

Small numbers shot in northern Kuwait January to March 2002.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse (*Pterocles orientalis*)

Three at Ratqa on 5.3.2002.

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse (*Pterocles alchata*)

Hundreds shot in northern Kuwait January to April 2002.

African Collared Dove (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*)

Up to seven or more at Sabah Al-Salem, three at Abu Halifa, and one each at Mahboula, Messila and Salwa during 2002. Two Barbary Doves were with the three African Collared Doves at Abu Halifa on 23.5.2002. Single mongrels were at Mahboula on 29.3.2002 and at Jahra Farms on 14.6.2002. An albino was at Salwa from October to December 2002. Captive origin is likely for these birds.

Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*)

Maximum six at Al-Zour on 16.3.2002.

Rufous Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*)

One reported wounded and captured at Al-Zour on 12.4.2002, but no description or photograph.

Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*)

Two captured at Al-Zour on 12.4.2002, two at Wafra Oil Field on 4.5.2002, a male at Abdali Farms on 10.5.2002, found breeding on 27.6.2002 with a female and two newly-fledged juveniles at Jahra pool (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait breeding record), one at Wafra Oil Field on 12.8.2002 and one found dead at Qaisat on 18.10.2002.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

One at Abdali Farms on 10.5.2002.

Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*)

Seven at Al-Zour on 12.4.2002.

White-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*)

Single pairs bred at two different sites at Jahra Farms, one being in a stone-lined well; two juveniles seen nearby in September 2002. An adult flew down into a stone-lined well at a third site, and many old nesting burrows were found at a fourth site.

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

One at Sulaibikhat Bay on 14.3.2002 and 20.3.2002.

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

One at Sulaibikhat Bay on 23.11.2002.

Indian Roller (*Coracias benghalensis*)

Singles at Jahra Farms on 11.1.2002 and 15.2.2002 and at Abu Halifa on 11.12.2002.

Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)

Maximum 18 at Al-Zour on 5.9.2002.

Black-crowned Finch Lark (*Eremopterix nigriceps*)

Maximum 140 at Wafra Oil Field on 9.1.2002. Also 20-25 birds, including juveniles at Wafra Oil Field in early May 2002. Found breeding at AbdulFatai Marafie Farm at Wafra on 31.5.2002, with c12 adults, eight newly-fledged juveniles and three used nests found. Suspected of widespread breeding in southern Kuwait.

Dunn's Lark (*Eremalauda dunnii*)

12 at Ratqa on 7.3.2002. Singles near Subiya on 8.3.2002 (when singing) and 14.3.2002, and at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 24.5.2002. Suspected of breeding in small numbers.

Hoopoe Lark (*Alaemon alaudipes*)

Maximum eight at Wafra Oil Field on 14.5.2002.

Thick-billed Lark (*Ramphocorys clotbey*)

Five at Ratqa on 4.3.2002. Seven or more at Salmi from 8.3.2002 to 4.4.2002; found breeding on 29.3.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait breeding record).

Bimaculated Lark (*Melanocorypha bimaculata*)

30, some in pairs, at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari for weeks from 7.3.2002.

Lesser Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*)

Maximum 300 at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 7.3.2002. Found breeding at Ratqa on 7.3.2002 and at Salmi on 22.3.2002. Probably a widespread breeder in Kuwait.

Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*)

Maximum 25 at Wafra Oil Field on 19.3.2002.

Small Skylark (*Alauda gulgula*)

One at Al-Zour on 27.9.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Temminck's Horned Lark (*Eremophila bilopha*)

Five at Ratqa on 7.3.2002. Six pairs at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari from 15.3.2002. Found breeding at Salmi on 29.3.2002 and in the National Park on 31.3.2002.

Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*)

One at Bubiyan Bridge on 14.3.2002 and four at Sabah Al-Salem on 23.5.2002.

Richard's Pipit (*Anthus richardi*)

One photographed at Sulaibikhat on 13.4.2002.

Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*)

Maximum four at Wafra Oil Field on 19.3.2002.

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 7.2.2002 and two at Wafra Opi Field on 17.4.2002.

Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*)

Maximum 320 at an evening roost at Sewer Plant Reeds on 11.12.2002.

Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*)

Singles at Sewer Plant Reeds on 16.3.2002 and 20.9.2002.

White-cheeked Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucogenys*)

Maximum 35 at Al-Zour on 20.9.2002 and 27.9.2002.

Grey Hypocolius (*Hypocolius ampelinus*)

A male at Jahra Farms on 25.1.2002, two at Wafra Oil Field on 13.4.2002 and one at Al-Zour on 22.11.2002.

Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 24.1.2002 (2<sup>nd</sup> Kuwait record).

Rufous Bush Robin (*Cercotrichus galactotes*)

Found breeding at Abdali Farms, with ten pairs of adults and a not fully-grown juvenile being fed by an adult.

Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*)

Maximum 30 at Sabah Al-Salem on 16.3.2002 and at South Doha Nature Reserve on 20.3.2002. Frequently sings in Kuwait on spring migration.

Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*)

Maximum 25 at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 15.3.2002.

Desert Wheatear (*Oenanthe deserti*)

A male repeatedly chased a female, while flicking wings, at Sabriya on 14.3.2002.

Hooded Wheatear (*Oenanthe monacha*)

One at Jahra Pool Area on 1.10.2002. This species has been annual in recent years.

Black-throated Thrush (*Turdus ruficollis*)

One at Jahra Farms on 6.12.2002.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelus*)

Maximum 30 at Jahra Farms on 29.11.2002.

Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)

One at Jahra Farms on 2.1.2002.

Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)

Singles (probably same bird) singing at Sabah Al-Salem from 7.2.2002 to 16.3.2002.

Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*)

Three birds singing at Jahra East Outfall for months from 5.4.2002. Suspected of breeding.

Moustached Warbler (*Acrocephalus melanopogon*)

Confirmed breeding at Sabah Al-Salem on 13.5.2002, with a not fully-grown juvenile being fed by an adult (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait breeding record). Also, singing for months at Jahra East Outfall from 5.4.2002.

European Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*)

Repeatedly heard singing at Jahra East Outfall, South Doha Nature Reserve, Sabah Al-Salem and Sewer Plant Reeds for months, and suspected of breeding.

Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*)

Repeatedly heard singing at Jahra East Outfall, South Doha Nature Reserve, Sabah Al-Salem and Sewer Plant Reeds for months, and suspected of breeding.

Basra Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus griseldis*)



Repeatedly heard singing at Jahra East Outfall, South Doha Nature Reserve, Sabah Al-Salem and Sewer Plant Reeds for months, and suspected of breeding.

Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*)

Confirmed breeding at Abdali Farms on 10.5.2002, with a not fully-grown juvenile being fed by an adult, and in Kuwait City with a nest being found in the hollow of the roof of a low building (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait breeding records).

Syke's Warbler (*Hippolais rama*)

Singles at Jahra Farms on 22.3.2002 and singing at Sabah Al-Salem from 16.3.2002 to 3.5.2002.

Icterine warbler (*Hippolais icterina*)

One near Jahra on 13.4.2002 and 15.4.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Orphean Warbler (*Sylvia hortensis*)

Singles at Jahra East Outfall on 5.4.2002 and at Al-Zour on 20.9.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Barred Warbler (*Sylvia nisoria*)

Maximum three at Al-Zour on 5.9.2002 and at Qaisat on 27.9.2002.

Mountain Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus sindianus*)

Singles, possibly the same bird, showing the characters of this difficult taxon at Sabah Al-Salem on 31.1.2002, 14.2.2002 and 16.3.2002.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*)

Maximum 15 at Abdali Farms on 16.5.2002.

Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*)

Two at Sabriya on 8.11.2002, four there on 15.11.2002 and one at Jahra Farms on 13.12.2002.

Bearded Tit (*Panurus biarmicus*)

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 20.4.2002.

Penduline Tit (*Remiz pendulinus*)

Maximum seven at Sabah Al-Salem on 22.3.2002.

Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*)

A winter record of one at Sabah Al-Salem on 3.1.2002. Maximum 30 at Al-Zour on 3.5.2002.

Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*)

Maximum four at Wafra Oil Field on 14.5.2002.

Masked Shrike (*Lanius nubicus*)

Singles wintered at Jahra Farms in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

House Crow (*Corvus splendens*)

Maximum nine at Shuwaikh on 15.2.2002.

Brown-necked Raven (*Corvus ruficollis*)

One flying south at Fahaheel on 23.2.2002 was unusual.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

Maximum 300 at Sulaibiya on 15.2.2002.

Rose-coloured Starling (*Sturnus roseus*)

An adult and a juvenile at Al-Zour on 9.8.2002, and single juveniles at Wafra Oil Field on 21.8.2002 and at Al-Zour on 15.9.2002.

Bank Mynah (*Acridotheres ginginianus*)

About 25 pairs bred in two wells at Jahra Farms.

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*)

Maximum c1500 at Jahra Farms on 11.1.2002. c50 pairs visiting domed nests at Abdali Farms from 10.5.2002.

Pale Rock Sparrow (*Petronia brachydactyla*)

Three at Al-Zour on 16.3.2002 and three at Jahra Farms on 13.9.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Yellow-throated Sparrow (*Petronia xanthocollis*)

One pair confirmed breeding at Al-Zour from 18.4.2002. Five at Qaisat on 6.9.2002. Probably under-recorded.

Streaked Weaver (*Ploceus manyar*)

A male sang for months at Sabah Al-Salem for months from 16.3.2002. A male and a female there on 27.9.2002.

Avadavat (*Amandava amandava*)

A male flew over Sabah Al-Salem on 13.5.2002.

Indian Silverbill (*Euodice malabarica*)

Up to seven at Al-Zour on 20.9.2002 and up to three at Sabah Al-Salem on 4.10.2002. Probably breeds in small numbers annually.

Trumpeter Finch (*Bucanetes githagineus*)

Confirmed breeding at Salmi on 22.3.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait breeding record).

Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)

A juvenile at Wafra Oil Field on 26.9.2002.

Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)

A female at Heraijah on 14.3.2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Kuwait record).

Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*)

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 15.1.2002.

Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

Maximum 184 at Jahra Pool on 24.2.2002.



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