

# K.O.R.C. RARITY REPORT

2018

## 1. KORC Rarity Adjudication

KORC meets quarterly each year to review and adjudicate submitted Rare Bird Reports (RBR's) for species that are considered Accidental, Vagrant, Rare and Scarce, as well as other specified species that have low and infrequent occurrence.

The completed RBR's are reviewed, discussed and are either accepted or not by the KORC committee members Consensus must be reached for a decision, but if a decision cannot be reached, then the external adjudicators are asked for their opinion for a final decision. Acceptance of any submitted record requires a majority vote by the Committee.

The 2018 KORC Committee:

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Thanks and acknowledgement must be given to our small but enthusiastic group of birders in Kuwait who, through their passion and photography, continue to promote awareness of Kuwait's diverse bird life and the ongoing internal and external challenges that they face, especially on migration. Many thanks also to our visiting international birders who find and report many good birds during their spring and autumn passage tours to Kuwait, which is an important country to visit for serious Western Palearctic listers and birders.

It is encouraging to note that eBird is still the platform of choice for logging bird sightings in Kuwait and this adds to the knowledge base for the distribution and abundance of species in Kuwait, now and in the future.





This report has been collated with the best available information at the time, so if you notice any errors or omissions please do let any of the Committee Members know, so it can be rectified.

## 2. First Records for Kuwait (Category A and C)

2018 was an excellent year for a few unexpected and exciting new species that were added to the Kuwait checklist. As with most of our rarities, 3 of the 4 species recorded were one-day birds. However, the White-eyed Gull did return a few days after it was first seen, allowing a few more people to connect with it.

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	1	06 Jan 18	1	Pivot Fields – Northern Section	M Craig
Jouanin's Petrel	<i>Bulweria fallax</i>	1	12 May 18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve	M Pope, M Craig
White-eyed Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus leucophthalmus</i>	1	22 May 18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve	O Al Shaheen
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>	1	15 Jun 18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve	B Jummaa

## 3. First Record Images (with photographer credited)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pin-tailed Snipe (M Craig)</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jouanin's Petrel (M Craig)</b></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>White-eyed Gull (O Al Shaheen)</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eleonora's Falcon (B Jummaa)</b></p> 

#### 4. Rarities recorded for Kuwait in Category A and C

Along with the four firsts recorded during 2018, there was also a healthy number of good records of other vagrant and rarity species.

The list of these rarities in chronological order is reflected in the table below:

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	13	06-Jan-18	1	Pivot Fields	M Craig
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	11	16-Jan-18	1	Pivot Fields - Northern Section	M Craig, N Tovey
Mesopotamian Crow	<i>Corvus c. capellanus</i>	3	17-Feb-18	1	Pivot Fields - Southern Section	M Pope
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	9	17-Feb-18	2	Al Abraç	Sajan Raju
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	10	23-Mar-18	1	Boubyan Island	K Nasrallah
Arabian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius aucheri</i>	4	01-Apr-18	1	Kabd Reserve	R Al Hajji
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	2	24-Apr-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	M Craig
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	2	04-May-18	1	Jahra Farms	Bassel Jummaa
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	13	04-May-18	1	Jahra Farms	Bassel Jummaa
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	8	07-May-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	M Craig, O Al Shaheen
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	3	09-May-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	Laila Ashor
Pied Stonechat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	2	12-May-18	1	Jahra Farms	Dr Aref Ghayyath Alawadhi
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	7	13-May-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	5	18-May-18	1	On route from Kubbar Island	B Jummaa, Sajan Raju
Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	5	19-May-18	1	Al Abraç	M Pope, M Craig
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna pardisaea</i>	8	13-Jun-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	7	24-Jun-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	10	04-Jul-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	6	07-Jul-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	Pradeep Kumar Choudhary
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	3	16-Jul-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	5	04-Aug-18	1	Mutla'a Ranch	M Pope, N Tovey
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	5	24-Aug-18	1	Jahra East Outfall (JEO)	R Al Hajji
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	6	30-Aug-18	1	SAANR	O Al Shaheen
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	15	24-Sep-18	1	JPR	N Tovey
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	12	04-Oct-18	1	SAANR	O Al Shaheen
Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	11	05-Oct-18	1	Pivot Fields	Indians, P Fagel
Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia o. meena</i>	15	15-Oct-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	11	18-Oct-18	2	Boubyan Island	Abdulaziz
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	6	24-Oct-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Arabian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius aucheri</i>	5	03-Nov-18	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	11	04-Nov-18	2	Al Abraç	O Al Shaheen
Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>	14	04-Nov-18	1	Al Abraç	O Al Shaheen
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	12	12-Nov-18	1	Fintas Park	A.Al-Sirhan, Max Dettori
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	4	24-Nov-18	3	Dairy Farm Pivots	K Webb, M Ahmad, M Pope
Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>	15	25-Nov-18	1	Green Island	K Webb, M Ahmad
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	13	03-Dec-18	1	Jahra Farm	Guus Jenniskens

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Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	14	15-Dec-18	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope, P Scott, N Tovey

We continue to record some rare species that have had 15 or more Rarity Forms submitted in the past, to better understand occurrence and distribution of these species.

Many of these species are now regarded as annual visitors to Kuwait and are shown in the table below.

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	19	13-Jun-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	18	15-Jun-18	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	M Pope, M Craig
Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia o. meena</i>	16	13-Nov-18	1	Pivot Fields	N Tovey, Massimilano Dettori et al
Pallid Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei</i>	21	16-Nov-18	1	Rumaihiya Park	I Sabastian

## 5. Not Proven Records

Of course, there are also Rarities that are not accepted by the Committee and those for 2018 are listed below;

Species	Scientific Name	Date	Location	Not Proven Reason
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	07 Jan 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Record withdrawn by Observer
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	27 Apr 18	Port Zour	Observer did not submit RBR
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	13 May 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Record withdrawn by Observer
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	21 Aug 18	Mutla'a Ranch	Record withdrawn by Observers
Plain Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i>	26 Sep 18	SAANR	Considered to be a Common Chiffchaff, race unknown
Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus c. tristis (fulvescens)</i>	20 Oct 18	Pivot Fields – Southern Section	No call heard, inconclusive
Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus c. tristis</i>	06 Nov 18	Al Abraç	No call heard, could also be <i>menzibieri</i>
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	12 Nov 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Identified as Eastern Black Kite (D Forsman)
Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	10 Dec 18	Pivot Fields – Southern Section	Observer did not submit RBR

## 6. Breeding Records

We continue to try and maintain a record of breeding birds

Ferruginous Duck (an IUCN NT species) continues to breed at JPR which is really encouraging given the favourable conditions at this reserve with respect to both permanent water and habitat.

Although the phenomenally fast-growing Phragmites Reeds may not be good for birders; it is certainly attracting many more species of bird to breed in spring and summer, but it still

needs to be managed, to ensure that the remaining pools and waterways are not choked by the reeds and lost permanently.

Species	Scientific Name	Date	Location	Comments
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	02 Mar 18	Kuwait University	Nest with 3 eggs
Rüppell's Weaver	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>	02 Mar 18	Green Island	Courtship behaviour with male and female
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	03 Mar 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adult with chicks
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	15 Mar 18	Abdaly Farm	Adult observed on nest
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	23 Mar 18	Boubyan Island	Adult observed on nest
Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>	02 Apr 18	Wafra Oil Fields	2 nests and 4 chicks
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	06 Apr 18	Boubyan Island	Observed on nest
Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta g. schistacea</i>	06 Apr 18	Boubyan Island	Observed on nest
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	06 Apr 18	Boubyan Island	Observed on nest
Indian Silverbill	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	21 Apr 18	Near Kuwait Zoo	Observed on nest
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	27 Apr 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed with young
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	27 Apr 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed with young
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio p. poliocephalus</i>	27 Apr 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed with young
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	27 Apr 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed with young
Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>	Apr 18	SAANR	Observed on nest
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	03 May 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed on nest
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	27 May 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed with young (4)
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	01 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juvenile birds seen
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	02 Jun 18	Al Abraç	Adults observed gathering nesting material
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	03 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Nest with eggs
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	09 Jun 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Juveniles recorded
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	02 Jul 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Very young bird recorded
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	10 Jul 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adult observed collecting nesting material

Species	Scientific Name	Date	Location	Comments
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	18 Jul 18	Jahra Pools Reserve	Very young bird recorded

## 6. Other Records of Interest

All records can now be found on eBird, but for ease of reading in one report; other interesting records and observations during 2017 include:

- **January**
  - Al Shaab Theme Park – 3 Crested Honey Buzzard
  - Jahra Pools Reserve - Ferruginous Duck, Greater Spotted Eagle, Imperial Eagle, Black Kite, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Long-legged Buzzard, Western Osprey, Eurasian Curlew, Greater Flamingo, Great Egret, Little Egret, Western Cattle Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Eurasian Marsh Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Little Ringed Plover, Common Black-headed Gull, Pallas Gull, 1 Common Gull, Caspian Gull, Heuglin's Gull, Steppe Gull, Whiskered Tern, White-winged Tern
  - Pivot Fields – Golden Plover, 1st Pin-tailed Snipe, 7 Sociable Plover, 1 European Golden Plover, 9 Red-wattled Lapwing, Oriental Skylark, Hen Harrier, Indian Roller, Stock Dove, Black-winged Kite, 31 White-tailed Lapwing
  - Mutla'a Ranch – Shikra, Woodlark
  - Kuwait City – Peregrine Falcon
  - Qadsiya – 3 Crested Honey Buzzard
  - Fintas Park – Masked Shrike
  - SAANR – Hen Harrier
  - Sea City, Khiran - Northern Lapwing, Yellow Wagtail, Redshank, Wood, Marsh + Green Sandpiper, Barn Swallows, Red-tailed Wheatear
- **February**
  - Jahra Pools Reserve - 76 Ferruginous Duck (new HDC), 2 Greater Spotted Eagle (*fulvescens*), 3 Common Gull, Pacific Golden Plover, Black-winged Stilt, Citrine Wagtail, Common Ringed Plover, House Martin, 18 Great Crested Grebe (new HDC), Red-rumped Swallow, 42 Steppe Eagle, 23 Pallas Gull, Citrine Wagtail, Pied (*vittata*) and Black-eared Wheatear, Osprey
  - Jahra Farm - Red-rumped Swallow, Eastern White Wagtail, Hoopoe, Grey Wagtail
  - Mutla'a Ranch - Long-eared Owl, Pallid Scops Owl, Hypocolius, 5 Woodlark, Black Redstart (*samminiscus*), Siberian Stonechat (*hemprechii*), Hypocolius, Pallid Harrier
  - Al Abraç - Red-breasted Flycatcher, Common Redstart, 2 Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Common Cuckoo, Siberian Stonechat (*hemprechii*)
  - Sulaibikhat Bay - Big flocks of Redshank, Avocet, Grey Plover, Oystercatcher

- Pivot Fields - Mauryan Grey Shrike, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mesopotamian Crow, Hen Harrier, Richards Pipit, White Stork and 50+ Steppe Eagles with a few Imperial Eagle
- Kuwait Towers - Red-backed Shrike
- SAANR - 65 Steppe Eagle, 2 Imperial Eagle, 1 Greater Spotted Eagle, 1 Sparrowhawk, 4 Long-legged Buzzard also Orphean Warbler, Hoopoe, Savi's Warbler
- Al Shaheed Park - Grey Wagtail
- **March**
  - SAANR - Semi-collared Fly, *vittata* Pied Wheatear, Lesser Kestrel, 100+ large Raptors, Black Vulture, Collared Pratincole, Common Cuckoo, White-crowned Wheatear, Caspian Plover, 3 Egyptian Vulture, Eastern Nightingale
  - Mutla'a Ranch - Woodchat Shrike, Hypocolius, Black Redstart, Willow Warbler, Semi-collared Flycatcher
  - Jahra Farm – Masked Shrike, Semi-collared Flycatcher
  - Jahra Pools Reserve - Great-crested Grebe, Savi's Warbler, Great-crested Grebe, Raptor Passage (Steppe, Greater Spotted, Imperial Eagles, Black Kite), Bluethroat, Siberian Stonechat, Semi-collared Flycatcher, Little Crake, Egyptian Vulture, Cinereous Bunting, Booted Eagle, 2 Osprey (1 ringed), Cetti's Warbler, Common Whitethroat, 10 White Stork, Eurasian Scops Owl
  - Green Island - Menetries Warbler, Rüppell's Weaver (male + female), Red-vented Bulbul, Common Sandpiper, Steppe Gull, Temminck's Stint, Red-necked Phalarope, Pied Kingfisher, Siberian Stonechat, Turkestan + Daurian Shrike, Yellow Wagtails, Grey Wagtail, 128 Hypocolius, Menetries Warbler, Shikra
  - Jahra Farm – Javan Myna, Tree Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Red-rumped Swallow, Pied + Black-eared Wheatear, European Bee-eater, Menetries Warbler
  - Souk Sharq – Lesser Crested Tern
  - Sahara Golf Club - Hume's Leaf Warbler, Pied + Black-eared Wheatears
  - Jal Al Zour – White-crowned Wheatear
  - Al Abraç - Cinereous Bunting, Lesser Kestrel, Pallid Harrier, Blue + Common Rock Thrush, Menetries Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Common Redstart, Siberian Stonechat (*Variagatus*), Grey Wagtail, Turkestan + Daurian + Woodchat + Mauryan Shrike, Isabelline + Pied + Black-eared + Desert + Northern Wheatear, Pale Rockfinch, Spotted Flycatcher, European + Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Yellow Wagtails, Red-throated Pipits, Montagu Harrier, Imperial Eagle
  - Kuwait Towers - Rosy Starling, Cinereous Bunting
  - Kabd – Kurdish Wheatear
  - Fahaheel Park - 10 Semi-collared Flycatcher, Basra Reed Warbler
  - Al Zour Sewage Pond – Grasshopper Warbler



- Pivot Fields - Marsh, Montagu and Pallid Harrier, Steppe, Greater Spotted, Imperial, Bonelli's Eagle, Pale Rockfinch, many Wheatear species
- **April**
  - Wafra - Winchat
  - Jahra Pools Reserve – Steppe Buzzards migrating, Temminck's Stint, 2 Arctic Skua, 2nd Eastern Cattle Egret
  - Boubyan Island - Grey Heron, Western Reef Heron, Eurasian Spoonbill, Gull-billed Tern, Slender-bill Gull, Crab-plover, Greater Crested Tern, Eurasian Curlew, Eurasian Whimbrel
  - Warba Island - Woodchat Shrike, Masked Shrike, Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Common Redstart, Blue Rock Thrush, Pied Wheatear, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler. Lesser Whitethroat, Eastern Orphean Warbler, White-throated Robin, Siberian Stonechat, Grey Wagtail
  - Qaru and Umm Al Maradim Pelagic - Greater Crested Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, White-cheeked Tern, Bridled Tern, Socotra Cormorant
  - Shuwaikh Park - Basra Reed Warbler, Wryneck
  - Al Shaheed Park - European Nightjar, Tree Pipit, Masked Shrike, Cinereous Bunting, Basra Reed Warbler, Barred Warbler, Corncrake, Little Bittern, European/Egyptian Nightjar, Wryneck, Lesser Grey Shrike, Indian Silverbill, Steppe Buzzard, 10+ Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, many Woodchat Shrike, Turkestan Shrike, Yellow Wags, Red-throated Pipit, European Nightjar, Blackcap
  - Jahra Farm – Crested Honey Buzzard, Basra Reed Warbler, Icterine Warbler
  - Kabd – Icterine Warbler
  - Jahra East Outfall - 15 Black-winged Pratincole, Red-backed Shrike
  - Salmi - Hobby
  - Liyah Reserve - Griffon Vulture, Icterine Warbler
  - SAANR - 3 Basra Reed Warbler, Golden Oriole
  - British Embassy Garden - Rock Thrush, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Great Reed Warbler, Barred Warbler
  - Qadsiya - Alpine Swift
  - Port Zour – 5th Sooty Shearwater
  - Pivot Fields – Red-wattled Lapwing
  - Kuwait Towers - Daurian and Lesser Grey Shrike, Ortolan Bunting
- **May**
  - Jahra Farm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collared Flycatcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pied Bushchat, 13th Olive-backed Pipit, Tree Pipit, River Warbler
  - eBird Global Big Day – Kuwait was 70th with a total of 124 species



- SAANR - Pharaoh Eagle Owl with young, Alpine Swift, River Warbler, Short-toed Snake Eagle
  - Jahra Pools Reserve - Black Vulture, 1st winter Little Gull, 3rd Amur Falcon, Corncrake, Icterine Warbler, Common Gull, Little Gull, Osprey, Arctic Skua, Pallas Gull, 1st Jouanin's Petrel, Yellow-throated Sparrow, 2 Osprey, 4th Red Knot, Levant Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Crag Martin, Red-wattled Lapwing, Little Swift, Eurasian Hobby, 1st White-eyed Gull, Great Black-headed (Pallas) Gull, Crab-plover, Common Quail, River Warbler (singing), Crested Honey Buzzard, Water Rail with 4 chicks, Short-toed Snake Eagle
  - Gulf Road (Sultan Center Restaurant) – Oriental Honey Buzzard
  - Qadsiya - Big House Martin passage, 2 Eurasian Hobby, Eurasian Sparrowhawk
  - Kuwait Towers - 3 Golden Oriole, 2 Lesser Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike
  - Pivot Fields - Lesser Kestrel, Oriole, Roller, Short-toed Lark, Pallid Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Montague Harrier, Booted Eagle, European Honey Buzzard, Rosy Starling, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Black-winged Pratincole
  - Boat trip from Kubbar Island – Sooty Shearwater
  - Al Abraq - Wood Warbler, Yellow-throated Sparrow, White-winged Tern, Booted Eagle, Taiga Flycatcher, Common Snipe, Greater Spotted Eagle
  - Souk Sharq – Eurasian Hobby
- **June**
    - Al Abraq - Sedge + Willow Warbler, Masked Shrike, Namaqua Dove, Sand Martin, possible 'Beijing' Common Swift?
    - Jahra Pools Reserve - 55 Little Tern, White-eyed Gull (returned), 8 Arctic Skua, Common Tern, Little Gull, Hobby, Great Egret, Water Rail, Cream-coloured Courser, Little Bittern, Squacco Heron, Great Crested Grebe, Ortolan Bunting, Steppe Buzzard, Black Tern, 8th Arctic Tern (same date as last year for 6th record), Common Starling, 1<sup>st</sup> Eleonora's Falcon, Glossy Ibis, Collared Pratincole, Citrine Wagtail, Short-toed Eagle, Spur-winged Plover, Willow Warbler, Moustached Warbler, Willow Warbler, Black-tailed Godwit, Black-winged Kite, Common Tern, Black-winged Pratincole, Yellow Wagtail, Marsh + Green Sandpiper, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Curlew Sandpiper, Great Knot
- **July**
    - Jahra Pools Reserve - 6 Arctic Skua, Little Gull, Red Knot, Black-headed + Citrine Wagtail, Spur-winged Lapwing, 10th Grey Phalarope, 6th Striated Heron, 6 Arctic Skua, Spotted Redshank, Red-backed Shrike, 3rd Long-tailed Shrike, 40 Collared Pratincole, Egyptian Nightjar, Northern Pintail, Black-headed Bunting, Common Cuckoo, Golden Oriole, Turkestan Shrike
    - SAANR - Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark

- **August**

- Jahra Pools Reserve - Montagu's Harrier, European Roller, Common Cuckoo (2), Black-headed Bunting, Citrine + Yellow Wagtail, Broad-billed Sandpiper, a couple of large White-headed Gulls, Collared Pratincole, Black-winged Pratincole, Golden Oriole, Glossy Ibis, Black-tailed Godwit, Great Crested Grebe, 19 Egyptian Nightjar, Temminck's Stint, Masked, Woodchat + Daurian Shrike, Black-headed, Citrine + White Wagtail, Bar-tailed + Black-tailed Godwit, Euro Roller, Common Kingfisher, 60+ White Stork, Green Warbler, Moustached Warbler
- Mutla'a Ranch - 5th Paddyfield Warbler, Caspian Reed, Upcher's + Garden Warbler, Yellow-throated Sparrow
- Jahra Farm - *Vittata* Pied Wheatear, Upcher's and Reed Warbler, Citrine Wagtail, Roller
- Al Abra - Roller, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Hoopoe, Upcher's + Olivaceous Warbler, Rosy Starling (5), Citrine and Yellow Wagtail
- Dairy Farm Pivots - Black-winged Kite (2), Glossy Ibis, Black-headed Bunting
- Jahra East Outfall - 5th Booted Warbler
- Al Shallal Farm - Wryneck, Red-backed Shrike, Spanish Sparrow, Garden Warbler, Oriole, Barred Warbler
- SAANR - Corncrake, Black-eared Kite, Barred Warbler, Bluethroat, Pallid Swift, Garganey

- **September**

- Jahra Pools Reserve - White Pelican, Sparrowhawk, Egyptian Vulture, Common Redstart, Bonelli's Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, 3 Hobby, Montagu, Pallid, Marsh Harrier, Black-winged + Black-eared Kite, Yellow, Citrine + Grey Wagtail, Isabelline, Northern, Eastern Black-eared + Pied Wheatear, Bluethroat, Temminck's Stint, Little Crake, Richard's Pipit, Steppe Eagle, Red-necked Phalarope, 3 Short-toed Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Honey Buzzard, 7 Short-toed Eagle, Black Stork, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Egyptian Nightjar, 286 Grey Heron, 11 Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Yellow-browed Warbler, Egyptian Nightjar, Common Redstart, Wryneck, Oriole, Little Bittern, Purple Heron, Common Snipe, Green Sandpiper, Pallid + Marsh Harrier, 15th Great Snipe, 40th Black-winged Kite, 215 White Stork, 56 Purple Heron, 250+ White Stork, Spotted and Little Crake, Black-necked + Great Crested Grebe, Pochard, Shoveller, Gadwall, Great Cormorant
- Al Shallal Farm - 41st Black-winged Kite, Booted Eagle, Steppe Buzzard, Pallid Harrier, Cetti Warbler, Common Quail
- SAANR - Hobby, Steppe Buzzard, Long-legged Buzzard, Booted Warbler, 1000+ Short-toed Lark, Steppe Eagle, Cinereous Bunting, Hen Harrier,

Egyptian Vulture, hybrid Honey Buzzard, 80+ Steppe Buzzard, 2 Bonelli's Eagle, Pied Kingfisher, Greater Spotted Eagle, Daurian (*karelini*) Shrike, 15 Steppe Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Eurasian Hobby, Buzzards + Harriers, 46 Steppe Eagle, 1 Imperial Eagle, 13 Steppe Buzzard, Harriers, Sparrowhawk, Shikra, Barn Owl

- Mutla'a Ranch - Rosefinch, Golden Oriole, Hypocolius, Pied + Isabelline Wheatear, Spotted Fly, Short-toed Lark
- Al Abra q - Scops Owl, Steppe Buzzard, Pallid Harrier, 2 Hobby, Steppe Eagle, Marsh + Pallid Harrier, Steppe Buzzard, Garden Warbler, Thrush Nightingale, Blackcap, Oriole, Hoopoe, House Martin, Pallid Swift, Roller, both Bee-eaters, Common Quail, Mauryan, Daurian + Masked Shrike, Shikra, Levant's Sparrowhawk, Steppe Buzzard, Imperial Eagle
- Fintas Park - Red-vented Bulbul, White-throated Kingfisher, Spotted Crane
- Khuwaisat - Steppe Eagle, Imperial Eagle, 7 Steppe Eagle, 2 Booted Eagle, 8 Steppe Buzzard, 1 Honey Buzzard, 2 Steppe Buzzard, 2 Black-eared Kite
- Pivot Fields - 50+ Purple Heron, 20 Black-crowned Night Heron, Red-wattled Lapwing, White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Black-winged Kite (38th record), White Stork, Pallid, Montagu + Marsh Harrier, Black-eared Kite, Ortolan + Black-headed Bunting, Rosefinch, Roller, Euro + Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Black-crowned Finch Lark, Collared Pratincole, 800+ Greater Short-toed Lark, Indian Silverbill, Scaly-breasted Munia
- Wafra - European Honey Buzzard
- **October**
  - Khuwaisat - Good raptor migration (Booted Eagle, Egyptian Vulture etc.) + possible Marbled Duck
  - Al Abra q - 25 Steppe Buzzard, 5 Thrush Nightingale, Little Bunting
  - SAANR - 26 Steppe Eagle, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Pied Wheatear, Garden Warbler, 12th Golden Eagle, Goshawk, Shikra
  - Pivot Fields - Northern Lapwing, Richards Pipit, 7 Sociable Lapwing, Pallid Harrier, Imperial + Greater Spotted Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Black-eared Kite, Black-winged Kite, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Black-crowned Sparrow Lark, Woodpigeon, White + Yellow Wagtail, Spanish Sparrow, White Stork, European Roller, Marsh Harrier, Water Pipit, Woodpigeon
  - eBird Global Big Day - 06/10
    - Pivot Fields - Sociable Lapwing, Northern Lapwing, Marsh, Pallid, Montagu Harrier, Greater Spotted Eagle (inc. *fulvescens*), Indian Roller (2), Pied Kingfisher, Black-winged Kite, Black-eared Kite, Black-crowned Sparrow Lark, White Stork

- Jahra East Outfall – Greater Flamingo, Western Reef Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Turnstone, Ringed Plover, Little Stint, Little Tern, Gull-billed Tern
    - Jahra Farm – Euro Nightjar, Tree Pipit, Steppe Buzzard
    - Mutla’a Ranch – Oriole, Rosy Starling, Corncrake, Green Warbler, Shikra, European Nightjar, Garden Warbler
    - Al Shallal Farm – Daurian and Masked Shrike,
    - Jahra Pools Reserve – Pintail, Garganey, Common Pochard, Purple Heron, Great Cormorant, Marsh Harrier, Steppe Buzzard, Common Snipe, White-throated, Common + Pied Kingfisher,
    - SAANR – Pharaoh Eagle Owl, Scops Owl, Black Stork, Crested Honey Buzzard, Short-toed Eagle, Greater Spotted Eagle, Booted Eagle, Steppe Eagle, Golden Eagle, Marsh Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Shikra, Sparrowhawk, Long-legged Buzzard, Pied Kingfisher, Kestrel, Hobby, Lesser Kestrel, Hoopoe Lark, Bar-tailed Lark, Short-toed Lark, Red-rumped Swallow, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Pied Wheatear, Black-eared Wheatear, Desert Wheatear, Isabelline Wheatear, Lesser Whitethroat, Menetries Warbler, Garden Warbler
  - Jahra Pools Reserve - Peregrine Falcon, Basra Reed Warbler, Baltic Gull, White Stork, Baillon’s Crake, 15th Oriental/Rufous Turtle Dove, 6th Paddyfield Warbler, 15 Greater Spotted Eagle, Black Stork, 2 Griffon Vulture, 50 Steppe Eagle
  - Boulevard Mall, Salmiya – Barn Owl
  - Boubyan Island - 2 Dalmatian Pelican
  - Jahra Farm - Hypocolius
- **November**
    - Jahra Pools Reserve - Pallid Scops Owl, Black Stork, White Stork, 10 White-throated Kingfisher (new HDC), 10 Pied Kingfisher, Spoonbill, Penduline Tit, Big Black Kite migration, Dark morph Western Marsh Harrier, Griffon Vulture, Caucasian Mountain Chiffchaff, Bonelli’s Eagle
    - Pivot Fields - Merlin, Black-winged Kite, Indian Roller, 5<sup>th</sup> Arabian Grey Shrike, Pallid + Marsh Harrier, Greater Spotted Eagle, Woodpigeon, Wryneck, European and Caspian/Siberian Stonechat, Yellow Wagtail, Black-winged Pratincole, Black-winged and Black-eared Kite, Long-legged and Steppe Buzzard, Greater Spotted and Booted Eagle, Common Kestrel, Shoveller, Greenshank, Green, Wood and Marsh Sandpiper, Ruff, White-tailed Lapwing, Mauryan Grey and Daurian Shrike, Spotted and Red-breasted Flycatcher, Red-spotted Bluethroat, Indian Silverbill, Oriental Turtle Dove, 3 Sociable Lapwing, Indian Silverbill, Richard Pipit, 2 Crested Honey Buzzard, 2 Imperial Eagle, 27 White-tailed Lapwing, 4 Sociable Lapwing, 100+ Northern Lapwing

- Al Abraaq - Crag Martin, 2 Hume's Leaf Warblers, Great Bittern, Chaffinch, Meadow Pipit, Stonechat, Blackcap, Menetries Warbler, Blackbird, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Caspian/Siberian + European Stonechat, Rosy Starling, Garden Warbler, Eurasian Scops Owl, Black Redstart, Mallard, 2 Siskin, 2 Blue-cheeked Bee-eater
- Kuwait University - 100+ Hypocolius
- Wafra - Finsch's Wheatear
- Dairy Farm Pivots - Skylark, Northern Lapwing, 4<sup>th</sup> Calandra Lark (3 birds), Skylark, Lesser Kestrel, 50 Corn Bunting, Red-throated Pipit
- Jahra Farm - Booted Eagle, Tree Pipit, Hypocolius
- Al Shaheed Park - Moustached Warbler, Thrush Nightingale, Barred Warbler, Masked Shrike, Daurian Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, Mauryan Grey Shrike, Bluethroat, Blackcap, Water Pipit, Indian Silverbill, Song Thrush, Lesser Whitethroat
- Rumaithiya Park - Pallid Scops Owl
- Adan Park – Indian Roller
- Green Island - Eurasian Siskin, 27 Hypocolius, 15<sup>th</sup> Eversmann's Redstart
- Ritqa - 3 Griffon + 2 Black Vulture
- Al Shallal Farm - Red-breasted Flycatcher, Hypocolius
- Jal Al Zour - Black Redstart, Red-tailed Wheatear, Mourning and Isabelline Wheatear
- Abdaly Farm - 12 Afghan Babbler, Pied Wheatear, Tawny Pipit
- North of Ali Al Salem Air Base - 3 Steppe Eagle, 3 Griffon Vulture, 2 Black Vulture

- **December**

- Adan Hospital - Indian Roller, Barred Warbler, 4 possible Siberian Chiffchaff
- Mutla'a Ranch - Lesser Whitethroat, Menetries Warbler, Robin, Black-eared Kites, Common/Siberian Chiffchaff
- Manchester Club, Sulaibikhat Bay - 31 Crab-plover, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Lesser Sand Plover, Gull-billed, Caspian + Little Tern, Caspian + Heuglin's Gull, Common Redshank
- Jahra Farm - Song Thrush, Blackcap, 12<sup>th</sup> Hume's Leaf Warbler, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Pallid Scops Owl, Shikra
- Liyah North - Asian Desert Warbler, Bar-tailed Lark, Isabelline + Desert Wheatear, Steppe Eagle
- Jahra Pools Reserve - Greater Spotted, Eastern Imperial and Steppe Eagle
- Kabd - Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Black Vulture
- Abdaly - Afghan Babbler
- Khiran - Red-tailed Wheatear

- Al Abraaq - 2 Hume's Leaf Warbler, Western Black Redstart, Blackbird, Black Crowned Sparrow Lark
- Rawdatain Bottling Plant - 13<sup>th</sup> Hume's Leaf Warbler
- Al Shaheed Park - Moustached Warbler, Thrush Nightingale
- Pivot Fields - 12<sup>th</sup> Stock Dove, 3 Sociable Lapwing, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Rosy Starling, 5 Red-wattled Lapwing, Indian Roller, Pallid Harrier, Long-legged + Steppe Buzzard, Common Starling, Richards + Meadow Pipit, Imperial + Greater Spotted Eagle (inc. *fulvescens*), 14<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Golden Plover, Indian Roller, Black-winged Stilts
- B'naider - 500+ Socotra Cormorant
- Fintas Park - Red-vented Bulbul
- Jal Al Zour - Eastern Mourning, Finch's + Desert Wheatear