

Birds Observed during April Bird-watching trips in Iran, 2003–2007

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Abstract

Between 2003 and 2007, I conducted four April bird-watching trips to Iran. In total, I listed 322 species while 237–277 species were recorded on three of these. During the April bird migration period, the Iranian birdlife is mainly constituted by two important elements: Middle East breeders and Palearctic migrants. Although I did not have the opportunity to visit all of Iran, it is obvious that all the various habitats within this vast country mean that Iran has a more diversified avifauna than any other Middle East country. Not only do many different birds breed or pass through, but moreover, many bird species are also represented by two or more subspecies.

1. Introduction

The avifauna of Iran is exceptionally interesting. The reasons for this is the extremely great habitat variety as well as the geographic position, within the Middle East yet bordering the Oriental region, as much of the north and west of Iran lies within the Western Palearctic, while the extreme north-east lies in the Eastern Palearctic and the south-east lies in the Indo-Malayan (Oriental) region (Ullman 2009). The country also hosts a great number of Eurasian migrants on transit or in winter (Evans 1994). Many migrant bird species are crossing Iran as passage or resting site, usually through their north-south or south-north migration routes.

Considering importance of bird-watching in early spring and early autumn, less attention is paid by birdwatchers to this issue in the past. In the 1960s, an impressive work has been done throughout the country in April and May 1967 (Érard & Etchécopar 1970) and another important work on autumn passage migrants in Miankaleh wetland (Feeny *et al.* 1968). In the 1970s, enormous amount of work carried out by the Department of the Environment. Also, several works have been carried out (Nielsen & Speyer 1967; Nielsen 1969; Gyllin 1974; Misonne 1976; Desfayes & Praz 1978; Scott 2007 (at Lashgarak)). Additionally, summary of rare birds have been published (Scott 2008, Roselaar & Aliabadian 2009). In recent years, a few spring birdwatching trips have been done in

April (Dyczkowski 1999; Javaheri & Karlsson 2001; Richardson & Diskin 2001) and May (Petitschnig *et al.* 2002). Furthermore, bird-watching tours have visited Iran in recent years, *e.g.* Birdquest tours (Scott [May] 1998, [April] 2001), Green Tour and Raffael Aye's groups.

This paper summarises bird observations on four trips during the 2003–2007 period, all in April. I have had the opportunity to watch birds with various groups (see Acknowledgements below) across the south to the north of Iran.

2. Materials and Methods

The aim of these trips was to study and enjoy as much as possible of Iran's birdlife with particular focus on birds that we were not familiar with from our Swedish, European point of view. Thus, for the 2003 trip, together with the Ecotour Iran staff, I planned a route that would involve as many habitats as possible for a two-week trip from southern to northern Iran. For the following trips, the original route has largely been repeated, albeit with some changes (see Table 1). Indeed, we have observed a large number of fascinating species (see Table 2). The visits to Miankaleh and Ashura-Deh along the south-eastern shore of the Caspian Sea also suggested that this was an important spring migration corridor for raptors. Thus, in April 2008, together with Mattias Ullman, I conducted a two-week raptor count at Ashura-Deh Island, which proved an exceptionally important hotspot, particularly for the Pallid

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Harrier *Circus macrourus* (Ullman & Ullman 2010).

The taxonomy on species level largely follows AERC TAC (Taxonomic Advisory Committee of the Association of European Records and Rarities Committees), *AERC TAC's Taxonomic Recommendations* as per 1

December 2003 (www.aerc.eu/aerc_tac.htm). However, some internationally accepted changes since that date have also been introduced, e.g. Bonelli's Eagle moving from *Hieraaetus* to *Aquila* as well as several changes to terns Sternidae. The taxonomy on subspecies level largely follows Cramp *et al.* (1977–1994).

Table 1. Itineraries of birdwatching trips in April 2003 to 2007.

Date	2003	2004	2005	2007
6	Bandar Abbas, Genu			
7	Rudan–Kahnuij, Bagh Muhammed Ali, Minab, Bandar Abbas			
8	Bandar Abbas, ferry Bandar Abbas–Qeshm, Hara Protected Area, Qeshm			
9	Qeshm, ferry Qeshm–Bandar Abbas, flight to Tehran, Qom, Kashan		Tehran, Qom, Kashan	
10	Maranjab Desert, Kashan, Esfahan		Kashan, Maranjab Desert, Fin, Esfahan	
11	Esfahan, flight to Tehran		Esfahan	
12	Tehran, Damavand, Neka		Esfahan, Izad Khast, Passergad, Nagshe Rustam, Persepolis, Shiraz	
13	Miankaleh, Bandar Torkaman, Tangerang		Shiraz	Tehran, flight to Bandar Abbas, Minab
14	Golestan National Park, Tangerang		Shiraz, flight to Ahwaz, Karun	Minab, Tiab, Chelo
15	Tangerah, Golestan National Park, Khosh Yeilagh, Bastam	Flight Tehran–Bandar Abbas, Minab, Bandar Abbas	Sade Shavar, Dez, Shush, Choga Zanbil, Ahwaz	Gaz, Mishi, Golshar Shore, Bandar Abbas
16	Bastam, Biyarjomand, Klian Khodi, Touran	Minab, Gaz/Sirik, Bandar Abbas	Ahwaz, Bamdej, Ali Chab, flight to Tehran	Genu, Golshar Shore, Bandar Abbas
17	Touran	Genu, Bandar Abbas, Bandar Abbas	Tehran	ferry Bandar Abbas–Qeshm, Holor, Hara Protected Area, Seydam, Qeshm
18	Touran, Biyarjomand, Bastam, Semnan	Ferry Bandar Abbas–Qeshm, Holor, Hara, Qeshm	Tehran, Hableh Rood, Veresk, west Neka	Qeshm, Cinema Darya, flight via Tehran to Ahwaz, Karun/Ahwaz, Ahwaz
19	Parvar, Semnan	Ferry Qeshm–Bandar Abbas, flight via Tehran to Ahwaz, Karun, Ahwaz	West Neka, Miankaleh, Bandar Torkaman, Ashura Deh, Gorgan	South Bamdej, Sade Shavar, Dez Protected Area, Choga Zanbil, Shosha, Karkheh, Ahwaz
20	South of Parvar, Semnan, Tehran	Karim, Shile Sheikh Yaghob, Karkhe, Ahwaz	Transfer over Elburz, Khosh Yeilagh, Abr, Bastam	Mazrae Seh, Karkheh Koor, flight to Tehran
21	Tehran	Dez, Choga Zanbil, Daheimi, Ali Chab, flight to Tehran	Touran, Bastam	Tehran
22		Saad Abad, Tehran	Bastam, west Sharud, Parvar, Semnan	Emamzadeh Hashem, Damavand, Sade Lar, Polur, Badeleh
23		Tehran, Elburz, Damavand, southeast Sari, west Neka	Parvar, Mulla Deh, Semnan	Miankaleh, Ashura Deh, Bandar Torkaman, Minudasht
24		West Neka, Miankaleh, southwest Amir Abbad, Bandar Torkaman, Minudasht	Semnan, Saranza, Karadagh, Lasem	Golestan National Park, Mirza Bailo, Almel, Minudasht
25		Tangerah, Golestan NATIONAL PARK, Minudasht		Minudasht, Gonbad, Farsian, Abr, Bastam
26		South of Minudasht, Khosh Yeilagh, Bastam		Khar Touran, Biyarjomand, Bastam
27		Touran, Bastam		Bastam, east of Parvar, Parvar, Semnan

28		Bastam, Chshme Ali, north of Damghan, east of Parvar, Semnan		South of Parvar, Parvar, Mulla Deh, Semnan
29		South of Parvar, Parvar, Semnan		Semnan, Saranza, Lasem, Tehran
30		South of Parvar, Parvar, transfer to Tehran		



Fig. 1. Map of Iran showing all localities visited during April in the period of 2003–2007.

3. Results

A total of 176 species of non-passerines and 146 passerine species were recorded during April visits of the 2003–2007 period, totalling 322 species. During the present study period, a total number of 237, 263, 191 and 277 bird species were recorded in Iran in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007 respectively (Table 2).

During the field surveys, some species were also identified down to subspecies level: *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*, *Phoenicopterus ruber roseus*, *Buteo buteo vulpinus*, *Sterna hirundo longipennis*, *Columba livia gaddi*, *Merops orientalis beludschicus*, *Dendrocopos major poelzami*, *Alaudala heinei persica*, *Alauda arvensis cantarella*, *Eremophila alpestris penicillata*, *Anthus spinoletta coutellii*, *Motacilla cinerea cinerea*, *Cercotrichas galactotes familiaris*, *Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi*, *Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica*, *Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca*, *Oenanthe picata picata*, *Scotocerca inquieta striata*, *Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus*, *Hippolais pallida elaeica*, *Sylvia communis icterops*, *Turdoides caudatus salvadori*, *Aegithalos caudatus alpinus*, *Parus ater gaddi*, *Parus caeruleus raddei*, *Remiz pendulinus*

coronatus, *Pica pica bactriana*, *Sturnus vulgaris caucasicus*, *Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus*, *Passer moabiticus mesopotamicus*, *Passer montanus transcaucasicus*, *Montifringilla nivalis alpicola*, *Fringilla coelebs alexandroi*, *Carduelis chloris bilkevitchi*, *Carduelis cannabina bella*, *Emberiza cia par.*

I found some species with more than one subspecies, these consisted of *Larus fuscus fuscus/barabensis/heuglini*, *Motacilla flava beema/feldegg/lutea/thunbergi*, *Motacilla alba/personata*, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus/samamisicus*, *Saxicola maurus variegatus*, *Sylvia curruca blythi/halimodendri*, *Phylloscopus collybita abietinus/tristis*, *Phylloscopus trochilus acredula/yakutensis*, *Parus major major/blanfordi*, *Lanius excubitor aucheri/pallidirostris*, *Corvus corone sharpii/capellanus* and *Carduelis carduelis paropanisii*.

In these visits, I also observed a few hybrid birds: a male Syrian x Sind Pied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus* x *Dendrocopos assimilis* in Minab on 15 April 2004, a male hybrid Red-headed x Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps* x *Emberiza melanocephala* in Golestan National Park on 25 April 2004, some hybrid Pied x Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* x *Oenanthe melanoleuca* in Damavand, Parvar, Farsian and Saranza.

Two Common Terns *Sterna hirundo* of “*longipennis*-type birds with all-black bill” were recorded in Touran on 26 April 2007. They were identified essentially on all-black bill (in breeding plumage). BWP states “a few birds with *longipennis* characters breeding as far west as Ob basin. These variable central Siberian populations have bill either red (usually with more black on tip than in nominate *hirundo*) or all-black bill” – and I also recall having recorded birds with all-black bill in Kazakhstan.



Fig. 2. Shikra *Accipiter badius* in Miankaleh, 23 April 2007, M. Ullman.



Fig. 4. Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis* at Mazrae Seh, 20 April 2007, M. Ullman.



Fig. 3. Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* at Tiab, 14 April 2007, M. Ullman.



Fig. 5. Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus* in Khar Touran, 26 April 2007, M. Ullman.



Fig. 6. Dead Sea Sparrow *Passer moabiticus mesopotamicus* in Dez, 19 April 2007, M. Ullman.

Table 2. Details of bird species, number, location and date of bird observations during April of 2003–2007. Unidentified birds and species with two and more subspecies are in grey background.

Species	6–21 April 2003	14 April – 1 May 2004	8–25 April 2005	12–30 April 2007
Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i>	8 Miankaleh 13/4	3 Miankaleh 24/4		
Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				15 Miankaleh 23/4
Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i>	100 Miankaleh 13/4	300 Miankaleh 24/4	6 Miankaleh 19/4	21 Miankaleh 23/4
Garganey <i>Anas querquedula</i>	30 Miankaleh 13/4	14 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 20 Miankaleh 24/4		3 along the road 20/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4
Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>	30 Miankaleh 13/4			3 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Eurasian Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i>	75 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4		
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	200 Miankaleh 13/4	6 Miankaleh 24/4	1 Miankaleh 19/4	15 Miankaleh 23/4
Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>	6 Miankaleh 13/4		10 Miankaleh 19/4	
Eurasian Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>	30 Miankaleh 13/4			
Marbled Duck <i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>		1 Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, 3 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	2 Ali Chab 16/4	2 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Red-crested Pochard <i>Netta rufina</i>		1 Miankaleh 24/4	27 Miankaleh 19/4	40 Miankaleh 23/4
Common Pochard <i>Aythya ferina</i>	20 Miankaleh 13/4		5 Miankaleh 19/4	2 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	some thousand Miankaleh 13/4		8 Miankaleh 19/4	
Caspian Snowcock <i>Tetraogallus caspius</i>	1 south of Parvar 19/4, 1 Parvar 19/4, 4 south of Parvar 20/4	2 east of Parvar 28/4, 3 south of Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 30/4	2 south Parvar 23/4	2 south of Parvar 28/4
Chukar <i>Alectoris chukar</i>	5 Damavand 12/4, 30 Golestan NP 14/4, 3 south of Parvar 19/4, 40 Parvar 19/4, 2 south of Parvar 20/4	2 Genu 17/4, 3 Damavand 23/4, 8 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 8 east of Parvar 28/4, 10 south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, 8 Parvar 30/4	1 Touran 21/4, 1 east Parvar 22/4, 2 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 2 Parvar 23/4, 3 en route 24/4	2 Sade Lar 22/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4, 27 Almeh 24/4, 6 east of Parvar 27/4, 2 along the road 29/4
See-see Partridge <i>Ammoperdix griseogularis</i>	6 Genu 6/4	2 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 6 Genu 17/4, 2 Touran 27/4		1 Chelo 14/4, 1 Gaz 15/4, 18 Genu 16/4, 1 along the road 19/4
Black Francolin <i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		common Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, common Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Daheimi 21/4, 1 Ali Chab 21/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4	2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 6 Dez/ Choga Zanbil and 2 en route 15/4	1 Minab 13/4, 1 Minab 14/4, 1 Tiab 14/4, 2 Sade Shavar 19/4, 1 Dez 19/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4
Grey Francolin <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	1 along the road and 2 north of Minab 7/4	2 Minab 16/4		4 Minab 13/4, 2 Minab 14/4, 1 Gaz 15/4
Common Quail <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		2 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 north of Semnan 28/4	1 Persepolis 12/4	1 southern Bamdej 19/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4
Common Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	6 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Tangerah 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 Golestan NP 15/4	7 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 south of Minudasht 26/4	10 Miankaleh 19/4"	10 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4
Egyptian Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>				2 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Alpine Swift <i>Apus melba</i>	50 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 2 Damavand 12/4, 10 Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 15 Semnan 20/4	2 Minab 16/4, 4 Genu 17/4, 30 Damavand 23/4, 4 along the road 26/4, 20 south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, 15 Parvar 30/4	2 Nagshe Rustam 12/4, 4 Touran 21/4, 3 east Parvar 22/4, 3 Parvar 22/4, 3 Parvar 23/4, 3 en route 24/4	7 Sade Lar and 23 along the road 22/4, 2 Ashura Deh 23/4, 3 Golestan NP 24/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4, 6 Parvar 27/4, 4 Mulla Deh 28/4, 1 along the road 29/4

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Species	6–21 April 2003	14 April – 1 May 2004	8–25 April 2005	12–30 April 2007
Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	rather common Esfahan 11/4, small numbers Tehran 12/4, small numbers 13/4, 20 Biyarjomand 16/4, 10 south of Parvar 20/4, 20 Tehran 21/4	small numbers recorded during in total 8 days, although common south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4	rather common, recorded virtually daily	207 Teheran 13/4, 4 Bandar Abbas 13/4, common Teheran and 2 along the road 22/4, 70 migrating Ashura Deh 23/4, 17 Parvar and 5 along the road 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, small numbers Parvar 28/4, 3 Saranza 29/4
Pallid Swift <i>Apus pallidus</i>	rather common Bandar Abbas 6/4, common Genu 6/4, small numbers Bandar Abbas 7/4, small numbers Rudan – Kahnug 7/4, enstaka Qeshm 8/4	5 Minab 15/4, 15 Genu 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, rather common Karun/Ahwaz 19/4	5 Karun/Ahwaz 14/4	401 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 56 Genu 16/4, small numbers Bandar Abbas 16/4, 200 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, 40 Shosha 19/4
Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	rather common Bandar Abbas 7/4	1 Minab 16/4, 1 Genu 17/4	25 nesting Nagshe Rustam 12/4	4 Genu 16/4
Macqueen's Bustard <i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>	7 (2 + 3 + 1 + 1, including 3 displaying males) Touran 17/4	3 Touran 27/4		2 Khar Touran 26/4
Common Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	2 Genu 6/4, 1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 Touran 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4	3 Genu 17/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 3 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 7 east of Parvar 28/4, 15 runt Parvar 29/4, 5 inds. 30/4	2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 2 Abr 20/4, 1 Touran 21/4, 1 east Parvar 22/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 2 Parvar 23/4, 2 Karadagh 24/4	3 Genu 16/4, 2 Sade Shavar 19/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 AlmeH 24/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 1 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 28/4
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles alchata</i>			29 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	
Spotted Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles senegallus</i>		6 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4		
Black-bellied Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	10 Touran 16/4, 2 Touran 18/4	1 Touran and 1 along the road 27/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 3 Touran 21/4	7 Khar Touran 26/4
Crowned Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles coronatus</i>		2 Touran 27/4		6 Khar Touran 26/4
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	1 north of Minab 7/4			
Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	6 Damavand 12/4, 4 Golestan NP 14/4	small numbers Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 10 Damavand 23/4, 3 Touran 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 29/4	1 en route 20/4, 2 Parvar 23/4 and 2 Saranza 24/4	17 Gaz 15/4, 5 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 2 along the road 27/4, small numbers along the road 29/4
Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i>			1 Miankaleh 19/4	
Common Woodpigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i>	4 Bastam 16/4, 5 Parvar 19/4	1 Minab 16/4, 8 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, rather common north of Ahwaz 20–21/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 Bastam 26/4, 2 Bastam 28/4, 2 Parvar 30/4	4 Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, common the area north of Ahwaz 15/4, 2 Bastam 22/4, 1 Parvar 22/4	1 Minab 14/4, 4 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, common Dez 19/4, 1 AlmeH 24/4, 4 along the road 25/4
European Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		8 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, common north of Ahwaz 20/4, rather common north of Ahwaz 21/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4	15 Sade Shavar 15/4, 40 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	43 + 20 southern Bamdej 19/4, small numbers 20/4
Eurasian Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	common, seen 9 days during the whole trip	common, recorded daily	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, common the area north of Ahwaz 15/4, small numbers Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4, 1 en route 20/4, 1 21/4, 1 Bastam 22/4	Common, seen daily
Laughing Dove <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	common, seen 10 days during the whole trip, one pair breeding inside	common, recorded daily	common, recorded virtually daily	common, seen nearly daily

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	the Grand Bazaar, Tehran			
Water Rail <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				1 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	10 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Karim 20/4, 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, 1 Daheimi 21/4, small numbers Miankaleh 24/4, small numbers southeast of Amir Abbad 24/4	3 Miankaleh 19/4	5 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 6 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 3 Miankaleh 23/4
Eurasian Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>	some thousand Miankaleh 13/4		1 Esfahan 11/4, 130 Miankaleh 19/4, 40 Ashura Deh 19/4	400 Miankaleh 23/4, 64 Ashura Deh 23/4
Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2 Miankaleh 13/4	8 Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, 4 ad. + pulli Ali Chab 21/4	6 Miankaleh 19/4	1 along the road and 4 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Red-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>		1 Miankaleh 24/4		
Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	25 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Miankaleh 24/4		1 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	200 Miankaleh 13/4	12 Miankaleh 24/4		
Greater Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	20 west of Bandar Abbas 6/4, 60 Qeshm 8/4, 1000 Miankaleh 13/4	170 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 10 Hara 18/4, 3 Bandar Abbas 19/4, 50 Miankaleh 24/4		13 Golshar Shore 13/4, 120 Golshar Shore 15/4, 40 Golshar Shore 16/4, 50 Holor 17/4, 14 Miankaleh 23/4
Stone Curlew <i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	2 Touran 16/4			1 Seydam 17/4, 2 Karkheh 19/4
Great Stone Plover <i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>				4 Tiab 14April
Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	50 Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 9/4	30 Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4		3 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 23 Tiab 14/4, 40 Golshar Shore 15/4, 15 Golshar Shore 16/4
Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 2 Qeshm 8/4, 1 Maranjab Desert 10/4	7 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 2 Bandar Abbas 18/4, 10 Bandar Abbas 19/4, singles along the road and 5 Daheimi 21/4, 3 Ali Chab 21/4, 2 north of Teheran 23/4, 6 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	20 Sade Shavar and 5 en route 15/4, 40 Bamdej 16/4, 10 Ali Chab 16/4	1 along the road Qeshm 18/4, 15 southern Bamdej 19/4, 2 Karkheh 19/4, rather common 20/4, 25 Miankaleh 23/4
Red-wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus indicus</i>	2 + 2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 1 along the road and 1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 2 Qeshm 8/4	1 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 1 along the road and 1 Minab 16/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 1 Ahwaz 19/4, 3 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, rather common 20–21/4	common – rather common in the area north of Ahwaz 15–16/4	1 Bandar Abbas 13/4, small numbers 14/4, 1 along the road 15/4, 1 along the road Qeshm 18/4, rather common 19–20/4
White-tailed Lapwing <i>Vanellus leucurus</i>		4 Karim and 1 along the road 20/4, 3 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 2 Daheimi 21/4, 3 Ali Chab 21/4	3 Sade Shavar 15/4, 20 Bamdej 16/4	2 Dez 19/4, 20 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Pacific Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	3 Hara Protected Area 8/4			
Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	75 Qeshm 8/4, 10 Qeshm 9/4	rather common Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Qeshm 18/4, smaqe19, 9 Miankaleh 24/4		15 Golshar Shore 13/4, 15 Tiab 14/4, 15 Golshar Shore 15/4, 55 Golshar Shore 16/4, small numbers Holor and Hara 17/4,
Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4	1 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 2 Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, 1 Karkhe 20/4, small numbers north of Ahwaz 21/4, 2 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 Bandar Torkaman 24/4,	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	2 Tiab 14/4, 1 Dez and 1 along the road 19/4

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		1 north of Damghan 28/4		
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	5 Qeshm 8/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4		small numbers Golshar Shore 13/4, 6 Tiab 14/4, small numbers Golshar Shore 15–16/4, 88 Miankaleh 23/4
Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	20 Qeshm 8/4, 3 Qeshm 9/4, 18 the Caspian 13/4	rather common Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, 1 Karim 20/4, 1 Ali Chab 21/4		8 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 10 Tiab 14/4, small numbers Golshar Shore 15–16/4, 4 Miankaleh 23/4
Lesser Sand Plover <i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	40 Qeshm 8/4	35 Bandar Abbas 17/4		14 Golshar Shore 15/4, 19 Golshar Shore 16/4, 117 Holor 17/4
Greater Sand Plover <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	3 Qeshm 8/4, 3 Qeshm 9/4, 1 the Caspian 13/4	15 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 1 Hara 18/4		1 Tiab 14/4, 1 Golshar Shore 15/4, 1 Golshar Shore 16/4, 2 Holor 17/4
Jack Snipe <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4			1 Miankaleh 23/4
Common Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		1 along the road north of Ahwaz 20/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 Bamdej 16/4, 2 Ashura Deh 19/4	1 Karkheh 19/4, 2 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4		2 Tiab 14/4, 6 southern Bamdej 19/4, 35 Miankaleh 23/4
Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	125 Qeshm 8/4	140 Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Hara 18/4		7 Golshar Shore 13/4, 20 Tiab 14/4, 5 Golshar Shore 15/4, 11 Golshar Shore 16/4, 87 Holor 17/4, 2 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	40 Qeshm 8/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, singles Qeshm 19/4, 75 Miankaleh 24/4		2 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 6 Tiab 14/4, 1 Gaz 15/4, 10 Holor 17/4, 40 Miankaleh 23/4
Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	100 Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 9/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 15 Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Qeshm 18/4, small numbers Qeshm 19/4		15 Golshar Shore 13/4, 60 Tiab 14/4, 20 Golshar Shore 15 and 16/4, 58 Holor 17/4
Spotted Redshank <i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2 Miankaleh 13/4			216 Miankaleh 23/4
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	50 Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 9/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18– 19/4		1 Golshar Shore 13/4, 2 Tiab 14/4, 2 Golshar Shore 15/4, 1 Golshar Shore 16/4, 3 Holor 17/4, 1 Hara 17/4
Marsh Sandpiper <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1 Qeshm 8/4		1 Bamdej 16/4	3 Golshar Shore 13/4
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	20 Qeshm 8/4, 10 Miankaleh 13/4	30 Bandar Abbas 17/4		3 Tiab 14/4, 1 Hara 17/4
Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	7 Miankaleh 13/4, 6 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 3 Touran 18/4	1 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 north of Damghan 28/4, 3 Chshme Ali 28/4	1 Bamdej 16/4, 2 Hableh Rood 18/4, 1 Touran 21/4	1 along the road 27/4
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	1 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Touran 18/4	2 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 3 Karim 20/4, small numbers north of Ahwaz 21/4, 2 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4	3 Bamdej 16/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4	5 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 2 Bandar Torkaman 23/4, 1 Bastam 27/4
Terek Sandpiper <i>Xenus cinerea</i>	40 Qeshm 8/4	40 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 30 Holor 18/4, 75 Hara 18/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4		at least 261 individuals: 20 Golshar Shore 13/4, 50 Tiab 14/4, 20 Golshar Shore 15/4, 116 Golshar Shore 16/4, 50 Holor 17/4, 45 Hara 17/4
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	5 Qeshm 8/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, 1 Karim 20/4, 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghob	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Ashura Deh 19/4	2 Tiab 14/4, 1 Holor 17/4, 1 Hara 17/4, 1 Karkheh 19/4, 3 Miankaleh 23/4, 1

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		20/4, small numbers north of Ahwaz 21/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 Bandar Torkaman 24/4		Ashura Deh 23/4
Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>		small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4		10 Golshar Shore 13/4, 15 Golshar Shore 15/4, 37 Golshar Shore 16/4, 5 Holor 17/4
Great Knot <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>		1 Bandar Abbas 17/4		
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>				1 Golshar Shore 15/4
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	5 Qeshm 8/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 15/4, rather common Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Qeshm 18/4		3 Golshar Shore 15/4, 5 Golshar Shore 16/4, 1 Holor 17/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	1 Qeshm 8/4,	small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4		5 Golshar Shore 15/4, 2 Golshar Shore 16/4, 8 Holor 17/4
Temminck's Stint <i>Calidris temminckii</i>		1 Hara 18/4		1 Golshar Shore 13/4, 2 Tiab 14/4, 1 Golshar Shore 15/4
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	15 Qeshm 8/4			2 Golshar Shore 16/4, 4 Holor 17/4
Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>	75 Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 9/4, 5 Miankaleh 13/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4	1 Golshar Shore 13/4, 17 Tiab 14/4, 50 Golshar Shore 15/4, 30 Golshar Shore 16/4, 35 Holor 17/4
Broad-billed Sandpiper <i>Limicola falcinellus</i>		1 Hara 18/4		8 Holor 17/4
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	3 Miankaleh 13/4	2 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 200 Karim 20/4, 75 Daheimi 21/4, 2 Ali Chab 21/4	25 Bamdej 16/4	10 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Crab Plover <i>Dromas ardeola</i>	400 Qeshm 8/4	440 Holor + 20 Hara 18/4		194 Holor 17/4
Cream-coloured Courser <i>Cursorius cursor</i>		2 ad. + 1 juv. Touran 27/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4	
Collared Pratincole <i>Glareola pratincola</i>		40 Karim 20/4, 200 near Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, small numbers Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, rather common Daheimi 21/4, small numbers Ali Chab 21/4	150 Bamdej 16/4	5 southern Bamdej and 5 along the road 19/4, 45 Mazrae Seh and 14 along the road 20/4, 4 Miankaleh 23/4
Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 12 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 10 Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4	5 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4, 30 Qeshm 19/4		4 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 17/4, 6 Cinema Darya 18/4
Pomarine Skua <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	1 ad. Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 1 ad. + 1 ad./subad. Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4	4 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4		
Slender-billed Gull <i>Larus genei</i>	3 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 2 Qeshm 8/4, 100 Miankaleh 13/4, 50 the Caspian 13/4	40 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 150 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 10 Holor 18/4	170 Miankaleh 19/4	30 Golshar Shore 13/4, 137 Golshar Shore 15/4, 100 Golshar Shore 16/4, 110 Holor 17/4, 50 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, 35 Miankaleh 23/4, 5 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	6 Bandar Abbas 6/4, small numbers Qeshm 8/4, small numbers Qeshm and Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4, 150 Esfahan 11/4, small numbers Miankaleh and	small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, small numbers along the road north of Ahwaz 21/4, small numbers Miankaleh 24/4, small	rather common Esfahan 11/4, rather common Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, 10 Ahwaz 16/4, rather common Miankaleh and Ashura Deh 19/4	10 Miankaleh 23/4, 174 Bandar Torkaman 23/4

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	the Caspian 13/4	numbers Bandar Torkaman 24/4		
Little Gull <i>Larus minutus</i>	100 Miankaleh 13/4	6 southeast of Amir Abbad 24/4		1 Miankaleh 23/4
Mediterranean Gull <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>				1 2cy Miankaleh 23/4 – very few records in Iran
Sooty Gull <i>Larus hemprichii</i>	2 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 8/4, 2 Qeshm 9/4, 12 Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4	20 Holor 18/4, 2 Bandar Abbas 19/4		24 Holor 17/4
Caspian Gull <i>Larus cachinnans</i>	3 Qeshm 8/4, 4 the Caspian 13/4	3 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 2 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	1 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 50 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4	1 Holor 17/4
Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>	2 Qeshm 8/4		1 Miankaleh 19/4	
Steppe Gull <i>L. f. barabensis</i>				10 Tiab 14/4, 3 Golshar Shore 16/4
Tundra Gull <i>L. f. heuglini</i>	5 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 30 Qeshm 8/4, 10 Qeshm 9/4	8 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 1 Holor 18/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 19/4, 1 heading north Golestan NP 25/4		17 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 23 Tiab 14/4, 5 Golshar Shore 15/4, 1 Golshar Shore 16/4, 1 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4
Gull-billed Tern <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	2 Qeshm 8/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4	15 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 1 Holor 18/4		2 Golshar Shore 16/4, 1 Cinema Darya 18/4
Caspian Tern <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	12 Qeshm 8/4	1 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 12 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 15 Holor 18/4, 8 Hara 18/4	1 Miankaleh 19/4	10 Golshar Shore 13/4, 2 Tiab 14/4, 11 Golshar Shore 15/4, 36 Golshar Shore 16/4, 3 Holor 17/4, 1 Hara 17/4, 2 Cinema Darya 18/4
Greater Crested Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	2 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 7 Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4	2 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 1 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4, 4 Hara 18/4, 1 Qeshm–Bandar Abbas 19/4		6 Golshar Shore 13/4, 4 Golshar Shore 15/4, 18 Golshar Shore 16/4, 7 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 17/4, 18 Holor 17/4
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	1 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 5 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 8/4, 10 Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4	1 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 10 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 5 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4, 30 Holor 18/4, 15 Qeshm 19/4		11 Golshar Shore 16/4, 8 Qeshm 17/4, 13 Holor 17/4, 8 Cinema Darya 18/4
Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	5 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 20 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 500 Qeshm 8/4, 50 Qeshm and Qeshm – Bandar Abbas 9/4, 100 Miankaleh 13/4, 50 the Caspian 13/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 15/4, small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Qeshm/Bandar Abbas 18–19/4, small numbers Miankaleh 24/4, 25 Bandar Torkaman 24/4		50 Cinema Darya 18/4
Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i>		small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm/Bandar Abbas 18–19/4, 3 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 10 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 50 ex18/4, 5 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 2 Ali Chab 21/4, 30 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 6 Bamdej 16/4	1 Tiab 14/4, 2 Golshar Shore 15/4, 3 Golshar Shore 16/4, 62 Cinema Darya 18/4, 2 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, 166 Bandar Abbas–Qeshm 18/4, small numbers Qeshm19/4, 4 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	5 Bandar Abbas – Qeshm 8/4, 300 Qeshm 8/4, 20 Qeshm 9/4, 50 Miankaleh 13/4, 25 the Caspian 13/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 15/4, small numbers Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, 9.000 Qeshm 19/4, small numbers Miankaleh 24/4, 30 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	2 Miankaleh 19/4	1 Golshar Shore 15/4, 7.500 migrating S Cinema Darya 18/4, 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 5 Miankaleh 23/4, 5 Bandar Torkaman 23/4, 2 Touran 27/4
White-cheeked Tern	1 Bandar Abbas –	1 Holor 18/4, 90 Qeshm		35 Cinema Darya 18/4

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<i>Sterna repressa</i>	Qeshm 8/4	19/4		
White-winged Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	3 Bandar Abbas 6/4	3 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 5 Ali Chab 21/4, 30 southeast of Amir Abbad 24/4, 10 Bandar Torkaman 24/4		15 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	3 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Bandar Torkaman 13/4, 1 along the road 18/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 15/4, 20 Bandar Abbas 17/4, small numbers 18/4, singles Qeshm 19/4, 20 southeast of Amir Abbad 24/4, 20 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	110 Miankaleh 19/4	20 Golshar Shore 15/4, 2 Golshar Shore 16/4, 1 along the road 22/4, 20 Miankaleh 23/4
Pygmy Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	24 Miankaleh 13/4	5 Ali Chab 21/4	3 Ali Chab 16/4	3 southern Bamdej 19/4, 1 along the road and 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Great Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1 along the road 7/4, a few thousands Miankaleh 13/4	6 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 25 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 100 Miankaleh 24/4	50 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4	1 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 3 Golshar Shore 15/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4, 25 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		1 Shiile Sheikh Yaghib 20/4, 10 Daheimi 21/4	1 en route north of Ahwaz 15/4, nest north Bamdej 16/4	nest along the road 20/4
Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		7 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 10 Karim 20/4		1 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	10 Qeshm 8/4	5 Hara 18/4		
Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		2 Karim and 1 along the road 20/4	2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 3 Bamdej 16/4	1 southern Bamdej 19/4, 5 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	10 Esfahan 11/4	common Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, rather common north of Ahwaz 20/4, small numbers north of Ahwaz 21/4	10 Esfahan 11/4, 1 Persepolis 12/4, 100 Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, 20 Sade Shavar 15/4, 3 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 5 Bamdej 16/4, 1 Touran 21/4	common Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, small numbers 19–20/4, 20 Ashura Deh 23/4
Striated Heron <i>Butorides striatus</i>	1 Qeshm 9/4			
Western Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		numerous Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, rather common north of Ahwaz 20–21/4, 1 Chshmeheh Ali 28/4	2 Esfahan 11/4, 100-tals Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, rather common–common the area north of Ahwaz 15–16/4	7 Bandar Abbas 16/4, common Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, rather common 19–20/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4
Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		common Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 2 Karim 20/4, 1 Shiile Sheikh Yaghib 20/4, 1 Ali Chab 21/4	9 Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, 1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 1 Bamdej 16/4	1 along the road 19/4, 1 along the road 20/4
Indian Pond Heron <i>Ardeola grayii</i>	2 Hara Protected Area 8/4	20 Hara 18/4		4 Tiab 14/4, 2 Hara 17/4
Western Reef Heron <i>Egretta gularis</i>	rather common Qeshm 8/4, 5 Qeshm 9/4	2 Bandar Abbas 15/4, 40 Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Qeshm and Hara 18/4, 4 Qeshm 19/4		4 Golshar Shore 13/4, 25 Tiab 14/4, 10 Golshar Shore 15/4, 8 Golshar Shore 16/4, small numbers Holar 17/4, 21 Hara 17/4
Little Egrett <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	10 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, rather common Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, small numbers north of Ahwaz 20–21/4, 16 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	100-tals Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, rather common Bamdej 16/4	8 Golshar Shore 15/4, common Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, small numbers 19–20/4, 29 Bandar Torkaman 23/4
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	7 Qeshm 8/4, 10 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Hara 18/4, 2 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 1 along the road north of Ahwaz 20/4, 3 Miankaleh 24/4	1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 10 Miankaleh 19/4	10 Tiab 14/4, 3 Holar 17/4, 6 Miankaleh 23/4
Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Karim 20/4, 1 Karkheh and 1 along the road	2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 3 Bamdej 16/4	4 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Khar

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		20/4, 1 west of Daheimi 21/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 along the road and 6 Bandar Torkaman 24/4, 1 Damghan 28/4		Touran 26/4
Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	15 Miankaleh 13/4	2 Hara 18/4		6 Tiab 14/4
Dalmatian Pelican <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	26 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 the Caspian 13/4			1 Tiab 14/4
Western Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1 Minab 15/4, 1 Minab 16/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 along the road 27/4		1 Golshar Shore 16/4
Black-winged Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		1 Minab 15/4, 1 Minab 16/4		
Lammergeier <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1 Golestan NP 14/4	1 Parvar 29/4		1 AlmeH 24/4
Egyptian Vulture <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	15 Qeshm 8/4	5 Qeshm 18/4, 1 along the road 30/4		19 Qeshm 17/4, 9 Qeshm 18/4
European Honey Buzzard <i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4		
Crested Honey Buzzard <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		2 Minab 15/4, 8 Genu 17/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4		2 Minab 13/4, 1 Minab 14/4, 1 Tiab 14/4, 2 Genu 16/4
Eurasian Griffon Vulture <i>Gyps fulvus</i>	1 Genu 6/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4	3 Golestan NP 25/4		
Eurasian Black Vulture <i>Aegyptius monachus</i>		1 Gaz/Sirik 16/4	3 Maranjab Desert 10/4	
Short-toed Eagle <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1 en route 12/4	1 AlmeH 24/4, 2 Parvar 27/4
Greater Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila clanga</i>			1 juv. <i>fulvescens</i> Maranjab Desert 10/4	
Lesser Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila pomarina</i>	1 Tangerang and 2 along the road 15/4	2 along the road south of Kaspiska havet 24/4		
Booted Eagle <i>Hieraetus pennata</i>		1 south of Minudasht and 2 along the road 26/4	1 en route across Elburz 20/4	2 Golestan NP 24/4
Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 along the road 18/4, 2 south of Parvar 19/4, 4 Parvar 19/4, 1 south of Parvar 20/4	1 Elburz 23/4, 3 Golestan NP 25/4, 4 along the road 26/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 2 east of Parvar 28/4, 2 south of Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 29/4, 2 (varav 1 pā bo) Parvar 30/4	4 Touran 21/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 2 Saranza 24/4	2 Sade Lar and 1 along the road 22/4, 6 Golestan NP 24/4, 2 along the road and 3 Abr 25/4, 7 individuals 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 28/4, 3 Saranza 29/4
Bonelli's Eagle <i>Aquila fasciata</i>		2 Elburz 23/4 probably this species		2 Genu 16/4, one nest AlmeH 24/4
Steppe Eagle <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	2 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 along the road 15/4, 2 Biyarjomand 16/4, 8 Touran 17/4, 2 along the road 18/4, 2 Parvar 19/4	2 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 en route 18/4, 1 en route across Elburz 20/4, 10 north Bastam 20/4	2 Tiab 14/4, 3 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 along the road 25/4
Eastern Imperial Eagle <i>Aquila heliaca</i>	2 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 inds. along the road 15/4		3 north Bastam 20/4	1 Tiab 14/4
Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1 Bandar Torkaman 13/4, 1 Touran 17/4	3 Miankaleh and 2 along the road 24/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4, 2 along the road 30/4	1 Maranjab caravanserai and 1 en route 10/4, 1 en route 12/4, 4 Miankaleh 19/4, 4 Ashura Deh 19/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Parvar 23/4	1 Dez 19/4, 6 Miankaleh 23/4, 5 Golestan NP 24/4, 4 AlmeH 24/4, 6 individuals 25/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 1 Parvar 28/4
Shikra <i>Accipiter badius</i>	2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 1– 2 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 8/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 6 Touran 17/4	5 Minab 15/4, 1 Minab 16/4, 2 Tangerang 25/4, 2 south of Minudasht 26/4, 1 Touran 27/4		1 along the road and 1 Minab 13/4, 1 Minab 14/4, 2 along the road 15/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 16/4, 3 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4

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Western Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1 Qeshm 8/4, 2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 25 Miankaleh 13/4	1 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 20 Miankaleh 24/4, 20 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 25 Miankaleh 19/4, 2 Ashura Deh 19/4	3 Tiab 14/4, 1 Golshar Shore 16/4, 1 Hara 17/4, 1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 1 along the road 22/4, 51 Miankaleh 23/4, 26 migrating NO Ashura Deh 23/4
Hen Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1 Miankaleh 19/4	
Pallid Harrier <i>Circus macrourus</i>	1 male Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 juv. Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 female Touran 16/4, 1 juv. Touran 17/4		1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4	
Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus pygargus</i>	1 female Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 juv. Miankaleh 13/4, 1 male Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 male Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 female Touran 17/4, 1 female Biyarjomand 18/4	1 Karim 20/4	2 Miankaleh 19/4	1 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Unidentified Pallid/ Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus macrourus/ pygargus</i>		1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4		
Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	2 south of Miankaleh 13/4, 11 along the road 15/4	1 Karkhe 20/4, 390 southeast of Sari 23/4, 15 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 along the road and 1 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4	1 Minab 13/4, 5 migrating E Miankaleh 23/4, 1 along the road 25/4
White-tailed Eagle <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	2 Miankaleh 13/4			
Common Buzzard (Steppe Buzzard) <i>Buteo buteo</i>	a total of 171 inds.: 3 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 5 Damavand – Neka 12/4, 1 Miankaleh and 1 along the road 13/4, 1 Tangerang 14/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 8 along the road + 5 inds. 15/4, 15 inds. 16/4, 35 Touran 17/4, 25 Touran 18/4, 6 Biyarjomand and 10 along the road 18/4, 5 south of Parvar 19/4, 40 Parvar 19/4, 3 south of Parvar and 5 along the road 20/4	1 Genu 17/4, 9 Elburz 23/4, 1 Miankaleh and 2 along the road 24/4, 4 Golestan NP 25/4, 3 south of Minudasht 26/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 4 Touran 27/4, 4 inds. 28/4, 2 inds. 29/4	1 en route and 8 Abr 20/4, 2 Touran 21/4, 1 en route 22/4, 1 en route 24/4	1 Dez 19/4, 1 along the road 22/4, 5 Golestan NP 24/4, 4 along the road and 3 Abr 25/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4, 15 individuals 27/4, 1 south of Parvar 28/4, 2 individuals 29/4
Long-legged Buzzard <i>Buteo rufinus</i>	1 Genu 6/4, 1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Damavand 12/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 1 south of Parvar 20/4	2 Genu 17/4, 3 Damavand 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 south of Minudasht 26/4, 1 along the road 27/4, 1 west of Bastam 28/4, 1 south of Parvar 29/4	5 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 en route 12/4, 1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 en route 20/4, 1 en route and 1 east Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4	1 Genu 16/4, 1 along the road 19/4, 1 Sade Lar 22/4, 1 Polur 22/4, 9 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 along the road 25/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 5 individuals 27/4, 1 south of Parvar 28/4, 4 individuals 29/4
Little Owl <i>Athene noctua</i>	3 Maranjab Desert 10/4	1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 2 Touran 27/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 en route and 1 Choga Zanbil 15/4	2 Choga Zanbil 19/4
Spotted Little Owl <i>Athene brama</i>		1 Gaz/Sirik 16/4		2 Minab 13/4, 1 Minab 14/4, 1 along the road 15/4
European Scops Owl <i>Otus scops</i>	1 heard Bastam 15–16/4	1 west of Neka 23–24/4, 2–3 Bastam 26–28/4, copulation recorded	1 west Neka 18–19/4, 1 Bastam 20/4, 3 Bastam 21/4; heard only	1 Badeleh 22/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4, 1–2 hotel in Minudasht 23–25/4, 2 Bastam 26–27/4
Brown Fish Owl		1 ad. + 1 chick Gaz/Sirik		

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<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>		16/4		
Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i>	at least 2 begging juv. Bastam 15/4	1–2 juv. heard Bastam 26–28/4	1 ad. calling Bastam 20 and 21/4	3 Bastam 26/4
Eurasian Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i>	3 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 25 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 along the road 15/4, 4 Biyarjomand 16/4, 4 Touran 16/4, 1 along the road 18/4, 4 Parvar 19/4	1 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 1 Karim 20/4, 1 along the road 23/4, common Miankaleh 24/4, 1 along the road and 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Touran and 2 along the road 27/4, 4 Chshme Ali 28/4, 1 along the road and 3 east of Parvar 28/4, 3 Parvar 29/4, 4 Parvar 30/4	total 27 recorded during 10 days	1 Sade Lar 22/4, 15 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 along the road and 2 Golestan NP 24/4, 3 along the road 25/4, 2 along the road and 2 east of Parvar 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 2 Saranza 29/4
European Roller <i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1 along the road 15/4, 2 along the road 16/4, 1 Biyarjomand 18/4	1 Qeshm 18/4, 15 north of Ahwaz 20/4, 12 north of Ahwaz 21/4, 1 along the road 24/4, 7 along the road 28/4, 1 Parvar 29/4, 2 along the road 30/4	1 en route the area north of Ahwaz 15/4, 1 en route the area north of Ahwaz 16/4	1 Genu 16/4, 30 individuals 19/4, 20 individuals 20/4, 1 along the road 22/4, 9 along the road and 2 Golestan NP 24/4, 17 along the road 25/4, 3 along the road 26/4, 5 along the road and 2 Parvar 27/4, 5 along the road 28/4, 7 along the road 29/4
Indian Roller <i>Coracias benghalens</i>	4 inds. 6/4, 25 inds. 7/4, 4 Qeshm 8/4, 2 Qeshm 9/4	rather common Minab 15–16/4, 1 along the road 17/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 19/4		4 Minab 13/4, 12 Minab 14/4, 4 Chelo 14/4, 2 Gaz and 11 along the road 15/4, 1 along the road Qeshm 17/4, 2 along the road Qeshm 18/4, 1 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4
White-throated Kingfisher <i>Halcyon smyrmensis</i>	1 Minab 7/4	5 Minab 15/4, 10 Minab 16/4, 1 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 20 inds. north of Ahwaz 20/4, 5 inds. north of Ahwaz 21/4	4 Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 Dez/ Choga Zanbil and 4 en route 15/4, 2 en route 16/4	2 Minab 13/4, 5 Minab 14/4, 3 Chelo 14/4, 5 along the road and 2 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Common Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4	3 Hara 18/4, 1 Karim 20/4, 2 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 southeast of Amir Abbas 24/4	2 Bamdej 16/4, 2 Miankaleh 19/4	3 Tiab 14/4, 1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4
Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		6 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 25 north of Ahwaz 20/4, 10 north of Ahwaz 21/4	8 Sade Shavar 15/4, 1 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 12 Bamdej 16/4	7 southern Bamdej 19/4, 2 Sade Shavar 19/4, rather common 20/4
Little Green Bee-eater <i>Merops orientalis beludschicus</i>	2 + 2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, rather common 7/4, 12 Qeshm 8/4, 4 Qeshm 9/4	small numbers Minab 15–16/4, small numbers Bandar Abbas and Qeshm 18–19/4		small numbers Minab 13/4, 4 Minab 14/4, 2 Chelo 14/4, 8 Gaz 15/4, 3 Mishi 15/4,
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater <i>Merops persicus</i>		1 Minab 15/4, 2 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 1 Qeshm 19/4, common north of Ahwaz 20–21/4	common (including over 100 on wires near Choga Zanbil) the area north Ahwaz 15/4, rather common the area north Ahwaz 16/4	12 southern Bamdej 19/4, 8 Sade Shavar 19/4, 67 Dez and Choga Zanbil 19/4, rather common 20/4, 7 Ashura Deh 23/4
European Bee-eater <i>Merops apiaster</i>	1 Genu 6/4, 1 north of Minab 7/4, 2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 10 Fin 10/4, 1 Touran 16/4	2 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 1 Qeshm 18/4, common—rather common north of Ahwaz 20–21/4, rather common south of the Caspian 24/4, 4 along the road and 50 Bastam 27/4, 16 + 3 east of Parvar 28/4, 4 along the road and 2 times heard Parvar 29/4, 22 along the road 30/4	1 Passergad 12/4, 1 Nagshe Rustam 12/4, 2 Shiraz Bothanical Garden 13/4, 2 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, 13 Bamdej 16/4, 40 Miankaleh 19/4, 25 Bastam 20/4, 7 Touran 21/4, 6 en route 22/4, 1 en route 24/4	50 Genu 16/4, 7 Qeshm 17/4, 5 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 4 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 20 Miankaleh 23/4, 11 Biyarjomand 26/4, 3 Semnan and 3 along the road 29/4
Eurasian Wryneck	1 Touran 17/4, 1		1 Maranjab caravanserai	1 Karkheh Koor 20/4

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<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Biyarjomand 18/4, 1 south of Parvar 19/4		10/4	
Sind Pied Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos assimilis</i>		1 male Minab 16/4		2 ad. feeding chicks in nest Minab 14/4
Syrian Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		6 Saad Abad 22/4, 1 Damavand 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4		
Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1 Golestan NP 14/4			1 + 2 near nest Golestan NP 24/4
Black Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus martius</i>				1 Golestan NP 24/4
European Green Woodpecker <i>Picus viridis</i>	1 Tangerah 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4	2 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 south of Minudasht 26/4		
Lesser Kestrel <i>Falco naumanni</i>	a total of 218 inds.: 4 Miankaleh 13/4, 6 south of Miankaleh 13/4, 106 roosting Bandar Torkaman 13/4, 15 along the road 15/4, 32 Biyarjomand – Klian Khodi and 10 along the road 16/4, 9 Touran 17/4, 8 + 10 along the road 18/4, 18 Semnan 20/4	50 Bandar Torkaman 24/4, 3 Semnan 29/4, 2 Semnan 30/4	110 Bandar Torkaman 19/4, 5 en route 20/4, 6 Touran 21/4	3 Miankaleh 23/4, 250 Bandar Torkaman 23/4, 1 2cy male Khar Touran 26/4
Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	a total of 218 inds.: 4 Miankaleh 13/4, 6 south of Miankaleh 13/4, 106 roosting Bandar Torkaman 13/4, 15 along the road 15/4, 32 Biyarjomand – Klian Khodi and 10 along the road 16/4, 9 Touran 17/4, 8 + 10 along the road 18/4, 18 Semnan 20/4	Rather common, in total 40 inds. Recorded during 12 days, up to 7 inds. 26/4	rather common, cirka 30 recorded during 9 days	1 along the road 15/4, 1 southern Bamdej 19/4, 1 Choga Zanbil 19/4, 3 along the road and 1 Sade Lar 22/4, 10 along the road 23/4, 14 individuals 24/4, 2 individuals 25/4, 15 individuals 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 6 individuals 29/4
Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4			
Eurasian Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1 south of Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 Touran 18/4	1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 south of Minudasht 26/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 1 along the road 27/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4	1 Miankaleh 19/4	1 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4
Saker Falcon <i>Falco cherrug</i>			1 Saranza 24/4	1 along the road Elburz mountains 27/4
Barbary Falcon <i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	1 pair Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Touran 17/4			1 Abr 25/4, 1 Lasem 29/4
Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1 Bandar Abbas 8/4, 1 Esfahan 11/4			1 Teheran 23/4, 4 Golestan Palace 23/4, 1 Teheran 29/4
Alexandrine Parakeet <i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	10 Golestan Palace 21/4	10 Saad Abad, Teheran 22/4		1 Golestan Palace 23/4, 3 Teheran 29/4
Red-backed Shrike <i>Lanius collurio</i>	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4	1 Karim 20/4, 2 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 10 north of Ahwaz 21/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4		1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 12 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 1 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 1 Semnan 29/4
Isabelline Shrike <i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	1 Genu 6/4, 1 Qeshm 8/4, 1 Qeshm 9/4, 2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Touran 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 2 Biyarjomand 18/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	1 Minab 16/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Daheimi 21/4, 3 Touran 27/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 30/4	1 Bamdej 16/4, 1 Abr 20/4, 6 Touran 21/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4	1 Tiab 14/4, 2 southern Bamdej and 2 along the road 19/4, 2 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Turkestan Shrike	2 Genu 6/4, 2 Maranjab	2 Minab 16/4, 2 Genu		2 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 18

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<i>Lanius phoenicurooides</i>	Desert 10/4, 4 Golestan NP 14/4	17/4, 3 Karim 20/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 Parvar 29/4		Almeh 24/4, 1 Abr 25/4, 3 east of Parvar 27/4
Bay-backed Shrike <i>Lanius vittatus</i>	1 Genu 6/4	3 Genu 17/4		8 (4 breeding pairs with juv. or still incubating) Genu 16/4
Lesser Grey Shrike <i>Lanius minor</i>		2 Touran and 2 along the road 27/4		1 along the road 15/4, 2 Almeh 24/4, 1 along the road 27/4
Great Grey Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor</i>				1 along the road 28/4
Arabian Grey Shrike <i>L. e. aucheri</i>	1 along the road and 1 Genu 6/4			2 near nest Genu 16/4
Steppe Grey Shrike <i>L. e. pallidirostris</i>	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 4 Touran 16/4, 6 Touran 17/4, 3 Touran 18/4	2 Touran 27/4	5 Touran 21/4	5 Khar Touran 26/4
Woodchat Shrike <i>Lanius senator</i>				1 Genu 16/4, 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Masked Shrike <i>Lanius nubicus</i>		2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4		1 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Eurasian Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1 Golestan NP 25/4		2 Khar Touran 26/4
Eurasian Magpie <i>Pica pica</i>	3–4 south of Tehran 9/4, common Maranjab Desert 10/4, common 12–13/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, small numbers 15–16/4, common 19/4, small numbers 20/4	1 Genu 17/4, rather common i northeastern Iran, recorded daily 22–30/4	rather common, recorded during 10 days	43 along the road 22/4, rather common 23/4, 5 Almeh 24/4, small numbers 25/4, 1 along the road 26/4, small numbers 27–29/4
Pleske's Ground Jay <i>Podoces pleskei</i>	4 ad. + 3 chicks Touran 16/4, 7 Touran 17/4, 1 Touran 18/4	8 Touran 27/4	4 ad. + 2 pulli Touran 21/4	6 ad. + 2 juv. Khar Touran 26/4
Alpine Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		100 Damavand 23/4, 6 Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 30/4	9 Parvar 22/4, 14 Parvar 23/4	
Red-billed Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	6 Genu 6/4, 75 Damavand 12/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 62 along the road 18/4, 10 south of Parvar 19/4, 40 Parvar 19/4, 10 south of Parvar 20/4	6 Genu 17/4, 20 Damavand 23/4, 1 along the road 26/4, 2 east of Damghan 28/4, 25 Parvar 29/4, 10 Parvar 30/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 5 Izad Khast and 25 en route to Shiraz 12/4, 3 west Sharud 22/4, 2 Parvar 22/4, 2 south Parvar 23/4, 6 Parvar 23/4, 2 Saranza 24/4, 14 Karadagh 24/4	2 Genu 16/4, 35 Damavand 22/4, 2 Farsian 25/4, 19 along the road and 16 Parvar 27/4, 6 south of Parvar 28/4, 5 Parvar 28/4, 5 Saranza 29/4, 4 along the road and 8 Lasem 29/4
House Crow <i>Corvus splendens</i>	small numbers 6/4, singles Bandar Abbas 7/4, 2 Bandar Abbas 8/4, 2 Bandar Abbas 9/4	Bastam: 1 inds. 15/4, 2 inds. 17/4, 7 inds. 18/4, 5 inds. 19/4		5 hotel and 8 hamnen, Bandar Abbas 17/4
Rook <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	5 Tehran 9/4, colony Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 15 Semnan – Tehran 20/4	20 Saad Abad 22/4, rather common north of Teheran 23/4, small numbers 24/4, small numbers along the road 26/4 2 along the road and 3 Teheran 30/4	colonies south Teheran 9/4, 1 Ahwaz 14/4, small numbers 18/4	2 Teheran 18/4, rather common (colony with 146 nests) north of Teheran 22/4 and 29/4
Hooded Crow <i>Corvus comix</i>				
Hooded Crow <i>Corvus comix sharpii</i>	rather common, seen daily 9–21/4	common i northeastern Iran	common, recorded virtually daily	small numbers Teheran 13/4 and 18/4, 51 Teheran and 39 along the road 22/4, rather common 23–24/4, small numbers 25/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, small numbers 27–29/4
Mesopotamian Crow <i>C. c. capellanus</i>		10 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	2 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 en	4 southern Bamdej 19/4, 3 along the road and 18 Choga Zanbil 19/4

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			route north of Ahwaz 16/4	
Brown-necked Raven <i>Corvus ruficollis</i>	1 west of Bandar Abbas 6/4, 4 Qeshm 8/4	small numbers Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 6 Qeshm 18/4		2 along the road and 5 Gaz 15/4, 5 Qeshm 17/4, 9 Qeshm 18/4
Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	8 Golestan NP 14/4, 5 Golestan NP 15/4	1 Damavand 23/4, 1 Tangerah 25/4, 1 along the road 26/4, 1 along the road 27/4, 2 along the road 30/4	4 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 en route 18/4, 2 Abr 20/4, 4 Touran 21/4, 2 en route 24/4	22 Golestan NP 24/4, 5 Abr 25/4
Grey Hypocolius <i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>		10 Shile Sheikh Yaghub 20/4, 4 near Karkhe 20/4, 15 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 4 Choga Zanbil and 4 along the road 21/4	5 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 en route and 1 Choga Zanbil 15/4	5 southern Bamdej 19/4, 20 Dez 19/4, 2 Choga Zanbil 19/4, 1 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Caspian Tit <i>Parus hyrcanus</i>			3 Mulla Deh 23/4.	2 Mulla Deh 28/4
Coal Tit <i>Periparus ater</i>	8 Golestan NP 14/4, 6 Golestan NP 15/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	5 Tangerah 25/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4		1 Golestan NP 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4, 4 Mulla Deh 28/4
Blue Tit <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	5 Tangerah 14/4, 5 Golestan NP 14/4, 15 Golestan NP 15/4, 3 Tangerah 15/4b	small numbers 25–26/4		2 Golestan NP 24/4
Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 7 Tangerah 14/4, 10 Golestan NP 14/4, 10 Golestan NP 15/4, 2 Tangerah 15/4 (around Golestan NP probably intermediate between <i>blanfordi</i> and <i>intermedius</i>), 2 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 2 Bastam 16/4, 2 Parvar 19/4	1 Karkhe 20/4, small numbers Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, rather common Saad Abad 22/4, 1 Elburz 23/4, 1 west of Neka 24/4, 4 Miankaleh 24/4, small numbers 25–26/4, 1 Bastam 28/4, 1 Chshme Ali 28/4, 1 along the road 30/4	5 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Bastam 20/4, 1 Bastam 22/4, 2 en route 24/4	4 Dez 19/4, 2 ad. + chicks Karkheh 19/4, 2 Badeleh 22/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4, 2 Mulla Deh 28/4, 2 Saranza 29/4
Greater Hoopoe Lark <i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>	2 Qeshm 8/4			
Desert Lark <i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	10 Genu 6/4, 1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 1 north of Minab 7/4	small numbers Gaz/Sirik 16/4, rather common Genu 17/4, rather common Touran 27/4, 3 north of Damghan 28/4	4 Touran 21/4	6 Gaz 15/4, 24 Genu 16/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 1 east of Parvar 27/4
Bar-tailed Desert Lark <i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>				4 Khar Touran 26/4
Wood Lark <i>Lullula arborea</i>		10 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Parvar 29/4	2 Abr 20/4, 1 Mulla Deh 23/4	4 AlmeH 24/4
Eurasian Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	15 Damavand 12/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4, rather common Khosh Yeilagh 15/4	2 Damavand 23/4	5 Abr 20/4, rather common Karadagh 24/4	5 Sade Lar 22/4, 6 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 1 AlmeH 24/4, 4 east of Parvar 27/4, numerous Lasem 29/4
Crested Lark <i>Galerida cristata</i>	common, seen nearly daily	common, recorded daily utom 22–24/4	common, recorded during 12 days	rather common, seen nine days
Horned Lark <i>Eremophila alpestris penicillata</i>	15 Damavand 12/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 4 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 south of Parvar 19/4, 17 south of Parvar 20/4	20 Damavand 23/4, 10 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 10 east of Parvar 28/4, 10 south of Parvar 29/4, 1 Parvar 30/4	7 Khosh Yeilagh 20/4, 9 east Parvar 22/4, common south Parvar 23/4, common Karadagh 24/4	6 Sade Lar 22/4, söp27, 20 south of Parvar 28/4, small numbers along the road 29/4, 4 Lasem 29/4
Bimaculated Lark <i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	30 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 8 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 Touran 16/4	5 Golestan NP 25/4		5 Mirza Bailo 24/4
Greater Short-toed Lark <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	150 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4	1 Golestan NP 25/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 en route across Elburz 20/4, 1 Touran 21/4	2 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 7 Khar Touran 26/4
Lesser Short-toed Lark <i>Audala heinei persica</i>	2 Touran 18/4	2 north of Damghan 28/4		
Indian Sand Lark				10 Tiab 14/4

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<i>Calandrella raytal</i>				
Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Klian Khodi 16/4	small numbers north of Ahwaz 20–21/4, small numbers Miankaleh and koloni along the road 24/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4	small numbers Maranjab Desert 10/4, 30 Passergad 12/4, small numbers 15/4	1 Tiab 14/4, 2 Holor 17/4, small numbers 19–20/4, 50 Miankaleh 23/4
Rock Martin <i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 8 Genu 6/4, 5 inds. 7/4, 5 Bandar Abbas 8/4, 2 Esfahan 11/4, 1 Tehran – Damavand 12/4	small numbers Minab 15–16/4, small numbers Gaz/Sirik 16/4, small numbers Genu 17/4, small numbers Qeshm 18/4, small numbers Golestan NP 25/4	6 Touran 21/4	2 Gaz 15/4, 2 ad. + 4 juv. Mishi and 1 along the road 15/4, 24 Genu 16/4, 1 Bandar Abbas 16/4, 1 Holor 17/4, 2 Qeshm 18/4
Eurasian Crag Martin <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	2 Damavand 12/4, 1 along the road 15/4, 5 Biyarjomand 16/4, 2 Touran 17/4, 5 Parvar 19/4, 2 south of Parvar 20/4	1 Holor 18/4, 3 Elburz 23/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 1 along the road 28/4, rather common south of Parvar 29/4, 30 Parvar 29/4, small numbers Parvar 30/4	2 en route 9/4, 3 Hableh Rood 18/4, 3 east Parvar 22/4, 15 Parvar 22/4, 5 Parvar 23/4	3 Emamzadeh Hashem 22/4, 2 AlmeH 24/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 3 along the road and 8 Parvar 27/4, 12 south of Parvar 28/4, 10 Saranza 29/4
Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	rather common, small numbers seen nearly daily, up to 50 Biyarjomand 16/4	common, recorded virtually daily	rather common, recorded during 13 days	rather common, small numbers seen nearly daily; although 400 along the road 22/4
Common House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i>	5 Biyarjomand 16/4, 5 Parvar 19/4	rather common along the road 23/4, 12 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 along the road 26/4, 2 south of Parvar 29/4, 10 Parvar 30/4	small numbers 9/4, small numbers 15/4, 10 Hableh Rood 18/4, common Saranza 24/4	80 along the road 22/4, common Ashura Deh 23/4, 1 Saranza 29/4
Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica</i>	10 Genu 6/4	20 Genu 17/4, 1 Karim 20/4	1 Shiraz Botanical Garden 13/4, 3 en route and 1 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	10 Genu 16/4, 7 Dez 19/4
Cetti's Warbler <i>Cettia cetti</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4			
Scrub Warbler <i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>	2 Genu 6/4, 2 Touran 18/4	2 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 10 Genu 17/4	4 Touran 21/4	4 Gaz 15/4, 11 Genu 16/4, 9 Khar Touran 26/4
Long-tailed Tit <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Miankaleh 13/4, 5 Golestan NP 14/4, 4 Golestan NP 15/4, 2 Parvar 19/4	3 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 south of Minudasht 26/4	2 west Neka 18/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 2 Mulla Deh 23/4	8 (including nest building) Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Mulla Deh 28/4
Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4	8 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 south of Minudasht 26/4, 3 Parvar 30/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4	1 along the road 27/4
Willow Warbler <i>P. t. acredula</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4	1 Hara 18/4, 1 Karim 20/4, 10 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 3 north of Damghan 28/4, 3 east of Parvar 28/4	2 Touran 21/4	1 Sade Shavar 19/4, 4 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 17 Miankaleh 23/4, 2 AlmeH 24/4, 1 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 25 Khar Touran 26/4, 3 Bastam 27/4, 1 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 south of Parvar 28/4, 3 Mulla Deh 28/4
Willow Warbler <i>P. t. yakutensis</i>	1 along the road 7/4, 1 Golestan NP 15/4	1 Touran 27/4	1 Touran 21/4	1 Miankaleh 23/4
Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 15/4		4 Maranjab Desert 10/4	
Common Chiffchaff <i>P. c. abietinus</i>	1 Parvar 19/4	3 Miankaleh 24/4, 3 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 1 Parvar 30/4	4 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4, 1 Abr 20/4, 3 Mulla Deh 23/4	1 Golestan NP 24/4, 8 Abr 25/4, 2 Semnan 28/4, 13 Mulla Deh 28/4, 2 Semnan 29/4
Siberian Chiffchaff <i>P. c. tristis</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 6 Golestan NP 15/4, 2 Touran 16/4	1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 Parvar 29/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 singing Esfahan 11/4, 2 Miankaleh 19/4	1 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4

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Plain Leaf Warbler <i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 3 south of Parvar 19/4, 4 Parvar 19/4, 6 south of Parvar 20/4	5 south of Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 29/4, 4 Parvar 30/4	4 south Parvar 23/4	2 east of Parvar 27/4, 15 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 28/4, 2 Saranza 29/4
Wood Warbler <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 6 Khar Touran 26/4
Green Warbler <i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	4 Golestan NP 15/4, 4 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 8 Biyarjomand 16/4, 11 Touran 16/4, 2 Touran 17/4, 10 Biyarjomand 18/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	15 Miankaleh 24/4, 5 Golestan NP 25/4, 3 along the road and 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 5 Touran 27/4	1 Touran 21/4	1 Miankaleh 23/4, 10 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4, 11 Bastam 27/4, 1 Semnan 28/4, 1 Mulla Deh 28/4, 1 Semnan 29/4
Basra Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus griseldis</i>				1 singing Mazrae Seh 20April
Great Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4		1 Hafiz grave, Shiraz 13/4, 1 Touran 21/4	1 Sade Shavar 19/4
Clamorous Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	25 Qeshm 8/4	8 Hara 18/4, 1 Karim 20/4		2 Tiab 14/4, 1 Mishi 15/4, 3 Holor 17/4, 19 Hara 17/4, 1 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, 2 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 5 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Sedge Warbler <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			1 Bamdej 16/4	
Blyth's Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>				1 singing in hotel garden Minudasht 25/4
European Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		1 Karim 20/4	2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 4 Bamdej 16/4	
European Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus</i>				1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 6 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler <i>Iduna pallida</i>	1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 2 north of Minab 7/4	10 Minab 16/4, numerous Karkhe 20/4, common north of Ahwaz 21/4, 1 Minudasht 26/4, 2 Chshme Ali 28/4	1 hotel and 4 Shiraz Botanical Garden 13/4, 2 Hafiz grave, Shiraz 13/4, common 15/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4, 1 Touran 21/4	2 Karun/Ahwaz 18/4, 1 Sade Shavar 19/4, 21 Dez 19/4, 3 Bastam 27/4, 2 Semnan 29/4
Syke's Warbler <i>Iduna rama</i>	6 Biyarjomand 16/4	2 Minab 16/4		1 Gaz 15/4, 1 singing Karkheh Koor 20/4
Upcher's Warbler <i>Hippolais languida</i>		2 Genu 17/4		8 Genu 16/4, 3 Khar Touran 26/4
Icterine Warbler <i>Hippolais icterina</i>				1 Golestan NP 24/4
Zitting Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			1 Bamdej 16/4	
Delicate Prinia <i>Prinia lepida</i>	3 Bandar Abbas 6/4, 3 Qeshm 8/4, 4 Qeshm 9/4	small numbers Bandar Abbas 15/4, small numbers Minab 16/4, 3 Qeshm 19/4, common north of Ahwaz 20–21/4	common Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, common Bamdej 16/4	2 Minab 13/4, small numbers Minab 14/4, 16 Tiab 14/4, 1 Gaz 15/4, 1 Cinema Darya 18/4, small numbers 19–20/4
Eurasian Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 15/4	1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, small numbers Golestan NP 25/4, 3 south of Minudasht 26/4	3 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	2 Sade Shavar 19/4, 1 Minudasht 25/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 4 Mulla Deh 28/4
Garden Warbler <i>Sylvia borin</i>				1 Semnan 29/4
Barred Warbler <i>Sylvia nisoria</i>		2 Genu 17/4		1 Sade Shavar 19/4, 1 Almeh 24/4
Lesser Whitethroat <i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1 Tangerah 14/4, 3 Parvar 19/4, 1 Genu 6/4, 2 along the road 7/4	2 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 south of Parvar 29/4, 13 Parvar 29/4, 10 Parvar 30/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4	3 Bastam 20/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 2 Parvar 23/4, 1 Saranza 24/4, 1 en route across Elburz 20/4	1 Almeh 24/4, 3 Abr 25/4, 3 Mulla Deh 28/4, 1 Sade Shavar 19/4
Asian Desert Warbler	1 Touran 16/4	6 Touran 27/4	1 Touran 21/4	

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<i>Sylvia nana</i>				
Common Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i>	6 Golestan NP 14/4	1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Miankaleh 24/4, common Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers south of Minudasht 26/4, 1 Karkhe 20/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	1 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 en route across Elburz 20/4, 1 Parvar 23/4	1 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 34 Almesh 24/4, 1 Abr 25/4, 1 Parvar 28/4, 1 Mulla Deh 28/4, 1 Semnan 29/4
Eastern Orphee Warbler <i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>	6 Golestan NP 14/4	2 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Parvar 29/4, 1 Parvar 30/4	2 Abr 20/4, 2 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Mulla Deh 23/4	12 Almesh 24/4, 1 Farsian 25/4, 1 Abr 25/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 2 Parvar 28/4
Menetries's Warbler <i>Sylvia mystacea</i>	2 Genu 6/4, 1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 15 Miankaleh 13/4, 3 Touran 16/4	2 Minab 16/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 20 Miankaleh 24/4, 2 Touran 27/4	13 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4	1 Sade Shavar 19/4, 8 Dez 19/4, 9 Miankaleh 23/4
Iraq Babbler <i>Argya altiostris</i>		25 ad. + 2 juv. Karim 20/4, 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghib 20/4	12 Sade Shavar 15/4, 25 Bamdej 16/4	5 ad. + 3 juv. Sade Shavar 19/4, 7 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 5 Karkheh Koor 20/4
Afghan Babbler <i>Argya huttoni</i>	5 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 2 north of Minab 7/4	8 Minab 15/4, rather common Minab and Gaz/Sirik 16/4, small numbers Genu 17/4, 4 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 4 along the road and 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghib 20/4, 4 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	common Dez and Choga Zanbil 15/4	7 Minab 14/4, 5 Tiab 14/4, 9 Gaz 15/4, 4 Mishi 15/4, 10 Genu 16/4, rather common 19 and 20/4,
Winter Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Tangerang 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 15/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	small numbers Tangerang 25/4, small numbers Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers south of Minudasht 26/4, small numbers Parvar 29–30/4	1 Maranjab caravanserai 10/4	2 Golestan NP 24/4
Eurasian Nuthatch <i>Sitta europaea rubiginosa</i>	5 Tangerang 14/4, 4 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 Golestan NP 15/4	rather common Tangerang and Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers south of Minudasht 26/4		2 near nest Golestan NP 24/4
Eastern Rock Nuthatch <i>Sitta tephronota</i>	5 Genu 6/4	20 Genu 17/4		15 Genu 16/4
Western Rock-Nuthatch <i>Sitta neumayer</i>	4 Damavand 12/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 1 south of Parvar 19/4, 3 Parvar 19/4, 3 south of Parvar 20/4	3 Damavand 23/4, bo east of Parvar 28/4, 3 south of Parvar 29/4, 1 Parvar 30/4	2 east Parvar 22/4, 2 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Saranza 24/4	1 along the road 22/4, 1 Abr 25/4/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 1 east of Parvar 27/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 md29, 6 Saranza 29/4
Wallcreeper <i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		3 Parvar 29/4; detaljerade närobsar!		
Treecreeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i>		2 Golestan NP 25/4		
Common Mynah <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	2 Tehran 21/4 (introduced)	2 Sirik 17/4 [3 Saad Abad, Teheran 22/4 är cage birds]	2 Shiraz Bothanical Garden 13/4, 1 Semnan 22/4; escapes	1 Bandar Abbas 17/4, 4 Golestan Palace 21/4 (not indigenous)
Rose-coloured Starling <i>Sturnus roseus</i>		65 Golestan NP 25/4, 10 + 40 along the road Bastam–Touran 27/4		10 Mirza Bailo 24/4
Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	2 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 15 Bastam 16/4, 3 Bastam 18/4, 5 Tehran 21/4	rather common i northeastern Iran, recorded virtually daily 22–30/4, inklusive ett häckande par Saad Abad 22/4	2 Esfahan 11/4, 20 en route 12/4, 3 en route 18/4, 40 en route 19/4, 6 Bastam 20/4, 6 Bastam 22/4, 1 en route 23/4, 3 en route 24/4	4 Golestan Palace 21/4, 8 along the road 22/4, 15 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 1 Bastam 25/4, 2 Bastam 27/4, 50 along the road 27/4
Eurasian Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	2 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 8 Golestan NP 14/4, 5 Golestan NP 15/4, 2 Bastam 16/4, 1 Touran 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4	3 Shile Sheikh Yaghib 20/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 4 Saad Abad 22/4, 1 north ofa Elburz 23/4, small numbers 25/4, small	1 Shiraz Bothanical Garden 13/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 15/4, 2 Abr 20/4, 3 Mulla Deh 23/4, 2 en route 24/4; probably <i>syriacus</i>	6 Karkheh 19/4, 1 Golestan NP 24/4, 3 Abr 25/4, 3 Mulla Deh 28/4

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		numbers south of Minudasht 26/4, 1 along the road 30/4		
Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>		1 Tangerang 25/4		1 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 Mulla Deh 28/4
Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4		1 Parvar 22/4, 2 Mulla Deh 23/4	2 Abr 25/4, 3 Mulla Deh 28/4
Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin <i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>		8 Minab 16/4, common north of Ahwaz 20/4, common Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	20 Sade Shavar and Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 2 Bamdej 16/4	2 Tiab 14/4, 3 (including feeding) Gaz 15/4, 1 Mishi 15/4, 2 southern Bamdej 19/4, 2 Sade Shavar 19/4, 11 Dez 19/4, 20 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 5 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 1 Semnan 29/4
Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1 Minab 16/4, 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 1 Karkhe 20/4, 2 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 3 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 south of Minudasht 26/4, 3 Touran 27/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4, 2 Chshme Ali 28/4, 2 Parvar 30/4		11 Khar Touran 26/4, 4 Semnan 28/4, 1 Saranza 29/4
European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	2 Tangerang 14/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4	small numbers Tangerang 25/4, small numbers Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers south of Minudasht 26/4, small numbers Parvar 29–30/4		1 Golestan NP 24/4
Bluethroat <i>Luscinia svecica</i>	1 Touran 17/4	1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4	1 male Maranjab Desert 10/4	
Common Nightingale <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Golestan NP 14/4, 3 Golestan NP 15/4, 1 Biyarjomand 18/4, 1 Parvar 19/4, 1 along the road 20/4; both <i>africana</i> and <i>hafizi</i> were probably involved	rather common Shile Sheikh Yaghob and Karkhe 20/4, rather common Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 west of Neka 23–24/4, rather common Miankaleh 24/4, small numbers 25–26/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4	2 Persepolis 12/4, 2 Shiraz Botanical Garden 13/4, 2 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 en route 23/4	7 Dez 19/4, 1 Badeleh 22/4, 10 Miankaleh 23/4, common Alme 24/4, 2 Minudasht 25/4, 1 Bastam and 1 along the road 27/4,
White-throated Robin <i>Irania gutturalis</i>	4 south of Parvar 20/4	1 east of Parvar 28/4, 13 south of Parvar 29/4, 10 Parvar 29/4, 8 Parvar 30/4	2 Abr 20/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4	2 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 6 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 15 south of Parvar 28/4, 2 Parvar 28/4
Semi-collard Flycatcher <i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	a total of 23 inds.: 5 (3 males + 2 females) Tangerang 14/4, 6 males Golestan NP 14/4, 3 males Golestan NP 15/4, 9 (6 males + 3 females) Tangerang 15/4			1 singing Golestan NP 24/4
Red-breasted Flycatcher <i>Ficedula parva</i>	a total of 205 inds.: 13 Miankaleh 13/4, 33 Tangerang 14/4, 38 Golestan NP 14/4, 20 Golestan NP 15/4, 15 Tangerang 15/4, 15 Biyarjomand and Klian Khodi 16/4, 15 Touran 16/4, 6 Touran 17/4, 50 Biyarjomand 18/4	40 Miankaleh 24/4, numerous Golestan NP 25/4, common south of Minudasht 26/4, 2 along the road and 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 20 Touran 27/4, 1 along the road and 1 Parvar 29/4	1 Miankaleh 19/4, 15 Ashura Deh 19/4, 30 Touran 21/4	2 Badeleh 22/4, 30 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Ashura Deh 23/4, 1 Alme 24/4, 7 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 10 Minudasht 25/4, 1 Gonbad 25/4, 20 Khar Touran 26/4, 5 Bastam 27/4
Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	30 Damavand 12/4, 2 south of Parvar 19/4, 8 Parvar 19/4, 9 south of Parvar 20/4	1 Minab 16/4, rather common Damavand 23/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4, 1	1 Parvar 22/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Parvar 23/4	1 along the road and 5 Sade Lar 22/4, 1 Polur 22/4, 3 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 28/4, 2

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		Chshme Ali 28/4, 4 south of Parvar 29/4, 1 Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 30/4		Saranza 29/4
Common Redstart <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Miankaleh 13/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4	1 Minab 16/4, 1 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Semnan 24/4	1 Abr 25/4
Common Redstart <i>P. p. phoenicurus</i>	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 3 Golestan NP 15/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 Touran 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 6 Biyarjomand 18/4	1Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Choga Zanbil 21/4, 5 Golestan NP 25/4, 7 Touran 27/4, 5 Chshme Ali 28/4, 1 south of Parvar 29/4, 6 Parvar 29/4, 6 Parvar 30/4	4 Maranjab caravanseraai 10/4, 1 Hableh Rood 18/4, 1 Touran 21/4, 2 east Parvar 22/4, 3 south Parvar 23/4, 3 Mulla Deh 23/4	1 Karkheh 19/4, 1 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 1 Polur 22/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4, 13 Almeheh 24/4, 2 Khar Touran 26/4, 2 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 2 Parvar 28/4, 5 Mulla Deh 28/4, 2 Semnan 29/4, 5 Saranza 29/4
Common Redstart <i>P. p. samamiscus</i>	1 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Tangerah 15/4		1 singing Abr 20/4	
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush <i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	1 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 1 Damavand 12/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 south of Parvar 19/4, 3 south of Parvar 20/4	2 Minab 16/4, 3 Damavand 23/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 8 east of Parvar 28/4, 10 south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, 4 Parvar 30/4	1 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 20/4, 1 Abr 20/4, 5 east Parvar 22/4, 5 south Parvar 23/4, 2 Karadagh 24/4	2 Genu 16/4, 3 Sade Lar 22/4, 4 Almeheh 24/4, 7 east of Parvar 27/4, 8 Parvar and 2 along the road 27/4, 13 south of Parvar 28/4, 3 Parvar 28/4, 1 along the road and 2 Saranza 29/4
Blue Rock Thrush <i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2 Damavand 12/4	2 Genu 17/4, 2 Damavand 23/4, 1 Parvar 29/4		1 Genu 16/4, 3 Saranza 29/4
Whinchat <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 4 north of Ahwaz 20/4, 1 along the road 24/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Chshme Ali 28/4, 1 Parvar 29/4, 1 along the road 39/4		1 Karkheh 19/4, 1 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4, 6 Lasem 29/4
Unidentified Stonechat <i>Saxicola rubetra/maurus</i>	1 along the road 15/4			
Siberian Stonechat <i>Saxicola maurus</i>		1 Golestan NP 25/4		
Siberian Stonechat <i>Saxicola maurus variegatus</i>			2 Abr 20/4, 1 Mulla Deh 23/4	5 Almeheh 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4
Pied Stonechat <i>Saxicola caprata</i>	1 male Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 male Klian Khodi 16/4	5 Minab 15/4, 10 Minab 16/4		3 Minab 14/4, 5 ad. + 3 juv. Tiab 14/4
Isabelline Wheatear <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 3 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 5 Touran 16/4, 6 Touran 17/4, 2 Touran 18/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	1 Minab 16/4, 1 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 3 Golestan NP 25/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 2 Touran 27/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4, 5 east of Parvar 28/4, 4 south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, 3 south of Parvar 30/4	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 8 Passergad 12/4, 1 en route 18/4, 1 north Bastam 20/4, 5 Touran 21/4, 10 22/4, 3 south Parvar 23/4	1 Tiab 14/4, 26 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 Abr 25/4, 20 east of Parvar 27/4, 5 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Saranza and 2 along the road 29/4
Northern Wheatear <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	2 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 5 Damavand 12/4, 5 Miankaleh 13/4, 7 Golestan NP 14/4, 10 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 15 Touran 16/4, 10 Touran 17/4, 15 Touran 18/4, 4 Parvar 19/4, 2 south of Parvar 20/4	1 Karim 20/4, rather common Damavand 23/4, rather common northeastern Iran, recorded daily 25–30/4	10 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 en route 12/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 7 20/4, 2 Touran 21/4, 6 22/4, 6 south Parvar 23/4, common Karadagh 24/4	1 Karkheh 19/4, 1 Emamzadeh Hashem 22/4, 3 Sade Lar 22/4, 3 Abr 25/4, 20 east of Parvar 27/4, 7 south of Parvar 28/4, small numbers along the road and 44 Lasem 29/4
Pied Wheatear <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	totally 25 inds.: 7 (including one male <i>vittata</i>) Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 5 along the road	4 Genu 17/4, 1 Hara 18/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 2 Damavand 23/4, 2 Golestan NP 25/4, 3	2 en route across Elburz 20/4, 2 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Parvar 23/4, 5 en route 24/4	1 Genu 16/4, 4 Almeheh 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4, 7 (including one "clean" pair) along the road 27/4, 2 Parvar 28/4, 1

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	and 2 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 2 along the road and 1 Touran 16/4, 2 Touran 17/4, 2 Touran 18/4, 1 Parvar 19/4, 1 south of Parvar 20/4	along the road and 6 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 2 Touran 27/4, 2 along the road and 3 north of Damghan 28/4, 7 south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, 1 south of Parvar 30/4, 1 Parvar 30/4		Mulla Deh 28/4, 4 (including one male in pair hybrid female) along the road 29/4
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear <i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 Parvar 19/4, 2 south of Parvar 20/4	1 Genu 17/4, 2 east of Parvar 28/4, 2 Parvar 29/4, 1 along the road 30/4	2 en route across Elburz 20/4, 4 Parvar and 2 en route 22/4, 1 Parvar 23/4	1 female (in pair with <i>pleschanka</i> male) Almeh 24/4, 1 Farsian and 1 along the road 25/4, 1 along the road and 1 Parvar 27/4, 1 female (in pair with hybrid male) along the road 29/4
Desert Wheatear <i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	6 Touran 16/4, 5 Touran 17/4, 1 Touran 18/4	2 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 15 Touran 27/4, 2 east of Parvar 28/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Touran 21/4, 1 en route 22/4	7 Khar Touran 26/4
Finsch's Wheatear <i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4	1 Golestan NP 25/4, 2 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 3 north of Damghan 28/4, 1 east of Parvar 28/4, 1 south of Parvar 30/4	2 Abr 20/4	1 male along the road 27/4 (one very similar to Finsch's male along the road 25/4)
Red-tailed Wheatear <i>Oenanthe chrysopygia</i>	1 Tehran – Damavand 12/4, 2 Damavand 12/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 2 south of Parvar 19/4, 3 Parvar 19/4, 4 south of Parvar 20/4	4 Damavand 23/4, 1 Touran 27/4, 2 east of Parvar 28/4, 2 south of Parvar 29/4, 2 Parvar 29/4, 1 south of Parvar 30/4	2 nesting south Parvar 23/4, 2 Saranza 24/4, 1 Karadagh 24/4	1 Sade Lar 22/4, 2 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 along the road and 5 Saranza 29/4
Eastern Pied Wheatear <i>Oenanthe picata</i>	2 pairs + 2 inds. Genu 6/4, 2 Touran 17/4	3 Genu 17/4, 1 Touran 27/4	2 (a pair) Touran 21/4	1 male + 1 female Genu 16/4, 2 (one breeding pair) Khar Touran 26/4
Hume's Wheatear <i>Oenanthe alboniger</i>	3 ad. + 1 recently fledged juv. Genu 6/4, 1 Touran 16/4, 1 Touran 17/4	15 Genu 17/4		2 ad. + 2 juv. Gaz 15/4, 15 Genu 16/4
White-eared Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	2 Bandar Abbas 6/4, rather common Genu 6/4, common 7/4, 5 Qeshm 8/4, 3 Qeshm 9/4	common in the south, observed daily 15–19/4; moreover common—rather common runt Ahwaz 20–21/4 [small numbers Saad Abad, Teheran 22/4 cage birds]	2 Shiraz Botanical Garden 13/4, 1 Karun/Ahwaz 14/4, common the area north Ahwaz 15/4	rather common in southern and southwestern Iran, seen daily 13–20/4, particularly common along Hormuz strait
Purple Sunbird <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>	rather common 6/4, numerous 7/4, small numbers Qeshm 8/4, 4 Qeshm 9/4	rather common i south of 15–17/4		common Minab 13/4, common Minab 14/4, numerous Tiab 14/4, rather common Gaz and Mishi 15/4, 10 Genu 16/4, rather common Seydam 17/4
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	common, seen daily; <i>persicus</i> (in the south) and <i>hyrcanus</i>	common, recorded daily	common, recorded daily	common, seen daily; <i>biblicus</i> in western Iran, <i>hyrcanus</i> north of Elburz mountains and elsewhere <i>persicus</i>
Spanish Sparrow <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	40 Maranjab Desert 10/4, some thousand Miankaleh and along the road 13/4	4 south of Bandar Torkaman 24/4	200 Sade Shavar and Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4, 50 Miankaleh 19/4	10 Miankaleh 23/4, 5 Khar Touran 26/4
Dead Sea Sparrow <i>Passer moabiticus mesopotamicus</i>		1 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 15 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	many nests, no birds Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4 (where we saw them 2004)	8 individuals (including nest building) and thirty nests Dez 19/4, ten nests (any birds?) Karkheh 19/4
Eurasian Tree Sparrow <i>Passer montanus</i>	6 Miankaleh 13/4, rather common Tangerah 14/4, 5 Golestan NP 14/4,	small numbers Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers along the road 26/4,	1 Semnan and 15 en route 23/4	2 Minudasht 24/4, 8 Minudasht 25/4

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	rather common Bastam 15/4, 2 Parvar 19/4, 5 Semnan 20/4 (around Golestan NP probably intermediate intergrading into <i>dilutus</i>)	common Damghan 28/4, singles along the road and small numbers Semnan 28/4, 2 along the road and small numbers Parvar 29/4, small numbers along the road 30/4		
Yellow-throated Sparrow <i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	15 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4	rather common Minab 15–16/4, rather common Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, small numbers Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	20 Dez/ Choga Zanbil 15/4	10 Minab 13/4, common Minab and Tiab 14/4, rather common Gaz and Mishi 15/4
Rock Sparrow <i>Petronia petronia</i>	15 Damavand 12/4, 40 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 south of Parvar 19/4, 1 Parvar 19/4, 1 south of Parvar 20/4	8 Damavand 23/4, 22 + 3 + 1 east of Parvar 28/4, 4 south of Parvar 29/4	1 en route near Damavand 18/4, 8 east Parvar 22/4, 7 south Parvar 23/4, 5 Saranza 24/4, 7 Karadagh 24/4	1 Emamzadeh Hashem 22/4, 2 Polur 22/4, 8 AlmeH 24/4, 2 east of Parvar 27/4, 10 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Lasem 29/4
Pale Rockfinch <i>Carpospiza brachydactyla</i>	1 Touran 18/4	2 Touran 27/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4	50 Touran 21/4	122 Khar Touran 26/4
White-winged Snowfich <i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>	9 south of Parvar 20/4	15 Elburz 23/4, 8 south of Parvar 29/4	7 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Karadagh 24/4	20 south of Parvar 28/4, 4 along the road and 12 Lasem 29/4
Indian Silverbill <i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	14 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 6 north of Minab 7/4	8 Minab 15/4		8 Minab 14/4, 15 Tiab 14/4, 3 Gaz 15/4, 1 Genu 16/4
Radde's Accentor <i>Prunella ocularis</i>	1 south of Parvar 20/4			
Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	8 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Miankaleh 13/4, 2 Touran 17/4, 1 Touran 18/4	6 Holor 18/4, 2 Qeshm 19/4, common north of Ahwaz 20/4, small numbers Daheimi 21/4, small numbers Miankaleh 24/4, 3 Touran 27/4, rather common Karim 20/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 Bamdej 16/4, 2 Miankaleh 19/4	10 Karkheh 19/4, 100 Miankaleh 23/4, 13 Khar Touran 26/4
Yellow Wagtail <i>M. f. beema</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4			140 Karkheh 19/4
Yellow Wagtail <i>M. f. feldegg</i>		2 Golestan NP 25/4	4 Bamdej 16/4	1 Karkheh 19/4, 4 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 3 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4
Yellow Wagtail <i>M. f. lutea</i>	1 Touran 18/4	1 Karim 20/4		7 Karkheh 19/4
Yellow Wagtail <i>M. f. thunbergi</i>		3 Karim 20/4	1 Sade Shavar 15/4	
Citrine Wagtail <i>Motacilla citreola</i>	12 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4, 1 Touran 17/4, 2 Touran 18/4	1 Karim 20/4	2 Maranjab caravanserai 10/4	1–2 Lasem 29/4
Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 4 Parvar 19/4	1 Elburz 23/4, 2 south of Minudasht 26/4, 2 Parvar 29/4	1 Touran 21/4, 4 Parvar 22/4, 2 Parvar 23/4, 1 Saranza and 1 en route 24/4	3 Polur 22/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4, 3 near Mulla Deh 28/4, 2 Saranza 29/4
White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i>	Rather common Miankaleh and Bandar Turkaman 13/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 2 Touran 17/4, 5 inds. 18/4	1 Teheran 15/4, 1 Karun/Ahwaz 19/4, 1 along the road 30/4	1 en route 18/4, 1 en route 20/4, small numbers 24/4	5 along the road 22/4, 2 Miankaleh 23/4
White Wagtail <i>M. a. alba</i>	7 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 5 Miankaleh 13/4, 1 Bandar Torkaman 13/4	small numbers Elburz 23/4, 8 Miankaleh 24/4, 1 along the road 26/4, 4 Miankaleh 24/4, 6 Bandar Torkaman 24/4	2 Teheran 9/4, 10 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Esfahan 11/4, 2 Izad Khast 12/4, 1 Shush 15/4, 10 Miankaleh 19/4, 2 west Neka 19/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4	5 along the road 22/4, 1 Ashura Deh 23/4

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White Wagtail <i>M. a. personata</i>	2 Tangerang 14/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 3 Tangerang 15/4, 1 Biyarjomand 16/4, 1 along the road 18/4	rather common in northeast, recorded daily up to 6 inds. 24–30/4	1 west Neka 19/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 1 Touran 21/4, 1 en route 22/4, 1 en route 23/4, 1 Semnan 24/4	2 Golestan Palace 21/4, 1 Teheran 22/4, 2 Bandar Torkaman 23/4, 5 Ashura Deh 23/4, 8 along the road and 2 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 7 along the road and 1 Bastam 25/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4, 5 along the road 27/4, 1 along the road 28/4, 7 individuals 29/4
Tawny Pipit <i>Anthus campestris</i>	3 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 2 Golestan NP 14/4, 3 Khosh Yeilagh 15/4	1 Damavand 23/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 5 Khosh Yeilagh 26/4, 1 north of Damghan 28/4	3 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 19/4, 4 Abr 20/4, 1 south Parvar 23/4	1 AlmeH 24/4, 1 along the road 29/4
Tree Pipit <i>Anthus trivialis</i>	6 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Miankaleh 13/4		15 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Hableh Rood 18/4	1 Lasem 29/4
Meadow Pipit <i>Anthus pratensis</i>			1 Maranjab Desert 10/4	2 Bandar Abbas 13/4, 6 Lasem 29/4
Red-throated Pipit <i>Anthus cervinus</i>	5 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4	10 Karim 20/4, 8 Daheimi 21/4, 6 Touran 27/4	1 Sade Shavar 15/4, 2 Bamdej 16/4	1 Holor 17/4, 3 Sade Shavar 19/4, 19 Mazrae Seh 20/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4, 1 Khar Touran 26/4
Water Pipit <i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				1 Mazrae Seh 20/4
Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	common Tangerang 14/4, common Golestan NP 14–15/4, small numbers Parvar 19/4	small numbers Elburz 23/4, small numbers 25–26/4, small numbers Parvar 29/4	4 Mulla Deh 23/4	3 AlmeH 24/4, 2 Abr 25/4, 3 Mulla Deh 28/4
White-winged Grosbeak <i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>	1 south of Parvar 19/4	(probably heard twice Parvar 30/4)		
Hawfinch <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	8 Tangerang 14/4, 4 Golestan NP 14/4		1 Hableh Rood 18/4	
Crimson-winged Finch <i>Rhodopechys sanguinea</i>		2 east of Parvar 28/4, 1 south of Parvar 30/4	2 Touran 21/4, 2 Lasem 24/4	c. 10 flying by south of Parvar 28/4 probably this species, 2 east of Parvar 27/4
Common Rosefinch <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	1 Miankaleh 13/4, 7 Tangerang 14/4, 5 Golestan NP 15/4, 4 Touran 17/4, 1 Parvar 19/4	13 Tangerang 25/4, 60 Golestan NP 25/4, 5 south of Minudasht 26/4, 5 Touran 27/4, 2 north of Damghan 28/4, 10 ChshmeH Ali 28/4, 5 Parvar 30/4	11 Touran 21/4	55 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 6 along the road 25/4, 5 Khar Touran 26/4, 1 along the road and 1 Parvar 27/4, 2 Parvar 28/4
European Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	2 Tangerang 14/4		2 Touran 21/4	
Desert Finch <i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>	1 Touran 17/4		5 Touran 21/4	2 Biyarjomand 26/4, 3 Khar Touran 26/4
Common Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	25 Damavand 12/4, small numbers Golestan NP 14/4, enstaka Kliian Khodi 16/4, 6 along the road 18/4, 2 south of Parvar 19/4, 10 south of Parvar 20/4	small numbers recorded de flesta days i northeastern Iran 23–30/4	2 en route 18/4, 1 Ashura Deh 19/4, 2 en route 20/4, 1 Parvar 22/4, 1 Parvar 23/4, 2 Karadagh 24/4	2 Emamzadeh Hashem 22/4, 1 Miankaleh 23/4, 34 Golestan NP 24/4, 1 Farsian 25/4, 5 along the road 27/4, 4 Saranza 29/4, 20 Lasem 29/4
European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2 Parvar 19/4, 5 south of Parvar 20/4		1 en route across Elburz 20/4, 1 Parvar 22/4	6 Mirza Bailo 24/4, 2 along the road 25/4
European Goldfinch <i>C. c. parapanisi</i>		3–4 ChshmeH Ali 28/4, 3 south of Parvar 29/4, 1 Parvar 29/4; tillhör rasgruppen <i>caniceps</i> , utan svart på huvudet, som ibland föreslås som egen art	15 south Parvar 23/4, 1 Karadagh 24/4; according to <i>Birds of the Western Palearctic</i> occurring only east of Gorgan, although our observations indicate that is wrong	1 Farsian 25/4, 8 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4
Red-fronted Serin <i>Serinus pusillus</i>	12 Damavand 12/4, 8 Golestan NP 14/4, 10	30 Damavand 23/4, 12 east of Parvar 28/4,	6 east Parvar 22/4, 6 Parvar 22/4, 2 south	11 AlmeH 24/4, 1 along the road and 1 east of

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	south of Parvar 19/4, 40 Parvar 19/4, 15 south of Parvar 20/4	rather common south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, small numbers Parvar 30/4	Parvar 23/4, 3 Parvar 23/4	Parvar 27/4, 15 south of Parvar 28/4, 5 Parvar 28/4, 15 south of Parvar and 15 along the road 29/4
European Serin <i>Serinus serinus</i>				1 Ashura Deh 23/4 – very few records in Iran
Corn Bunting <i>Emberiza calandra buturlini</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 15 Miankaleh 13/4, 30 along the road southeast of the Caspian 15/4	3 along the road north of Ahwaz 20/4, 10 along the road north of Ahwaz 21/4, rather common 24/4, small numbers Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers along the road 26/4	1 Passergad 12/4, 2 Sade Shavar 15/4, 5 en route to Choga Zanbil 15/4, 2 en route west of Sade Shavar 16/4, 3 Miankaleh 19/4	1 southern Bamdej 19/4, 1 Mazrae Seh and 3 along the road 20/4, 21 Golestan NP 24/4
Rock Bunting <i>Emberiza cia</i>	10 Damavand 12/4, 12 Golestan NP 14/4, 2 along the road 15/4, 10 south of Parvar 19/4, 60 Parvar 19/4, 2 south of Parvar 20/4	15 Damavand 23/4, 5 Golestan NP 25/4, small numbers along the road 26/4, 5 east of Parvar 28/4, small numbers south of Parvar and Parvar 29/4, small numbers Parvar 30/4	10 en route across Elburz 20/4, 5 east Parvar 22/4, 10 Parvar 22/4, 4 Parvar 23/4, 2 Mulla Deh 23/4, 1 Karadagh 24/4	5 AlmeH 24/4, 3 Farsian 25/4, 8 Abr 25/4, 3 east of Parvar 27/4, 1 Parvar 27/4, 7 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 Parvar 28/4
Ortolan Bunting <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 1 Touran 17/4	2 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 3 Shile Sheikh Yaghob 20/4, 1 Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4, 1 Golestan NP 25/4, 8 Touran 27/4, 3 east of Parvar 28/4, 4 south of Parvar 29/4	6 en route across Elburz 20/4, 1 east Parvar 22/4	1 Karkheh Koor 20/4, 1 Abr 25/4, 1 Khar Touran and 2 along the road 26/4
Grey-necked Bunting <i>Emberiza buchanani</i>		5 Gaz/Sirik 16/4, 4 Parvar 29/4	3 south Parvar 23/4	1 east of Parvar 27/4, 7 south of Parvar 28/4, 1 along the road and 2 Saranza 29/4
Striolated Bunting <i>Emberiza striolata</i>	1 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4	common Genu 17/4		
Red-headed Bunting <i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>		20 Golestan NP 25/4		1 singing Golestan NP 24/4
Black-headed Bunting <i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	16 Bagh Muhammed Ali 7/4, 300 north of Minab 7/4	50 Minab 15/4, small numbers Minab and Gaz/Sirik 16/4, small numbers Genu 17/4, rather common north of Ahwaz 20/4, small numbers Dez/Choga Zanbil 21/4	1 Maranjab Desert 10/4, 40 Sade Shavar 15/4	2 Tiab 14/4, 48 along the road 15/4, 22 Genu 16/4, 1 Karkheh 19/4
Total Bird Species	238	264	192	278

4. Discussion

During the 2003–2007 trips, a lot of Scandinavian amateur ornithologists have experienced that the Iranian birdlife has exceptional qualities. The results were produced through cooperation of Iranian ornithologists and to some extent through the experience we have gained ourselves. Similarly, Jalving & Vos (2000), van der Have *et al.* (2002), Zekhuis & Ghasemi (2009) and Khaleghizadeh *et al.* (2011) published results of their cooperative works on autumn migrants, wintering migrants, resident, and rare birds respectively, through close cooperation of foreign and Iranian ornithologists. More close

cooperations can increase our current knowledge on Iranian birds.

I have had the opportunity to observe several exceptional, rare or little known birds in the Middle East, including Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*, breeding Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*, Sind Pied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos assimilis*, Grey Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus*, Iraq Babbler *Turdoides altiostris*, Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*, Plain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus neglectus*, Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*, Caspian Tit *Parus hyrcanus* and Mesopotamian Crow *Corvus corone capellanus* – as well as the star bird of each trip: Iranian Ground Jay *Podoces pleskei*. Still more bird-watching

activities even in April can be added to the list as Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* was firstly observed on 25 April 2009 (Cheraghi & Tohidifar 2010).

Some of my interesting records were previously incorporated in a recent work on rare birds during the 1980–2010 (Khaleghizadeh *et al.* 2011). High proportion of unpublished records in Khaleghizadeh's *et al.* (2011) work indicates that in the past, many interesting rare bird records have being lost because they have never published.

The more I have studied the avifauna of Iran, the more I have understood the very close affinity with the birdlife of Europe and the Western Palearctic, and thus have proposed that Iran is best treated as part of the Western Palearctic (Ullman 2009). It seems that the present situation (Iran outside WP) is probably simply an effect of lack of information.

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