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THE YEAR 2001

The year 2001 saw further developments in the fields of bird monitoring and protection in Kuwait.

During the year:

BMAPT transferred its base to the headquarters of KEPS in Shuwaikh;

BMAPT published the Second, then the Third Editions of the Kuwait Bird List, on its website;

BMAPT sent all available ornithological data to the OSME Library;

BMAPT and other bodies were involved in environmental clean-up operations at a number of coastal and inland sites;

Several bird species were proved to breed in Kuwait for the first time, namely Little Crane, White-breasted Kingfisher, Bank Mynah, Short-toed Lark and Lesser Short-toed Lark;

Other important breeding records were of Greater Sand Plover, White-winged Black Tern, Grey Heron, Western Reef Heron, Yellow-throated Sparrow and Spanish Sparrow;

Improvements in the management of the National Park led to important changes in bird life there; fencing of more oil fields resulted in further protection of birds there from shooting and disturbance.

Greater coverage of previously known areas, and visits to new areas, resulted in an increase in bird records during the year.

This annual report, the second 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 has provided food and habitat for them.

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 the Swift, Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked bee-eater, short-toed Lark, sand Martin, Wheatear, 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 birds, such as the Greater Flamingo, Barn Owl and Ring-necked Parakeet, can be found in Kuwait in various seasons without necessarily breeding.

Kuwait's small islands are important because they support breeding colonies of seabirds such as Swift Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, White-cheeked Tern and Bridled Tern.

Bird populations in Kuwait have completely recovered from the environmental damage at the end of the Iraqi occupation, and some have increased. The main threat to birds in Kuwait now, are overgrazing, shooting, disturbance, building and oil lakes.

Overgrazing reduces both plants and animal food for birds, and removes shelter for nests and roosting birds.

Shooting is mainly for sport, although some birds, such as Turtle Dove and Barred Warbler, are eaten as delicacies. The species most commonly shot in Kuwait are Turtle Dove, Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater and Swallow. Significant numbers of locally uncommon species, such as Grey Hypocolius, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Lesser Kestrel and White-breasted Kingfisher, are also shot, as well as large numbers of other species.

Disturbance by camping and other activities is now prevented by the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources and the Environmental Public Authority in the National Park and at the Nature Reserves at Jahra Pool and at Doha.

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

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

The Kuwait Oil Company has recently announced that almost all of the oil lakes in Burgan oil field will be covered over. However, others remain, for example at Bahra, where many birds die by being trapped in oil.

The establishment of more nature reserves, control of shooting, education and publicity to increase public awareness are the best ways of safeguarding Kuwait's birds.

THE KUWAIT BIRD LIST

(Third 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

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Scarce winter visitor. Scarce passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Scarce winter visitor. Scarce passage migrant.
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Very common winter visitor. Very common passage migrant.
Socotra Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax nigrogularis</i>	Uncommon disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Has bred.
White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Rare disperser in all seasons. Has bred.
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor. Has bred.
Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor. Has bred.
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	Very common winter visitor. Common resident. Has bred.
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Very common winter visitor. Common passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Has bred.
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Very common winter visitor. Common passage migrant. Common resident. Has bred.
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	Rare disperser in all seasons.
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Scarce disperser in spring, autumn and winter.
Black Vulture	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Common passage migrant.
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Rare passage migrant.
Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Has bred.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Rare winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Common passage migrant.
Lanner	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Saker	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Rare disperser in all seasons. Rare resident.
Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Has bred.
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common resident. Uncommon winter visitor. Breeds.
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Rare resident and disperser in all seasons. Has bred.
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Rare resident. Has bred.

Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>	Rare passage migrant.
Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>	Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	Common winter visitor. Uncommon resident. Has bred.
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon resident. Breeds.
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.
Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Very common resident. Breeds.
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	Common passage migrant.
Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Common winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.
Red-wattled Plover	<i>Hoplopterus indicus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Sociable Plover	<i>Chettusia gregaria</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
White-tailed Plover	<i>Chettusia leucura</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcipennis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Rare passage migrant.

Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Very common winter visitor. Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor.
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor. Rare summer visitor.
Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.
Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor.
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor. Has bred.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Scarce winter visitor.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.
Siberian Gull	<i>Larus heuglini</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Uncommon summer visitor.
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon resident.
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident. Has bred.
Swift Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	Uncommon summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	Common summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident.
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.
White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>	Very common summer visitor. Rare resident. Breeds.
Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	Very common summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.

Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.
Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	Irregular (has been common) summer visitor. Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring. Has bred.
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Rare passage migrant.
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>	Irregular (has been common) summer visitor. Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Has bred.
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Abundant resident (Feral Pigeons, Tumbling Pigeons, etc). Breeds.
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Very common resident. Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Breeds.
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Very common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor. Has bred.
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Abundant resident. Breeds.
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Uncommon resident. Scarce disperser in spring and autumn.
Ring-necked Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Very common winter visitor. Uncommon resident.
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Scarce disperser in spring and autumn.
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Common passage migrant.
Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	Scarce resident. Breeds.
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Uncommon resident. Breeds.
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.
Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Common summer visitor. Common winter visitor. Breeds.
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Scarce winter visitor. Scarce passage migrant.
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Abundant passage migrant.
Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Common passage migrant.
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias bengalensis</i>	Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Common passage migrant.
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Dunn's Lark	<i>Eremelauda dunni</i>	Scarce disperser in spring, summer and autumn. Rare disperser in winter.
Bar-tailed Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes cincturus</i>	Uncommon resident. Breeds.
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	Uncommon resident. Breeds.

Hoopoe Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>	Common resident. Uncommon disperser in spring and autumn. Breeds.
Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Scarce winter visitor. Has bred.
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>	Very common passage migrant. Very common winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Very common resident. Breeds.
Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.
Small Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Uncommon winter visitor. Uncommon passage migrant.
Temminck's Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila bilophus</i>	Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring. Rare resident. Has bred.
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	Common passage migrant.
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Very common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Abundant winter visitor. Abundant passage migrant.
White-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	Very common resident. Breeds.
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Common resident. Breeds.
Grey Hypocolius	<i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Rufous Bush Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Breeds.
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Common winter visitor.
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.
White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor.
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Abundant passage migrant.
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Common winter visitor.
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.
Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe xanthopyrna</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>	Scarce disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Hooded Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monacha</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
White-crowned Black Wheater	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Scarce winter visitor.
Dark-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Uncommon disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Rare disperser in autumn, winter and spring.
Graceful Warbler	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	Common resident. Breeds.
Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	Common winter visitor. Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Common passage migrant.
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Common passage migrant.
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Uncommon summer visitor. Rare winter visitor. Breeds.
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce resident.
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Has bred.
Basra Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus griseldis</i>	Common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor.
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	Very common passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Rare winter visitor.
Syke's Warbler	<i>Hippolais rama</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	Very common passage migrant.
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Ménétries's Warbler	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>	Common passage migrant. Common winter visitor.
Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Hume's Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>	Rare passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Desert Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia minula</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce winter visitor.

Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Very common passage migrant.
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Very common passage migrant.
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	Rare passage migrant.
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Mountain Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Abundant passage migrant. Abundant winter visitor.
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Abundant passage migrant.
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Very common passage migrant.
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Common passage migrant.
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor. Scarce summer visitor.
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Common passage migrant.
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Common passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Uncommon winter visitor.
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Uncommon summer visitor and passage migrant. Breeds.
Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>	Scarce summer visitor. Scarce resident. Breeds.
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Very common winter visitor. Common passage migrant.
Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>	Scarce passage migrant. Rare summer visitor.
Bank Mynah	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	Common resident. Breeds.
Common Mynah	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Very common resident. Breeds.
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Abundant resident. Breeds.
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	Very common winter visitor. Irregular (has been common) summer visitor. Has bred.
Pale Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia brachydactyla</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Rare summer visitor. Has bred.
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	Uncommon passage migrant. Scarce summer visitor. Breeds.
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	Uncommon resident.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	Scarce disperser in all seasons.
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Common passage migrant. Rare winter visitor.
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Rare winter visitor.
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	Rare passage migrant.
Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	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.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>
Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus (caveat escapes)</i>
Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Hoplopterus spinosus</i>
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Slender-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>
Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos (caveat escapes)</i>
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>
Dusky Thrush	<i>Turdus naumanni</i>
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>
Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus (caveat escapes)</i>
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus (caveat escapes)</i>
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus (caveat escapes)</i>
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Dead Sea Sparrow	<i>Passer moabiticus</i>
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>
Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps (caveat escapes)</i>

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:

no description was written for any record,
 no description is available for adjudication of any record by BMAPT,
 one or more descriptions are available to BMAPT, but are judged not to be acceptable by modern standards, or
 the identification was not claimed or listed as completely certain.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Persian Shearwater	<i>Puffinus (Iherminieri) persicus</i>
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaeton aethereus</i>
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>
Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>
Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougalli</i>
Saunders's Tern	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>
Striated Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei</i>
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>
Hume's Tawny Owl	<i>Strix butleri</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
African Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>
Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogaster</i>
Blackstart	<i>Cercomela melanura</i>
Eastern Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>
Hume's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe alboniger</i>
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
Scrub Warbler	<i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>
Cyprus Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanothorax</i>
Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>

Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>
Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>
Iraq Babbler	<i>Turdoides altirostris</i>
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>
Arabian Golden Sparrow	<i>Passer euchlorus</i>
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>

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.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
See-see Partridge	<i>Ammoperdix griseogularis</i>
Grey Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
African Collared Dove (inc. Barbary Dove)	<i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>
Brahminy Mynah	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
Zebra Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava</i>

NOTES ON SELECTED BIRD SPECIES IN THE YEAR 2001

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Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Maximum 3 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 12.3.2001.

Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Maximum 1200 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 26.12.2001.

Socotra Cormorant *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*

Recorded from 8.2.2001 to 7.9.2001 with maximum of 10 at Al-Zour on 3.8.2001.

Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*

Two at Jahra East Outfall on 10.3.2001 (first record for Kuwait).

Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

Maximum two (one dead) at Sabah Al-Salem on 31.12.2001.

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

One flushed from reeds at Jahra East Outfall on 1.6.2001 was a possible breeder.

Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Two flushed from reeds at Jahra East Outfall on 1.6.2001 were possible breeders.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Maximum 12 at Sabah Al-Salem on 29.3.2001. 6 flushed from reeds at Jahra East Outfall on 1.6.2001 were possible breeders.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Maximum 9 at Jahra Farms on 2.2.2001 and at Khor Ala'ma on 31.8.2001.

Western Reef Heron

Egretta gularis

4 pairs were found nesting on a wrecked ship in the Bubiyan Channel in March 2001.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

Maximum 13 at Wafra Oil Field on 27.3.2001.

Great White Egret

Egretta alba

Maximum 17 at Jahra Bay on 5.4.2001

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Maximum 150 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 26.12.2001. 9 pairs were found nesting on a wrecked ship in the Bubiyan Channel in March 2001.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Maximum 15 at Al-Zour on 7.9.2001.

Black Stork

Ciconia nigra

One shot at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 2.11.2001.

White Stork

Ciconia ciconia

One found dead at Jahra East Outfall on 14.9.2001.

Glossy Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus

Maximum 8 at Al-Zour on 14.4.20001.

Spoonbill

Platalea leucorodia

Maximum two at Sulaibikhat Bay on 8.3.2001, 5.4.2001 and 4.10.2001.

Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopterus ruber

Maximum 3000 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 8.2.2001. An inland record of one at Wafra Oil Field on 27.3.2001.

Greylag Goose

Anser anser

3 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 18.1.2001, one at Jahra East Outfall on 26.3.2001 and one shot at Ratqa on 17.11.2001.

Ruddy Shelduck

Tadorna ferruginea

One at Sulaibikhat Bay on 5.3.2001.

Shelduck

Tadorna tadorna

Maximum 146 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 18.1.2001.

Wigeon

Anas penelope

Maximum 15+ at Jahra Pool Area on 4.1.2001.

Gadwall

Anas strepera

Maximum 2+ at Jahra Pool Area on 4.1.2001.

Teal

Anas crecca

Maximum 6 at Jahra East Outfall on 19.10.2001.

Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos

Maximum 7 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 19.3.2001.

Pintail

Anas acuta

Maximum 4 at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.11.2001.

Garganey

Anas querquedula

Maximum 23 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 19.3.2001.

Shoveler

Anas clypeata

Maximum 65+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 8.2.2001.

Marbled Teal

Marmaronetta angustirostris

Four flew off north-east at Sabah Al-Salem on 9.2.2001.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Maximum two at Sabah Al-Salem on 15.10.2001.

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Maximum 3 at Bneid Al-Gar on 17.4.2001.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*

Singles at Qaisat on 26.3.2001 and at Jahra East Outfall on 14.9.2001.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

One on 11.3.2001, two on 27.4.2001 and up to 5 during November 2001, all in the National Park.

Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

A female on Failaka Island on 8.2.2001.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

An adult male at Mishref on 7.12.2001.

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*

An immature at Shaab on 4.10.2001.

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraaetus fasciatus*

One in the National Park on 23.11.2001.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

A female of the subspecies *pallidus* captured for falconry at Ratqa in November 2001.

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Maximum 5 at Sabah Al-Salem on 17.4.2001.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

One roosted on a tall bank building at Mirqab for most of the year.

Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides*

One at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 19.5.2001.

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus*

A male in the coastal section of the National Park on 14.3.2001 (first Kuwait record).

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Maximum 4 at Jahra Pool on 20.3.2001.

Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*

Maximum 5+ at Sabah Al-Salem on 29.3.2001.

Little Crake

Maximum 7 at Sabah Al-Salem on 16.2.2001, when definite breeding was discovered there (first breeding record for Kuwait).

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio porphyrio*

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 29.12.2001.

Coot *Fulica atra*

Maximum 23 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 9.2.2001. An inland record of one dead at Wafra Oil Field on 14.11.2001.

Common Crane *Grus grus*

One at Sulaibikhat Bay from January through March. Two shot at Habari Al-Awazen on 17.2.2001.

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*

One shot and captured at Al-Zour in September 2001 presumably originated from the feral colony in the U.A.E.

Houbara Bustard *Chlamydotis undulata*

One killed by a falcon at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 3.9.2001.

Oystercatcher *Haemotopus ostralegus*

Maximum 154 at Jahra Bay on 21.3.2001.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Maximum 26 at Jahra East Outfall on 22.3.2001.

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Maximum 40 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 14.9.2001.

Crab Plover *Dromas ardeola*

Maximum 450 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 4.10.2001.

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*

Maximum 11 at Khor Ala'ma on 20.7.2001.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Maximum 37 at Jahra East Outfall on 26.3.2001.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

Maximum 3 found dead at Bubiyan Bridge on 3.5.2001.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Maximum 11 at Sabah Al-Salem on 16.3.2001

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

Maximum 28 at Sabah Al-Salem on 28.12.2001.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

Maximum 50 at Sabah Al-Salem on 28.12.2001.

Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii

Maximum 450 at Sabah Al-Salem on 31.12.2001. One pair bred again at Sabah Al-Salem, with two chicks observed on 12.5.2001.

Pacific Golden Plover

Pluvialis fulva

3 at Jahra Bay on 21.3.2001 and one at Sulaibikhat Bay on 14.9.2001.

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Maximum 120+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 5.3.2001.

Red-wattled Plover

Hoplopterus indicus

Two at Jahra Bay on 21.3.2001 and one in the National Park on 22.12.2001.

Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

One at Sulaibiya on 16.11.2001, one at Wafra Road on 18.11.2001 and 2 at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.11.2001.

Sanderling

Calidris alba

Maximum 60 at Sabah Al-Salem on 16.3.2001.

Little Stint

Calidris minuta

Maximum 60 at Ras Subiya on 3.5.2001.

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii

Maximum 4 at Sabah Al-Salem on 28.12.2001.

Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea

Maximum 25+ at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.4.2001.

Dunlin

Calidris alpina

Maximum 1200 at Jahra Bay on 19.3.2001.

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

Maximum 37 at Jahra Pool on 30.3.2001.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Maximum 20+ at Jahra Pool on 28.2.2001.

Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*

One at Jahra Pool on 23.11.2001, then one (possibly same bird) at Sabah Al-Salem from 24.12.2001 onwards.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Maximum 300+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 5.3.2001.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Maximum 55 at N.W.Road on 18.4.2001.

Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Maximum 300+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 3.3.2001.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

Maximum 3 at Jahra Bay on 21.3.2001.

Redshank *Tringa totantus*

Maximum 250+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 5.3.2001.

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Maximum 18 at Khor Al-Mufateh on 4.8.2001.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Maximum 8+ at Jahra Pool on 28.2.2001.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Maximum 18 at Sewer Plant Reeds on 14.4.2001.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

Maximum 80+ at Sulaibikhat Bay on 5.3.2001.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Maximum 3 at Al-Zour on 11.5.2001 and at Sulaibiya on 14.9.2001.

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Maximum 150 at Jahra Bay on 21.3.2001.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Maximum 22 at Jahra Bay on 30.3.2001.

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyæetus*

Maximum 542 at Doha on 12.3.2001.

Common Gull *Larus canus*

Singles at Jahra Bay on 2.1.2001, 19.3.2001 and (possibly same bird) at Jahra Pool on 26.3.2001.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Maximum 16 at Jahra Pool on 20.3.2001. Inland records included 9 at Wafra Oil Field on 27.3.2001 and 3 in the National Park on 6.4.2001.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

Maximum 120 at Sulaibikhat Bay on 14.9.2001.

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii*

Maximum 7 at Al-Zour on 11.1.2001.

Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*

Maximum c600 on Kubbar Island, breeding, on 9.6.2001.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

Maximum 20 at Al-Zour on 15.3.2001.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Maximum two at Saqr Harbour on 26.4.2001.

White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*

Maximum c4000 at Kubbar Island, mostly breeding, on 9.6.2001.

Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*

Maximum c4000 at Kubbbbar Island, breeding, on 9.6.2001.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

Maximum 20 at Dai'ya on 13.4.2001.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

Maximum 12 at Shaab on 4.10.2001.

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Maximum 10+ at Shaab on 20.9.2001. Found breeding at Jahra East Outfall on 25.5.2001; two pairs eventually raised one juvenile each.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*

7 at Ratqa on 17.12.2001.

Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus*

Hundreds shot in North-West Demilitarized Zone in February, preventing breeding for the first time since 1994.

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse *Pterocles alchata*

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African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

One, presumed escaped, at Salmiya in spring 2001.

One pair of Barbary Doves found breeding at Wafra on 31.5.2001.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Maximum 38 at Jahra Farms on 19.3.2001.

Rufous Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*

A group of 6 at Sulaibiya on 1.10.2001, of which one juvenile/1Y was wounded and captured, proving to be of subspecies *meena*.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

Another increase in records during the year. On 26.3.2001, one male at Sulaibikhat Bay and one male and two females at Qaisat. One male south at Jebel Benayeh on 30.3.2001. One male and one female at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.4.2001. Singles at Al-Zour on 11.5.2001, at Wafra on 31.5.2001 and at Al-Zour on 26.7.2001. One female at South Doha Nature Reserve on 3.11.2001. Two at Salwa on 8.11.2001.

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*

One at Shaab on 20.9.2001.

Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

One hepatic female was at Al-Zour on 3.5.2001.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*

Maximum 5+ at Jal Az-Zor on 4.1.2001.

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*

Recorded several times at Wadi Ar-Rimam and at Jal Az-Zor in National Park in March and June 2001, with a used nest with pellets found.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

One found dead at Sabriya on 26.12.2001.

Egyptian Nightjar *Caprimulgus aegyptius*

Summer records were 1+ in National Park on 7.6.2001, and singles at Al-Zour on 15.7.2001 and (probably same bird) 16.7.2001.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*

Two at Qaisat on 26.3.2001 and 10 at Jahra Park on 26.3.2001.

White-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

One pair found breeding at Jahra Farms on 4.5.2001, with 3 young raised later.

Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

One at Shaab on 28.9.2001.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Singles at Sulaibikhat Bay on 4.1.2001 and at Bneid Al-Gar on 12.2.2001.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

Singles at Jahra Farms on 4.1.2001 and 2.2.2001, and two there on 9.11.2001.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Maximum 12 at Al-Zour on 20.9.2001.

Black-crowned Finch Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*

Found breeding at Wafra Farms on 31.5.2001, with 10+ birds in a small colony. Otherwise recorded from February to May and from September to October at Wafra Oil Field, and from July to August at Sewer Plant Reeds.

Bar-tailed Desert Lark *Ammomanes cincturus*

Maximum 6 in North-West Kuwait on 25.1.2001 and in National Park on 23.11.2001.

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*

Maximum 5 in National Park on 24.3.2001.

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

Maximum 18 in National Park on 10.3.2001.

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

Maximum 500 (with 3 singing) in National Park on 15.2.2001. One pair found breeding at Jahra East Outfall on 28.5.2001, with two newly-fledged juveniles observed. Also found breeding in National Park on 7.6.2001, with three newly-fledged juveniles observed. Additionally, two were singing at Wafra Oil Field on 6.4.2001, so may breed more widely.

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*

Maximum 70 at Ras Subiya on 7.12.2001. Found breeding in National Park on 7.6.2001, with one newly fledged juvenile observed.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Maximum 13 in North-West Kuwait on 25.1.2001.

Small Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

One at Jahra Pool Area on 19.10.2001. Probably under-recorded.

Temminck's Horned Lark *Eremophila bilopha*

Maximum 22+ in National Park on 10.3.2001.

Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

One at Wafra Oil Field on 5.12.2001.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*

Maximum 7 at Wafra Oil Field on 31.10.2001.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

Maximum 10 at Sabah Al-Salem on 25.1.2001.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

Singles at Jahra Pool on 28.2.2001 and at Sulaibiya on 14.9.2001.

White-cheeked Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys*

Maximum 17 at Al-Zour on 2.11.2001.

Grey Hypocolius

Hypocolius ampelinus

Singles at Jahra Gardens on 4.1.2001 and Salwa on 3.2.2001, 5 at Sabah Al-Salem on 29.3.2001, 3 at Al-Zour on 30.3.2001, 9 at Wafra Oil Field on 12.4.2001, and 20 at Shaab on 23.11.2001.

Dunnock

Prunella modularis

One at Sulaibiya on 1.2.2001.

Rufous Bush Robin

Cercotriches galactotes

Found breeding at Abdali Farms on 17.5.2001, with 18+ birds, including two fledglings, observed.

Bluethroat

Luscinia svecica

Maximum 12 at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.11.2001.

Eversmann's Redstart

Phoenicurus erythronotus

One female at Mishref on 16.2.2001.

Black Redstart

Phoenicurus ochruros

Maximum 4 at Jahra Farms on 25.5.2001.

Stonechat

Saxicola torquata

Maximum 20+ at Jahra Pool on 28.2.2001.

Wheatear

Oenanthe oenanthe

Maximum 14 in National Park on 13.3.2001.

Pied Wheatear

Oenanthe pleschanka

Maximum 13 at Khor Mufateh on 23.3.2001.

Hooded Wheatear

Oenanthe monacha

Singles in National Park on 10.3.2001 and (probably same bird) 13.3.2001.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

Maximum 15 at Jahra Farms on 2.2.2001.

Graceful Warbler *Prinia gracilis*

Maximum 15 at South Doha Nature Reserve on 3.5.2001.

Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

Two singing at South Doha Nature Reserve on 9.2.2001 and c5 at Jahra East Outfall on 1.6.2001 were possibly breeding.

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

3 singing at Jahra East Outfall on 23.3.2001, two singing at Sabah Al-Salem on 14.5.2001 and 7 at Jahra East Outfall were possibly breeding.

Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*

Two singing at South Doha Nature Reserve on 9.3.2001, one there on 3.5.2001 and one carrying food at Jahra East Outfall on 25.5.2001 were possibly breeding.

Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida*

Maximum 8, including three pairs visiting possible nest sites and one singing, at Abdali Farms on 17.5.2001.

Orphean Warbler *Sylvia hortensis*

Singles in National Park on 24.3.2001 and at Wafra on 25.3.2001. Probably under-recorded.

Mountain Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus sindianus*

One possible individual of this difficult taxon seen at Jahra Farms on 23.11.2001.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

One at Rumaihiya on 31.10.2001 and two at Wafra Oil Field on 13.11.2001.

Common Babbler *Turdoides caudatus*

One remained at Al-Zour all year.

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Maximum 8 at Shuwaikh in 11.9.2001.

Brown-necked Raven *Corvus ruficollis*

One found dead near Bubiyan Bridge on 3.5.2001 was outside the usual breeding area in the National Park.

Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*

One male and one female at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 31.5.2001 and (probably same birds) 26.6.2001. Singles at Wafra Oil Field on 5.6.2001 and 6.8.2001. One juvenile at Sulaibiya on 14.9.2001.

Bank Mynah *Acridotheres ginginianus*

Breeding colony of c100 pairs found in wells at Jahra Farms on 11.5.2001. Eventually c300 juveniles fledged.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

A colony of c60 pure pairs bred in National Park, commencing nest-building in February and finishing in April. About 200 young fledged. Also c10 hybrid Spanish x House Sparrow pairs bred nearby, producing c30 juveniles. Other records in late spring included 6 at Abdali Farms on 17.5.2001 and one at Wafra Oil Field on 11.6.2001.

Yellow-throated Sparrow *Petronia xanthocolli*

One early migrant at Salwa on 3.4.2001. Found breeding at Al-Zour on 4.5.2001 and at Jahra Farms on 25.5.2001. Maximum 9 at Al-Zour on 31.8.2001.

Indian Silverbill *Euodice malabarica*

One at Sabah Al-Salem on 30.3.2001, 7 at Al-Zour on 31.5.2001 and 20 at Doha on 29.11.2001. Probably under-recorded.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Maximum 6 at Jahra Farms on 16.11.2001.

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

One at Jahra Farms on 23.11.2001

Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Maximum 3 at Fahheel on 23.12.2001.

Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*

Two at Jal Az-Zor on 1.1.2001, two males and two females there on 4.1.2001, and one at Wafra Oil Field on 16.6.2001.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Maximum 4 at Jahra Gardens on 23.9.2001.

Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea*

One in National Park on 28.3.2001.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

Maximum 18+ at Sabah Al-Salem on 26.4.2001.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

Singles at Sabah Al-Salem on 11.10.2001 and at Al-Zour on 7.12.2001.

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniculus*

One female/juvenile at Jahra East Outfall on 19.10.2001.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

Two, not adult males, at Al-Abraq Al-Khabari on 2.8.2001.

Corn Bunting *Miliaria calandra*

Maximum 30+ at Jahra Pool Area on 4.1.2001.

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