

SULTANATE OF OMAN

'With such a wealth of exciting common species, birding in Oman is never dull. In our first days, based in the north of the country, we enjoyed great views of commoner species such as White-winged and Whiskered Terns, Pacific Golden Plover, Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers, Crested and Lesser crested Terns, Terek Sandpiper, Western Reef Egret, Black-crowned Finch-lark, Purple Sunbird, beautiful male Black Redstarts of the race *semirufus* and Red-tailed Wheatear to name just a few. Of course, as on any Sunbird tour we were keen to find the rarer and more elusive species too, and virtually all of these appeared on cue: an immaculate juvenile Sooty Falcon seemed oblivious to our attention as it remained perched just 50m away, while several more patrolled the precipitous cliffs of the at Ras Al Sawadi islands, where a few pairs breed. Plain Leaf Warblers, Eastern Pied Wheatears, Sykes's Warbler and the endemic *kalbaensis* form of White-collared Kingfisher were all seen, while less expected rarities included a small party of Caspian Plovers, several Oriental Skylarks and a handsome Pied Wheatear of the *vittata* form, of which there are only a few previous records in Oman. *But where were the Crab Plovers?* This was one bird we really wanted to see, but none was present at any of the usual spots where I have encountered them in previous years. A special effort was made to find one on our last day in the north of the country, as I knew there was little chance of seeing it in the south, but alas, we were unsuccessful in our quest.

With so much to see in the south we didn't dwell too much on this blank row in our checklist, but at least no-one else we met had seen the species at any of the places we'd visited. It is always interesting to compare successes and failures with other groups and individuals you encounter, so long as they don't tell you of anything too good that you missed!

The great thing about Salalah, in the south of Oman is that there is such an excellent variety of birding spots within easy reach, one of the best being 'East Khawr' a small but very productive tidal lagoon less than a kilometre from our hotel. Flocks of Greater Flamingos, Kentish and Lesser Sand Plovers, White-winged Terns and Sooty Gulls were present practically all the time. At various times we were able to observe, Saunder's Little Terns, Terek Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Broad-billed Sandpiper and even a vagrant Pectoral Sandpiper at this interesting spot.

A few kilometres inland at Ayn Hamran a fantastic array of exciting birds awaited us at first light, their calls and songs immediately indicating that we were in exotic territory. Numerous Ruppell's Weavers and White-breasted White-eyes provided the dominant sounds but Grey-headed Kingfishers and singing African Rock Buntings made a strong contribution. Walking slowly through the low acacia scrub we found Blackstarts, Arabian Warblers, African Paradise Flycatchers and Black-crowned Tchagras while small troops of Arabian Partridges walked up the rocky slopes just ahead of us.

At the local 'Sunfarm' we had exceptionally good views of the usually elusive Singing Bush Larks, while Rose -coloured Starlings and numerous European Rollers added colour to the scene. We estimated having seen 250 of the latter one day but it was clear that there had been a huge influx, probably involving many times that number. It was the raptors, however, that stole the show: breathtakingly close views of Imperial, Greater Spotted and Bonelli's Eagles made the greatest impact, especially the pristine juvenile Bonelli's repeatedly passed just over our heads! Discovering three Crested Honey Buzzards, still a major rarity in Oman, added to the excitement, as did a single Oriental Turtle Dove and a Jacobin Cuckoo. A two-day excursion to the desert hotspots around Qatbit added many new birds to our list, including Pallid Harrier, large flocks of Spotted and Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse with a few Crowned Sandgrouse among them, as many as 25 Hoopoe Larks at one site, Menetries's Warbler, Bluethroat, Ortolan, Striated and Black-headed Buntings. An interesting shrike at Montasar

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may prove to have been a Brown Shrike, a species not previously recorded in Oman, but the identification of juvenile Brown Shrike is a notoriously tricky subject.

After a couple of days in the desert we returned to the fresh sea air of our coastal base and embarked on an inshore 'pelagic' boat trip. Within a few hundred metres of shore we encountered Persian Shearwaters, Bridled Terns and a few Brown Noddies, all of which tolerated very close approach. A long string of Masked Boobies flying past made an impressive sight before we headed a little further out to sea in search of the larger tubenose species that occur off Oman. It didn't take long to spot our first Jouanin's Petrel, though this and subsequent birds all preferred to keep a little distance from the boat. Even when chopped-up fish parts were thrown from the boat the Jouanin's showed little interest. By contrast, a small number of Pale-footed Shearwaters came out of nowhere and joined the melee beside the boat, competing with Sooty Gulls, terns and Persian Shearwaters for scraps. These were definitely my best ever views of Pale-footed Shearwater, immaculate in the early evening light.

Our last full day was spent an hour or so west of Salalah where there is an excellent 'khawr' and often good numbers of gulls and terns on the shoreline. Judging from the number of small fishing boats working the inshore waters there was clearly a lot of fish available and this had attracted literally thousands of Sooty Gulls, terns and quite a few Persian Shearwaters within a couple of hundred metres of shore. Scanning with telescopes revealed a couple of Brown Boobies and Socotra Cormorants and, my first ever while seawatching, a Quail coming in off the sea! Turning our attention to the khawr we were spoiled for choice: Ferruginous Duck, Intermediate Egret, Glossy Ibis, Purple Heron and Greater Spotted Eagles were all on view, while careful scrutiny of the snipes revealed at least three Pintail Snipes alongside the more numerous Commons. A couple of Black Storks were a surprise here as the species is a very rare vagrant in Oman, but a greater surprise was still to come. As we drove back towards Salalah, just at the point where the road turned away from the long stretch of beach, I noticed a lonely figure out of the corner of my eye that caused me to slow down, stop and put the vehicle into reverse. I have learned not to trust impressions of 'good' birds I occasionally get while driving as more often than not they turn out to be something quite ordinary - not always even a bird - that has been enhanced by the brain's ability to complete a poor view to match what I might subconsciously have wished for. I didn't dare say anything until I could take a proper look, but then there was no doubt – it was the real thing, a Crab Plover, here of all places! We spent an hour watching it as it strutted back and forth in the tidal shallows. Instantly and unanimously, it became the bird of the trip.' – *Killian Mullarney*

Bird List:

3	Little Grebe	2	1	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis iraquensis</i>
2	Black-necked Grebe	1	1	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
3	Jouanin's Petrel	3	20	<i>Bulweria fallax</i>
2	Pale-footed Shearwater	1	5	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>
3	Persian (Audubon's) Shearwater	5	200	<i>Puffinus persicus</i>
1	Red-billed Tropicbird			<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>
3	Masked Booby	3	23	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>
3	Great Cormorant	2	5	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>
3	Socotra Cormorant	2	3	<i>Phalacrocorax nigrogularis</i>
1	Little Bittern			<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
3	Night Heron	3	2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
2	Striated Heron	1	1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
3	Squacco Heron	5	5	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
2	Indian Pond Heron	4	1	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
3	Cattle Egret	7	200	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
3	Western Reef Heron	8	8	<i>Egretta gularis schistacea</i>

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3	Little Egret	7	8	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
2	Intermediate Egret	1	1	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
3	Great White Egret	6	3	<i>Ardea alba</i>
3	Grey Heron	12	30	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
3	Purple Heron	5	3	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
2	White Stork	10	200	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
2	Glossy Ibis	5	80	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
3	Spoonbill	4	2	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
3	Greater Flamingo	7	50	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
1	Greylag Goose			<i>Anser anser rubirostris</i>
1	Cotton Teal			<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
2	Wigeon			<i>Anas penelope</i>
2	Gadwall			<i>Anas strepera</i>
3	Teal	7	10	<i>Anas crecca</i>
3	Mallard	5	3	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
3	Pintail	1	1	<i>Anas acuta</i>
3	Garganey	9	8	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
3	Shoveler	6	10	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
2	Pochard			<i>Aythya ferina</i>
3	Ferruginous Duck	1	2	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
1	Tufted Duck			<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
2	Honey Buzzard			<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
2	Crested Honey Buzzard	1	3	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
1	Black Kite			<i>Milvus migrans</i>
3	Egyptian Vulture	1	200	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
2	Lappet-faced Vulture			<i>Torgos tracheliotos negevensis</i>
3	Short-toed Eagle	3	2	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
3	Marsh Harrier	12	15	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
3	Pallid Harrier	2	1	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
3	Montagu's Harrier	3	1	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
3	Sparrowhawk	2	2	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
2	Common Buzzard	1	1	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
1	Long-legged Buzzard			<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>
1	Lesser Spotted Eagle			<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
3	Greater Spotted Eagle	7	8	<i>Aquila clanga</i>
2	'fulvescens' Spotted Eagle			<i>Aquila clanga 'fulvescens'</i>
3	Steppe Eagle	2	10	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
3	Imperial Eagle	3	2	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>
1	Golden Eagle			<i>Aquila chrysaetos homeyeri</i>
3	Booted Eagle	5	4	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
3	Bonelli's Eagle	1	2	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>
3	Osprey	10	4	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
3	Kestrel	10	6	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
2	Sooty Falcon	2	7	<i>Falco concolor</i>
3	Hobby	4	2	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
2	Peregrine Falcon			<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
3	Barbary Falcon	1	1	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>
3	Arabian Partridge	3	25	<i>Alectoris melanocephala</i>
3	Grey Francolin	6	20	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>
3	Quail	1	1	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
2	Spotted Crake			<i>Porzana porzana</i>
1	Little Crake			<i>Porzana parva</i>
2	Baillon's Crake			<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
1	White-breasted Waterhen			<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
3	Moorhen	5	3	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

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2	Coot			<i>Fulica atra</i>
1	Red-knobbed Coot			<i>Fulica cristata</i>
1	Pheasant-tailed Jacana			<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
3	Oystercatcher	5	12	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
3	Black-winged Stilt	5	25	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
3	Crab Plover	1	1	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
2	Spotted Thick-knee			H <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
3	Cream-coloured Courser	4	8	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>
1	Collared Pratincole			<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
1	Little Pratincole			<i>Glareola lactea</i>
3	Little Ringed Plover	5	7	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
3	Ringed Plover	10	10	<i>Charadrius hiaticula tundrae</i>
3	Kentish Plover	9	250	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
3	Lesser Sand Plover	8	80	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
3	Greater Sand Plover	4	40	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
1	Caspian Plover	3	5	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>
3	Pacific Golden Plover	6	10	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
3	Grey Plover	4	6	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
3	Red-wattled Plover	6	25	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
2	Sociable Plover			<i>Vanellus gregaria</i>
3	White-tailed Plover	1	3	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>
3	Sanderling	6	25	<i>Calidris alba</i>
3	Little Stint	9	15	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
3	Temminck's Stint	8	12	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
2	Pectoral Sandpiper	1	1	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
3	Curlew Sandpiper	4	1	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
3	Dunlin	8	50	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
2	Broad-billed Sandpiper	2	1	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>
3	Ruff	8	60	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
1	Jack Snipe			<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>
3	Common Snipe	5	12	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
3	Pintail Snipe	1	3	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
1	Long-billed Dowitcher			<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>
2	Black-tailed Godwit	4	3	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
3	Bar-tailed Godwit	4	1	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
3	Whimbrel	5	6	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
3	Curlew	8	14	<i>Numenius arquata orientalis</i>
2	Spotted Redshank			<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
3	Redshank	7	6	<i>Tringa totanus ussuriensis</i>
3	Marsh Sandpiper	3	2	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
3	Greenshank	11	30	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
3	Green Sandpiper	8	8	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
3	Wood Sandpiper	8	10	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
3	Terek Sandpiper	5	15	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
3	Common Sandpiper	11	45	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
3	Turnstone	6	6	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
3	Red-necked Phalarope	3	1	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
1	Pomarine Skua	3	2	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>
2	Arctic Skua			<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>
3	Sooty Gull	6	'000s	<i>Larus hemprichii</i>
3	'Steppe' Gull	5	'00s	<i>Larus (fuscus) barabensis</i>
3	Siberian Gull	11	'000s	<i>Larus fuscus heuglini</i>
1	Baltic Lesser Black-backed Gull			<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>
3	Black-headed Gull	2	6	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
3	Slender-billed Gull	5	40	<i>Larus genei</i>

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3	Gull-billed Tern	4	2	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
3	Caspian Tern	1	3	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
3	Swift (Crested) Tern	8	2500	<i>Sterna bergii velox</i>
3	Lesser Crested Tern	8	150	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
3	Sandwich Tern	4	50	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
3	Common Tern	6	15	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
1	White-cheeked Tern			<i>Sterna repressa</i>
3	Bridled Tern	7	70	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>
3	Saunders's Tern	6	12	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>
3	Whiskered Tern	9	35	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
3	White-winged Black Tern	8	90	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
3	Common Noddy	2	6	<i>Anouos stolidus</i>
2	Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	1	20	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>
3	Crowned Sandgrouse	2	11	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>
3	Spotted Sandgrouse	2	500	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>
3	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	5	500	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>
3	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	11	10	<i>Colomba livia palaestinae</i>
3	Collared Dove	11	'000s	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
2	Rufous Turtle Dove	1	1	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>
3	Palm (Laughing) Dove	13	'00s	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
3	Namaqua Dove	1	1	<i>Oena capensis</i>
3	Bruce's Green Pigeon	2	6	<i>Treron waalia</i>
2	Jacobin Cuckoo	1	1	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
3	Rose-ringed Parakeet	6	150	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
2	Common Cuckoo	3	4	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
1	Common Koel			<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
1	Barn Owl	1	1	<i>Tyto alba</i>
1	Little Owl	1	1	<i>Athene noctua</i>
2	African Scops Owl			H <i>Otus senegalensis</i>
1	Scops Owl			<i>Otus scops</i>
3	European Nightjar	3	5	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
1	Egyptian Nightjar			<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>
1	Common Swift	1	15	<i>Apus apus pekinensis</i>
3	Pallid Swift	3	20	<i>Apus pallidus</i>
1	Alpine Swift	1	5	<i>Apus melba</i>
3	Grey-headed Kingfisher	2	6	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
2	White-collared Kingfisher	1	3	<i>Halcyon chloris</i>
3	Common Kingfisher	5	5	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
3	Little Green Bee-eater	8	10	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
3	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	8	30	<i>Merops persicus</i>
1	European Bee-eater			<i>Merops apiaster</i>
3	European Roller	8	250	<i>Coracias garrulus semenovi</i>
3	Indian Roller	5	12	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
3	Hoopoe	3	8	<i>Upupa epops</i>
2	Wryneck			<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
3	Singing Bush Lark	2	100	<i>Mirafr cantillans</i>
3	Black-crowned Finch Lark	7	350	<i>Eremopteryx nigriceps</i>
3	Desert Lark	3	4	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>
3	Hoopoe Lark	1	25	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>
3	Bimaculated Lark	1	7	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>
3	Short-toed Lark	7	800	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla eremica</i>
3	Crested Lark	12	60	<i>Galerida cristata brachyura</i>
3	Oriental Skylark	1	7	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
1	Skylark			<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
3	Sand Martin	2	10	<i>Riparia riparia</i>

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3	Pale Crag Martin	6	15	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
3	Barn Swallow	7	40	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
2	Richard's Pipit			<i>Anthus richardi</i>
1	Blyth's Pipit			<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
3	Tawny Pipit	9	50	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
3	Long-billed Pipit	2	1	<i>Anthus similis arabicus</i>
3	Tree Pipit	5	8	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
3	Red-throated Pipit	6	8	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>
3	Water Pipit	1	1	<i>Anthus spinoletta coutellii</i>
3	Blue-headed Wagtail	5	'00s	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>
2	Black-headed Wagtail	5	'0s	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>
2	Grey-headed Wagtail	5	'0s	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>
2	Sykes's Wagtail	5	'0s	<i>Motacilla flava beema</i>
3	Citrine Wagtail	7	10	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
2	Grey Wagtail			<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
3	White Wagtail	10	40	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
2	Masked Wagtail	3	4	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>
3	White-cheeked Bulbul	1	6	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>
3	Red-vented Bulbul	2	3	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
3	Yellow-vented Bulbul	9	30	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos</i>
1	Grey Hypocolius			<i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>
1	Eastern Nightingale			<i>Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi</i>
3	Bluethroat	2	1	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
3	Black Redstart	4	8	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros semirufus</i>
3	Redstart	1	2	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
3	Blackstart	5	3	<i>Cercomela melanura</i>
2	Eastern Stonechat			<i>Saxicola torquata maura</i>
1	'Caspian' Stonechat			<i>Saxicola torquata variegatus</i>
2	Northern Wheatear			<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
3	Isabelline Wheatear	11	40	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
3	Desert Wheatear	11	50	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>
3	Red-tailed Wheatear	3	3	<i>Oenanthe (xanthopyrna) chrysopygia</i>
3	Eastern Pied Wheatear	1	2	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>
3	Pied Wheatear	3	1	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>
3	South Arabian Wheatear	1	5	<i>Oenanthe lugentoides</i>
1	Hooded Wheatear	1	1	<i>Oenanthe monacha</i>
3	Hume's Wheatear	2	2	<i>Oenanthe alboniger</i>
1	Rock Thrush			<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>
3	Blue Rock Thrush	2	2	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
3	Graceful Prinia	6	6	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>
1	European Reed Warbler			<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>
3	Clamorous Reed Warbler	5	8	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
3	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	2	1	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>
3	Sykes's Warbler	2	2	<i>Hippolais rama</i>
3	Ménétries's Warbler	2	2	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>
3	Desert Warbler	2	2	<i>Sylvia nana</i>
3	Arabian Warbler	1	1	<i>Sylvia leucomelaena</i>
3	Lesser Whitethroat	3	1	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>
3	Desert Lesser Whitethroat	6	20	<i>Sylvia curruca minula</i>
2	Common Whitethroat	1	1	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
1	Blackcap			<i>Sylvia atricapillus</i>
1	Yellow-browed Warbler			<i>Phylloscopus inornatus/ humei</i>
3	Wood Warbler	1	1	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
3	Plain Leaf Warbler	2	12	<i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i>
3	Chiffchaff	3	3	<i>Phylloscopus collybita abietinus</i>

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1	Willow Warbler			<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
1	Brown Flycatcher			<i>Muscicapa daurica</i>
2	Spotted Flycatcher	4	4	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
2	Red-breasted Flycatcher			<i>Ficedula parva</i>
3	African Paradise Flycatcher	3	12	<i>Terpsiphone viridis harterti</i>
3	Arabian Babbler	2	7	<i>Turdoides squamiceps</i>
3	Shining Sunbird	3	30	<i>Nectarinia habessinica</i>
3	Purple Sunbird	6	40	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
3	Palestine Sunbird	2	4	<i>Nectarinia osea</i>
3	White-breasted White-eye	4	60	<i>Zosterops abyssinica</i>
2	Black-crowned Tchagra	2	2	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
3	Isabelline Shrike	8	12	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>
3	Red-backed Shrike	1	1	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
1	Long-tailed Shrike			<i>Lanius schach</i>
3	(Southern) Great Grey Shrike	6	2	<i>Lanius meridionalis aucheri</i>
3	Steppe Grey Shrike	2	2	<i>Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris</i>
1	Masked Shrike			<i>Lanius nubicus</i>
1	Black Drongo			<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
3	House Crow	7	300	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
3	Brown-necked Raven	5	22	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>
3	Fan-tailed Raven	2	12	<i>Corvus rhipidurus</i>
3	Tristram's Grackle	4	120	<i>Onychognathus tristramii</i>
1	Brahminy Starling			<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
1	Starling			<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
3	Rose-coloured Starling	2	7	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>
1	Wattled Starling			<i>Creatophora cineracea</i>
3	Common Mynah	5	2000	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
3	House Sparrow	8	0s	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
3	Rüppell's Weaver	2	500	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>
1	Red Bishop			<i>Euplectes orix</i>
1	Common Waxbill			<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
1	Weaver sp			<i>Ploceus sp</i>
3	Indian Silverbill	1	100	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
3	African Silverbill	5	150	<i>Lonchura cantans</i>
3	Yemen Serin	1	20	<i>Serinus menachensis</i>
1	Golden-winged Grosbeak			<i>Rhynchostruthus socotranus</i>
1	Common Rosefinch	2	1	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
3	Striated Bunting	1	2	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>
3	African Rock Bunting	4	15	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
2	Ortolan Bunting	1	4	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>
1	Black-headed Bunting	1	1	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>