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**EMIRATES BIRD REPORT No.21**

**SYSTEMATIC LIST March 2001 – September 2002 (with some reports from Oct 2002)**

**LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

2001

**Wimpey Pits:** max. 44 on 4 Mar (DAD), 88 on 17 Apr (CR), 63 on 4 May, 58 on 25 May, 101 on 31 May, 85 on 7 Jun (DAD), 109 on 14 Jun (CR), 148 on 15 Jun (PB), 98 on 28 Jun (TG), 80+ present all month July with peak of 95 counted 27 Jul (CR). 156 on 30 Jul (SLJ), 50+ on 15 Aug (DAD), 60+ reported 16 & 24 Sep (CR), 110 on 4 Oct, 150+ on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 60 on 20 Oct, 80 on 26 Oct (AMc), 60 on 30 Oct (CR), c.52 on 2 Nov (DAD), c.90 on 4 Nov (CR). Up to 60 reported most visits Dec.

**Qurrayah pools:** one 27 Mar & 26 Apr (TG).

**Sharjah tip:** up to three March, and 3 – 10 Apr, two 30 May, 9 ads. 3 juvs. 25 Jun, 25 on 24 Aug, 27 on 13 Sep, 48 on 28 Sep, two 26 Oct, 17 on 9 Nov, five 17 Nov (DAD).

**Mubazzara dam:** five 11 Apr (TG).

**Al Ain pump stn:** two 10 Apr (TG).

**Emirates Golf Course:** two imms. 15 Jul, one 2 Oct (CR).

**Wadi Shih:** three all visits, 15 Jun, 23 Aug and 25 Oct (DAD).

Singles Ghantut Polo Club and Emirates Hills.

2002

**Wimpey pits:** 92 on 10 Jan (DAD), 71 on 19 Jan (RF), otherwise at least 60 present throughout month, 85 on 2 Feb (CR), 97 on 8 Feb (DAD), 50 from 10 – 16 Feb (AA), 80 on 24 Feb (AT), 34 on 28 Feb (DAD), 60+ on 8 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), 71 on 15 Mar, 48 on 19 Apr (DAD), 35 on 5 May (CR), including four chicks 2 May (TP), 64 inc. many juvs. 6 Jun (DAD), 70+ on 26 Jun (TG); 214 with 3 ads. on nests 18 Jul, 276 on 15 Aug (DAD), 259 on 22 Aug, 382 on 12 Sep (CR), 445 on 17 Sep (SLJ), 160 on 30 Sep, 195 on 11 Oct (DAD), 370 on 14 Oct (CR).

**Wadi Shih:** five 14 Feb, five, inc. pair + juv. 14 Mar (DAD), three 16 Mar (PB), 30 on 22 Mar (TP), two 12 Apr (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 14 Feb, two juvs. 10 May (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** three 20 Feb, up to two 1 – 11 Mar, three 23 Mar (DAD).

In January less than five each Zabeel fish ponds, Emirates Golf Course, Mubazzara lake. Singles at Emirates Hills 30 Aug and Zabeel fish ponds 31 Aug

**BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps nigricollis*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 63 on 4 Mar (DAD), 35 on 10 Mar, 37 on 19 Mar, 21 on 29 Mar, 27 on 30 Mar (CR, PB), eight 5 Apr (MD, TPaa), 5+ on 12 Apr (PB), two 17 Apr (CR), latest spring report. Three adults 27 Jul (CR), one 6 Sep (PB), two from 12 Sep (TG, PB), one 24 - 27 Sep (CR, PB), four 4 Oct increasing to six 13 - 18 Oct (CR, GK, DAD), two 20 Oct, three 26 Oct (AMc), four from 2 Nov (DAD), up to 18 from 21 - 29 Nov (PB, CR, DAD), present all December, max. 33 on 27 Dec (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** one 6 Mar, four 20 Mar, one 3 Apr (DAD). 'Up to two' present in December.

**Qurrayah pools:** one in breeding plumage 26 Apr (TG), one 15 - 17 Jun (DAD, PH), one 30 Nov (PB), present to year end.

**Emirates Hills golf course:** one 17 & 18 Sep (CR), up to six from 1 Nov to month end (CR, AT), 17 there 23 Nov (CR), max. 18 from 16 - 20 Dec (TG), up to 27 from 22 - 29 Dec (CR, TG).

**Ghantut Polo Club:** one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 9 Nov (CR).

**Al Ghar (Al Wathba) lake:** nine 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Emirates golf course:** one 26 Oct (AMc), present to year end.

**Safa Park:** two 28 Nov (DS), present to year end.

2002

**Wimpey pits:** max. 59 on 6 Jan, 66 on 23 Jan, 54 on 29 Jan (CR, TG), 74 on 8 Feb (DAD), 78 on 22 Feb (CR), 54 on 28 Feb (DAD), 37 on 8 Mar (CR), but 110 reported 8 Mar (TP), 34 on 15 Mar (DAD),

70 on 22 Mar (TP, CR/*Limosa*), one 12 Apr (RF), up to four 18 – 19 Apr (DAD), two 25 Apr (PH), one 6 Jun, three 14 Jun - 18 Jul (DAD), six 22 Aug (CR), two 23 & 30 Aug (DAD), three 12 Sep (CR), eight 17 Sep (SLJ), 14 on 11 Oct (DAD), 28 on 19 Oct (DS), 31 on 14 Oct (CR).

**Emirates Hills:** max. of 11 there 5 – 15 Jan (CR), otherwise five or less to month end. At least two throughout Feb., with three 1 Feb, four 23 Feb (CR), one 7 Mar (CR, TP), one 29 Sep (CR).

**Emirates Golf Club:** one 20 Oct (DS).

**Sharjah tip:** three 7 Jan (DAD).

**Al Ghar lake:** 77 on 15 Jan (ERWDA).

**Fujairah port beach:** one 13 Sep (DAD).

**Sandy Beach Motel:** one 20 Sep (TP, PB).

#### **SOOTY SHEARWATER** *Puffinus griseus*

2001

**Umm Shaif oil field** (near Das Is): one passing 16 Apr (TG), 5th record.???

2002

**Kalba beach:** one 12 Apr (JV), the 5th record.???

**Ra's Dibba:** two 10 May (DAD), the 5th & 6th records.

#### **PERSIAN SHEARWATER** *Puffinus persicus*

2001

**Fujairah port beach:** one close to harbour wall 13 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), two 7 Nov (CR/*Birdquest*), one 30 Nov (TG).

**Dibba bay/Ra's Dibba:** five 22 Jul (CR), four 30 Nov (PB).

**Off Sandy Beach Motel, Al Aqqah:** one 28 Sep (CR).

**Kalba beach:** three 22 Nov (DAD).

2002

**North of Fujairah Port:** 'a few' c.1 km offshore 2 Feb (PCo).

**Kalba beach:** five 12 Apr (JV).

**Fujairah port beach:** 25 on 17 Sep (SLJ).

**Ra's Dibba:** Ra's Dibba: 140 on 10 May (DAD), one 19 May (TP). 50 on 20 Sep (TP, PB), one 4 Oct (DAD), 30 on 28 Oct (TP, BH)..

#### **SHEARWATER** *sp*

2001

**North of Fujeirah port:** one all-dark small shearwater flying north 2 Feb, 'possible Jouanin's Petrel' (PCo).

#### **RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD** *Phaethon aethereus*

2001

**Umm Shaif oil field** (near Das Is): one 16 Apr (TG).

#### **BROWN BOOBY** *Sula leucogaster*

2001

**Fujeirah beach:** one 26 Apr (PH). **Jumeirah beach:** one juv. 27 Apr (PB), 6th & 7th records

2002

**Fujeirah port beach:** one adult 12 Apr (DAD), the 8th record.

#### **GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

2001

**Zabeel fish ponds:** Max. 30 on 17 Mar (CR *et al*), otherwise in March less than five Khor Kalba, Al Jazeerah Khor, Dreamland beach, Fujairah beach, Khor Dubai, Emirates golf course, Safa Park & Ghantut. Unusual late spring & summer records were three 1 May (CR), five 5 Jul, four 17 - 21 Jul (CR). First in autumn, four 23 Sep (CR), three 8 & 15 Oct (CR, TP, Ntrk). Max. 127 on 20 Dec (CR).

**Off Abu Dhabi:** 10+ on 4 Apr (MD, TPa), was noteworthy so late in spring.

**Khor Dubai:** One 4 Apr (CR), was latest In autumn, max. numbers 110 on 23 Nov (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 2 & 12 Apr (PB, DAD)  
**Zabeel Palace:** one 21 Jul (CR), unusual in summer.  
**Emirates golf course:** one 3 Nov (CR), earliest winter record.  
**Al Jazeera Khor:** Max. numbers 50 on 16 Dec, 150 on 18 Dec (PBr).  
**Al Wathba camel track:** oddly one there from 28 Dec (DS).

2002

**Zabeel fish ponds:** Max. numbers 172 on 2 Jan (CR). Three 26 May (CR), latest spring record.  
**Khor Dubai:** 90 on 9 Jan, 36 at other times (CR). Fewer than previous winters, with up to 12 together 1 - 27 Feb (CR), 57 on 6 Mar, nine remaining 25 Mar (CR) and one 1 May (CR).  
**Al Jazeera Khor:** 30 on 10 Jan (CR), 53 on 11 Jan (PBr).  
**Khor Kalba:** 14 on 11 Jan (DAD), six on 20 Mar (JP).  
**Dhayah:** 30 on 22 Jan (AT).  
**Nakheel and Khor Ras al Khaimah:** up to 150 from 12 - 26 Jan (PBr).  
**Safa Park:** Max 25 flying north 6 Mar (DAD).  
**Wimpey pits:** one 12, 18 & 19 Apr (RF, DAD), presumably passage birds.  
**Al Mamzar Park:** one 13 May (DAD), very late.  
**Ra's Dibba:** one 19 May (TP), unusually late.

#### **SOCOTRA CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*

2001

**Fujairah beach:** one 12 Mar, three 13 Mar (CR *et al*).  
**Kalba beach:** one 13 Mar.  
**Jumeirah beach:** 27 on 15 Mar (DAD), up to five 5 - 30 Apr (PB, DAD), 45 flying NE 24 May (DAD), up to 5 from Le Royal Meridien hotel on distant rock 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 13 on 28 Dec (DAD). Otherwise one or two passing Dubai coast regularly  
**Dreamland beach:** c.50 on 15 Mar (CR *et al*).  
**Umm al Quwain breakwater beach:** eight 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), 39 on 23 Apr (CR), 500 on 4 Oct (DAD), five 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 18 Oct (TP), 250 on 25 Oct (DAD), c.2000 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq), 4,000 on 26 Nov (CR), 20 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).  
**Ras Dibba:** three 20 Apr (PB, DAD). South Ras Dibba: 38 on 15 Jun (DAD).  
**Arzanah Is.:** 57+ from 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).  
**Al Jazeera Khor:** 6,500 lounging on sand bar 5 May (CR), two 18 Oct (TP), 20+ on 26 Oct (PB).  
**Khor Dubai:** one imm. opposite ski club 14 Jun (CR), one juv. 13 Jul (CR).  
**Dubai Offshore Sailing Club:** 12 on breakwater 28 Aug (DAD).  
**Hassah (south of Jebel Ali):** one 21 Sep (CR).  
**Off Sandy Beach Motel:** seven 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Al Sharm beach:** 1120 on 22 Nov (DAD).  
**Khor al Beida:** 160 on 3 Dec (AT).  
**Sharjah beach:** 1500 foraging offshore 17 Dec (CT).

2002

**Eastern Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** 45 on 10 Jan (AT).  
**Al Jazeera Khor:** 113 on 10 Jan (CR).  
**Dreamland beach:** 350 on 14 Jan (CR).  
**Umm al Quwain breakwater:** 20 on 11 Feb (AA), 14 on 14 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), 35 on 7 Jun (TG).  
**Dibba beach:** 500 on 13 Feb (AA).  
**Fujairah Hilton:** 15+ on 14 Feb (DAD), eight on 15 Feb (TG).  
**Jumeirah beach:** five 12 Mar (DAD), two 17 Jul (DAD).  
**Fujairah beach:** six 12 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), 23 on 14 Mar (DAD).  
**Fujairah port beach:** 60 on 12 Apr (DAD).  
**Futaisi Island:** two 6 Jul (PH). max. reported,  
**Ra's Dibba:** 45 on 13 Sep (DAD), 400 on 20 Sep (TP, PB), 110 on 4 Oct (DAD). Other reports of up to 10 birds.  
**Al Mamzar Park:** one 3 Oct (DAD).

In May, less than 15 reported Fujairah Port beach, Kalba corniche, Al Mamzar Park, Al Rifaa (Umm al Qaiwain) and Khor al Beida. Up to five regular flying off coasts throughout year.

**LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus*

2001

**Emirates Golf Course:** one 19 Apr (PB), one 5 - 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one male 17 May (PB), one 10 Nov (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** one 24 - 27 Apr (TG), one male 11 May (TG), one 19 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 3 - 6 May (DAD), two 4 May (DB), one imm. 12 Sep (TG).

**Sharjah Women's College:** one 14 May (PB).

2002

**Ramtha tip:** one 10 Apr (DAD).

**Das Island:** one 20 Apr (MW).

**Emirates Golf Course:** one 3 May (AMcL) and 16 May (CR).

**Wimpey Pits:** one 6 Jun - 16 Jul (DAD, JADC), one 12 Sep (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 4 Oct (DAD).

**NIGHT HERON** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one imm. 9 Mar - 12 Apr (CR, DAD), up to four each visit 1 - 24 Jul (CR), five 13 Sep, two 15 Sep, one 22 - 27 Sep (CR, PB), two 8 Oct, one 16 Oct, four 28 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 30 on 17 Mar (CR,/DF *Limosa*), seven 5 Jul, three 17 Jul (CR). two 8 Oct, three 15 Oct (CR, TP, Ntrk), 15 on 23 Sep (CR), max. seven 20 Dec (CR).

**Safa Park:** up to two 12 - 14 Apr (DAD), one 3 - 6 May (DAD), 2+ on 28 Sep (PB), one 4 Oct (PB), up to two 6 - 11 & 28 Oct (GK, TG, DAD), four 19 Oct (TP), up to eight 8 - 18 Nov (DAD, PB), three 28 Nov (DS), up to seven 7 - 28 Dec (DAD, TG).

**AD Health & fitness club;** one 29 Apr (AT), two 5 Oct (TG).

**Western Lagoon, AD:** one adult 20 May (AT).

**Khor Kalba:** five 15 Jun (DAD).

**Khalidiyah:** one 5 Sep (AT).

**Al Mamzar Park:** one 6 Sep (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** two 20 Sep (DAD), one 12 & 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Ramtha tip:** one 23 Sep (TG).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Sep (CR), one 18 Oct (TP).

**Mushref Palace Gdns:** one 14 - 19 Oct (TG, AT, KS).

**Maqta bridge, AD:** three 21 Nov (TG), six 14 Dec (TG).

Ones and twos reported Jebel Ali village, Mushref Palace Gds. and Emirates golf course throughout November.

2002

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 10 on 2 Jan (CR), four imms. 26 May (CR), nine 31 Aug (CR).

**Safa Park:** up to three 3 - 11 Feb (DAD), up to three 6 - 13 Mar (DAD), one 24 Mar, six 30 Mar (TG), five 15 Mar, six 29 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), up to four 7 - 29 Apr (DAD, AMc), three imms. 2 & 20 May (CR, DAD), two 30 May (DAD), two 10 Oct (DAD).

**Mushref Palace Gardens area:** one 25 Feb (SLJ), one 14 - 21 Mar (AT, TG).

**Das Island:** one 28 Apr (MW).

**Al Mamzar Park:** one 5 Sep (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** two 27 Sep (DAD), five 11 Oct (DAD).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 7 Oct (AT).

**LITTLE GREEN HERON** *Butorides striatus*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one most visits, with up to two 9 - 23 Mar (CR), one 23 & 30 Mar (PB), three on 12 Apr (CR), two 10 May (PB) then at least one present to 12 Jun (CR *et al*), one imm. 15 Jul

(CR), one 20 & 31 Aug (DAD), one 14, 15 & 25 Sep, two 27 Sep (TG, CR), two 2 Oct (CR), three 26 Oct (AMc).

**Jebel Ali sailing club:** one 9 Mar (DAD).

**Kalba mangroves:** one 20 Apr (PB), one 1 Jun (PB), five on 15 Jun (TG), two 13 Jul (CR), three 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Umm al Quwain breakwater:** one 23 Apr (CR)

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 11 May & 15 Jun (PH).

**Wimpey pits:** one reported 1 Jun (JM).

**Western Lagoon:** one 17 Jun (AT).

**Khor Dubai:** one 28 Jun (CR).

**Khor al Beida:** one 6 Jul (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 21 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 17 Aug, three 30 Aug, one 20 - 28 Sep (DAD, TG).

**Jumeirah beach (DOSC):** one 28 Aug (DAD).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 10 Sep (AT).

**Emirates Hills:** one 18 Sep (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** one 20 Sep (CR), one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Ghantut polo club:** one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Jebel Ali Hotel harbour:** two 17 Oct (TP).

Ones and twos also reported Al Sharm beach, Maqta and Al Jazeerah Khor and Al Mamzar park.  
2002

**Emirates golf course:** one throughout Jan-Feb, up to two 1 - 21 Mar (CR, TP).

**Safa Park:** one throughout Jan, two 24 Mar (JP).

**Al Mamzar Park:** one throughout Feb, one 15 Apr (JV).

**Jebel Ali village:** one 5 May (CR).

**Ra's Dibba:** one 'Feb', one 10 May (DAD).

**Khor Kalba:** one throughout Feb, one 19 May (TP), 25 were seen 18 Jul (TG).

**Khor al Beida:** one 28 May (CR), 40 on mudflats 7 Jun (TG), largest congregation reported.

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one throughout Jan, three 31 Aug (CR).

**Abu Dhabi Intercontinental Hotel breakwater:** one 18 Sep (TG), only report.

Singles Emirates Hills most visits.

#### **SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 24 & 30 Mar (CR), three 5 Apr (PB), one 13 & 18 Apr (TG, CR), two 26 Apr (TG), one 4 May (DAD, GK).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Mar (CR), one 13 Sep (SLJ), one 15 - 22 Nov (DAD), one 30 Dec (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** one adult 13 Jul (CR).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 4 - 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP, PB, AMc, RF).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 22 - 30 Nov (AT).

2002

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** three 9 Mar (TP) [but see *Ardeola* sp.], one 11 - 22 Mar (CR/*Limosa*, DAD, PB, TP), one 12 Apr (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 17 May (CR, RF), one 26/27 Sep (RF).

**Wimpey Pits:** one 15 Aug (DAD).

#### **INDIAN POND HERON** *Ardeola grayii*

**Khor Kalba:** max. three 13 Mar (CR) and four on 16 Mar (PB), one 20 Apr (PB). Two 13 Sep (SLJ), three 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 16 Oct (TP), up to five 6 - 22 Nov (CR/*Birdquest*, DAD), one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** one 15 Sep (CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 18 Oct (TP), three 30 Nov (PB) [Some confusion with *ralloides*], one 16 - 30 Dec (DAD, CR).

**Fujairah Port ditch:** one 2 Dec (PH, SJA).

2002

**Zabeel Palace grounds:** two immatures 2 Jan (CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one still present 11 Jan (AW), since 16 December, two 13 Feb (AA).

**Khor Kalba:** up to five 11/12 Feb (TG, AA), four 12 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), two 20 Mar (JP).

*Ardeola sp.*

2001

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 25 Oct (DAD), one 16 Dec (DAD).

2002

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one still present 11 Jan (AW), since 16 Dec'01, possibly same bird still present 11 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

**Sharjah tip:** one 1 - 11 Mar (DAD).

**CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis*

2001

**Sharjah tip:** up to 14 from 6 - 20 Mar, then 50 from 26 - 27 Mar (DAD), up to three 2 & 30 May (DAD), 15 on 10 Apr (DAD), three 13 Sep (DAD), one 17 Nov (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** eight on 15 Mar (PB), up to 11 from 19 - 30 Mar (DAD), 17 on 5 Apr (PB), three 4 May, three 9 May (JM), four 10 May, two 14 May (DAD), eight 25 May, up to 11 on 31 May - 6 Jun (DAD), up to 16 from 14 - 15 Jun (PB), with up to 30 from 21 - 28 Jun (DAD, CR *et al*), including five in breeding condition i.e. red bare parts, from 27 Jun, (CR) - but still no other evidence of breeding; four 22 Jun (PB), one 26 Jun and eight 28 Jun (CR), 38 on 11 Jul, with 25+ present all month and 31 there 25 Jul (CR), five on 27 Jul (CR), 12 on 15 & 20 Aug (DAD, PB), 21 on 12 Sep (TG), 17 on 21 Sep (DS), 37 on 28 Sep (CR). Wimpey pits: four 5 Oct (GK), seven 18 Oct (TP), 75 on 12 Oct (DAD). Wimpey pits: 36 on 2 Nov (DAD), 44 on 10 Nov (AMc), 62 on 19 Nov (CR), 37 on 21 Nov, 56 on 29 Nov (PB).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** five 14 Mar, seven 28 Mar (CR), three 7 - 22 Nov (CR/Bq, DAD), with four there 15 Nov (PB).

**Dubai pivots:** 13 on 4 Apr (DAD), eight on 5 Apr (PB), 10 on 17 Apr (CR), five 27 Apr (TG) and one 30 Apr (CR), 21 on 30 Jul (SLJ), up to 47 from 15 - 21 Aug (DAD, PB), 52 on 7 Sep, 58 on 13 Sep (DAD), up to 66 from 16 - 24 Sep (CR), 69 on 27 Sep (DAD), 52 on 28 Sep (AMc), 40 on 4 Oct (CR), 74 on 11 Oct (PB), 63 on 12 Oct (DAD), 24 going to roost on 12 Oct (CR), c.50 on 13 Oct (AMc), 64 on 15 Oct (CR), 51 on 18 Oct (PB), 43 on 26 Oct (AMc), 20+ on 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk), up to 50 from 2 - 25 Nov (PB, DAD, CR), up to 47 from 1 Dec (CR, DAD, PB, DS), with 58 there 13 - 18 Dec (CR, PB) and 63 on 27 Dec (DAD).

**Safa Park:** one 12 Apr (DAD). Safa Park: one 25 Aug (DAD).

**Das Is:** one 16 Apr (TG).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness club:** one 16 Aug (AT), one 13 & 18 Sep (AT, TG). AD Health & Fitness club: 19 on 16 Oct (TG), 10 on 17 Oct (TP).

**Abu Dhabi Eastern Lagoon roost:** four 30 Aug, 11 on 31 Aug (PH), 22+ on 21 Sep (TG), c.15 on 28 Sep (PH, EH), 43 going to roost 19 Oct, 38 coming out on 25 Oct (TG), 42 on 10 Dec, 63 on 14 Dec (TG).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 31 Aug (SLJ), one 7 Sep (TG), one 7 Sep & 13 Dec

**Mushref Palace Gds.:** two 7 Sep (TG).

**Umm al Quwain dump:** one 20 Sep (CR).

**Road verge near Wafi Shopping Mall, Dubai:** two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Mubazzarah Park, Jebel Hafit:** one 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Hamraniyah fields:** one 17 Dec (PB, CR).

2002

**Mushref Palace Gardens area:** eight 3 Jan (TG), 14 on 11 Feb, 11 on 15 Feb, 25 on 18 Feb, 32 on 20 Feb (TG), 10 on 11 Mar (AT).

**Bateen Airport gardens:** 11 on 3 Jan (TG).

**Dubai pivot fields:** c.60 from 3 - 29 Jan (CR, DAD), 47 on 1 Feb (CR), up to 58 from 8 - 21 Feb (CR, DAD), up to 36 from 22 - 28 Feb (CR, DAD), up to 33 from 1 - 29 Mar (DAD, TP, CR), with 39 on 28 Mar (RM) and up to 44 there 7 & 16 Mar (DAD), 30 on 5 Apr, appeared to be departing/returning 'possibly feeding distant colony' (AMc), 32 on 11 Apr, five 18 Apr (DAD), 20 on 19 Apr (AMc), 12 on 30 Apr (TP), 14 on 3 May, 15 on 24 May (DAD), up to 11 from 5 - 17 May (CR, TP), 12 on 14 Jun, max. 20 on 23 Jun (DAD), 52 on 22 Aug (CR), 65 on 30 Aug (DAD), 60 on 6 - 27 Sep (DAD, RF), 72 on 30 Sep (CAR), 60 on 5 Oct (RF), 72 on 14 Oct (CR), 103 on 25 Oct (DAD).

**Dubai sewage treatment plant:** 30 on 3 Jan (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** 57 on 1 Jan (PB), 52 on 10 Jan (DAD), 59 on 25 Jan (AMc), probably same population as Dubai pivot fields; 61 on 19 Jan (RF), 50 on 1 Feb (RF), max. 26 at roost 18 & 19 Apr, 16 on 22 Apr (DAD), 17 at roost 3 May (DAD), eight 6 Jun, with max 48 inc. juvs. 18 Jul (DAD), 48 on 15 Aug, 66 at roost 23 Aug, 62 on 30 Aug (DAD), 80 on 12 Sep, 83 on 27 Sep (DAD), 69 on 11 Oct (DAD), three 14 Oct (CR).

**Eastern Lagoon, AD:** max. 33 on 2 Jan (BP), 83 on 9 Jan (AT), c.30 on 1 Mar (PH).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** 12 on 11 Feb (AW), 10 on 13 Feb (AA), nine 14 Feb (DAD), 10 on 9 Mar (TP), nine 11 & 13 Mar (CR), five 14 Mar (DAD), four 22 Mar (TP), five 12 Apr (DAD), one 13 Sep (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel race track:** one 4 & 18 Jan (TG, AW), one 1 - 14 Feb (AT, TG), one 1 & 21 Mar (AT, TG), one 4 - 5 Apr (AT), one 26 & 27 Sep (AT).

**Abu Dhabi clubs area:** 32 on 21 Feb (TG).

**Emirates golf course:** one 14 Feb (AA).

**Hamraniyah fields:** six 1 Mar (DAD), eight 13 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

## EGRET sp

2001

Sheikh Butti's Palace, Dubai: colony of 40 - 50 birds 'nesting' 4 Apr (per KH), probably Cattle Egret *B. ibis*.

## WESTERN REEF HERON *Egretta gularis*

2001

**Ruwayyah pools:** one 4 & 30 Mar (DAD).

**Sharjah Uni tip:** six on 6 - 20 Mar, then up to 16 from 26 - 27 Mar (DAD). Sharjah tip: eight 10 Apr (DAD).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** c.40 on 15 Mar (CR). Al Jazeera Khor: 40+ on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Jazeera Khor: 80+ on 18 Dec (PBr).

**Dreamland beach:** c.10 on 15 Mar. Max. numbers: Dreamland beach: 28 on 4 Oct (DAD), 26 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20 on 18 Oct (TP). Dreamland beach: 20 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Khor Dubai:** six 23 Mar (CR). Khor Dubai: 17 on 28 Jun (CR). Smaller numbers elsewhere. Khor Dubai: nine 27 Jul (CR). Khor Dubai: up to two 16 - 21 Aug (SB). Khor Dubai: eight 6 Sep (DAD). Khor Dubai: 20 on 15 Oct (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** at least two dark-phase all month, with 3 dark, two white and an immature present 24 Jul (CR), two 16 - 21 Aug (SB).

**Qusaibi/Rufayq Is:** seven 1 Jul (PH).

**Qurrayah beach:** five 13 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** four 30 Aug (DAD).

**Khor al Beidah:** 10 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Eastern Lagoon, AD:** 23 (incl. 1 white-phase) 19 Oct (TG).

Up to 10 most creeks and nearby wetlands. Up to six together reported Emirates golf course, Wimpey pits, Dubai pivot fields, Ajman creek, Dreamland beach, Khor al Beidah, Khor Dubai and Hassah beach.

2002

**Khor al Beida (north):** 39 (grey) + 27 (white) on 10 Jan (CR, PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** c.37 from 4 - 11 Jan (CR, PB, PBr), 15 on 9 Mar (PBr), 25+ on 23 Mar (JP), 50 on 11 Feb (AA), six 26 Apr (PH).

**Dhayah:** 28 on 17 Jan (PBr). Kalba beach: 10 on 11 Jan (DAD).  
**Mussafah:** 20 on 18 Jan (TG).  
**Khor Dubai:** up to 28 from 27 - 28 Jan (CR), up to 15 from 2 - 4 Feb (CR), 20 on 10 Feb (AA), seven 5 Apr (PH), 25 on 27 Aug, 12 on 31 Aug (CR).  
**Al Wathba camel race track:** one 21 Jan (TG) and 30 Aug (AT), was noteworthy.  
**Emirates golf course:** one 2 - 7 Feb (CR), two (1b, 1w) 25 Feb (TP); up to three most visits 2 - 20 Feb (CR).  
**Khor al Beida:** 50 on 11 Feb (AA), 25 on 24 Feb (AT), six 9 Mar (TP), 20 on 22 Mar (AT), 15, including 12 dark-morph, 25 Mar (JV), 10 on 24 Apr (DAD), 20 on 7 Jun (TG), two 25 Jul (DAD).  
**Khor Kalba:** six 29 Mar (TP).  
**Fujairah port beach:** five 12 Apr (DAD).  
**Safa Park:** two 19 Jul (DAD).  
**Dreamland beach:** 12 on 23 Aug (CR), 14 on 29 Aug (DAD).

#### LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 2 - 19 Mar, up to three 24 - 30 Mar (CR, DAD, PB), one 4 May (DAD), two 18 Oct (GK), four 2 Nov (DAD), three 24 Nov (RF).  
**Emirates golf course:** two 5 Mar, one 1 Jul (CR).  
**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 14 Mar, two 28 Mar (CR), one 24 Aug (DAD), four 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 12 & 18 Oct (PB), five 16 Oct (TP), nine 25 Oct (DAD), five 7 Nov (CR/Bq), 10 on 15 Nov (PB), eight 22 Nov (DAD), six 30 Nov (PB), five 16 - 30 Dec (DAD, CR).  
**Qurrayah pools:** six on 14 Mar, eight 27 Mar (CR *et al*), seven 28 Dec (TG).  
**Khor Dubai:** one 23 Mar, one 30 May (DAD), three 8 Jun (DAD), two 18 Jun (PH) and 28 Jun (CR); also reported mid July (SB); two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Sharjah tip:** one 27 Mar (DAD)  
**Qurrayah tip:** three 20 Apr (DAD), two 25 Apr (TG), one 17 May (DAD).  
**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 1 May (CR), two 17 Jul (CR), five 20 Dec (CR).  
**Zabeel Palace grounds:** three 21 Jul (CR).  
**Dubai pivot fields:** four 27 Sep (CR), two 12 - 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP), 23 on 15 Nov (DAD), four 19 - 29 Nov (CR, PB).  
**Al Jazeerah Khor:** two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20+ on 18 Dec (PBr)  
**Khor Kalba:** five 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
Ones and twos reported Umm al Quwain dump and Safa Park.

2002

**Wimpey pits:** up to two 1 - 19 Jan (PB, DAD), one 8 & 14 Feb (DAD, TG), three 22 - 28 Feb (CR), two 21 Mar (CR), five 12 Apr (DAD), one 3 & 24 May, three 5 May (CR), one 7 Aug (DAD), one 12 Sep, two 27 Sep (DAD), two 5 Oct (RF), four 11 Oct (DAD).  
**Zabeel fish ponds:** three 2 Jan (CR), one 26 May (CR), six 31 Aug (CR)  
**Sharjah tip:** two 7 Jan (DAD).  
**Al Jazeerah Khor:** two 4 & 11 Jan (PBr), 13 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), three 13 Feb (TG).  
**Khor Kalba:** two 11 Jan (DAD) one 11 & 12 Feb (TG, AA).  
**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** six 11 Jan (AW), three 13 Feb (AA), seven 14 Feb (DAD), eight 9 Mar (TP), four 16 Mar (PB), three 22 Mar (AT, TP), one 10 May (DAD), three 13 Sep (DAD), two 4 Oct (DAD).  
**Khor Dubai:** one 10 Feb (AA).  
**Qurrayah pools:** one 'January', three 14 Feb (DAD), four 24 Feb (GD).  
**Emirates golf course:** one 'January', two 14 Feb (AA), one 5 & 20 Mar (CR).  
**Safa Park:** one 25 Feb (DAD), one 30 Mar (TG).  
**Ramtha lagoons:** five 10 May (DAD), two 25 May (MW *per* PH).  
**Dubai pivot fields and Wimpey Pits:** one or two present to 22 Jul, with max. three Wimpey Pits 16 Jul (DAD).  
**Dubai pivot fields:** one 'January', one 6 & 30 Sep, two 20 - 27 Sep (DAD, CR), two 5 & 25 Oct (RF, DAD).



**Emirates Hills:** two 13 Oct (CR).

**INTERMEDIATE EGRET** *Egretta intermedia*

2001

**Dubai pivot fields:** one of Asian nominate race, 25 Jun (DAD), one Wimpey pits 28 Jun (CR), probably same bird, seen again pivot fields 27 Jul (first sighting for 4 weeks) (CR), last seen 30 Jul (SLJ), 2nd record. Previous record Ramtha tip, Sharjah January 1995.

**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Egretta alba*

2001

Noteworthy reports:

**Khor Dubai:** four 3 Apr (CR), two 28 Jun (CR), one 7 Jul (CR), two 16 - 23 Aug (SB), six 15 Oct (CR), max. 19 on 10 Nov and eight 23 Nov (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 5 & 21 Jul (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** three 20 Sep (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 23 Sep (CR), 12 on 20 Dec (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** eight 5 Oct (CR), interesting migration.

**Al Jazeera Khor:** five 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 25 Oct (PB), three 7 Nov (CR), 15 on 18 Dec (PBr).

**Dubai pivot fields:** up to two 1 - 29 Nov (AT, DAD, CR, RF, AMc), two 14 - 21 Nov (PB, DAD), one 1 - 13 Dec (DAD *et al*), noteworthy

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 7 Nov (CR).

**Kalba beach:** one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Khor al Beida:** four 17 Dec (CR, PB).

Ones and twos reported Khor Dubai, Sharjah tip Al Jazeera Khor, Dreamland beach.

2002

Ones and twos Kalba beach 11 Jan, Ruwayyah 16 Jan (CR, DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 14 on 2 Jan (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 14 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), three 11 - 13 Feb (AA, TG), three 9 & 23 Mar (PBr, JP), two 15 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

**Khor Dubai:** seven 12 Jan (AMc), up to three 2 - 27 Feb (CR), up to 12 from 6 - 25 Mar (CR, *Limosa*), three 1 May (CR), two 27 Aug (CR).

**Dhayah:** six 17 Jan (PBr).

**Umm an Nar golf club:** one 9 Feb (PD).

**Dreamland beach:** one 27 Feb (CR), one 14 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 28 Feb (DAD), one 2 - 16 Mar (PB, CR, DAD).

**Khor al Beida:** one 9 & 22 Mar (TP, AT).

**Safa Park:** one 13 Mar (DAD).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 20 Sep (TG).

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

2001

Selected reports only:

**Qurrayah:** 27 on 13 Mar (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** c.40 on 15 Mar (CR), 55 on 18 Dec (PBr).

**Khor Dubai:** 44 on 15 Mar (PB), 77 on 10 Nov and 50+ on 23 Nov (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 27 on 5 Jul (CR) was an exceptionally large summering group. 25 on 23 Sep (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** 22 on 7 Jul (CR) flew in from direction of Zabeel and could be same group as above; 16 on 27 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** 10 on 20 Sep (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** 13 on 2 Oct (CR).

**Safa Park:** six 6 Oct (GK).

**Dreamland beach:** 15 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Qurrayah:** 10 on 12 Oct (PB).

**Khor al Beidah:** 10 on 18 Oct (TP).

2002

**Khor Dubai:** 90 on 9 Jan, 53 on 27 Jan (CR), 25 on 2 Feb, 52 on 4 Feb (CR), 50 on 10 Feb (AA), 53 on 6 Mar, c.60 on 22 Mar (CR), 41 on 31 Aug (CR), 26 on 13 Sep (RF).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 18 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), 22 on 11 Jan (PBr), eight 9 Mar (PBr).

**Qurrayah beach:** 111 on 11 Jan (DAD), 92 on 12 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), 30 on 13 Sep (DAD), 42 on 17 Sep (SLJ).

**Dhayah:** 20+ on 17 Jan (PBr).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 24 on 31 Aug (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** max. 15 on 12 Sep (DAD).

Otherwise up to 10 birds reported at many sites

#### **PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

2001

**Dubai Pivots:** One throughout March (DAD, CR); one 10 May - 27 Jun (DAD, PB, CR), with two reported 22 - 26 Jun (DAD), one still present 11 Jul (CR); one 15 - 21 Aug (DAD, PB), one 13 Sep - 25 Oct (CR, PB, DAD), up to two 2 - 19 Nov (DAD, CR, PB), one to 29 Nov (DAD), two all Dec (CR, DAD, PB *et al*).

**Ghantut:** one 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*).

**Emirates Golf Course:** two 9 Mar, one 21 - 30 Mar (CR, PB), one 1 - 8 Jul (CR), one 4 Oct (PB).

**Khor Kalba:** one 27/28 Mar (CR) one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Mar (CR), one 25 Oct (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** two 12 Apr (TG) one 7 & 28 Sep (TG), one 1 - 18 Oct (TG, AT, DAD).

One seen circling over palace near Dubai's Maktoum Bridge 29 Apr (GK).

**Wimpey pits:** one 10 May (GK) and 7 - 8 Jun (DAD), two 12 Sep (TG), one 21 Sep (DS), nine 2 Nov (DAD).

**Western Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** one 17 Jun (TG).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** up to two 5 - 21 Jul (CR), one 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 20 Dec (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 25 - 30 Aug (DAD), two 20 Sep (DAD), one 6 Oct (GK), one 22 - 28 Nov (CR, DS).

**Ruwayyah:** one 7 Sep (DAD).

**Mafraq STP:** one 10 Sep (TG).

**Emirates golf course:** one 18 Sep (CR).

**AD Eastern Lagoon:** one 25 Oct (TG).

**Al Futaisi Island:** one 2 Nov (TG).

**Al Mamzar Park:** two 2 Nov (DAD).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 12 - 17 Nov (TG, AT).

2002

**Dubai pivot fields:** up to two 1 Jan - 21 Feb (CR, PB, DAD), one 24 Feb (AT) - probably same bird/s involved since October 2001; two 2 - 15 Mar, one 16 - 29 Mar (PB, CR, DAD), one 3 - 19 Apr (DAD, AMc), one adult 14 - 27 Jun (DAD, TG), one 5 & 25 Oct (RF, DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 2 Jan (CR), two 15 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), one 31 Aug (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** one 8 Mar (PB, TP), one 17 May (CR), one 16 & 18 Jul (DAD).

**Khor Kalba harbour:** one 12 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

**Ramtha dump:** one 16 Mar (RF).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 17 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Wathba camel race track:** one 20 Sep (SLJ).

#### **WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia*

2001

**Hamraniyah:** 24 from 14 - 15 Mar, present all winter (CR)

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** eight 13 Sep (SLJ), six 21 Sep (PB), seven 10 - 16 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP, PB), seven 15 Nov (PB), nine 22 Nov (DAD), eight 16 Dec (DAD), 13 on 30 Dec (CR).

**Ras al Khaimah airport fields:** three 15 Sep, five 16 Sep (PBr).

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to seven 20 Sep - 2 Nov (AT, TG), 10 on 25 Oct (AT), 25 from 4 Nov - 3 Dec (CR, PB, AT, DAD, TG), one 15 - 27 Dec (PB, AT).

2002

**Al Wathba camel race track:** one 2 - 20 Jan (AW, AT), one 1 Feb (AT), three 29 Aug - 27 Oct (SLJ, AT, TP).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** 14 on 11 Feb (AW), 20 on 13 Feb (AA), 10 on 14 Feb (DAD), up to 12 from 11 - 14 Mar (CR/*Limosa*, DAD), 15 on 16 Mar (PB), eight 22 - 28 Mar (AT, RM).

### **GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one present March - 26 Jun (GK, PB, DAD, CR), with two reported 9 May - 27 Jul (JM, PB, DAD, PH, CR, SLJ); one 6 Sep - 15 Oct (PB, CR, TP).

**Dubai pivots:** one 10 May (TG), perhaps the second bird which arrived Wimpey Pits 9 May, (see above). One 12 - 18 Oct (DAD, CR, Ntrk, PB), same bird Wimpey pits.

**Wimpey pits and Dubai pivot fields:** up to five 2 - 29 Nov (DAD, CR, PB, RF, AMc), four Wimpey pits 30 Nov - 31 Dec (DAD, DS, PB).

**Emirates Golf Course:** two 16 Jul (CR), one 20 - 31 Aug (DAD, PB).

**Qurrayah pools:** two 13 Sep - 12 Oct (SLJ, PB), one 25 Oct (DAD), one 28 Dec (TG).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Sep - 10 Oct (CR), two 25 Oct (DAD).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 21 Sep - 1 Oct (TG, PH, EH, SJA).

**Al Wathba camel track:** three 21 Dec (AT).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** one 10 & 23 Jan (DAD, CR), four from 10 Feb (AA, CR, DAD, PB), probably same birds as Dubai pivot fields; up to four 1 - 18 Mar (DAD, TP, PB, CR/*Limosa*), three roosting 4 Apr - 18 Jul (RF, TP, CR, DAD, AMc, DAD); one carrying nest material Wimpey Pits 15 Jun (TG), one 23 Aug (DAD), four 12 Sep, 18 on 27 Sep - 14 Oct (DAD, CR, RF), 19 on 25 Oct (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 11 Jan - 16 Mar (DAD, PB), one 10 May (DAD), two 17 - 20 Sep (SLJ, PB, TP), two 4 Oct (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel race track:** four 18 - 30 Jan (AW, AT), four 1 - 8 Feb (AT, SJA, TG), one 26 Sep (AT).

**Dubai pivot fields**[probably same birds as nearby Wimpey pits]: four from 8 Feb to month end (DAD, AA, CR), three 11 Apr (DAD), two 17 May (CR, RF), two 7 Aug, three 23 Aug, four 30 Aug (DAD), five 6 Sep, 16 on 13 - 20 Sep (RF), max. 17 on 26 - 27 Sep (RF, DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 13 Sep (DAD), two 4 Oct (DAD).

**Fujairah port beach:** one 13 Sep (DAD), one 4 Oct (DAD).

**Emirates Hills:** one 13 Oct (CR).

### **SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** nine 3 Mar (PB), up to 20 from 13 - 15 Mar (DAD), 15 there 7 & 27 Jul (CR), six 8 Oct, seven 15 Oct, 29 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP), 53 on 23 Nov (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** one 15 Mar (CR), five 9 - 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB), eight 9 Nov (CR), eight 16 - 18 Dec (PBr).

**Dreamland beach:** five 15 Mar (CR), two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Qurrayah pools:** three 15 - 17 Jun (DAD, PH).

**Sharjah tip:** one 13 Sep (DAD).

**Khor al Beidah:** 23 on 20 Sep (CR), one 18 Oct (TP).

**Fujairah beach:** two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Wimpey pits:** one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Khor Kalba:** one 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

2002

**Khor Dubai:** 37 on 9 Jan (CR), 55 on 12 Jan (AMc), 35 on 28 Jan (CR), up to 32 from 2 - 27 Feb, with 20 there 28 Feb (CR, AA), seven 6 Mar, two 8 Mar, 18 on 22 Mar, 28 on 26 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), seven 5 Apr (PH), 12 on 19 Apr (AMc), 14 on 1 May, five 27 Aug (CR).

**Khor Ajman:** 11 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), seven 14 Feb (PH).

**Eastern Lagoon, AD:** eight 10 Jan (AT), 10+ on 1 Mar (PH), eight 20 Sep (TG).

**Khor al Beidah:** three 10 Jan (CR, PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** one 10 Jan (CR, PB), eight 11 Jan (PBr), 10 on 1 Mar (DAD).

**Ramtha lagoons:** one 28 May (CR).

**Qurrayah beach:** four 13 Sep (DAD).

#### **GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus ruber*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 157 on 2 Mar (CR), 187 on 4 Mar (DAD), 255 on 24 Mar (CR), 160+ on 29 Mar (PB), 154 on 17 Apr, 232 on 30 Apr (CR), 423 on 4 May (DAD), 145 on 25 May, 106 on 31 May (DAD), 125 on 14 Jun (CR), 90 on 26 Jun (PB), 76 on 11 Jul (CR), up to seven, including juvs. all month (CR), 57 on 15 Aug (DAD), 80 on 16 Sep (CR), 150 on 19 Oct (TP), 90 on 30 Oct (CR), 164 on 2 Nov (DAD), 185 on 19 Nov (CR), c.250 on 12 Dec (TG).

**Qurrayah beach:** 55 on 13 Mar (CR), 40 on 13 Jul (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 85 on 29 Mar (CR), 150+ on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 400 on 18 Oct (TP), 280 on 18 Dec (PBr).

**Sharjah tip:** max. 63 on 14 Mar.(DAD), 58 on 30 May (DAD), 92 on 24 Aug (DAD), 188 on 13 Sep and 225 on 28 Sep (DAD), 332 on 26 Oct (DAD), 284 on 9 Nov, 328 on 17 Nov (DAD), 128 on 6 Dec (DAD).

**Dreamland beach:** 165 from 15 – 29 Mar (CR), c.200 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 90+ on 9 Nov (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** two 20 Mar.

**Sammaliah Is:** 40 on 23 May (TG).

**Eastern Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** 36 on 11 May (PH), 34 on 17 Jun (AT).

**Khor Dubai:** 1050 on 18 Jun (PH), 860 on 28 Jun (CR), 740 on 27 Jul (CR), 1300 on 28 Sep (PH), 500+ on 8, 13 & 19 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP).

**Zabeel Palace:** 24 on 21 Jul (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** 56 on 4 Oct (DAD), 154 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Al Wathba lake:** c.200 on 17 Oct (TP).

**Shuweihat:** 40 on 24 Oct (PW per PH).

Also dozens coastal khors, and smaller groups reported Jumeirah Beach, Emirates golf course, Qurrayah beach & pools, Safa Park, Sharjah tip.

2002

**Wimpey pits:** 178 on 6 Jan (CR), 311 on 10 Jan (DAD), 282 on 19 Jan (RF), up to 240 from 2 - 8 Feb (CR, DAD), up to 336 from 14 – 28 Feb (CR, DAD), 410 on 8 Mar (TP), 302 on 15 Mar (DAD), 200 on 22 Mar (TP), 189 on 19 Apr (DAD), 109 on 24 May (DAD), 261 on 18 Jul (DAD), 190 on 15 Aug (DAD), 264 on 12 Sep (DAD), 190 on 30 Sep (CR), 208 on 11 Oct (DAD), 108 on 14 Oct (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** 176 on 7 Jan (DAD), 100+ reported in Feb; 106 on 1 Mar, 67 on 23 Mar (DAD), 26 on 29 Aug (DAD).

**Khor Dubai:** 240 on 9 Jan *plus* 740 on 17 Jan (CR), 1300 on 20 Mar (MS, KG), 30 birds displaying 25 Mar (CR), 600+ on 5 Apr (PH), 1040 on 1 May (CR).

**Eastern Lagoon, AD:** 135 on 2 Jan (BP), 112 on 10 Jan (AT), c.65 on 1 Mar (PH), 61 on 20 Sep (TG).

**Khor al-Beida:** 236 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), 200+ on 24 Feb (AT), 200 on 27 Mar (CR), 240 on 30 Mar (TP), 50 on 7 Jun (TG), 26 on 23 Aug (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** 509 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), 117 on 29 Aug (DAD).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 169 on 10 Jan (CR, PB), 100+ reported in Feb; 65 on 9 Mar (PBr), 25 on 19 Apr (PBr), 47 on 26 Apr (PH).

**Al Wathba lake:** 888 on 15 Jan (ERWDA), 125 on 9 Jun (PH).

**Dhayah:** 200+ on 17 Jan (PBr).

**Mussafah lagoon:** c.30 on 18 Apr (TG).

#### **MUTE SWAN** *Cygnus olor*

2001

**Jumeirah beach:** two seen resting by day near breakwater 6 Apr (PW), unsubstantiated.

**WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** *Anser albifrons*

2001

**Emirates Hills:** three from 3 Nov to month end (CR, DAD, PB, AMc).

**Khor Kalba:** two 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Safa Park:** one juv. 14 Nov (PB).

**Wimpey pits and Dubai pivot fields:** four from 19 Nov - 15 Dec (AT, CR, PB), eight from 16 Dec to year end (CR, PB).

**Al Habab fields:** three 27 Nov (PVT).

**AD Golf & Equestrian Club:** two 26 Nov - 30 Dec (TG, AT).

**Dreamland beach:** one 17 Dec (DAD).

2002

**Emirates Hills:** three 1 - 25 Jan, since 3 November (CR, AMc), with two still present 10 Feb (TG).

**Abu Dhabi golf & equestrian club:** two 3 & 14 Jan (TG), since 26 November; two still present to 21 Feb (SLJ).

**Dubai pivot fields:** eight wintering to 28 Feb (CR, DAD, PB, AMc, PAK), since 19 November 2001; eight, assumed same birds, at Wimpey pits 8 Mar (TP, CR/*Limosa*).

**GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

2001

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one 28 Mar to year end (AT), seen flying from Western Lagoon towards equestrian club 13 Jun. Two 30 Dec (TG).

**Khor Kalba:** six 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Wimpey pits & Dubai pivot fields:** one 8 Nov (DAD, PB), 30 on 14 Nov (PB), up to 35 reported from 15 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD, PB, AMc), 33 present all Dec (CR, DAD, PB, AMc).

**Dreamland beach:** up to four 9 - 26 Nov (CR).

**Das Island:** three departed 10 Dec, having arrived 'late November' (TG).

2002

**Zabeel Palace grounds:** two 2 Jan (CR).

**Abu Dhabi golf & equestrian club:** one 3 & 14 Jan (TG), latest date of this long-term resident.

**Dubai pivot fields & Wimpey Pits:** 33 from 1 Jan - 7 Mar (PB, DAD, CR, RF, DS), five on 15 Mar (CR), 20 on 8 Mar (TP, CR/*Limosa*), one remaining 22 Mar - 14 Jun (TP, TG, DAD, Amc,D).

Wimpey pits: one present throughout month. Wimpey pits: one present throughout XXXMONTH?

**Mina Hamad jetty, Abu Dhabi:** one 8 Mar (TG).

**EGYPTIAN GOOSE** *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

2001

**Ruwayyah pools:** two 4 Mar (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** 2 ads.+8 juvs. 6 Mar, then just two present 27 Mar - 10 Apr (DAD), one 2 May - 25 Jun (DAD), two 24 Aug - 13 Sep (DAD), two 12 Dec (DAD).

**Ghantut polo club:** two 3 - 23 Mar, latterly behaving aggressively, probably nesting (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** pair 2 - 30 Mar (PB, CR), pair + 10 young 18 Apr (DAD), eight young 24 Apr - 10 May (TG, PB), six, including juvs. remaining 17 Jun (PH), two present to 30 Jun (CR).

**Jebel Ali hotel:** one 2 Apr (CR).

**Al Ain pump stn:** two 10 Apr, one 17 Dec (PC).

**Qusabi Is, west Abu Dhabi:** two 9 May (TG).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** pair with four fledged young 23 May (TG), two 28 Nov (AT).

**Western Lagoon:** three 9 Jun, one 13 Jun, 3 + 2 juvs. 17 Jun (AT).

**Eastern Lagoon:** two 12 Dec (TG).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one from 13 Dec to month end (CR, PB).

2002

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 1 - 13 Jan (CR, DAD, PB, AMc), two 28 Feb (DAD).

**Western Lagoon, AD:** two 9 Jan (AT).

**Media City, Dubai:** two 6 Feb (CR).

**Umm an Nar golf club:** two 9 Feb (PD).  
**North of Al Samaha:** one 14 Feb (AA).  
**Safa Park:** one 6 Mar (DAD).  
**Emirates golf course:** two flying away on 9 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).  
**Wimpey pits:** one 22 Aug, two 27 Aug (CR), one 26 Sep - (RF). Wimpey pits: one 26 Oct (TP).  
**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** 24 on 27 Sep (TG).

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

2001

**Sharjah tip:** up to four 6 Mar - 10 Apr (DAD).  
**Wimpey Pits:** three 2 - 29 Mar (CR, PB), probably same group as Sharjah tip; one 2 Dec (DAD, PB).  
**Jebel Ali Hotel:** two flew past 24 Nov (AMc).  
**Khor Kalba:** one 21 Dec (CT).

2002

**Abu Dhabi Golf & Equestrian Club:** one 23 Mar (TG).  
**Wimpey pits:** one 11 - 27 Oct (DAD, TP).

**SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** one 14 Mar - 10 Apr (DAD, CR), one 15 Oct (CR, TP), six 10 Nov (AMc), three 23 Nov (CR), one 21 Dec (CR).  
**Emirates golf course:** three 5 Mar, one 16 Mar (CR).  
**Wimpey Pits;** one 29 Apr (GK), up to four from 2 Nov (DAD), up to seven 14 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD, PB), six 2 Dec (DAD), up to eight 3 - 6 Dec (AT, PB), 12 from 15 - 23 Dec (DAD, TG), 17 on 27 Dec (CR).  
**Al Wathba lake:** one 18 Oct (SLJ), one 8 Nov (TG), 58 on 21 Dec (*per* SJA),  
**Sharjah tip:** seven 26 Oct (DAD), eight 9 Nov (DAD).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** 19 from 1 Jan (PB, DS *et al*), 24 from 10 Jan (DAD), 28 on 29 Jan (CR), up to 17 from 2 - 28 Feb (CR, DAD, PB, AT), up to nine 2 - 8 Mar (PB, TP, CR/*Limosa*), one 15 Mar (DAD).  
**Zabeel Palace grounds:** three 2 Jan (CR).  
**Abu Dhabi golf club area:** two 3 Jan (TG).  
**Sharjah tip:** 11 on 7 Jan (DAD), three 20 Feb (DAD), one 1 Mar, two 4 Mar (DAD).  
**Khor Dubai:** 40 on 9 Jan, up to 29 until 28 Jan (CR), 30 on 2 Feb, 23 on 27 Feb (CR), 12 from 6 - 22 Mar, 33 on 25 Mar (CR), five 26 Mar (JV), two 27 Aug (CR), two 13 Sep (RF).  
**Al Ain sewage pump stn:** one 3 - 11 Jan (PC).  
**Qurrayah beach:** two 11 Jan (DAD).  
**Al Wathba lake:** 95 on 15 Jan (ERWDA), 88 on 22 Feb, at least 60 on 25 Feb (SLJ), 41 on 8 Mar (SLJ).

**COTTON TEAL** *Nettapus coromandelianus*

2001

**Qurrayah pools:** one 22 - 30 Nov (DAD, PB), 8th record.

**WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

2001

**Safa Park:** one 4 Mar; one 13 Dec (TG).  
**Wimpey pits:** five 4 Mar, 20 on 10 Mar, six 30 Mar, three 5 Apr (PB), one male 17 Apr (CR); one 19 & 20 Oct (TP, AMc), one 2 Nov (DAD), up to six 4 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD, PB), three 15 Dec (TG), max. eight 23 Dec (CR).  
**Sharjah tip:** up to two 6 - 20 Mar,  
**Ruwayyah farms:** one 30 Mar (DAD)  
**Dubai pivot fields:** one 25 Nov (CR).  
**Emirates golf course:** one 8 Nov (PB), two 22 Nov (CT).  
**Emirates Hills:** two 8 Nov (DAD), three 16 - 27 Nov (CR), four 30 Nov (DAD).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** six 1 Jan (DS), up to three 5 - 29 Jan (CR *et al*), one 8 - 15 Feb (DAD), seven 22 Feb, three 28 Feb - 2 Mar (CR), four 8 Mar (TP), six 15 Mar (DAD), five 21 Mar (PB), four 19 Apr (DAD), one 6 Jun - 1 Jul (DAD, DS).

**Zabeel palace grounds:** 19 on 2 Jan (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** 11 on 25 Jan (AMc), eight 7 Mar (CR, TP), three 26 Mar (JV), one 11 & 26 Apr (PB, TG).

**Sharjah tip:** three 20 Feb (DAD), one 23 Mar (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 22 Mar (AT, TP).

**Al Wathba lake:** one 11 - 12 Apr (ENHG).

#### GADWALL *Anas strepera*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** up to 10 from 2 - 24 Mar (CR, DAD), with five on 30 Mar, four to 5 Apr (PB), two 1 Nov (AT), up to six 2 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD, PB), 12 on 19 Nov (CR), two 3 Dec (AT), up to four from 7 Dec (DS, DAD), 13 on 15 Dec, declining to two 27 Dec (DAD, CR).

**Sharjah tip:** up to six 6 - 20 Mar, then one remaining 27 Mar, (DAD)

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 7 Nov (Bq), one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** six 9 Nov, nine 17 Nov (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** two 22 Nov (CT), six 13 Dec (TG, DAD), two 26 Dec (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** one 24 Nov (CT).

**Emirates Hills:** one 30 Nov (DAD).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** three 18 Dec (PBr).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** four 1 Jan (DS), five 6 Jan (CR), nine 10 Jan (DAD), four 19 Jan (RF), one 23 Jan (CR), up to 20 from 8 - 28 Feb (DAD), four 2 - 6 Mar (PB, CR), nine 8 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), but 20 reported 8 Mar (TP), 18 on 15 Mar (DAD), one 26/27 Sep (RF).

**Sharjah tip:** two 7 Jan (DAD), four 6 Feb, three 20 Feb (DAD), two 1 Mar (DAD).

**Emirates golf course/Emirates Hills:** two 11 Jan (CR), five 25 Jan (AMc), two to 28 Jan (CR), two 8 - 22 Feb, nine 23 - 25 Feb (CR, DAD), up to three 7 - 20 Mar (CR, TP).

**Al Samaha:** two 14 Feb (AA).

#### TEAL *Anas crecca*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 210 on 4 Mar (DAD), 160 on 24 Mar (CR), 10+ on 5 Apr (MD, TPa), 21 on 16 & 24 Sep (CR), 88 on 4 Oct, 190 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 102 on 2 Nov (DAD), c.70 on 4 Nov (CR). 200+ on 15 Dec (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** 76 on 6 Mar (DAD), one 24 Aug (DAD), eight 13 Sep, two 28 Sep (DAD), six 26 Oct (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** 14 there 4 Apr, 13 on 10 Apr, five 22 Apr (TG), 40 on 17 Dec (PC).

**Emirates golf course:** up to four, with two last seen 16 Apr (CR), two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 10 on 19 Oct (TP).

**Khor Dubai:** two 3 Apr (CR), 34 on 3 Oct, 12 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 45 on 10 Nov (CR).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one female 8 May (TG).

**Qurrayah pools:** two 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 13 Sep (SLJ), 10 on 16 Oct (TP), nine 15 Nov (PB), 25 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** nine 23 Sep (CR), 12 on 8 Oct, c.30 on 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Ghar (Al Wathba) lake:** 132 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Off Fujairah corniche:** 15 on 30 Nov (TG).

**Wadi Shih dam:** 160 on 16 Dec (DAD), 74 on 30 Dec (CR).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** 90+ on 6 Jan (CR), 196 on 10 Jan (DAD), 30 on 13 Jan (CR), max. 104 on 8 Feb (DAD), 84 on 28 Feb (DAD), 120 on 8 Mar (TP), 59 on 15 Mar (DAD), 140 on 29 Mar (CR), 12 on 12 Apr

(RF), 22 on 18 Apr, 44 on 19 Apr (DAD), seven still present 6 Jun (DAD), four 15 Aug, one 30 Aug (DAD), three 12 Sep, 28 on 27 Sep (DAD), 106 on 11 Oct (DAD), 120 on 19 Oct (DS).

**Khor Dubai:** 135 on 9 Jan (CR), 35 on 4 Feb (CR), 35 on 25 Mar (CR).

**Wadi Shih:** 36 on 11 Jan (DAD), 73 on 4 Oct (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** 120 on 3 Jan, 51 on 11 Jan (PC).

**Ain al Faida:** 35 on 11 Jan (*per* PC).

**Ramtha lagoons:** 13 on 16 Mar (RF), one 10 - 12 Apr (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** max. 18 on 29 Mar (CR).

**Al Wathba lake:** four 11/12 Apr (ENHG).

**Emirates Hills:** three 29 Aug (CR). Emirates Hills: five 13 Oct (CR).

Less than seven other sites.

## **MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 20+ on 2 Mar (CR), four 17 Apr (CR), with two there 18 Apr (DAD), two 4 May, five 10 May - 13 Jun (DAD, PB), pair with 6 juvs. from 14 Jun to month end (CR), up to seven, including juvs. all month (CR), seven 15 Aug (DAD), three 12 Sep (TG), up to six 21 - 24 Sep (DS, CR), 40 - 44 from 2 - 19 Nov (CR, DAD, PB), max. 36 on 7 Dec (DS).

**Safa Park:** 20 on 4 Mar (CR), 15 on 8 Nov, 25 on 18 Nov (DAD), 22 on 27 Nov (TG), up to 33 from 7 - 28 Dec (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** one 9 - 16 Apr (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** eight 5 Jul (CR), may be feral. 14 on 23 Sep, c.20 on 15 Oct, 132 on 20 Dec (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** two 24 Aug (DAD)..

**Al Wathba lake:** 11 on 18 Oct (SLJ)..

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** 14 from 7 - 22 Nov (CR, DAD), 30 on 15 Nov (PB). **Khor Dubai:** 18 on 24 Nov (CT).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** five 3 Dec (PBr).

**Eastern Lagoon:** 26 on 10 Dec (TG).

2002

**Zabeel Palace grounds:** 30 on 2 Jan (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** 120 on 2 Jan, six 26 May, 10 on 31 Aug (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** 45 on 9 Jan (CR), 55 on 4 Feb, 50 on 6 Mar (CR).

**Safa Park:** 40 from 10 - 18 Jan (DAD, CT), max. 41 on 3 Feb (DAD).

**Ain al Faida reeds:** 35 on 11 Jan (TG).

**Nadd al Sheba Palace ponds:** 1490 on 16 Jan (a record high number) (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** 35 from 10 - 23 Jan (DAD, CR), 27 on 8 Feb (DAD), 10 on 8 Mar (TP), 18 on 15 Mar (DAD), up to 22 on 18 & 19 Apr (DAD), up to 14 from 2 - 17 May (CR, TP), nine 24 May (DAD), six, inc. female with 8 juvs. 6 Jun, then max. 14 on 22 Jul (DAD); 20 on 7 Aug, 29 on 23 Aug (DAD), 10 on 12 - 27 Sep (DAD), 39 on 11 - 19 Oct (DAD, DS).

**Dhayah:** six 22 Jan (AT).

**Abu Dhabi clubs area:** 36 on 21 Feb (TG).

**Ramtha lagoons:** nine 23 Mar (JP).

**Al Wathba lake:** one fem. with nine 'ducklings' 11/12 Apr (ENHG).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 26 - 30 Sep (DAD, CR).

Less than 10 reported other sites.

## **PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** max. 36 on 4 Mar, 10 on 5 Apr (PB), up to six to 24 Apr and two to 30 Apr (PB, DAD, CR, TG), two 4 May (DAD), three 16 - 24 Sep (CR), 19 on 4 Oct, 12 on 13 Oct (CR), 26 on 26 Oct (AMc), c.20 on 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk), up to 36 from 2 - 25 Nov (DAD, CR, PB), c.25 from 7 - 15 Dec (DS, CR), 34 on 16 Dec (TG).

**Sharjah tip:** max. 29 on 6 Mar, with two remaining to 27 Mar, one 24 Aug (DAD), 12 on 26 Oct (DAD), 26 on 9 Nov, 16 on 17 Nov (DAD).



**Emirates golf course:** five 2 Apr, with three from 4 Apr to end of month (CR); one male present to 12 Jun - 8 Jul (PB, CR), unusual.

**Al Ain pump stn:** two 4 Apr, one 10 Apr (TG).

**Dubai sewage treatment plant:** one 25 Jul (CR), unusual.

**Khor Dubai:** one 27 Jul (CR), unusual.

**Ghantut polo club:** four 27 Sep (CR), 19 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Wathba lake:** 11 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

Smaller numbers Umm al Quwain dump, Zabeel fish ponds, Safa Park, Dubai pivot fields, Emirates golf course.

2002

**Dubai sewage treatment plant:** 10 on 3 Jan (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** six 9 Jan (CR).

**Nadd al Sheba Palace pond:** nine on 16 Jan (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** 30 on 10 Jan (DAD), at least 21 from 19 - 29 Jan (RF, CR), 42 on 8 Feb (DAD), 40 from 22 Feb - 8 Mar (CR, TP), 16 on 15 Mar (DAD), but 50 on 15 Mar (AMc) 10 on 5 - 12 Apr (AMc, RF), five 19 Apr, six 22 Apr (DAD), eight 26 Apr (TG), up to 12 from 2 - 17 May (TP, CR), seven 24 May, four to 23 Jun, two to 27 Jun, one 16 - 22 Jul, two 15 Aug (DAD), seven 27 Sep (DAD), 20 on 14 Oct (CR), six 19 Oct (DS).

**Al Wathba lake:** 50 on 15 Jan (ERWDA), four 11/12 Apr (ENHG).

Otherwise less than six, Zabeel Palace, Emirates golf course

**Emirates golf course:** five 14 Feb (AA).

Otherwise up to five Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club, Khor Dubai, Sharjah tip, Wadi Shih dam, Emirates Hills area.

**Western Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** 15 on 11 Mar (AT).

**Ramtha old dump:** one 10 - 12 Apr (DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 26 May (CR).

**Fujairah port beach:** six 4 Oct (DAD).

Less than five each Emirates Hills, Wadi Shih, Sharjah tip.

## **GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 10+ on 2 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), six 4 - 10 Mar, 13 on 24 Mar, seven 30 Mar (CR), 14 on 5 Apr (PB), 12 on 17 Apr (CR), four 24 Apr (TG), three 6 Sep (PB), 28 on 16 Sep, 30+ on 24 Sep, 22 on 28 Sep (CR), 16 on 4 Oct, 10+ on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), four 18 Oct (GK), five 19 Oct (TP), 25 on 25 Oct (PB), one 2 Nov (DAD), six 4 Nov (CR/Bq), two from 15 - 24 Nov (CR, RF), up to three 2 - 23 Dec (PB, DAD, CR, DS).

**Ruwayyah pools:** two 4 & 30 Mar, 15 on 15 Mar, one 20 Aug (PB).

**Sharjah tip:** 18 on 6 Mar, with up to 13 to 27 Mar (DAD, CR), four 10 Apr (DAD), four 10 Apr (DAD), one 24 Aug (DAD), eight 13 Sep, one 28 Sep (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 14 Mar (CR), one 24 & 31 Aug (DAD, PB), nine 13 Sep (SLJ), four 28 Sep (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** four 16 Mar (CR), three 23 Mar (DAD), up to four 4 - 18 Apr, with one still there 27 Apr (PB, CR, TG); one 22 Sep (CR), 12 on 2 Oct, up to three 5 - 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one 29 Apr (AT); two 6 - 10 Sep, with up to seven until 18 Sep (TG, AT).

**Safa Park:** one 25 - 30 Aug (DAD), 17 on 20 Sep, five 27 Sep (DAD), one 28 Sep (PB), four 11 Oct, five 28 Oct (DAD), two 8 Nov, six 18 Nov (DAD), three 22 Nov (CR), two 28 Nov (DS), one 7 - 28 Dec (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** 13 on 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah Port ditch:** eight 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Wathba camel track:** 29 on 14 Sep (AT), 10 on 12 Oct (AT), two 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Emirates Hills:** one fem. 18 Sep (CR).

**Ghantut polo club:** two 27 Sep (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** six 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Mushref Palace Gds.:** six 18 Oct (TG).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** two 3 Dec (PBr).

2002

**Abu Dhabi golf club area:** one 3 - 7 Jan (TG).

**Safa Park:** one 10 - 18 Jan (DAD, CT), one 3 - 18 Feb (DAD, AA), one 6 Mar, pair 18 - 30 Mar (DAD, JP, TG), two 7 - 10 Apr (DAD).

**Nadd al Sheba Palace pond:** one 16 Jan (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** two 1 Jan (DS), six reported 19 Jan (RF), one from 10 Feb (AA, DAD), up to four from 14 - 28 Feb (CR, DAD, PAK), six 24 Feb (AT), four males 6 Mar (CR), one 8 Mar (PB), three 15 Mar (AMc), six 22 Mar, two 21 - 29 Mar (PB, CR), three 5 Apr (AMc), one 12 Apr (RF), five 19 Apr, two 22 Apr (DAD), two 2 May (TP), one 5 May (CR), one 17 & 19 Jun (TG, DAD), two 7 Aug, four 15 Aug (DAD), 12 on 27 Aug (CR), 18 on 30 Aug (DAD), 19 on 12 Sep increasing to 54 on 27 Sep (DAD), 30 on 30 Sep (CR), eight 5 Oct (RF), 15 on 11 Oct (DAD), 12 on 19 Oct (DS).

**Sharjah tip:** one 6 Feb (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 14 Feb (DAD), two 24 Feb (GD), 21 on 13 Sep (DAD), 16 on 20 Sep (PB, TP), four 4 Oct (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** one 7 & 24 Mar (TP, JP).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** three 15 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

**Al Wathba lake:** at least four 11/12 Apr (ENHG).

**Emirates Hills:** one 30 Aug (CR).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 6 Sep (DAD).

**Mushref Palace Gardens area:** two 10 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah port beach:** four 13 & 20 Sep (DAD, TP, PB). Fujairah port beach: six 4 Oct (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 4 Oct (DAD).

Singles also reported.

## **SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 90 on 2 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), c.100 on 10 Mar, two 5 Apr, one remaining 19 Apr (PB), one 6 Sep (PB), 20 on 12 Sep (TG), up to 40 from 16 - 28 Sep (CR, DS, TG), 42 on 4 Oct, 49 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 50 on 19 Oct (TP), 46 on 2 Nov (DAD), c.100 from 4 - 8 Nov (CR, PB), 236 on 19 Nov (CR), 200+ on 27 Dec (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** 94 on 6 Mar, declining to 2 on 27 Mar, seven 24 Aug (DAD), two 6 Sep, 23 on 13 Sep, 35 on 28 Sep (DAD), 125 on 26 Oct (DAD), up to 150 from 9 - 17 Nov (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** 30 on 5 Mar (CR), 26 on 23 Mar (DAD), up to 18 from 2 - 9 Apr, with 11 there 16 Apr and one remaining to 20 Apr (CR); one from 15 Sep, three 27 Sep (PB), four 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), only 13 remaining at bulldozed wetland sanctuary 28 Nov (CR).

**Fujairah Hilton beach:** three offshore 12 Mar (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** four 11 Mar (CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** three 14 Mar,

**Qurrayah pools:** three 14 Mar; up to two 23/24 Aug (DAD), two 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah Port ditch:** two 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Ajman creek:** seven 20 Sep (CR).

**Ghantoot polo club:** two 27 Sep (CR).

**Al Wathba lake:** c.625 on 18 Oct (SLJ). Al Wathba lake: 791 on 8 Nov (TG).

**Al Ain pump station:** 140 on 17 Dec (PC).

**Wadi Shih dam:** 45 on 30 Dec (CR).

Smaller numbers Emirates Hills, Zabeel fish ponds.

2002

**Al Ain pump stn:** 23 on 3 Jan (PC).

**Wimpey pits:** 150 from 4 - 6 Jan, 207 on 10 Jan (CR, DAD), c.190 on 19 Jan (RF), c.100 on 2 Feb (CR), up to 70 from 8 - 28 Feb (DAD), 80 on 8 Mar (TP), 67 on 15 Mar (DAD, AMc), 105 on 29 Mar (CR), 10 on 5 Apr (AMc), six 12 Apr (RF), five 19 Apr, two 22 Apr (DAD), two 3 - 24 May (DAD), two 6 Jun (DAD), then three 20 Jun (AT), one 23 Aug, three 30 Aug (DAD), 19 on 12 Sep, 26 on 27 Sep (DAD), 44 on 11 Oct (DAD), 18 on 19 Oct (DS).

**Sharjah tip:** 26 on 7 Jan (DAD).

**Al Ain cement factory quarry:** nine on 11 Jan (PC).

**Emirates golf course:** 23 from 11 - 28 Jan (CR), 13 on 22 Feb (CR), max. 12 on 1 Mar (CR), five remaining 23 Mar (JP).

**Al Wathba lake:** 995 on 15 Jan (ERWDA), four 11/12 Apr (ENHG).

**Khor Dubai:** 33 on 27 Jan (CR), five 5 Apr (PH).

**Sharjah tip:** 107 on 6 Feb (DAD), 35 on 1 Mar, 23 on 11 Mar, five 23 Mar (DAD).

**Emirates Hills:** max. seven 18 Mar (CR).

### **POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 60 on 2 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), eight on 29 Mar (PB), seven 5 Apr (PB), up to four 12 Apr - 11 May (PB, DAD, CR, GK), one drake remaining from 14 May to 27 Jul (CR); two 20 Aug (PB), two 24 Sep (CR), four 18 Oct (PB), up to six 19 - 26 Oct (TP, AMc), 58 on 2 Nov (DAD), 95 on 15 Nov, 116 on 19 Nov, 168 on 25 Nov (CR), 170 from 1 Dec, with 218 on 15 Dec to month end (CR, DAD).

**Ghantut polo club:** two 3 Mar (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** five on 6 Mar, two on 26 Mar (DAD), one 3 - 10 Apr (DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 23 Sep (CR).

**Safa Park:** two 8 - 9 Nov (DAD, AMc), one 22 Nov (CR).

**Wadi Shih dam:** 16 on 16 Dec (DAD), six 30 Dec (CR).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** 170 on 1 Jan (DS), c.130 from 6 - 23 Jan (CR), with 149 on 10 Jan (DAD) and c.170 on 19 Jan (RF), one 22 - 28 Feb (CR, DAD) [population moved to Khor Dubai, see below], two 24 Feb (AT), seven 8 Mar (CR), nine 15 Mar (DAD), 20+ on 21 & 22 Mar (PB, TP), otherwise up to three 2 - 29 Mar (CR), five 5 Apr (AMc), six 12 Apr (RF), three 18 - 22 Apr (DAD), three 2 - 24 May (TP, CR, CT), two present to 18 July, one 22 Jul (DAD), two 7 Aug, one 15 - 30 Aug (DAD), one 12 - 27 Sep (DAD), two 5 Oct (RF).

**Wadi Shih:** two 11 Jan (DAD).

**Khor Dubai:** 255 at least from 27 - 28 Jan (CR). Khor Dubai: 170 on 27 Feb (CR), 120 on 6 - 8 Mar (CR/*Limosa*).

### **FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 30 Mar (PB, CR/*Ornitholidays*), still present 5 Apr (MD, TPa). One 26 Oct - 14 Nov (PB, AMc, AT), two 15 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD, PB), four 1 - 3 Dec (DAD, AT), two 4 - 23 Dec (CR, PB).

**Ghantut polo club:** one male 27 Sep - 30 Oct (CR).

**AD Golf & Equestrian Club:** two 1 Nov (TG).

**Emirates Hills:** two 3 Nov (CR).

**Wadi Shih dam:** one 16 - 30 Dec (DAD, CR).

2002

**Wimpey pits:** four 1 - 13 Jan (PB, CR, DAD, DS), five reported 19 & 25 Jan (RF, AMc), one 27 Jan (CR, DAD), up to three 6 - 15 Feb (CR, DAD, PB), four 22 Feb (CR), two 5 - 19 Apr (AMc, RF, DAD) [although one had characteristics of *fuligula* see below.], one 26 Apr - 24 May (DAD, TG), two males 6 Jun - 15 Aug (DAD *et al*), rising to three 30 Aug (DAD), one 12 Sep, two 27 Sep - 5 Oct (DAD, RF).

**Wadi Shih:** one 11 Jan (DAD).

### **TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** two 23 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*).

**Wimpey pits:** one 5 - 19 Apr (PB, CR, DAD). (This was an odd bird, which appeared to have some field characteristics of *nyroca*). Two 2 - 14 Nov (DAD, PB), 27 on 19 Nov, 15 on 25 Nov (CR), 10 from 26 - 29 Nov (DAD, PB), present throughout December, with max. 22 on 15 Dec (DAD), 34 on 27 Dec (CR).

**Emirates Hills:** eight 3 Nov, nine 10 Nov, 11 on 17 Nov, with at least six to 14 Dec, then up to 10 to 29 Dec (CR, DAD) - probably c.10 present throughout.

**Safa Park:** one 22 Nov (CR).

**Eastern Lagoon:** two 12 Dec (TG).

**Wadi Shih dam:** four 16 Dec (DAD), two 30 Dec (CR).

2002

**Emirates Hills:** three 1 Jan, 11 from 5 - 7 Jan, five 15 Jan (CR), one 7 Mar (CR,TP).

**Wimpey pits:** four 1 Jan (DS), 33 on 6 Jan (CR), 28 on 10 Jan (DAD), six 19 Jan (RF), two 23 Jan (CR), two 28 Feb - 2 Mar (CR, PB, DAD), five 8 Mar (TP), but 20+ reported 18 Mar (PB), 12 on 22 Mar (CR), one 5 May (CR). One possibly *Aythya* hybrid, 16 - 22 Jul - 7 Aug (DAD).

**Safa Park:** one 10 Jan - 18 Feb (DAD, AA).

**Wadi Shih:** four 11 Jan (DAD), five 14 Feb, four 14 Mar (DAD).

**Nadd al Sheba pond:** three 16 Jan (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** c.20 from 27 - 28 Jan (CR), 16 on 27 Feb (CR), up to 10 from 6 - 8 Mar (CR, *Limosa*).

#### EURASIAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis apivorus*

2001

**Mushref Palace gardens:** one 11 Mar (AT); one ad. female 12 Aug (AT), one juv. 26 Dec (AT).

**Emirates golf course:** one 18 Apr (TG).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 19 Apr (CR).

**AD Health & Fitness Club:** one 15 Oct (SLJ) and 22 Oct (TG).

2002

**Al Manhal Palace/radio mast area:** one 7 Jan, three 23 Jan (AT), one 2 Feb (AT).

**Hamraniyyah fields:** one male 9 Mar (PBr).

**Mushref Palace gardens area:** one male 9 Jun (TG); two 9 Oct (AT), one 11 Oct (SLJ).

#### CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

2001

**Al Saqr Park & Digdaga Area, Ras al Khaimah:** One juv. 26 Oct - 29 Dec (PB, PBr).

**Al Manhal area, Abu Dhabi:** one 14 Nov (AT).

2002

**Al Manhal Palace/radio mast, Abu Dhabi:** one 7 Jan, with two there 20 - 23 Jan (AT). Al Manhal Palace area: one 2 Feb (AT).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one female 26 Jan (PBr), one 5 Mar (PBr).

**Fujairah Farm (not National Dairy):** two 31 Jan (PCo).

**Mushref Palace Gardens area:** one dark & one light phase 21 Feb, one pale 25 Feb (SLJ), one dark morph 11 Apr (TG).

#### *Pernis sp.*

2002

**Hamraniyyah fields:** two not identified to species 4 Feb (PCo).

#### BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE *Elanus caeruleus*

2001

**Mushref Palace gds:** one 11 - 31 Oct (SJA, SLJ), 13th record.

**Eastern lagoon roost:** one 24 & 25 Oct (AT), same bird as above.

**Umm an Nar golf course (Abu Dhabi golf course by Sheraton):** one 23 Dec (CB), 14th record.

2002

**Bateen Gardens:** one 19 Jan (PH), 15th record.

#### BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans*

2001

**Hamraniyyah:** one 27 Apr (TG).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 17 May (DAD).

**Sharjah water front:** one 23 Sep (AMc)

2002

**Al Wathba camel race track:** one 1 Feb (SJA, AT).

**Liwa oasis:** one 3 Oct (CT).

**EGYPTIAN VULTURE** *Neophron percnopterus*

2001

**Jebel Hafit:** two 1 Mar, four 11 Mar, five 25 Mar.

**Mahdah area:** two 11 Mar (CR/DF).

**Hanging Gardens:** one 11 Mar (CR/DF), evidence of recent nest, probably this sp. 24 Aug (GF, PC), one 5 Nov (CR).

**Jebel Hafit:** present not counted, 1 Apr (MD, TPa), one 11 Apr (TG), one approx. 16 - 21 Aug (SB), seven 14 Sep (TG), 19 on 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 14 on 17 Oct (TP), eight 5 Nov (CR/Bq), 17 on 14 Dec (TG), six 21 Dec, nine 31 Dec (PC).

**Al Ain Zoo:** 12 on 25 Oct (LB), five 22 Dec (CT).

2002

**Jebel Hafit:** five 11 Jan (PH), 10 on 15 Feb (AA), five 10 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), at least two 2 Apr (TG), three 28 Jun (TG).

**LAPPET-FACED VULTURE** *Torgus tracheliotus*

2001

**Tayibah plain:** One 12 Mar (DF/CR).

**Khutwa (Mahdah, Oman):** one 26 Apr (TG).

**Hanging Gardens (Jebel Qatar, Oman):** one seen briefly 12 Oct was probably this sp (CR, Ntrk), two 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Mahdah road/Hatta road junction (Oman):** one 26 Dec (AMcL).

**SHORT-TOED EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus*

2001

**Al Ain Hilton:** one 5 Mar (PB).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 9 Mar (AT).

**Khor Dubai:** one 12 Apr (TG).

**Khutwa (Mahdah, Oman):** one 26 Apr (TG).

**Ras al Khaimah golf course:** one 17 Sep (PBr).

**Al Aqqah, East Coast:** one 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** four 1 Mar, up to three 3 Mar - 12 Apr, with seven there 4 Mar (AT), four 19 Apr (TG), two 20 Apr, one 27 Apr (AT); six 21 Sep, two 28 Sep (TG), five 5 & 11 Oct (TG, AT), six 12 Oct (AT), up to four 17 - 25 Oct (TP, AT, TG), five 4 Nov (CR/Bq), four 16 Nov (PB), three 23 Nov (AT).

**Wimpey pits:** five on 4 Mar, up to three 15 - 29 Mar (DAD, PB), two 5 Apr (PB), one 12 - 18 Apr (CR, PB); two 24 Sep (CR), up to three 6 Oct - 1 Nov (PB, CR, DAD, AMc, GK, AT), four 2 - 8 Nov (DAD, PB), up to five 14 - 24 Nov (PB, RF) with three most visits to month end; four 15 Dec (DAD), up to seven 23 - 27 Dec (CR).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 4 Mar; one 22 - 26 Jun (DAD), probably wandering immatures; two 7 - 28 Sep, with three 20 Sep (DAD), two 12 - 15 Oct (TP, AMc, DAD).

**Mushrif park:** one 13 Mar.

**Khor Dubai:** 5+ on 2 Mar (PB), four on 13 - 14 Mar. Khor Dubai: one 3 & 17 Apr (CR). Khor Dubai: three 28 Sep (PH). Khor Dubai: five 3 Oct, six 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), four 15 Oct (TP).

**Khor al-Beida:** four 16 Mar (CR/DF).

**Sharjah tip:** one on 26 Mar & 10 Apr (DAD).

**Khor Kalba:** three 27 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*)

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 17 May (DAD); one 21 Sep (PB), two 28 Sep - 12 Oct (CR, PB), three 16 & 25 Oct (TP, DAD), four 15 Nov, three 30 Nov (PB).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 31 Aug (PB).

**Al Habab fields:** two 14 Sep (DAD), at least three coming to roost 19 Sep (CR), two 11 Oct (CR, PB).

**Hamraniyyah fields:** three 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Ain pump stn.:** two 17 Dec (PC).

Singles in September, Mafraq STP, Ras al Khaimah airport. Up to two Nov several other sites including Khor Dubai, Mushref Palace Gds., Al Jazeera Khor, Dubai pivot fields and Khor al-Beida.

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one wintering bird present until 4 Apr (AT, MD, TPa); one 2 Nov - 28 Dec (TG, PB, AT).

**Hamraniyyah:** one female 10 - 28 Mar (CR/DF, *Naturetrek*, *Limosa*),

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 15 - 30 Jun (PB, DAD, CR), first ever summer report of this rare migrant; one 29 Nov - 28 Dec (RF, DS, AMcL).

**PALLID HARRIER** *Circus macrourus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to two 1 - 10 Mar (AT *et al*), one 3 Apr and three 4 - 15 Apr (MD, TPa, AT), one 19 - 27 Apr (TG, SJA AT); one 20 Sep, three 21 Sep and at least one 28 Sep (TG), one 5 - 18 Oct (AT, TP, DAD), one 2 & 9 Nov (TG), up to two 15 - 30 Nov (DAD, PB, AT), two 21 Dec, three 27 Dec (AT).

**Dubai pivots:** one 4 & 29 Mar (CR), one 17 Apr (CR, DAD), two 4 May, one 10 & 25 May, up to two 31 May - 27 Jun (DAD, PB, CR *et al*), with three reported 8 Jun (DAD); one ad. male 1 Nov (AT), one 2 & 14 - 15 Nov (DAD, PB).

**Wimpey pits:** one 4, 10 Mar, 29 - 31 Mar. (CR, PB, DAD); one 29 Nov (DAD, PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** one male 15 Mar (DF/CR *Limosa*); one adult male 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Ain camel track:** one 1 Apr (MD, TPa).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 19 & 20 Apr (CR, PB, DAD), two 17 May (DAD); one 21 Sep (PB), one 15 & 22 Nov (PB, DAD).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** two 1 Jul (PBr).

**Wadi Rhum:** one 26 Jul (SLJ).

**Al Habab:** one 28 Sep (DAD), one 8 Nov (DAD).

**Mushrif Park:** one 12 Oct (TP).

**Hamraniyyah fields:** two 17 Dec (CR, PB).

Singles in December also Dubai pivot fields, Ras al Khaimah airport and AD Golf & Equestrian Club.

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to two 9 - 10 Mar (AT, CR/DF), one 23 Mar - 19 Apr (PB, AT, TG), one male 26 Apr (AT), two 27 Apr (SJA, AT), two 25 May - 17 Jun, three 31 May (AT); three 10 Aug, five 17 Aug, two 24 Aug, five 31 Aug (SLJ), seven 7 Sep, three 10 Sep (TG), four 14 Sep (AT), five 20 Sep, eight 21 Sep, two 27 Sep, four 28 Sep (TG), one 5 Oct, three 11 Oct, four 12 - 18 Oct (TG, AT, DAD), one 2 Nov (TG), four 4 Nov (CR), five 9 Nov (TG), up to two 14 - 30 Nov (AT, DAD, PB, CR), one 2 - 3 Dec (AT, DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 19 & 20 Apr (CR, DAD), five 17 May (DAD); one imm. male 22 Jul (CR), one 24 - 13 Sep (DAD, PB), one 13 Sep (SLJ), two 10 & 25 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 22 & 30 Nov (DAD, PB).

**Dubai pivot fields:** three 10 May, two 25 May - 22 Jun (DAD), three 22 Jun (DAD), four 26 - 30 Jun (CR), with five reported, 28 Jun (TG), two 5 Jul (TG), five 11 Jul, nine 19 Jul, five 25 Jul and six there 27 Jul (CR), five 30 Jul (SLJ), three 15 Aug, four 21 Aug (DAD), up to three 7 - 29 Sep (RF, CR, DAD, AMc), one male 4 Oct, and most visits 11 - 18 Oct (PB, DAD, CR, Ntrk), one 8 - 9 Nov (PB, DAD), one 16 Dec (TG).

**Wadi Rhum:** three 26 Jul (SLJ).

**Qurrayah:** one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Habab:** one 14 & 19 Sep (DAD, CR), two 26 Oct (DAD), one 29 Nov (DAD).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one 27 Nov (PBr).

**Ring-tailed harrier** *Circus sp.*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 4 May (AT).

**Pivot fields:** up to two 7 Jun - 11 Jul (DAD, CR), plus many other imm. Montagu's Harriers present.

One in desert near Al Ain/Jebel Ali road 19 Sep (CR).

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

2001

**Ghantoot:** one 3 Mar (*Naturetrek*).

**Mushrif Park:** two 9 Mar (DF/CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 14 & 28 Mar, one 13 Sep (SLJ), one 25 Oct (DAD), one 7 Nov (CR/Bq), one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Hamraniyah:** one 15 & 28 Mar. (CR)

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one 11 Apr (TG), up to two 15 - 30 Nov (AT), one 28 Nov (AT).

**Das Is:** one daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG), late migrants.

**Khalidiyah spit:** one 'immature' male reported 2 Jun (TG), seems odd date.

**Safa Park:** one 'not Shikra' 12 Sep (TG).

**Emirates golf course:** one 14 Sep (TG).

**Jebel Ali:** one 7 Oct (CR).

**Mushrif Park:** one 12 Oct (TP).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 15 Oct (CR, TP).

**Abu Dhabi city:** one 22 & 31 Oct (TG).

**Al Habab fields:** one 26 Oct (DAD).

**Jebel Hafit:** one 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one 6 Nov, one 4 - 10 Dec (PBr).

**Wadi Khabb Shamsi (Oman):** one 8 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Mushref Palace Gds.:** one 10 & 28 Nov (AT).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 14 Nov (AT).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 10 Dec (TG).

**SHIKRA** *Accipiter badius*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** three 9 - 23 Mar (CR/DF), one only 30 Mar - 18 Apr (PB, DAD, CR), up to two 3 May - 12 Jun (CR, PB, DAD), one 24 Aug - 8 Nov (PB, CR).

**Safa Park:** one 17 Mar - 19 Apr (CR, PB, DAD), one possible juv. 25 May (DAD), at least one 25 Aug - 28 Sep (DAD), seen with budgerigar prey 7 Oct (SJA).

**Zabeel, Dubai:** one hunting at dusk 5 Jul (CR).

**STEPPE BUZZARD** *Buteo (buteo) vulpinus*

2001

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 17 May (DAD), unusually late.

**Mushref Palace Gds.:** one juv. pale-phase 6 - 20 Sep (AT, TG).

**LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *Buteo rufinus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 2 - 29 Mar (AT, CR, DAD), one 16 - 26 Nov (AT, CR, PB *et al*).

**Gabat Baynunah:** one 31 Mar (TG)

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one 3 Oct (TG).

**Wimpey pits:** one 18 Oct (GK).

**North of Bidiyah, east Coast:** one 16 Nov (AMc).

**Qarn bint Saud, NE of Al Ain:** one 6 Dec (PH, SJA)

**LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE** *Aquila pomarina*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 24 Mar. (CR/*Ornitholidays*)

**SPOTTED EAGLE** *Aquila clanga*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** five 6 Mar (AT); one 18 Oct - 8 Nov (GK, CR, AT, DAD), one 23 Dec (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 17 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*).

**Eastern Lagoon:** two 16 Mar (AT).

**Sharjah tip:** five 16 Mar (DF/CR *Limosa*). two 27 - 30 Mar (DAD, CR), latest one 2 May (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** two 3 -10 Mar (AT, CR/*Naturetrek*, *Limosa*), one 23 - 29 Mar (AT, PB, DAD, CR); one 18 Oct - 2 Dec (DAD, TG, PB, AT), with three reported 9 Nov (TG).

**Hamraniyyah:** one 14/15 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*).

**Khor Dubai:** one 22 Mar - 18 Apr (DAD, CR/*Ornitholidays*); two 13 Oct - 23 Nov (CR, Ntrk, AMc), five 24 Nov (CT).

**Dreamland beach:** one 29 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*); one 9 Nov (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 20 Apr (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 12 Oct (PB), two 16 - 25 Oct (TP), three 7 - 30 Nov (CR/Bq, PB, DAD), one 16 Dec (DAD), two 30 Dec (CR).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** one 26 Oct (PB).

**Dhayah:** one 26 Oct (PB).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** two 6 Nov, one 10 Nov - 23 Dec (PBr).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 10 Nov (AMc).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 3 Dec (AT).

**STEPPE EAGLE** *Aquila nipalensis*

2001

**Jebel Yibir (E. of Ras al Khaimah airport):** two imms. at 900m. 23 Mar (GF).

**Jebel Hafit:** one 25 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one juv. 24 Sep (PBr), one 6 Nov (PBr).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 2 Nov (TG).

**IMPERIAL EAGLE** *Aquila heliaca*

2001

**Tayibah/Masafi:** one 12 & 14 Mar (DF/CR *Limosa*).

**Sharjah tip:** one 14 - 20 & 30 Mar (DAD, CR), two 16 Mar (DF/CR *Limosa*)

**North-east Al Ain plains** (also probably in Oman): two 'probably this species' 18 May (TG).

**Dhayah:** one imm. 30 Nov (PBr).

**AQUILA** *sp*

2001

One over Bur Dubai 29 Apr (GK).

**WHITE-EYED BUZZARD** *Butastur teesa*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one present all March - 13 Apr (CR, DAD, PB); again single bird 4 Oct & 13 Dec (PB).

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Hieraaetus pennatus*

2001

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one dark-phase on 17 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*).

**Jebel Hafit:** one pale-phase 25 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*).

Mushrif National Park, Dubai: one 2 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Dec (TG).



**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Hieraetus fasciatus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 6 Mar (AT), one 30 Jul (SLJ).

**Hanging Gardens:** one 6 - 8 Mar (PB, AT), pair 25 Mar (CR), pair 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one adult 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Mileiha:** one 12 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*).

**East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khaimah:** one 12 - 13 Apr (GF, PC).

**Wadi Khabb, southern Musandam:** pair 8 Jun (GF), one adult 8 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Khor Dubai:** one imm. 27 Jul (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** one juv. 23 Aug (DAD).

**Dibba:** one juv. 24 Aug (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** one juv. 24 Aug (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one juv. 21 Sep (PB), one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 25 Oct (DAD), two ads. 7 Nov, one 8 & 22 Nov (CR/Bq, DAD), one 30 Dec (CR).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one 17, 24 & 30 Sep (PBr), one 16 Dec (PBr).

**Hamraniyyah fields:** two juvs. (CR, Ntrk). 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Near Fujairah Port:** one 30 Nov (TG).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 4 - 5 Dec (PB, TG).

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** two 9 - 23 Mar (DAD, CR), one 3 & 5 Apr (CR, MD, TPa), one 14 Jun (CR), three 7 - 27 Jul (CR), one 16 - 21 Aug (SB), up to three 3 - 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP, AMc), three 10 & 23 Nov (CR).

**Fujairah Hilton beach:** one 12 Mar.

**Khor Kalba:** one 13 Mar.

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** two 15 Mar (CR *et al*), two 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Dreamland beach:** one 15 Mar, one 20 Sep (CR),

**Arzanah Is.:** two 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**Jumeirah beach:** one flying SW 24 May (DAD), one 28 Aug (DAD).

**Umm al Nar:** two at nest 24 Jun (TG).

**Zabeel fish ponds;** one 17 & 21 Jul (CR), may be one from Khor Dubai.

**Safa Park:** one 17 - 25 Aug (DAD), one 20 -27 Sep (DAD),

**Hassah beach:** one 21 Sep.

**Rashid Dry Docks:** one 24 Sep (AMc).

**Emirates golf course:** one 25 Sep (CR).

**Futaisi Island:** 15 seen, some preparing nests 2 Nov (TG).

Singles also reported on migration Wimpey pits, Al Sharm beach, Khor al Beidah, Al Aqqah, Khor al Beidah, Shuweihat.

**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*

2001

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Mar. (CR), 35 on 19 Apr - 17 May (CR, DAD) and same flock over adjacent plain 20 Apr (DAD), 14 on 1 Jun (PB), two males 22 Jul (CR); 20 on 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 2 & 9 Mar (AT), four 29 Mar. (DAD), three 12 Apr (TG), 15 on 19 Apr (TG), four 20 Apr (AT); one 28 Sep (TG), one 11 Oct, three 12 Oct (AT), 16 on 19 Oct, 10+ on 22 Oct (TG), five 2 Nov, three 9 Nov (TG).

**Zirku Is:** three 18 Apr (TG)..

**Dubai pivots:** one 30 Apr (CR), one 25 May (DAD).

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

2001

Possible breeding records, unusual locations and three or more birds together:

**Hamraniyyah:** pair nesting in fan-palm on Ras al Khaimah airport roundabout 15 Mar (CR *et al*), four 9 Oct (CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 1 Jun (PB), one 22 Jul (CR), up to five 24 - 31 Aug (DAD, PB), six 13 Sep (SLJ), up to five 21 - 28 Sep (PB, CR), 12 from 10 - 25 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB, DAD), up to 15 from 7 - 15 Nov (CR/Bq, PB), four 16 Dec (DAD), nine 30 Dec (CR).

**Arzanah Is.:** two 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**Emirates golf course:** one 3 May (DAD).

**Dubai Pivots:** single bird 8, 21 - 22 Jun (DAD), one 19 Jul (CR), one 15 Aug (DAD), three 15 Oct (CR).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 7 & 8 Jun, two 15 Jun (AT), three 14 Sep (AT), five 28 Sep (TG), six 5 Oct (TG), 20 on 11 Oct (AT), 25 on 12 Oct (AT), 11 on 18 Oct (DAD), 12 on 2 Nov (TG), up to 25 from 4 - 30 Nov (CR/Bq, DAD, AT), 25 on 2 Dec, six 21 Dec (AT).

**Abu Dhabi:** four, newly-fledged 26 Jun (TG).

**Al Habab:** three 19 & 28 Sep (CR, DAD).

**KESTREL** sp.

2001

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** six, not identified to species 22 Jul (CR).

**Al Wathba:** 30 on 18 Oct (AT).

**AMUR FALCON** *Falco amurensis*

2001

**Asab:** one male 19 Nov (SJA, PH), 3rd record.

**HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

2001

**Khalidiyah:** one 10 Apr (TG).

**Das Is:** up to two daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 19 & 20 Apr (TG, AT).

**Emirates golf course:** one 23 Apr (CR), one prob. 17 Aug (SB); one 27 Nov (CR).

**Abu Dhabi city:** one 22 Oct (TG).

**Al Mamzar park:** one 2 Nov (DAD).

**Abu Dhabi golf club, Umm an Nar:** one juv. 17 Dec (CB).

**SOOTY FALCON** *Falco concolor*

2001

**Dubai pivots:** one 21 Jun (DAD).

**Al Wathba marsh:** one '2nd year' 17 Aug (SLJ, AT).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**LANNER FALCON** *Falco biarmicus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 23 Nov (AT *et al.*).

**SAKER FALCON** *Falco cherrug*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*)

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

2001

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Habab:** one without jesses 19 Sep (CR).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 26 Nov (TG).

**Abu Dhabi:** one after dark 28 Dec (TG).

**BARBARY FALCON** *Falco pelegrinoides*

2001

**Jebel Hafit:** one 5 & 25 Mar (PB, CR), one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), also on 17 Oct (TP).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 7 Nov (CR/Bq), two 30 Dec (CR).

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar*

2001

**Masafi:** Ad. with six young 31 Mar (MD, TPa).

**Jebel Qa'wa (probably Oman):** 1 ad. 7 young near summit 5 Apr (BC).

**East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khaimah:** heard at dawn 1250 metres on 13 Apr (GF, PC).

**SAND PARTRIDGE** *Ammoperdix heyi*

2001

**Jebel Hafit:** max. 10 on 5 Mar. (PB, DAD), 14 on 11 Mar (CR *et al*), seen 1 Apr (MD), two 11 Apr (TG), three (2m 1f) 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 5 Nov, three 6 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Hanging Gardens:** two 6 Mar (PB), c.12 on 24 Aug (GF), two 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Wadi Shih dam:** 3+ on 23 Aug (DAD), three 25 Oct (DAD), one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** one 23 Aug (DAD).

**Mahdah road (Oman):** three 1 Dec (PB).

**GREY FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus pondicerianus*

2001

Noteworthy reports only:

**Hanging Gardens:** two in ravine (!) 25 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*).

**Safa Park:** three juvs. noted 13 May (DAD).

**Zabeel Palace:** max. numbers, 60 on 21 Jul (CR).

Juveniles reported September.

**Al Habab:** three inc. one chick 5 Oct (DAD), noteworthy.

**QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix*

2001

**Dubai pivots:** one 4 Mar (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one heard 3 Mar, heard 23 Mar, one seen 24 Mar (CR), five 12 Apr, one 19 Apr (TG); one 21 Sep (TG), two 18 Oct (DAD), one 4 & 15 Nov (Bq, DAD), six reported 2 Dec, three 21 Dec (AT).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one seen, two heard 14 Mar (CR *et al*), two heard 28 Mar, two 20 Apr (DAD).

**Hamraniyah:** one seen 28 Mar.

**Al Jazeerah Khor (dunes):** one seen 29 Mar. (CR)

**Abu Dhabi Hilton:** one 26 Sep (TG).

**Mushref Palace gdns:** one 5 Oct (AT).

**Desert Springs Village:** one on roadside, flew off 6 Oct (CR).

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 6 Mar (GK).

**Emirates golf course:** one 13 Dec (TG).

**SPOTTED CRAKE** *Porzana porzana*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** up to three 2 - 30 Mar (PB, CR, DAD), up to two 26 - 30 Apr (PB, CR, GK, TG), one probable 10 May (DAD); one 24 Sep - 18 Oct (CR, Ntrk, DAD, PB), with two 5 Oct (GK).

**Emirates golf course:** one 15 - 23 Mar. (PB, CR), one 4 Apr, two 9 Apr, three 13 Apr (CR, PB), four 19 Apr (PB), two 20 - 26 Apr (CR, PB), one 27 - 29 Apr (CR, PB), one 10 May (PB); one 10 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 1 May (CR).

**LITTLE CRAKE** *Porzana parva*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one male reported 20 Oct (AMc), not confirmed.

**BAILLON'S CRAKE** *Porzana pusilla*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 11 May (DAD)

**CRAKE** sp.

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one 22 Sep (CR).

**CORNCRAKE** *Crex crex*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one 26 Apr (PB), 30th record.

**Khor Kalba mangroves:** one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 21 - 24 Oct, at least (TG).

**WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one 7 Feb - 11 May (CR, DAD, PB), the 14th record.

**Wimpey pits:** One 15 Dec - 10 Jan 2002 (DAD), the 15th record.

**MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** max. 20 on 24 Mar, 12 from 17 - 30 Apr (CR), seven +2 juvs. 4 May (DAD), 15 from 31 May, with up to 33, mostly juvs. 7 - 30 Jun (PB, DAD, GK, CR), 26 on 11 Jul, 38 on 27 Jul (CR), 75, including many young, 30 Jul (SLJ), 7+ on 15 Aug (DAD), 37 on 16 Sep, 40 on 24 Sep (CR), 25 on 12 Oct (DAD), otherwise c.50 from 4 - 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 40 on 4 Nov (CR), 10 on 18 Dec (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** max. 10 on 14 Mar (CR *et al*), one 20 Apr (PB), three, one with young 26 Apr (TG), 38 on 13 Jul (CR), up to five 23 - 24 Aug (DAD), five 22 Nov (DAD), 10+ on 28 Dec (TG).

**Emirates golf course:** one 23 Mar, two 30 Mar. (DAD), pair with one juv. 12 Jun (CR), five 8 & 15 Jul, eight there 24 Jul (CR), six 17 Aug (SB), six 15 Sep, fewer other visits (CR), up to 10 from 2 - 26 Oct (CR, TP, AMc), five 22 Nov (CT).

**Sharjah tip:** up to two 26 Mar - 10 Apr (DAD), three 30 May (DAD), 10 on 24 Aug (DAD), 32 on 13 Sep, 41 on 28 Sep (DAD), 52 on 26 Oct (DAD), 47 on 9 Nov, 51 on 17 Nov (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** 11 on 4 Apr, 25 on 10 Apr, 35 on 22 Apr (TG), 30 on 9 May, 16 there 23 May and 40 on 30 May (PC).

**Zabeel Palace:** five 21 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 25 Aug - 27 Sep (DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** three 23 Sep (CR), two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Ghantoot Polo Club:** one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Wathba lake:** 17 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

Also reported Wadi Shih

**PURPLE GALLINULE** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 30 Mar - 21 May (CR/*Ornitholidays*, DAD, PB, TG), the 7th record.

**COOT** *Fulica atra*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 5+ on 2 Mar (CR), three 4 Mar (DAD), 10 on 10 Mar (CR), one 30 Mar (CR), one still present 4 May (DAD), very late, one 30 Jul - 15 Aug (SLJ, DAD), two 20 Aug (PB), one 21 Sep (DS), one 4 Oct, with two from 6 Oct - 4 Nov (GK, DAD, PB, CR, Ntrk), six from 15 Nov, 12 on 23 Dec (CR, DAD).

**Ghantut:** one on 3 Mar (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** six 6 Mar. (DAD), four 17 Nov (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** one 5 - 30 Mar (CR, PB), one 22 Nov (CT).

**Zabeel Palace:** one 21 Jul (CR).

**Emirates Hills:** one from 8 Nov (DAD), up to two from 23 Nov (CR, DAD).

**AD Golf & Equestrian Club:** one 21 Nov (TG), two 6 - 12 Dec (DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 20 Dec (CR).

**Wadi Shih dam:** up to seven 16 - 30 Dec (DAD, CR).

#### **OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus*

2001

Noteworthy records follow:

**Khor Kalba:** seven 1 Jun (PB), six 13 Jul (CR), nine 23 Aug (DAD).

**Khor Dubai:** up to six 14 - 28 Jun (CR), 15 on 7 Jul and 34 on 27 Jul (CR), 5+ from 16 - 21 Aug (SB), a max. of 46 were seen 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Khor al Beidah:** four 6 Jul (CR), 20+ on 20 Sep (CR), 18 on 4 Oct (DAD), 81 on 3 Dec (AT).

**Dreamland beach:** 16 on 20 Sep (CR).

**Futaisi Island:** 20+ on 2 Nov (TG), 15 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

Otherwise up to 10 together at several coastal locations.

#### **BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus*

2001

**Ruwayyah:** 14 on 4 Mar, 17 on 30 Mar, 22 on 8 Jun (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** 74 on 4 Mar. (DAD), 80 adults present most visits with juvs. noted from 17 Apr (CR), 75 plus many young 4 May - 14 Jun (DAD, CR), 100+ on 27 Jul (CR), at least 100 on 21 - 24 Sep (DS, CR), 207 on 2 Nov (DAD), 160 on 25 Nov (CR), c.160 there 15 Dec (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** up to 100 from 14 - 27 Mar (CR), 60 adults +23 juvs. noted 20 Apr (PB, DAD), 150+ on 25 Apr (TG), 110 on 17 May, up to 130 from 15 - 17 Jun (DAD, PH), 100+ on 13 Jul (CR), 180 on 23 Aug (DAD), 165 on 31 Aug (PB), 140 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 200+ on 12 Oct (PB), 47 on 25 Oct (DAD), 162 on 22 Nov (DAD), 400 from 14 - 28 Dec, a rather high estimate (TG), 270 on 30 Dec (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** max. 36 on 23 Mar. (DAD), max. 34 there 11 Apr (CR), 52 on 1 Jul (CR), 70+ from 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 21 on 20 Aug (DAD), 30 on 2 Oct (CR).

**Sharjah dump:** 20+ on 16 Mar (CR *et al*), 51 counted 10 Apr (DAD), 28 on 2 May, 35 on 30 May (DAD), 46 on 24 Aug (DAD), 72 on 13 Sep, 109 on 28 Sep (DAD), 156 on 26 Oct (DAD), 118 on 9 Nov, 64 on 17 Nov (DAD), 89 on 6 Dec (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** 13 on 4 Apr, 25 on 22 Apr (TG), 25 on 9 May, 15 on 30 May (PC).

**Khor Dubai:** 40+ on 18 Jun (PH), 59 on 27 Jul, 20 on 16 Sep (CR), 36 on 28 Sep (PH)..

**Umm al Quwain dump:** 115 on 6 Jul (CR).

**Emirates Hills golf course:** 58 on 18 Sep, 52 on 6 Oct (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** unusually 34 on 20 Sep (CR).

**Al Wathba lake:** c.180 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

Otherwise loose groups of up to 30 birds many locations.

#### **AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** one 2 Mar, two on 9 Mar, four 14 - 23 Mar. (CR, DAD), one still present 10 Apr (DAD); two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 10 Nov, two 23 Nov (CR), two 21 Dec (CR).

**Al Wathba lake marsh:** six 19 Mar (AT), 11 present 18 May (TG).

**Wimpey pits:** two 30 Apr (CR), two 6 - 9 May (GK, JM); two 6 Sep (CR), one 4 & 18 - 19 Oct (CR, TP, GK), one 2 - 19 Nov (DAD, CR/Bq), five from 29 Nov (DAD), seven 29 Nov (PB), six 1 Dec (DAD), seven 2 Dec (PB), eight 3 Dec (AT), up to five 3 - 4 Dec (PB), two 7 - 15 Dec (CR, DAD, PB), four 18 - 23 Dec (PB, CR).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**CRAB PLOVER** *Dromas ardeola*

2001

**Dreamland beach:** nine 15 & 29 Mar. (CR *et al*), 70 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20 on 18 Oct (TP), 40 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq). 13 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Dabb'iyah:** nine 16 Mar (AT), 130 in late Oct (TG).

**Khor al Beidah:** 48 on 29 Mar. (CR), 15 on 23 Apr (CR), 2 ads., 2 juvs. present 6 Jul (CR), 132 on 20 Sep (CR), 82 on 4 Oct (DAD), 149 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 45 on 18 Oct (TP), 170 on 3 Dec (AT), 95 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Al Aryam Is:** 15 on 20 Apr (TG).

**Khor Ajman:** 10 on 20 Sep (CR).

**Sammaliyah Is.:** two 9 Oct (TG).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** c.10 from 9 - 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB), 33 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq), up to 45 from 16 - 18 Dec (PBr).

**Futaisi Island area:** 75 on 2 Nov (TG).

**Barracuda Hotel beach, Umm al Quwain:** 55 on 28 Dec (AMcL).

NOT reported May/Jun. Not reported Aug, sites not visited.

**STONE CURLEW** *Burhinus oedicnemus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one after dark 7 Mar (AT), one 20 Sep (TG), one 5, 11 & 18 Oct (TG, AT).

**Al Aryam Is:** one 20 Apr (TG).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** one 15 Sep (PBr).

**Kalba plain:** one 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Liwa oases:** 'fresh tracks' 13 Oct (TG).

**CREAM-COLOURED COURSER** *Cursorius cursor*

2001

**Ghantoot polo club:** three on 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), two 23 Jun (TG), 51 on 27 Sep (CR), 22 on 13 Oct (CR), 28 on 17 Oct (TP), seven 9 Nov (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** four 11 May (CR), two 22 Jun (PB), three 25 Jun (CR), up to four 16 - 31 Aug (SB, AH, DAD), two 22 Sep (CR), three 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Emirates Hills golf course:** five 1 Jul, eight 18 Jul and four 26 Jul (CR), one 17 Sep (CR), six 12 Nov (DAD), up to three 10 - 26 Nov (CR), eight 14 Dec, five 25 Dec (CR).

**Hassah, Jebel Ali Conservation Area:** two 21 Sep (CR).

**Abu Dhabi airport golf club:** 17 on 28 Sep (TG).

**Hamraniyyah:** 10 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Wathba camel track:** two 22 Oct (TG), one 2 - 16 Nov (TG, CR/Bq).

**Al Habab fields:** three 26 Oct (DAD).

**near Sweihan:** two 2 Dec (TG).

**COLLARED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola pratincola*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 5 Apr (MD, TPa), two 17 Apr (CR), two 6 May (GK), 15 on 12 Sep (TG), one 16 Sep (CR), three 4 Oct (CR), one 6 Oct (GK).

**Al Wathba camel track;** one 12, 15, 20 & 27 Apr (AT, SJA), two 24 May (AT), six 7 Jun and seven 8 Jun (TG); seven 7 Sep (TG), four 14 Sep (AT), nine 20 Sep, four 21 Sep, six 24 Sep (TG), one 17 - 24 Aug (SLJ), one 5 - 11 Oct (TG), four 12 - 18 Oct (AT, DAD), three 19 Oct (TG), one 16 - 29 Nov (CR, PB, AT), one 2 - 21 Dec (AT, PB, TG *et al*).

**Dubai pivot fields:** two 13 Apr (DAD), one 17 - 18 Apr, two 30 Apr (CR), one 4 May, two 31 May (DAD) and 14 Jun (CR), five 30 Jul (SLJ), two 20 Aug (PB), four 7 & 13 Sep (DAD), one 16, 24 & 27 Sep (CR, DAD).

**Das Is:** one 15 Apr (TG).

**Ruwayyah farms:** three 19 Apr (DAD).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 20 Apr (PB, DAD), one 22 Jul (CR).

**Al Wathba lake & marsh:** one 3 May (SJA).

**Sharjah tip:** two juvs. 24 Aug (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** two 13 Sep (PB).

**Emirates Hills:** two 1 Oct (CR).

**Al Habab fields:** one 5 Oct (DAD).

**PRATINCOLE** *sp. Glareola sp.*

2001

**Dubai pivot fields:** two claimed as 'Black-winged' 28 Sep (AMc), no description, so recorded as pratincole sp.

**LITTLE PRATINCOLE** *Glareola lactea*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 3 - 21 Dec (PB) still present to month end (DAD *et al*), the 9th record.

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius*

2001

**Safa park:** two 4 Mar.

**Ruwayyah:** up to 10 from 4 - 30 Mar, two 7 Sep (DAD), nine 23 Nov (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** up to six 2 - 30 Mar, 20+ on 12 Apr (PB), 12 on 6 Jul, 28 on 11 Jul, 25 on 19 Jul (CR). one 13 & 16 Sep (PB, CR), three 2 Nov (DAD), one 2 Dec (DAD).

**Ghantoot polo club:** 4+ on 3 Mar (CR).

**Ain al Faydah reeds:** one 5 Mar (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** up to four 6 - 26 Mar, two 24 Aug (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** 6 on 14 Mar, three 23 Aug (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** seven on 23 Mar (DAD), seven 28 Jul (CR), up to 10 on 20 - 31 Aug (DAD), three 13 Sep and 19 reported 27 Sep (PB).

**Fujairah port beach pools:** three 27 Mar.

**Emirates Hills:** 16 on 29 Jul (CR), one 5 Oct (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** at least one 16 - 21 Aug (SB).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** four 24 Aug (DAD), five 31 Aug (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** three 13 Sep (DAD), one 16 & 24 Sep (CR), three 11 Oct, c.10 from 18 - 25 Oct (PB), seem late high numbers, one 2 Nov (DAD).

**Al Habab fields:** two 5 Oct (DAD), one 11 Oct (PB).

Up to three pairs in March, Sharjah tip, Ruwayyah farms and pools, Al Ain pump stn., Khor Dubai, Ramtha tip, Emirates golf course, Fujairah National Dairy Farm, Dubai Media City.

Pairs and young reported widely in April, including Wimpey pits, Dubai pivots (and near Dubai STP), Emirates golf course, Ruwayyah, Qurrayah pools, Al Wathba camel track and lake, Al Ain pump stn, Sharjah tip and Ghantoot

**RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** 20 on 23 Mar, up to 30 present to mid-April, then 12 to end of April, 10 on 3 May (CR); one 20 Aug (DAD), first of autumn there, 42 on 13 Sep (PB), 20+ on 15 Sep (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** max. 50 on 23 Mar.

**Sharjah tip:** 38 on 10 Apr (DAD), four 24 Aug (DAD), 25 on 28 Sep (DAD), 24 on 17 Nov (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** three 30 May (PC).

**Wimpey pits:** one 7 Jun (DAD), 339 on 4 Dec (PB).

**Qurrayah pools:** four 23 Aug (DAD).

**Khor Kalba:** five 31 Aug (PB).

**Emirates Hills:** 42 on 18 Sep (CR), 22 on 5 Oct (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** 10 on 20 Sep (CR). Max:

**Al Wathba lake:** 46 on 18 Oct (SLJ)..:

**Khor al Beidah (north):** 220 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

March, up to 10 together also reported, except June & July, Khor al Beidah, Ruwayyah pools and Dubai pivot fields.

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrinus*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** 30+ on 3 May (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** juvs. first seen 2 Mar, 23 on 4 May (DAD), with three young 25 May, 48 on 31 May, 74 on 21 Jun (DAD), c.20 most visits Jul (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** 80 on 6 Jul (CR), 112 on 4 Oct (DAD),

**Khor Dubai:** est. 100+ on 27 Jul (CR).

**Al Wathba lake:** c.470 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

Smaller numbers other sites including Ghantoot, Ruwayyah pools, Sharjah tip and Jebel Ali village (breeding 23 Mar). In April, nesting noted all suitable sites, many juvs. reported.

Less than 10 reported together Aug.

**LESSER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius mongolus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 21 May (PB).

**Kalba beach:** 15 Jun (DAD), 42 on 31 Aug (PB), 85 on 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 24 Jun (TG).

**Khor Dubai:** one 28 Jun (CR), 50 on 7 Jul and 70 on 27 Jul (CR), c.600 on 16 Sep (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** two 1 Jul (CR).

**Khor al-Beida:** 130 on 6 Jul (CR), 131 on 4 Oct (DAD), c.200 on 30 Oct (CR).

**Dibba-Bayah port (Oman):** 30 ads. 22 Jul (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** two 23 Aug (DAD).

**Dreamland beach:** 10 on 20 Sep (CR), c.40 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Hassah beach:** 21 on 21 Sep (CR).

Commonly reported in smaller numbers including Umm al Quwain beach, Al Wathba fields, Al Jazeerah Khor.

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii*

2001

**Ruwayyah pools:** one 4 Mar. (DAD).

**Khor Dubai:** at least five 23 Mar, 20 on 28 Jun (CR), 10 on 7 Jul (CR), one 13 Sep (PB), up to three 8 - 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk), c.30 on 15 Nov (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** at least two 29 Mar, 12 on 6 Jul (CR), 30 on 4 Oct (DAD), 10+ on 9 Oct, c.20 on 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Khor Kalba:** one 1 Jun (PB), three 15 Jun (DAD), four 15 Jun (DAD), six 13 Jul (CR), 40 on 31 Aug (PB), 12 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 20+ on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 10 on 6 Nov (CR), two 22 Nov (DAD).

**Qurrayah beach:** eight 13 Jul (CR), one 23 Aug (DAD).

**Dibba-Bayah port:** 16 on 22 Jul (CR), two 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Hassah beach:** two 21 Sep (CR).

**Umm al Quwain beach:** one 4 Oct (DAD), one 26 Nov (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** at least one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 26 Nov (CR), c.30 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Fujeirah beach:** two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Ghantoot Polo club:** two 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Gorfa (south Fujeirah):** three 16 Oct (TP).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** two 26 Oct (PB), 20+ on 9 Nov (CR), 10+ on 16 Dec, 50+ on 18 Dec (PBr).

**South of Jebel Ali Port:** two 28 Dec (CR).

**SAND PLOVER** *sp.*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** 150 on 27 Jul (CR), 'many' 16 - 21 Aug (SB)

**CASPIAN PLOVER** *Charadrius asiaticus*

2001

**Dubai pivot fields:** one female 17 Apr (DAD), one 15 Oct (CR, TP), five 18 Oct, two 25 - 26 Oct (PB, RF).



**Khor Dubai:** one non-breeding plumage 28 Jun (CR)

**Khor al Beidah:** one imm. 6 Jul (CR)

**Emirates golf course:** one 17 Aug (AH).

**Emirates Hills golf course:** one imm. 18 Sep (CR).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 20 Sep (KS), two adults 21 - 28 Sep (TG), one 1 Oct (TG),

**Fujairah National Dairy farm:** two 25 Oct (DAD).

#### **PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva*

**Khor Dubai:** max. 164 on 3 Oct, 149 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 180 on 13 Oct, 150 on 20 Oct (AMc).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 4 Oct (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to 56 from 5 - 8 Oct (TG, KS), 40 on 11 Oct (AT), 12 on 12 Oct (AT), 42 on 18 Oct, 25 on 25 Oct (AT), 18 on 16 Nov (PB), up to 62 from 23 - 29 Nov (AT), five 3 Dec (DAD), 75 on 13 Dec (TG), 80 on 15 Dec, 36 on 27 Dec (AT).

**Emirates Hills:** 49 on 5 Oct (CR), up to 67 from 3 - 16 Nov (CR/Bq, DAD, PB), declining to 35 from 17 Nov to month end (CR), 46 most days 14 - 25 Dec (CR), fewer to year end.

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 17 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Khor Kalba:** 17 on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Ghantoot Polo Club:** max. 19 on 13 Oct (CR), one 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 30 Nov (PB).

**Umm al Quwain dump:** one 17 Dec (DAD), 149 on 21 Dec (CR).

#### **PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** 57 on 1 Mar (DAD), up to 75 from 2 - 9 Mar (AT), up to 50 throughout most of Apr, with peak of 65 on 26 Apr (AT, SJA); eight 17 Aug, 14 on 24 Aug (AT, SLJ), 22 on 31 Aug (SLJ), 35 on 7 Sep, 19 on 20 Sep, 44 on 21 Sep, 14 on 24 Sep, 24 on 28 Sep (TG).

**Khor Dubai:** 145 on 14 Mar (DAD) and 236 on 23 Mar. (CR), 178 on 4 Apr (CR), 132 on 10 Apr (DAD), 161 on 6 Sep (DAD).

**Ghantoot polo club:** up to 18 from 21 - 23 Mar (*Ornitholidays*); 16 on 27 Sep (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** one 5 Apr (PB).

**Emirates golf course:** 60 over-flying 14 Apr (CR), 92 on 12 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** five 24 Aug (DAD).

**Emirates Hills pools:** 22 on 18 Sep (CR).

#### **GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 2 Mar (AT), one 14 Sep (AT), one 26 Nov (AT).

**Emirates golf course:** one 5 Apr (DAD).

**Emirates Hills:** one 30 Nov (DAD).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 17 Dec (CR, PB).

#### **GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

2001

A sample of records follow, including unusual summer reports:

**Khor Dubai:** six 14 Jun (CR),.

**Khor al Beidah:** 16 on 6 Jul (CR); 50 on 18 Oct (TP), representative.

**Khor Dubai:** four 7 Jul and 30 on 27 Jul (CR), 'a few' 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 120 on 21 Dec (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** 20 on 20 Sep (CR).

#### **RED-WATTLED LAPWING** *Hoplopterus indicus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** 3+ on 1 Mar (DAD), six 8 Apr, four 12 Apr, three pairs with young from 15 Apr (AT); three 11 May increasing to 10 on 8 Jun (AT), 36 on 17 Aug (AT, SLJ), 12 on 24 Sep, 20 on 27 Sep (TG).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one 6 Apr (TG).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** 50 adults 19 – 20 Apr (CR, PB), 40 on 16 Jul (CR), 100+ on 12 Oct (PB), 47 on 25 Oct (DAD), 40+ on 7 Nov (CR), 59 on 22 Nov (DAD), 44 on 16 Dec (DAD).  
**Ruwayah pools:** 17 + 7 juvs. 8 Jun (DAD), 37 on 7 Sep (DAD).  
**Wimpey pits:** 36 on 28 Jun (CR), 29 on 15 Sep (CR).  
**Emirates golf course:** 66 on 1 Jul, 70 on 24 Jul (CR), 34 on 24 Aug (PB), 54 on 15 Sep (CR), 50 from 2 - 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 32 on 14 Nov (CR), 31 on 26 Dec (CR).  
**Umm al Quwain dump:** 10 on 6 Jul (CR).  
**Khor Dubai:** 10 on 7 Jul, 13 on 27 Jul (CR).  
**Dubai pivot fields:** 70 each visit 19 - 27 Jul (CR), 130 on 30 Jul (SLJ), 20 from 7 - 13 Sep (DAD).  
**Emirates Hills:** 2 ads., 2 flightless chicks 29 Jul (CR), 32 on 18 Sep (CR), c.30 on 1 Oct (CR), 21 on 16 Nov (DAD).  
**Sharjah tip:** 16 from 13 - 28 Sep (DAD).  
**Zabeel fish ponds:** 35 on 23 Sep (CR), 50+ on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Ghantoot polo club:** 29 on 27 Sep (CR).  
**Al Wathba lake:** 12 on 18 Oct (SLJ).  
**Hamraniyyah fields:** 46 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).  
**Al Habab:** 52 on 21 Dec (CR).  
**Abu Dhabi city:** one night of 28 Dec (TG).  
March: up to 20 most visits, at Ain al Faydah, Khor Dubai, Qurayyah.

**SOCIABLE PLOVER** *Chettusia gregaria*  
2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one still present 3 Mar (AT, CR/*Naturetrek*), one 29 Nov - 28 Dec (AT, DAD, PB), the 15th & 17th records.  
**Emirates Hills:** one 10 Nov (CR/Bq), the 16th record.

**WHITE-TAILED PLOVER** *Chettusia leucura*  
2001

**Wimpey pits:** up to 16 on 2 - 15 Mar, 10 on 19 Mar and seven 24 - 30 Mar (DAD, CR, PB), 12 most of April, with 16 on 30 Apr (PB, CR), eight 4 May, 12 on 6 May (GK), 16, inc. one juv. 21 May (PB), increased to five juvs. from 31 May (DAD), with peak of 16 ads., 6 juvs. 15 Jun (PB), one newly fledged young 5 Jul (TG), eight 6 Jul, six plus 1 juv. 11 Jul, four 19 Jul (CR), three 30 Jul (SLJ), 20 on 15 Aug (DAD), 6+ on 20 Aug (PB), max. 16 on 6 Sep (PB) and 15 on 16 Sep, fewer to month end (CR, DS), up to 11 from 4 - 23 Oct (CR, TP, PB, DAD, AMc, GK), 18 there 19 Nov (CR), 16 on 7 Dec (TG), up to 23 most visits 15 - 23 Dec (CR).  
**Emirates golf course:** two to 9 Mar, one 14 Sep - 18 Nov (TG, CR), two 28 Nov (CR), five 13 Dec (TG), two 18 Dec (DS).  
**Sharjah tip:** up to five from 14 Mar to month end. (DAD), six 10 Apr (DAD), five 30 May (DAD), one 24 Aug - 13 Sep (DAD), three 9 Nov, one 17 Nov (DAD).  
**Khor Dubai:** one reported 18 Jun (PH).  
**Dubai pivot fields:** two juvs. 22 Jun (PB), one 25 Jun (DAD), six 13 Sep, 19 on 20 Sep (DAD), five 24 - 27 Sep (CR, DAD), three 30 Nov (DS).  
**Al Wathba camel track marsh:** one 17 - 24 Aug (AT, SLJ), two 18 Oct (SLJ).  
**Al Wathba camel track:** one 21 - 28 Sep (TG), one 5 Oct (TG).  
**Qurayyah pools:** two 13 Sep (SLJ).  
**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 13 Sep (SLJ), one 10 - 16 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP, PB).

**LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*  
2001

**Ras al Khaimah khor:** one 24 Sep (PBr).  
**Wimpey pits:** 13 on 8 Nov (DAD), up to 10 from 3 - 11 Dec (DAD, PB, AT), nine on 16 Dec (TG).  
**Dubai pivot fields:** up to 15 from 9 - 15 Nov (DAD, AMc), four 23 Nov (AMc), three 30 Nov (DS) [probably some of same birds as Wimpey Pits].  
**Emirates Hills:** two 10 Nov (CR/Bq).  
**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** three 22 Nov (DAD), one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Umm al Quwain dump:** one 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**GREAT KNOT** *Calidris tenuirostris*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** one 8 – 9 Mar (AP, CR/DF *Limosa*), first record at this site.

**Khor al Beidah:** 18 on 29 Mar (CR/*Ornitholias*); three 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Kalba:** one 23 Aug (DAD).

**Dreamland beach:** 28 on 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** two 9 Mar (CR/DF), one 13 Sep (PB).

**Kalba-Fujairah beach:** 21 on 20 Apr (DAD).

**Kalba beach:** three 17 May (DAD), 16 on 23 Aug (DAD), 55 on 13 Sep (SLJ), c.5 on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Kalba corniche:** 17 on 17 May (DAD), up to 48 on 23/24 Aug (DAD).

**Fujeirah Port ditch:** 35 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 12 on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Mamzar Park:** one 21 Sep (DAD).

**Umm al Quwain:** five 4 Oct (DAD).

Less than five together Dreamland beach, Khor al-Beida, Umm al-Quwain beach, Al Mamzar Park beach, Jumeirah beach, Al Jazeerah Khor and Dubai creek.

**RED-NECKED STINT** *Calidris ruficollis*

2001

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 6 - 10 Sep (SLJ, PH, AT), 3rd record.

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** max. 100 on 9 Mar, one only 28 Jun (CR), probably c.100 amongst unidentified large wader flock on 27 Jul (CR), 40+ there 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 50 on 15 Oct (TP).

**Ruwayah pools:** 91 on 15 Mar (DAD), 112 on 13 Apr (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** 95 on 4 Mar (DAD), 85 on 17 Apr (CR), 127 on 4 May (DAD), 11 on 31 May (DAD), declined until absent by mid-June, with one there 29 Jun (PB, CR); none early July, increasing to 22 on 19 Jul, but only six on 27 Jul (CR); 40 on 15 Aug (DAD), 24 on 20 Aug (PB), 43 on 16 Sep (CR), 40 on 12 Oct (DAD), 100+ on 18 Oct (PB), 80 on 2 Nov (DAD), 150+ on 8 Nov (PB), 145 on 25 Nov (CR), 240 on 15 Dec (DAD), 180 on 27 Dec (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** max. 226 on 6 Mar (DAD), 47 on 24 Aug (DAD), up to 59 from 13 - 28 Sep (DAD), 36 on 26 Oct (DAD), 29 on 17 Nov (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** max. eight on 23 Mar, 14 on 3 May (DAD), c.15 there 16 - 21 Aug (SB, DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** 54 on 26 Apr (TG), 31 on 23 Aug (DAD), 50 on 12 Oct (PB), 45 on 25 Oct (DAD), 31 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**Al Ain pump stn:** 23 on 9 May (PC), 70 on 17 Dec (PC).

**Mafraq STP:** 1,030 on 10 Sep (TG).

**Khor al Beidah:** 200 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Khor al Beidah (north):** 240 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Dreamland beach:** 100 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Al Wathba lake:** 1,260 on 18 Oct (SLJ)..

**Emirates Hills:** 25 on 12 Nov (DAD).

Up to 30 several other sites, including Emirates Hills, Emirates golf course, Wimpey pits.

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

2001

A selection of records follow:

**Emirates golf course:** up to three throughout Mar, up to two 4 - 27 Apr (CR, PB), one present to 6 May (CR); seven 12 Sep (SLJ), four 13 & 27 Sep (PB, CR), six 4 Oct (PB), four 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 12 Oct (TP), seven 24 Nov (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** one 10 Mar - 30 Apr (PB, CR), two 10 May (DAD), one 21 May (PB), unusually late; one regular 6 - 28 Sep (PB, AMc), six 12 Sep (TG), three 16 Sep (CR), four 12 Oct (DAD), five 18 Oct (PB), up to two 2 - 25 Nov (DAD, PB, CR), max. five 15 Dec (CR), otherwise up to three most Dec visits.

**Qurrayah pools:** max. three 28 Mar (CR); two 31 Aug (PB), 18 on 13 Sep (SLJ), two 25 Oct (DAD), one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Ruwayah farms:** one 13 - 19 Apr (DAD).

**Al Wathba marsh:** eight 3 May (SJA), one still present 18 May (TG); four 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Dubai pivots:** one 21 Aug (DAD), three 13 - 16 Sep (DAD, CR), up to four 20 Sep - 25 Oct (RF, DAD, PB), 10 on 2 Nov (DAD), up to seven 15 - 25 Nov (PB, DAD, CR), 14 on 29 Nov (DAD), 11 on 1 Dec, 20 on 13 Dec (DAD), 16 on 15 Dec (CR) and up to 10 to month end.

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 24 Aug (DAD), two 31 Aug (PB), two 21 Sep (PB), four 28 Sep (CR), up to four 16 - 18 Oct (TP).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 10 Sep (AT), three 18 Sep (TG).

**Mafraq STP:** six 10 Sep (TG).

**Sharjah tip:** one 13 - 28 Sep (DAD).

**Emirates Hills:** one 17 Sep, seven 18 Sep (CR).

**\*CCC Marsh: three 4 Oct (CR).** [\*one of first reports from this new site]

**Fujeirah port ditch:** two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Buraimi sewage:** two 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Wathba camel track:** three 4 Nov - 15 Dec (CR, AT).

#### LONG-TOED STINT *Calidris subminuta*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 28 Jun - 30 Jul (SLJ), the 19th record (also SJA, PB, DAD, CR *et al*).

#### PECTORAL SANDPIPER *Calidris melanotos*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** one 1 - 31 Dec (DAD), the 2nd record (also PB, CR, RF, DS, AT *et al*).

#### CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

2001

A selection of interesting reports follow:

**Ruwayah pools:** up to six 4 - 30 Mar (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** up to 10 from 2 - 4 Mar (CR, DAD), 26 on 4 May, 38 on 6 May (GK), only two by 7 Jun (DAD), six 27 Jul (CR), two 20 Aug (PB), 50+ on 8 Nov (PB), 16+ on 1 Dec, 34 on 15 Dec (DAD).

**Khor Dubai:** 10+ on 23 Mar (CR), 19 on 28 Jun (CR), five 7 Jul and 420 on 27 Jul (CR), c.1000 on 16 Sep (CR).

**Dibba-Bayah port pool:** 35 on 22 Jul (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** six 28 Jul (CR), two 16 - 21 Aug (SB).

**Qurrayah pools:** two 23 Aug (DAD).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 50+ on 9 Nov (CR).

**Emirates Hills:** two 20 Dec (CR).

Apr, up to 35 present several sites, including Wimpey pits, Emirates golf course, Ruwayah farms, many in breeding plumage. In August, very common in tidal lagoons, with many present inland pools. Oct, reported Khors and lagoons everywhere, but no precise high counts submitted.

#### DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

2001

**Khor al Beidah:** 810 there 29 Mar, representative; 825 on 4 Oct (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** six on 4 May (DAD), one 15 & 20 Aug (DAD), 91 on 25 Nov (CR), typical numbers.

**Khor Dubai:** one adult 27 Jul (CR). Khor Dubai: 1500 on 16 Sep (CR), c.1800 on 13 Oct (AMc),

**Khor Dubai pipe outfall:** 450 on 10 Nov (AMc).

**Khor Kalba:** 10 on 31 Aug (PB), largest August numbers reported.

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 200+ on 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Khor al Beidah (north):** 650 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

Otherwise widely reported.

**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Limicola falcinellus*

2001

**Khor Dubai:** max. c.100 from 9 - 23 Mar, seven on 28 Jun (CR), 42 on 27 Jul (CR), 50+ on 6 Sep (PB), 280 on 16 Sep (CR), 262 on 3 Oct, 80+ on 8 Oct, (CR, Ntrk), 150 on 19 Oct (TP), 56 on 10 Nov, c.50 on 15 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Wimpey pits:** one 5 Apr, two 12 Apr (PB), one 6 Sep (PB).

**Khor Kalba:** one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 28 Sep (CR).

**E. Lagoon, AD:** one 28 Sep (PH, EH).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 4 Oct (DAD).

**Dreamland beach:** two 26 Oct (PB), one 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

*Unidentified wader sp.*

2001

**Qurrayah beach:** 20 on 13 Jul (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** 900 there 27 Jul, mostly small *Charadrius* and *Calidris* types (CR).

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** 13 on 4 Mar (DAD), 49 on 24 Mar (CR), 13 on 17 Apr (CR), 26 on 28 Apr (PB), 14 on 4 May, 40+ on 6 May (GK), two 10 May (DAD), one 6 Jul, 12 on 19 Jul, six on 27 Jul (CR), nine 15 Aug (DAD), 11 on 20 Aug (PB), 35 on 12 Sep (TG), 54 on 16 Sep (CR), 40 on 12 Oct (DAD), 80 on 30 Oct (CR), 14 on 2 Nov (DAD), 50+ on 8 Nov (PB), 41 on 19 Nov (CR), 30 on 29 Nov (PB), 156 on 12 Dec, 290 on 15 Dec (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** 20 from 6 - 16 Mar (DAD, CR), four 10 Apr (DAD), 13 on 24 Aug (DAD), 104 on 13 Sep, 68 on 28 Sep (DAD), 62 on 26 Oct (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** 25 on 14 Mar (CR/DF), two 26 Apr (TG), two 13 Jul (CR), 27 on 23 Aug (DAD), 30+ on 31 Aug (PB), 40 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 50+ on 12 Oct (PB)

**Ruwayah pools/farms:** four 30 Mar- 13 Apr (DAD).

**Emirates golf course:** one 16 - 25 Apr (CR), three 15 - 24 Jul, with six there 28 Jul (CR), up to three 16 - 24 Aug (SB, PB), 10 on 20 Aug (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** five 27 Jul (CR), six 30 Jul (SLJ), 25 on 15 Aug, five 21 Aug (DAD), 101 on 20 Sep (DAD), 77 on 24 Sep, 90 on 27 Sep (DAD) (CR), up to 42 from 4 - 15 Oct (CR, AMc), with 60 there 11 Oct (PB), 70 on 12 Oct (DAD) and 80 on 18 Oct (PB), 29 on 2 Nov, 60 on 9 Nov (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to four 17 - 24 Aug (AT, SLJ), 12 on 31 Aug (SLJ), 65 on 14 Sep (AT), 45+ from 20 - 28 Sep (KS, TG), 45 on 5 Oct (TG), 30 on 11 Oct, 60 on 12 Oct (AT), 75 on 18 Oct, 50+ on 25 Oct (AT), 120 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Kalba corniche:** 10 on 23 Aug (DAD).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 24 Aug (DAD), 15 on 28 Sep (CR).

**Mafraq STP:** 28 on 10 Sep (TG).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** 20 on 17 Sep (PBr).

**Ghantoot polo club:** 25 on 27 Sep (CR).

**RAK airport:** nine 2 Oct (TG).

**Ghantoot Polo Club:** 27 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Emirates Hills:** 19 on 29 Nov (CR), 25 on 30 Nov (DAD). up to 24 from 14 - 29 Dec (CR).

**Al Ain pump station:** 80 on 17 Dec (PC).

Otherwise less than 15 reported together other sites.

**JACK SNIPE** *Lymnocyptes minimus*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one 5 - 9 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*).

**Al Wathba fields:** one 12 Oct (AT).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 25 Nov (CR).

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

2001

**Ghantoot polo club:** two 3 Mar (CR).

**Ruwayah pools:** up to four 4 - 30 Mar.

**Emirates golf course:** max. 41 on 5 Mar (CR), up to four all visits to 23 Apr (CR), then one 26 Apr - 10 May (PB, DAD, PB); six 12 Oct (TP), c.12 on 26 Oct (AMc), 74 on 14 Nov, 33 on 15 Nov, c.40 on 10 Nov, 25 on 27 Nov (CR), 82 on 14 Dec, 51 on 26 Dec (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** three 14 Mar (CR/DF), six 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** two 14 Mar (CR/DF), seven 13 Sep (SLJ), 15 on 28 Sep (CR), 15 on 25 Oct (DAD), up to 13 from 15 - 30 Nov (DAD, PB).

**Ruwayah farms:** up to seven 15 - 30 Mar (DAD).

**Wimpey pits:** 14 on 19 Mar (DAD), one 5 Apr (PB), eight 12 Oct (DAD), up to seven 13 - 18 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB, GK), 63 on 25 Nov (CR), with up to 20 recorded most visits (PB), up to 87 in old factory area, most visits 15 - 27 Dec (CR), plus up to 18 pits area 11 - 18 Dec (PB).

**Safa Park:** one 28 Apr (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** One early migrant 15 Aug (DAD), up to 10 from 15 - 29 Nov (DAD, PB, CR), seven 7 Dec (DS).

**Emirates Hills golf course:** six 18 Sep, seven 29 Sep (CR).

**Ras al Khaimah airport:** six 2 Oct (TG), seven 4 Dec, since 29 Oct (PBr).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 10 on mudflats 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Buraimi sewage works:** seven 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

Up to five together from 9 Sep onwards, and at other sites including Al Mamzar Park, Al Habab fields, Khor Dubai.

**PINTAIL SNIPE** *Gallinago stenura*

2001

**Ghantoot polo club:** one 3 Mar (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** one 5 Mar, three 9 Mar (CR *et al*), four 23 Mar, two 30 Mar (CR, PB), one 2 Apr (CR); up to two 20 - 27 Nov (CR), up to four all visits 14 - 26 Dec (CR).

**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** one 14 Mar (CR *et al*); one 28 Sep (CR), two 18 Oct (TP), two 22 Nov (DAD).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one probable 16 Sep (CR), one 21 Nov (PB).

**Al Wathba camel track:** one 28 Sep (TG), one 12 & 18 Oct (AT), one 9 Nov (TG).

**Wimpey pits:** one 25 Nov (CR), two 15 Dec (CR).

**Eastern Lagoon:** four 17 Dec (SJA).

**WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*

2001

**Mushref Palace Gds.:** one 26 Nov (SLJ *et al*), 12th record.

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*

2001

**Sharjah tip:** max. eight on 6 Mar (DAD), two 28 Sep (DAD), one 9 Nov (DAD).

**Al Wathba marsh:** three 19 Mar (AT), one 3 May (SJA), three 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Wimpey pits** (possibly same population as Dubai pivot fields): one 2 Mar, 10 on 29 Mar (PB), 15 on 5 Apr (PB), then up to 19 from 18 - 30 Apr (DAD, CR, GK), up to 27 on 4 - 10 May (DAD, GK), 30 on 6 May (GK), two 30 Jul (SLJ), one 20 Aug (PB), up to two 6 Sep - 21 Sep (CR, DS), four 27 Sep (PB), seven 24 Sep (CR), 10 on 12 Oct (DAD, five most days 13 - 25 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB), and eight 18 Oct - 2 Nov (GK, AT, DAD), 18 on 4 Nov (CR), 31 on 14 Nov (PB), up to eight 3 & 7 Dec (AT, DS), 42 on 4 Dec (PB), 17 on 23 Dec, 24 on 27 Dec (CR).

**Khor Dubai:** 20 from 9 - 22 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), 28 on 23 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), 19 on 27 Jul (CR), up to four 6 - 16 Sep (CR), 28 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 16 on 24 Nov (CT).

**Qurrayah pools:** up to two 14 - 27 Mar (CR *et al*), one 20 Apr (DAD), one 17 May - 31 Aug (DAD, PH, CR, PB), two 13 Sep (SLJ), one 12 Oct (PB), two 30 Nov (PB).

**Emirates golf course:** one 5 Apr, (DAD), six 9 - 13 Apr, then four to 29 Apr (CR), three 3 May (DAD, CR), four flying over 22 Nov (CT), 14 on 13 Dec (TG).

**Dubai pivot fields** (probably birds from Wimpey pits): 12 on 20 Sep (DAD), one 27 Sep (PB), four 28 Sep (AMc), four 11 Oct (PB), seven 15 Oct (CR), 26 on 19 Nov (CR), 33 from 21 - 29 Nov (PB, DAD), 19 on 1 Dec, 32 on 13 Dec, 23 on 27 Dec (DAD).

**Khor al Beidah:** 273 on 4 Oct (TG).

**Emirates Hills:** 18 on 29 Oct (CR), six 3 Nov, 13 from 12 Nov, 22 on 16 Nov (DAD, CR) with 16 from 23 Nov (CR).

**Safa Park:** five 28 Dec (DAD).

### **BAR-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica*

2001

Sample of reports at main sites follow:

**Khor al Beidah:** 20+ present 23 Apr, 13 on 6 Jul (CR), 80 on 20 Sep (CR), 273 on 4 Oct (DAD).

**Kalba:** two 13 Jul (CR), 10 on 31 Aug (PB), 285 on 3 Dec (AT), 203 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Khor Dubai:** 234 on 27 Jul, most in breeding plumage (CR), 200+ on 13 Sep (PB).

**Khor al Beidah (north):** 479 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 200+ on 18 Dec (PBr).

NOT reported June.

### **WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

2001

**Safa Park:** one 1 - 30 Mar, one 2 Apr (DAD), one 2 - 6 May (DAD), four 30 Aug (DAD), five 20 Sep, nine 27 Sep (DAD), 10 on 28 Sep (PB), five 4 Oct (PB), seven 6 Oct (GK).

**Emirates golf course:** one 23 Mar (PB), one 12 Apr (CR), three 1 Jul, four 8 Jul, 11 on 15 Jul, six 24 Jul (CR), 20+ from 16 & 21 Aug (SB), six on 20 Aug, 13 on 31 Aug (DAD), 8+ on 13 Sep (PB), 10 on 15 Sep (CR).

**Kalba:** one 20 Apr (PB), 10 on 13 Jul (CR), five 31 Aug (PB).

**Arzanah Is.:** one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 23 Apr (CR), two 6 Jul (CR), seven 20 Sep (CR), 11 on 4 Oct (DAD), 14 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 24 Jun (TG), three 31 Aug (PH).

**Qurrayah beach:** three 13 Jul (CR).

**Maqta Bridge, AD:** three 20 Jul (PH).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** three 22 Jul (CR), 5+ on 12 Oct (PB).

**Khor Dubai:** one 27 Jul (CR).

**Mushref Pal.gds:** up to nine 16 - 29 Aug (AT, SLJ), five 13 Sep (AT).

**Western lagoon:** 16 on 16 Aug (AT)..

**Al Mamzar Park:** five 6 & 21 Sep (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** four 14 Sep (AT).

In addition, in September, up to three at Emirates Hills and Fujeirah National Dairy Farm.

November, up to five several sites, including Kalba, Fujeirah beach, Al Jazeera Khor, Dreamland beach, Khor al Beidah, Khor Dubai, Emirates Hills, Fujeirah National Dairy Farm and Qurrayah.

### **CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** up to seven throughout March, four present to 16 Apr (CR)

**Kalba:** 10 on 16 Mar (PB), eight 1 Jun (PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 30+ on 15 Mar.

**Khor al Beidah:** 28 on 29 Mar, five 23 Apr (CR), 17 on 6 Jul (CR), 38 on 4 Oct (DAD), c.20 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 15 on 18 Oct (TP), 15 on 26 Nov (CR).

**Wimpey pits:** two 10 May (GK).

**Khor Dubai:** at least one 28 Jun (CR), 30 on 27 Jul (CR), 18 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** 15+ on 12 Oct (PB), 13 on 7 Nov (CR).

**Dreamland beach:** 20 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Dubai pivot fields:** Up to three throughout Oct, up to 12 from 7 - 11 Dec (DS, PB).

**Emirates Hills:** 11 on 22 Dec (CR).

August up to five, Western lagoon, Emirates golf course, Safa Park, Khor Kalba, Fujeirah National Dairy Farm and Khor Dubai; September, less than six together, reported; November, groups of up

to 11 Dubai pivot fields, Wimpey pits, Al Wathba camel track, Khor Dubai. Up to six in December including Khor Ajman, Kalba and Emirates golf course,

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

2001

All records follow:

**Wimpey pits:** two 4 Mar (GK), three 5 - 18 Apr (PB, DAD), two 24 - 26 Apr (TG), one 28 Apr (PB), one 30 Jul (SLJ), one 25 Oct (PB), two 2 - 29 Nov (DAD, CR/Bq), four 8 Nov (PB), up to four 1 - 18 Dec (DAD, PB, RF).

**Sharjah tip:** up to two 14 - 20 Mar (DAD).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 16 Mar (AT).

**Emirates golf course:** two reported 16 - 21 Aug (SB).

**Dubai pivot fields:** one 16 & 20 Sep (CR, DAD).

**Al Wathba lake:** three 18 Oct (SLJ).

**REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

2001

A selection of typical records, including unusual summer records follow:

**Khor Dubai:** seven 18 Jun (PH), 10 on 7 Jul and 25 on 27 Jul (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** 22 on 6 Jul (CR), 70 on 20 Sep (CR), 50 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Khor Kalba:** 50+ on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Qurrayah:** 50+ on 12 Oct (PB).

**Al Wathba lake:** 56 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Wimpey pits:** 30 on 19 Oct (TP).

**Sharjah tip:** 68 on 26 Oct (DAD).

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

2001

**Ruwayah pools:** one 4 Mar, two 15 Mar.

**Wimpey pits:** up to three on 2 - 4 Mar, five 10 - 19 Mar, one 31 Mar, eight 5 Apr, five 18 Apr (PB), one 28 Jun (SJA per TG), one 11 - 19 Jul and three 27 Jul (CR), one 30 Jul - 20 Aug (SLJ, DAD, PB), seven 6 Sep, five 13 Sep (PB), up to two 16 - 21 Sep (DS, CR), three 24 - 27 Sep (CR, PB), up to seven 4 - 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk, DAD, GK, AMc), six 2 Nov (DAD), 14 on 8 Nov (PB); otherwise up to five most visits 4 Nov to month end (DAD, CR, PB), four 1 Dec (DAD), up to nine most visits 2 - 27 Dec (PB, CR).

**Sharjah tip:** five 6 Mar, three 10 Apr (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** two on 14 Mar (*Limosa*), one 13 Sep (SLJ), one 12 Oct (PB), three 25 Oct (DAD), one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Al Wathba marsh:** two 19 Mar (AT), two 3 May (SJA), 96 (!) on 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Emirates golf course:** max. four 23 Mar, five 30 Mar, otherwise up to three all month (DAD, CR, PB), up to six until 11 Apr, then five on 13 Apr (PB), declining to one by 23 Apr, when last seen (CR), one 8 - 24 Jul, five on passage 16 Jul, three 28 Jul (CR), two 16 - 21 Aug (SB, DAD), one 14 Sep (TG), two 15 Sep (CR), one 27 Sep (PB), one 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), up to two 10 - 22 Nov (CR, CT), two 26 Dec (CR).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** one 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*),

**Ramtha tip:** two 29 Mar (MD, TPa).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** one 24 Aug (DAD).

**Emirates Hills marsh:** three 18 Sep, one remaining 29 Sep (CR), four 5 Oct (CR), one 16 Nov (DAD).

**Dibba port pools:** one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Fujeirah port ditch:** one 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Khor al Beidah:** four 18 Oct (TP), two 17 Dec (PB, CR).

**Umm Saqem beach:** one 30 Nov (DS).

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

2001

**Sharjah tip:** three 6 Mar (DAD).



**Khor Dubai:** six 9 Mar, one 28 Jun (CR), four 27 Jul (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** five 15 Mar. (*Limosa*).

**Khor al Beidah:** 12 on 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), one 6 Jul (CR), two 20 Sep (CR), 28 on 9 Oct, 10 on 18 Oct (TP), 18 on 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 12 on 26 Nov (CR).

**Khor al Beidah (north):** 64 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Wimpey pits:** two 5 Apr (MD, TPa), one 4 May - 11 Jul (DAD, GK), two 27 Jul (CR).

**Safa Park:** six 12 Apr (DAD), one 30 Aug (DAD), up to three 20 & 27 Sep (DAD), seven 19 Oct (TP).

**Emirates golf course:** one 9 - 12 Apr (PB, CR), one 24 Jul - 31 Aug (CR, SB, DAD, PB).

**Ruwayah:** two at pools and two at farms 13 Apr (DAD), one at pools 25 May (DAD), three 7 Sep (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** two 20 Apr - 17 May (DAD), one 13 Jul (CR), one 31 Aug (PB).

**Khor Kalba:** one 15 Jun (DAD), four 23 Aug (DAD), 10 on 6 Nov (CR).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 28 Aug (DAD).

**Ajman creek:** three 20 Sep (CR).

**Dibba-Kalba:** seven 21 Dec (CT).

March, up to four Dreamland beach, Khor Kalba, Ruwayah pools, Safa park. September, ones and twos reported Emirates golf course, Fujeirah National Dairy Farm, Al Wathba camel track, Dubai pivot fields and Khor Dubai. October, five or less also reported Khor Dubai, Qurrayah, Dreamland beach, Al Wathba, Sham beach, Wadi Shih, Qurrayah pools, Emirates golf course.

### **GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** max. three 2 Mar and two 24 Mar (CR), three 5 Apr (MD, TPa), one 28 Jun (SJA per TG), only report during period; one 11 - 27 Jul (CR), two 30 Jul (SLJ), one 15 Aug (DAD), two 20 Aug (PB), two 6, 13 & 27 Sep (PB), one 4 & 18 Oct (CR, PB, GK), two 12 Oct (DAD), one 4 - 25 Nov (CR), with two there 29 Nov (PB), one 7 Nov (Bq), at least one 4 - 18 Dec (DAD, PB), with up to three 16 - 18 Dec (TG).

**Qurrayah pools:** max. six on 14 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), up to five 23 & 24 Aug (DAD), one only 31 Aug (PB), two 13 Sep (SLJ), one 12 & 25 Oct (PB,DAD), one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Ruwayah pools:** two 15 Mar (DAD), one 13 Apr (DAD).

**Safa Park:** one 2 Apr, three 30 Aug (DAD).

**Dubai pivots:** one 4 Apr, one 15 & 21 Aug (DAD), two 13 Sep (DAD), three 16 Sep (CR), up to two 20 - 28 Sep (RF, DAD, DS, PB, AMc), one 11 - 26 Oct (PB, TP, RF), up to two 8 - 29 Nov (PB, DAD, AMc), three 7 Dec (DS), one 27 Dec (DAD).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** four 22 Jul (CR), seven 24 Aug (DAD), four 31 Aug - 13 Sep (PB, SLJ), one 21 Sep - 10 Oct (CR, TP), two 12 Oct - 22 Nov (PB, DAD, CR), one 30 Nov - 30 Dec (PB, CR).

**Emirates golf course:** one 24 Jul, four 28 Jul (CR), at least three 17 Aug (SB), one 20 Aug (DAD), one 19 Oct (TP), one 18 Dec (DS).

**Dubai sewage treatment plant:** three 25 Jul (CR).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** one 16 Aug (AT), two 16 Oct (TG),

**Al Wathba camel track marsh:** one 17 & 24 Aug (AT, SLJ).

**Wadi Shih dam:** 10 on 24 Aug (DAD).

**Sharjah tip:** two 24 Aug (DAD).

**Al Wathba camel track:** two 20 Sep (TG).

**Ghantoot polo club:** one 27 Sep (CR).

**RAK airport:** two 2 Oct (TG), up to three from 4 Nov (PBr), three 4 - 8 Dec (PBr).

**CCC pools near Dubai sewage works:** two 4 Oct (CR).

**Buraimi sewage:** two 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Khor Kalba:** one 16 Oct (TP).

**Emirates Hills:** one 16 Nov (DAD).

**Ayn al Faydah:** one 14 Dec (TG).

**Al Ain pump station:** two 17 Dec (PC).

Singles, Sharjah tip, Emirates golf course, Fujairah National Dairy Farm throughout Mar.

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

2001

Selected reports:

**Ruwayah pools:** two 4 - 30 Mar, two 11 May (DAD).**Wimpey pits:** two 2 - 24 Mar (CR, PB), three 4 Mar (DAD), two 30 Mar (DAD), six 5 Apr (PB), seven 12 Apr (PB), two 17 Apr, three 24 - 30 Apr (TG, DAD, CR), three 4 May (DAD), two 6 May (GK), one 10 May (DAD), one 15 Aug (DAD), three 20 Aug (PB), five 16 Sep, four 24 Sep (CR), one 4 & 30 Oct (CR, PB), two 12 Oct (DAD), up to four 2 - 29 Nov (CR, PB), eight 2 Dec (PB), up to two from 7 Dec (DS, RF), five 23 Dec (CR, DAD).**Qurrayah pools:** seven 14 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), 11 on 27 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), eight 20 Apr (DAD), two 13 Jul (CR), up to five 23 & 24 Aug (DAD), three 31 Aug (PB), eight 13 Sep (SLJ), one 12 Oct (PB), four 25 Oct (DAD), four 22 Nov (DAD), four 30 Dec (CR),**Emirates golf course:** one 23 Mar (PB), up to two from 20 Apr to end of month (CR), two 3 May (DAD), one 24 - 28 Jul (CR), at least four 16 - 21 Aug (SB), two 31 Aug (DAD), two 31 Aug (DAD), one 10 Nov (CR).**Sharjah tip:** one 14 - 26 Mar (DAD), two 24 Aug (DAD), one 26 Oct (DAD).**Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** three 19 Apr (CR), five 20 Apr (DAD), three 22 Jul (CR), three 24 Aug (DAD), four 31 Aug (PB), four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 12 Oct (PB), 10 on 13 Sep (SLJ), four 28 Sep (CR).**Al Ain pump stn:** four 24 Apr (TG).**Safa Park:** one 19 Aug (DAD).**Khor Kalba:** four 31 Aug (PB).**Dubai pivot fields:** up to two 13 - 27 Sep (PB, CR, DAD), with four 20 Sep (DAD), one 26 & 30 Oct (RF, CR), two 19 - 29 Nov (CR, DAD), two 7 Dec (DS).**Al Wathba camel track:** one 28 Sep (TG), one 18 Oct (DAD).**Mushref Palace gds:** one 5 Oct (TG).**Al Wathba lake:** eight 18 Oct (SLJ).**AD Golf & Equestrian Club:** two 21 Oct (TG).**TEREK SANDPIPER** *Xenus cinereus*

2001

A selection of reports follows:

**Khor al Beidah:** 20+ on 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), five 6 Jul (CR), 19 on 20 Sep (CR), seven 4 Oct (DAD), 18 on 30 Oct (CR), two 19 Oct (TP), two 26 Nov (CR), 25 on 17 Dec (PB, CR).**Khor Dubai:** three 3 Apr (CR), noteworthy, 68 on 27 Jul (CR), one 13 Sep (PB), one 8 Oct, at least two 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 10 & 23 Nov (AMc, CR).**Emirates golf course:** one 9 - 12 and 29 Apr (CR, DAD, PB).**Das Is:** one 16 Apr (TG).**Wimpey pits:** one 18 Apr (CR), one 7 Jun (DAD).**Khor Kalba:** eight 20 Apr (PB), one 1 Jun (PB) and 15 Jun (DAD); two 31 Aug (PB), seven 13 Sep (SLJ), four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 16 Oct (TP), one 7 Nov (CR).**Eastern Lagoon:** one 24 Jun (TG).**Dibba-Bayah port pool:** five 22 Jul (CR).**Western lagoon:** one 16 Aug (AT).**Qurrayah reeds:** one 31 Aug (PB).**Hassah beach:** one 21 Sep (CR).**Dreamland beach:** three 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 9 - 26 Nov (CR), two 17 Dec (PB, CR).**Al Jazeera Khor:** two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), four 9 Nov (CR), 20+ on 16 Dec, 50+ on 18 Dec (PBr).**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

2001

Noteworthy reports:

**Safa Park:** eight on 12 Apr (DAD), two 6 May (DAD); 11 on 20 Sep (DAD), up to nine 27 & 28 Sep (DAD, PB), six 11 Oct (DAD), 11 on 6 Oct (GK), 10 on 28 Oct (DAD), up to eight 8 - 22 Nov (DAD, CR), up to eight 7 - 28 Dec (DAD).**Wimpey pits:** one 4 May (TG), one 27 Jul (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** one 6 May (CR) and last seen 10 May (PB), one 15 Jul (CR), 4+ there 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 10 on 31 Aug (DAD), six regular 15 Sep to month end (CR), with 15 there 29 Sep (AMc), at least eight 2 Oct - 22 Nov (CR, TP, AMc, CT).

**Eastern Lagoon:** one 11 May (PH).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** four (!) 22 Jul (CR), unusual summer, early autumn migrant, four 24 & 31 Aug (DAD, PB).

**Dubai sewage treatment plant:** three 25 Jul (CR).

**AD Health & Fitness club:** two 16 Aug (AT), six 23 Aug (SLJ), up to 12 from 17 - 30 Aug and 11 there 30 Aug (DAD), four 13 Sep (AT).

**Sharjah tip:** one 24 Aug (DAD), 25 on 21 Oct (TG).

**Al Mamzar Park:** seven 6 Sep (DAD), seven 25 Nov (DAD).

**Emirates Hills:** five regular 16 Sep to month end (CR), five 5 Oct and up to 10 most visits Oct-Dec (CR, DAD).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** six 23 Sep (CR).

**Al Wathba lake:** five 18 Oct (SLJ).

Otherwise common, with up to four reported at all suitable sites.

#### TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

2001

Selected records:

**Khor Dubai:** 20+ on 23 Mar (*Ornitholidays*).

**Emirates golf course:** one 23 Apr (CR), rare report there.

**Sharjah tip:** one 2 May (DAD).

**Kalba corniche:** one 17 May (DAD), 81 on 23 Aug (DAD).

**Khor al Beidah:** three 6 Jul (CR), 15 on 20 Sep (CR), 21 on 4 Oct (DAD), 12 on 17 Dec (CR).

**Western lagoon:** two 16 Aug (AT).

**Kalba beach & creek:** 12 on 23 Aug (DAD), 17 on 31 Aug (PB).

**Khor Dubai:** three 6 Sep (DAD).

**Dreamland beach:** six 20 Sep (CR), two 9 Nov (CR).

**Ramtha lagoon:** five 20 Sep (CR).

**Umm al Quwain:** eight on 4 Oct (DAD).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** 10 on 9 Nov (CR), 40+ on 16 Dec, 60+ on 18 Dec (PBr).

Also up to 10 reported Dibba port pool and Fujeirah port ditch most visits.

#### RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus lobatus*

2001

**Emirates golf course:** one 16 Apr (TG), one 16 Aug (SB).

**Wimpey pits:** one 18 Apr (PB), four 24 - 30 Apr (TG, CR), one 30 Jul (SLJ), one 6 Sep (PB), two 16 Sep (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** four 26 Apr (TG).

**Off Fujeirah Hilton:** 40+ on 27 Apr (TG).

**Sharjah tip:** two 24 Aug (DAD).

**Khor Kalba:** two 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujeirah Port ditch:** three 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** three 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club:** one 13 Sep (AT), one 2 - 5 Oct (TG).

**Sharjah tip:** one 13 & 28 Sep (DAD).

**Al Wathba lake:** 29 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

#### POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

2001

**Fujairah Hilton beach:** one 12 Mar (CR, *Limosa*).

**Kalba beach:** one 13 Mar (CR, *Limosa*).

**Dubai Hyatt corniche:** one 19 Mar (DSt).

**Jumeirah beach:** seven on 23 Mar (DAD), two 9 Apr (DAD), one 27 Apr (PB).

**Umm Shaif (offshore) oil field:** one 16 Apr (TG).

**Ras Dibba:** one 20 Apr (PB, DAD), two 16 Oct, three 18 Oct (TP).

**Fujeirah Port beach:** one 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

2001

**Fujairah Hilton beach:** six pale phase 12 Mar (CR, *Limosa*), two 17 Jun, five 18 Jun (PH), one 22 Nov (DAD), two 30 Nov (TG).

**Kalba beach:** 18 on 13 Mar (CR, *Limosa*), at least two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 22 Nov (DAD).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 5 Apr, three 9 Apr (DAD), one 27 Apr (PB), one 28 Aug (DAD), two 28 Dec (DAD).

**Arzanah Island:** one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**South of Ras Dibba:** one 14 Jun (DAD).

**Umm al Quwain:** five, probably this sp. on 23 Sep (TG).

**Dibba beach:** two 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Off Sandy Beach Motel:** one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Al Sharm beach:** one 22 Nov (DAD).

**Skua sp.**

2001

**Jumeirah beach:** five on 15 Mar (DAD), three 28 Dec (DAD).

**SOOTY GULL** *Larus hemprichii*

2001

Noteworthy reports:

**Jumeirah beach:** ones and twos 15 - 23 Mar (DAD), up to two each visit 5, 9 & 30 Apr (DAD), one reported 10 May (PB); one 18 Aug (SB), five 28 Aug (DAD); one 28 Dec (DAD), only December report.

**Kalba harbour:** 411 on 16 Mar (PB).

**Kalba corniche:** 100s along coast Fujairah - Kalba throughout March & April. Only one 15 Jun (DAD), 20 on 13 Jul (CR), up to six 23 & 24 Aug (DAD), four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 6 Nov (CR).

**GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus*

2001

**Khor Kalba:** one 13 Mar (*Limosa*), one imm. 13 Sep (SLJ).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** seven 15 Mar (CR).

**Emirates golf course:** one 21 Mar (CR).

**Umm al Quwain beach:** one 29 Mar (CR).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 9 Apr (DAD).

**Arzanah Is.:** one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

Ones and twos Umm al Quwain beach, Wimpey pits, Al Aqqah, Jumeirah beach all Dec.

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus*

2001

100s still present East Coast and 100s at Sharjah tip all March. Most birds departed by April, leaving just immatures. Summer reports noted.

**Kalba area:** c.1000 on 13 Mar.

**Sharjah tip:** 550 on 10 Apr (DAD), noteworthy; 50 from 2 May - 25 Jun (DAD), 430 on 17 Nov (DAD), 3,600 on 12 Dec (DAD).

**Safa Park:** 100 on 12 Apr (DAD), 13 from 3 - 25 May (DAD),

**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 5 Jul (CR).

**Umm all Quwain dump:** one 6 Jul (CR).

**Fujeirah Port beach pool:** one 13 Jul (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** 10 on 13 Jul (CR), 400 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**Zabeel Palace:** two 21 Jul (CR), two 12 Oct (PB).

**Al Wathba lake:** 10 on 18 Oct (SLJ).

**Al Sharm beach:** 500 on 22 Nov (DAD), 250 on 23 Nov (CR).

**Khor Fakkan harbour:** 1000+ on 30 Nov (PB).

Less than ten at any site August & September; less than five reports in October; less than five together up to mid-Nov, then very common as winter visitors arrived. Abundant in December, with over 1,000 birds at several sites.

**BROWN-HEADED GULL** *Larus brunnicephalus*

2001

**Fujairah port beach:** one 7 Mar (SJA), 5th record (subject to acceptance).

**Sharjah tip:** one 26 – 28 Mar (DAD), 6th record.

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus geneii*

2001

Selected sightings:

**Khor Dubai:** 52 on 28 Jun (CR), 20 on 7 Jul, 100+ on 27 Jul (CR), c.200 from 16 Sep – 8 Oct (CR), 300+ on 15 Nov (CR).

**Qurrayah pools:** 30+ on 17 Jun (PH), 18 on 13 Jul (CR).

**Ajman creek:** 50 on 20 Sep (CR).

**Dabb'iyah:** 140 on approx. 27 Oct (TG).

**Fujeirah beach:** 300 on 6 Nov (CR).

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 330 on 9 Nov (CR).

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

2001

**Qurrayah pools:** one 6 March 2001 (SJA), 11th record

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus*

2001

**Kalba harbour:** two on 16 Mar (PB).

**Sharjah tip:** one 27 Mar (DAD).

**Kalba beach:** one 22 Nov (DAD).

**SIBERIAN GULL** *Larus heuglini*

2001

**Kalba-Fujairah beaches:** 70+ on 13 Mar (*Limosa*), 500 on 16 Mar (PB), 60 on 27 Mar (CR), one 17 May (DAD).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 23 Mar.

**Qurrayah beach:** 100+ 27 Mar.

**Sharjah tip:** two 27 Mar.

**Khor Dubai:** three imms. 28 Jun (CR).

**Al Mamzar Park:** one 6 Sep (DAD).

**Off Fujeirah Hilton:** six 12 Sep (SLJ).

**Khor al Beidah:** three 20 Sep (CR), one of *taimyrensis* race 26 Nov (CR).

**Hassah beach:** 21 Sep (CR).

**Umm al Quwain breakwater:** 50 on 18 Oct (TP).

A few (less than 10) reported in August, September, several locations, including Khor Dubai, Umm al Quwain and East Coast sites. In October up to 20 birds, mostly East Coast sites and Umm al Quwain.

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans*

2001

**Kalba beach & harbour:** 2000 on 16 Mar (PB), four 1 Jun (PB), three 13 Jul (CR), 139 on 23 Aug, 230 on 24 Aug (DAD), 280 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 100+ on 11 Oct, mostly *barabensis* (CR, Ntrk), 60 on 6 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Khor Dubai:** three 27 Jul (CR), up to 200 on 15 & 19 Oct (CR, TP).

**Qurrayah:** 440 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 200 on 16 Oct (TP), 230 on 30 Dec (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** 25 on 20 Sep (CR), 100 on 18 Oct (TP).

**Dreamland beach:** 30 on 20 Sep (CR).

**Sharjah tip:** 70 on 17 Nov (DAD), 1200 on 6 Dec, mostly nominate *cachinnans*, 210 on 12 Dec (DAD).

**Umm al Quwain beach:** 55 on 26 Nov (CR)..

In March, 100s in suitable locations, mostly East Coast. In April reported in declining numbers.

### **Yellow-legged Gull sp.**

2001

**Sharjah tip:** 1300 on 6 Mar and 500 on 27 Mar (DAD).

**Qurrayah pools:** 70 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**Kalba beach:** 300 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**Al Mamzar Park:** 44 on 25 Nov (DAD).

**Khor Fakkan harbour:** 100+ on 30 Nov (PB).

### **KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla***

2001

**Qurrayah marsh:** one 6 Mar (SJA), 3rd record.

**Khor Kalba harbour:** one 27 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*), 4th record.

### **GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica***

2001

Selected reports:

**Sharjah tip:** two 6 Mar.

**Khor Dubai:** 15 on 9 Mar, 20 on 23 Mar (CR), eight on 14 Mar (DAD), five 5 Apr (MD, TPa), one imm. 28 Jun (CR), eight 27 Jul (CR), five 16 - 21 Aug (SB), 39 on 6 Sep (DAD, PB), 18 on 3 Oct, 11 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Emirates golf course:** six on 23 Mar unusual (PB), 12 on 15 Nov (CR), one 28 Sep (CR).

**Khor al Beidah:** 12 on 29 Mar (CR *et al*), two 6 Jul (CR), 10+ on 20 Sep (CR), 15 from 4 - 9 Oct (CR, DAD), c.20 on 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 28 on 26 Nov (CR), 18 on 3 Dec (AT).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** up to two 5 & 17 Jul (CR), four 20 Dec (CR).

**Al Wathba camel track:** up to three 17 - 31 Aug (SLJ), one 14 Sep (AT).

**Safa Park:** two 19 & 30 Aug, four 25 Aug (DAD), nine 20 Sep, five 27 Sep (DAD), four 28 Sep (PB).

**Dreamland beach:** two 20 Sep (CR), five 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20 on 18 Oct (TP), 40 on 9 Nov (CR).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** five 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20 on 9 Nov (CR), up to 10 from 16 - 18 Dec (PBr).

**Umm an Nar golf club:** 20 on 25 Oct (TG).

### **CASPIAN TERN *Sterna caspia***

2001

**Khor Dubai:** 22 on 14 Mar (DAD), 48 on 22 Mar (CR), 30 on 23 Mar (CR), three 3 Apr (CR), 14 on 14 Jun, 22 on 28 Jun (CR), six 7 Jul, 10+ on 27 Jul (CR), c.10 from 16 - 21 Aug (SB), at least three 16 Sep (CR), 48 on 13 Sep (PB), 12 on 3 Oct, 53 on 8 Oct, 20+ on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), up to five from 10 - 23 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Qusabi Is:** one 9 May (TG).

**Fujeirah Port beach:** one 13 Jul (CR).

**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 23 Sep (CR), two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Bidiyah:** one 16 Oct (TP).

**Ras Dibba:** two 18 Oct (TP).

**Khor al Beidah:** one 29 Mar, nine 30 Oct (CR), one 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Al Jazeera Khor:** one 15 Mar, one 16 Dec (PBr).

**Dreamland beach:** one 15 & 29 Mar, one 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 28 Dec (DAD).

### **SWIFT TERN *Sterna bergii***

2001

**Kalba harbour and beach:** max. 30 on 13 Mar (CR *Limosa*), one 17 May, two 15 Jun (DAD), one only 13 Jul (CR), four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), only one 16 Dec (DAD).

**Jumeirah beach:** one 5 Apr (DAD).

**Dibba-Bayah beach (Oman):** 20 on 19 Apr (CR), one 22 Jul (CR), two 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Western Lagoon, AD:** two 20 May (AT).  
**Jumeirah beach (Le Meridien Hotel):** up to five daily 16 - 21 Aug (SB).  
**South of Dibba:** two 22 Aug (DAD), at least four 28 Sep (CR), two 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Fujeirah beach:** 10 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**LESSER CRESTED TERN** *Sterna bengalensis*

2001

**Jumeirah beach:** up to six most days 15 - 23 Mar (DAD), up to three 5, 9 & 30 Apr (DAD).  
**Kalba beach:** max. 60 on 13 Mar (CR *Limosa*), 80 on 27 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), seven 15 Jun (DAD), 12 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 19 on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Kalba harbour:** 50 on 13 Jul (CR), three 23 Aug (DAD), 20 on 6 Nov (CR/Bq).  
**Khor al Beidah;** singles most March days, three 23 Apr (CR), 57 on 17 Dec (CR, PB).  
**Al Mamzar Park:** one 1 Apr (DAD), 20 on 6 Sep (DAD).  
**Khalidiyah spit:** three 4 Apr (MD, TPa).  
**Umm al Quwain beach:** four 23 Apr (CR), 50 on 4 Oct (DAD), 20 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 18 Oct (TP).  
**Western Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** two 9 Jun (AT).  
**Ras Dibba:** singles 14 & 15 Jun.  
**Dibba bay:** 10 on 22 Jul (CR).  
**Hassah beach:** 240 on 21 Sep (CR).  
**Fujeirah beach:** 20 on 6 Nov, 30 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq).  
Many others offshore, details not provided

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

2001

Selected reports:

**Jumeirah beach:** 125 on 15 Mar (DAD), 100+ from 9 - 30 Apr (DAD), six 10 May (PB), c.25 on 28 Aug (DAD).  
**Fujairah beach:** 100 on 12 Mar.  
**Kalba beach and harbour:** 200 on 13 Mar (CR), 400 on 16 Mar (PB), four 23 Aug (DAD), 30 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 40 on 6 Nov (CR/Bq), 34 on 16 Dec (DAD).  
**Mamzar Park:** 80 on 1 Apr (DAD).  
**Khor Dubai:** 16 on 3 Apr (CR), 360 on 27 Jul (CR).  
**Ras Dibba:** 60+ on 20 Apr (PB), 256 on 17 May (DAD).  
**Umm al Quwain beach:** five 23 Apr (CR).  
**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 120 on 5 May (CR)..  
**Qurrayah pools:** 11 on 13 Sep (SLJ).

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

2001

Up to three each Fujairah port beach, Fujairah Hilton beach and Kalba beaches 12, 13, 26 & 27 Mar.  
**Umm al Quwain beach:** two 23 Apr (CR).  
**Jumeirah beach:** one 27 Apr (PB), one 10 May (PB).  
**Khor Kalba harbour & beach:** 310 on 17 May, 70 on 15 Jun (DAD), one adult 13 Jul (CR), 57 on 23 Aug (DAD), 10 on 31 Aug (PB), 1,650 on 13 Sep (SLJ), at least four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), at least one 7 Nov (CR/Bq).  
**Kalba corniche:** 240 on 17 May, four 15 Jun (DAD).  
**South of Ras Dibba:** 15 on 14 & 15 Jun (DAD), up to eight 22 & 23 Aug (DAD), 234 on 13 Sep (SLJ).  
**Fujeirah beach:** 31 on 12 Sep (SLJ), two 7 Nov (CR/Bq).  
**Umm al Quwain breakwater:** 40 on 4 Oct (DAD).  
**Dibba port beach:** one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).  
**Al Sharm beach:** 30 on 22 Nov (DAD).

**WHITE-CHEEKED TERN** *Sterna repressa*

2001

Selected reports:

**Fujairah beach:** 40 on 13 Mar (*Limosa*), 80 on 27 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), 100+ on 20 Apr (PB), 25 on 13 Jul (CR), 28 on 12 Sep (SLJ), 60 on 6 Nov, 300 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Mina Zayed, AD:** 5+ on 3 Apr (MD, TPa).

**Khalidiyah spit:** 30+ on buoys 4 Apr (MD, TPa).

**Dibba:** 90 on 19 Apr (CR), three 14 Jun, nine 15 Jun (DAD), one 20 Aug (DAD), 257 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 39 on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 50 on 16 Oct (TP).

**Umm al Quwain beach:** 90, including 4+ courting pairs 23 Apr (CR), '100s' on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Jumeirah beach:** 200+ on 27 Apr (PB), one 30 Apr (DAD), 220 on 10 May (PB).

**Qusabi Is:** 6+ on 9 May (TG).

**Eastern Lagoon:** two 11 May (PH).

**Kalba beach & harbour:** 30 on 13 Mar (*Limosa*), 72 on 27 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), two 17 May (DAD), four 1 Jun (PB), 10 on 15 Jun (DAD), 143 on 13 Jul (CR), three 23 Aug (DAD), 350 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 1070 on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 40 on 6 Nov (CR/Bq).

**Kalba corniche:** 10+ on 17 May (DAD).

**Western Lagoon, AD:** 6+ on 20 May, 15+ on 9 Jun (AT).

**Sammaliah Is:** 17 prs. and one juvenile present 23 May (TG).

**Qurrayah beach:** 120 on 13 Jul (CR).

**Ramtha lagoon:** 4,800 at sunset roost 20 Sep (CR), c.2,500 on 8 Oct (AMc).

**Hassah beach:** 42 on 21 Sep (CR).

**Safa Park:** one 28 Sep (PB).

**Sandy Beach Motel:** 2,000 flying north at dawn 29 Sep (CR), 500 on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Bidiyah:** 100 on 16 Oct (TP).

**c.35 miles off Dubai coast:** five only 8 Nov (AMc).

**Khor Fakkan harbour:** 105 on 30 Nov (PB).

**Common/White-cheeked Tern**

2001

**Al Jazeerah Khor:** 380 on 5 May (CR).

**BRIDLED TERN** *Sterna anaethetus*

2001

**Dibba:** c.200 from 19 - 20 Apr (CR, DAD, PB), 53 on 17 May, 102 on 14 Jun (DAD), 70 on 15 Jun (DAD), 160 on 22 Jul (CR), up 17 from 22 & 23 Aug (DAD), 1,933 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 20+ on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 150 on 16 Oct, 20 on 18 Oct (TP), four 25 Oct (DAD).

**Arzanah Island:** four 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**Jumeirah beach:** 26 on 27 Apr (PB).

**Kalba:** 30+ on 13 Jul (CR).

**Fujeirah Port beach:** 10+ on 13 Jul (CR).

**Sandy Beach Motel:** c.80 on 28 Sep (CR), 20+ on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

**Bidiyah:** 30 on 16 Oct (TP).

**Sharm beach:** 50 on 25 Oct (DAD), one 22 Nov (DAD).

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons*

2001

**Kalba beach:** six on 13 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), two 15 Jun (DAD), one possible 13 Jul (CR).

**Fujairah Hilton beach:** two 20 Apr (PB), 226 flying south 12 Sep (SLJ).

**Kalba-Fujairah beach:** four 20 Apr (DAD).

**Umm al Quwain beach:** five 23 Apr (CR)

**Jumeirah beach:** one 10 May (PB).



**SAUNDERS' LITTLE TERN** *Sterna saundersi*

2001

**Al Jazeera Khor:** one 15 Mar., three 29 Mar (CR), 12 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 9 Nov (CR/Bq).**Khor al Beidah:** one 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), three 18 Oct (TP).**Mina Zayed, AD:** 10+ on 3 Apr (MD,TP).**Khalidiyah spit:** 10+ on 4 Apr (MD, TPa).**Umm al Quwain beach:** five 23 Apr (CR), 40 on 4 Oct (DAD), 30+ on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), four 18 Oct (TP).**Eastern Lagoon, Abu Dhabi:** one 11 May (PH).**South of Ras Dibba:** 1 ad..1 juv. 14 Jun (DAD).**Emirates golf course:** one 1 Jul (CR).**Khor Dubai:** 17 on 7 Jul, 37 on 27 Jul (CR), eight 6 Sep (DAD), two 3 Oct (CR).**Fujeirah Port beach:** big roost, 85, including 1 juv. 13 Jul (CR).**Qurrayah beach:** five 13 Jul (CR).**Khor Kalba:** 142 on 31 Aug (PB), five 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 6 Nov (CR/Bq).**Fujeirah south beach:** 50 on 12 Sep (SLJ), 300 on 16 Oct (TP), 20 on 6 Nov, 50 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq).**Ajman creek:** one 20 Sep (CR).**Hassah beach:** two 21 Sep (CR).**Sandy Beach Motel:** 50+ on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Bidiyah:** 10 on 16 Oct (TP).**Dabb'iyah:** c.200 on approx. 27 Oct (TG).**Khor Fakkan harbour:** two 30 Nov (PB).**LITTLE TERN** sp. *Sterna saundersi/albifrons*

2001

**Kalba beach & corniche:** 212 on 23 Aug (DAD), 1,100, mostly *albifrons* on 13 Sep (SLJ).**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybrida*

2001

**Wimpey pits:** three 2 Mar - 10 May (DAD, PB, CR, MD, Tpa, GK), one 21 - 25 May (PB, DAD), one 13 Sep (PB), one 12 Oct (DAD), three 30 Oct (CR), 18 on 25 Nov (CR), eight 15 Dec (CR), 21 on 18 Dec (PB), 17 on 23 Dec (CR).**Sharjah tip:** 30 on 6 Mar, 14 on 20 Mar and seven on 27 Mar (DAD), 10 on 3 Apr (DAD), one 30 May (DAD), one 24 Aug - 13 Sep, six 28 Sep (DAD), two 26 Oct (DAD), two 6 Dec, one 12 Dec (DAD).**Ghantoot Polo Club:** one 21 Jun (TG).**Dubai pivot fields:** one 15 Aug (DAD), one 20 Aug (PB), three 30 Nov (DS), 10 on 13 Dec (DAD).**Emirates golf course:** one 31 Aug (DAD), one 5 - 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** two 13 Sep (SLJ), five 28 Sep (CR), four 25 Oct (DAD), six 22 Nov (DAD), nine 30 Nov (PB), three 30 Dec (CR).**Safa Park:** one 20 Sep, two 27 Sep (DAD), one 11 Oct (DAD).**Al Wathba camel track:** four 21 Sep (TG), two 5 Oct (TG), one 18 Oct (AT, DAD), six 18 Oct (SLJ).**Emirates Hills:** one 5 Oct, two 30 Oct (CR).**Zabeel fish ponds:** one 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Fujeirah port ditch:** two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 2 Dec (PH, SJA).**Bidiyah beach:** 10 on 16 Oct (TP).**AD Golf & Equestrian Club:** one 21 Oct (TG).**Fujeirah beach:** one 6 Nov (CR/Bq), noteworthy.**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias nigra*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** one juv. 5 Oct (SJA), 8th record.**Wimpey pits:** one reported 26 Oct (AMc), full description requested.

**WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus*

2001

**Kalba beach:** one 13 Mar (CR), two 13 Sep (SLJ).**Sharjah tip:** one 20 Mar (DAD), four 24 Aug (DAD), eight 13 Sep, 10 on 28 Sep (DAD), five 26 Oct (DAD), five 9 Nov (DAD).**Wimpey pits:** six 26 Apr (TG), one 30 Apr (CR), five 1 May (GK), two 25 May, one 31 May (DAD), three 16 Sep, four 28 Sep (CR), up to two 12 - 25 Oct (DAD, PB), with five there 20 Oct (AMc), four 2 Nov, increasing to six 8 Nov, 20 on 15 Nov (PB, DAD), 15 on 19 Nov (CR), 12 on 26 Nov (DAD), up to 16 most visits 7 - 16 Dec (DS, CR), and 35+ reported 12 Dec (TG) and six 23 Dec (CR).**Khor Dubai:** one unknown exact date 16 - 21 Aug (SB). Khor Dubai: one 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Mafraq STP:** three 10 Sep (TG).**Al Wathba camel track:** three 10 Sep (TG), four 14 Sep (AT), eight 21 Sep, two 27 Sep, six 28 Sep (TG), five 5 Oct (TG), three 6 Oct (GK), two 11 Oct, four 12 Oct (AT), two 18 Oct (SLJ).**Fujeirah Hilton beach:** five 12 Sep (SLJ).**Safa Park:** two 20 Sep, one 27 Sep (DAD).**Zabeel fish ponds:** two 23 Sep (CR), two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Dubai pivot fields:** up to four 27 & 28 Sep (DAD, AMc), two 11 Oct, one 18 Oct (PB), eight 15 Nov, 19 on 29 Nov (DAD), 18 on 1 Dec, seven 13 Dec, three 21 Dec (DAD).**Ghantoot polo club:** three 27 Sep (CR), one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** five 13 & 28 Sep (SLJ, CR), nine 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), nine 7 & 8 Nov (CR/Bq), two 22 Nov (DAD).**Fujeirah port beach:** one 13 Sep (SLJ), two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk).**Emirates Hills:** 18 Sep (CR), one 1 Oct, two 5 Oct (CR).**Emirates golf course 28 - 29 Sep** (CR, AMc), one 4 - 12 Oct (PB, CR, Ntrk, TP).**Qurrayah:** two 16 Oct (TP).**Bidiyah beach:** five 16 Oct (TP).**COMMON NODDY** *Anous stolidus*

2001

**Ras Dibba:** two 20 Apr (PB, DAD), 2nd record.**LICHTENSTEIN'S SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles lichtensteinii*

2001

**Jebel Rawdah/Mahdah road:** two 2 Mar (*Naturetrek*). **Jebel Hafit:** 7+ on 5 Mar (PB). **Hanging Gardens area:** two 11 Mar (*Limos*). **Hatta area, Dubai:** one reported nesting, 3 eggs, 9 Jul (PC). **Hanging Gardens area:** one disturbed from ground 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). **South of Khor Fakkan, inland:** six 30 Nov (PB). **Ras al Khaimah golf course:** four 4 Dec (PBr).**CHESTNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles exustus*

2001

**Al Wathba camel track:** c.300 on 2 Mar and 230 on 9 Mar (AT). **Dreamland beach:** two 29 Mar (*Ornitholidays*). **Ruwayah farms:** one 30 Mar (DAD). **Safa Park:** four over Safa park 30 Mar (PB).. Other reports also received.**Max. counts:** **Emirates golf course:** 31 on 12 Apr (CR). **Al Wathba camel track;** up to 180 counted 20 & 27 Apr (AT). **Khor Dubai:** pair seen at nest 4 May (DB). **Emirates golf course:** max. 10 there 11 May (CR). **Al Ain pump stn:** two 9 May (PC). **Al Wathba camel track:** 85 on 11 May, 70 on 25 May and 8 Jun (AT). **Fujairah National Dairy Farm:** only one 17 May (DAD). **Emirates golf course:** 17 on 8 Jul (CR). **Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** five 22 Jul (CR). **Desert Springs village:** five flew over 25 Jul (CR). **near Emirates Hills:** nine came to drink afternoon, 29 Jul (CR). **Emirates golf course:** one 16 Aug (SB), two 24 Aug (PB). **Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** four 24 Aug (DAD). **Emirates golf course:** 60+ on 13 Sep (PB). **Al Wathba camel track:** 45 on 14 Sep (AT), c.50 on 21 Sep, 200 on 28 Sep (TG). **Emirates Hills pools:** 12 on 25 Sep (CR). **Emirates Hills:** 10 on 1 Oct (CR). **Ras al Khaimah airport:** three 2 Oct (TG). **Emirates golf course:** four 4 Oct (PB), 24 on 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 12 Oct, 12 on 19 Oct (TP). **Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** 37 on 12 Oct (PB), 30 on 25 Oct (DAD). **Al Wathba:** 30 on 12 Oct (AT), 115 on 18 Oct (DAD). **Al Wathba lake:** 10 on 18 Oct (SLJ). **Ras al Khaimah airport:** up to 50 from 4 - 7 Nov (PBr). **Fujeirah National Dairy Farm:** 30 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq). **Hamraniyah fields:** c.40 on 8 Nov (CR/Bq). **Al Wathba camel track:** up to 150 most visits

all month (DAD, CR, PB, AT). Smaller numbers also reported. Al Wathba camel race track: max. 220 on 2 Dec (AT), 36 on 3 Dec (DAD), 170+ on 15 Dec (PB, RQ), 130 on 28 Dec (AT). Ras al Khaimah airport: 25 on 8 Dec (PBr). Khor Kalba: five 21 Dec (CT). Wadi Thayb, Qurrayah: seven 29 Dec (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: three 30 Dec (CR).

**PIN-TAILED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles alchata*

2001

Das Is: one 15 Apr, having arrived some days previously (TG), 10th record. Al Wathba camel track: one 27 & 28 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one fem. 5 & 12 Oct, two 25 Oct (TG, AT), origin unknown. Al Wathba camel track: one male 2 Nov (TG).

**COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto*

2001

Also reported Max. numbers reported: Wimpey pits: 200 on 19 Jul (CR). Zabeel Palace: c.500 on 21 Jul (CR). Typical numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 500 on 5 & 18 Oct (TG, DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: 500 on 15 Oct (CR, TP). Jebel Ali hotel: 500 on 17 Oct (TP). Based on observers' reports! Al Wathba camel track: c.1000 on 4 & 16 Nov, typical.. Max. Emirates golf course: 1500 on 26 Dec (CR).

**TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur*

2001

Hamraniyah: two 28 Mar (CR).

Al Wathba camel track: two 12 Apr (TG). Das Is: up to two daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Umm Shaif oil platform (near Das Is): one 16 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 20 Apr (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: four 8 Jun, five 15 Jun (AT), surprisingly the only reports. Wadi Rhum: 200, mostly juvs. 26 Jul (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: 10 on 10 Aug, 359 on 17 Aug, a record 2417 (!) on 24 Aug and 1780 on 31 Aug (AT, SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: 550+ on 7 Sep (TG), 200+ on 14 Sep (AT), 15+ on 21 Sep (TG). RAK airport: one 2 Oct (TG). Liwa oases: one 13 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 13 Dec (TG), odd season, unconfirmed.

**PALM DOVE** *Streptopelia senegalensis*

2001

Also reported Typical numbers: Mushrif Park: 300 on 12 Oct (TP). Al Wathba camel track: 300 on 17 & 18 Oct (TP, DAD).

**NAMAQUA DOVE** *Oena capensis*

2001

Ramtha tip: one 29 Mar (MD, TPa). Das Is: one male 15 - 16 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 1, 12 & 19 - 22 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one male 2 Nov (TG), two 9 Nov (AT *et al*). Al Wathba camel track: one 21 & 28 Dec (SLJ *per AT*, DS).

**ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET** *Psittacula krameri*

2001

Max. 90 Hamraniyah fields 14 Mar. Up to 20 together several sites, including Emirates golf course, Jebel Ali Hotel. Safa Park: 26 there 6 May (DAD). Mushref Pal Gds: 150+ on 13 Jun (PH). Max. numbers: Emirates golf course: 21 on 15 Jul (CR). Zabeel Palace: 14 on 21 Jul (CR). Max. nos.: Safa Park: 47 on 25 Aug (DAD). Emirates golf course: 21 on 31 Aug (DAD). Otherwise widespread in smaller numbers. Max. numbers: Emirates golf course: 26 on 25 Sep (CR), otherwise groups of up to 20 reported widely. Max. numbers: Emirates golf course: 40 on 12 Oct (TP). Fujeirah National Dairy farm: 69 on 25 Oct (DAD), typical. Widespread. Mostly less than 10 reported together. Al Mamzar Park: 413 flying over to distant roost 25 Nov (DAD). Emirates Hills: four birds nest prospecting in roof of gate house 14 Dec (CR). Otherwise common.

**ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET** *Psittacula eupatria*

2001

Safa Park: two 17 Mar (*Limosa*); Emirates golf course: one 22 Mar (CR). Dibba: one flew over 28 Mar (CR).

Al Mamzar Park: up to two 1 & 15 Apr (DAD), a new site for the species. Safa Park: two 2 Apr (PB). Dubai Creekside Park: two 3 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah spit: two 4 & 5 Apr (MD, TPa). Mushref Palace gdns; four 25 Apr, six 29 Apr (AT). Safa Park: up to five 3 - 25 May (DAD). Mushref Pal. gds: six 1 Jun, eight 3 Jun (AT). Al Mamzar park: max. three 6 Sep (DAD). Safa Park: max. seven 20 Sep (DAD). Safa Park: two 4 Oct (PB). Al Mamzar Park: five 2 Nov, two 25 Nov (DAD). Safa Park: up to 11 from 8 - 18 Nov (DAD, CR, PB). Emirates golf course: two 10 Nov (CR/Bq). Sharjah tip: two 17 Nov (DAD). Safa Park: two 7 Dec (DAD).

### **CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

2001

Dubai Creekside Park: one 3 Apr (TG). Safa Park: one 14 Apr (DAD), one 24 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah: one 5, 6 & 14 Sep (AT, TG). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD). Mushref Palace Gds: one 6 Sep (AT). Khalidiyah: two 7 Sep (TG), one 14 Sep (AT). Safa Park: up to two 27 & 28 Sep (DAD, PB). Al Wathba camel track: one 21 Sep (TG). Al Wathba lake: one 18 Oct (SLJ). Hamraniyah: one 26 Oct (PB).

### **BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*

2001

Bateen area, Abu Dhabi: one, carrying a rat, 19 Jun (TG). Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi: one 1 Jul (TG). Ras al Khaimah golf course: one 2 Jul (PBr). Dubai 'suburb': one 3 Aug (per TG). Jebel Ali golf course: one reported 22 Nov (per AMc) Qarn Nazwa: one in cave, emerged at dusk 26 Dec (AMcL), requires clarification.

### **STRIATED (BRUCE'S) SCOPS OWL** *Otus brucei*

2001

Mushrif NP: one 9 Mar (*Limosa*) Mushrif NP: one 5 Apr (TG), two 18 Apr (PB). Mushrif Park: one 15 Oct (CR, TP), two 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushrif Park, Dubai: three 10 Nov (CR/Bq). Bateen Gardens: one 27 Dec (TG).

### **SCOPS OWL** *Otus scops*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 12 Mar (JB) Das Is: one 15 Apr (TG).

### **LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

2001

Ras al Khaimah airport: one 'suspected breeding' 4 - 26 Dec (PBr).

### **DESERT EAGLE OWL** *Bubo bubo ascalaphus*

2001

Qarn Nazwa: one 17 Mar (*Limosa*), two, separate locations, 30 Mar (CR, PB, DB). Das Is: one 14 - 15 Apr (TG). Bida bint Saud, north of Al Ain: two 30 Jun (TG). RAK airport fence: one 2 Oct (PBr). Qarn Nazwa: one 10 Nov (Cr/Bq). NE of Al Ain: one pair 6 Dec (PH, SJA). Qarn Nazwa: at least one calling at sunset 17 Dec (HJE).

### **LONG-EARED OWL** *Asio otus*

2001

Das Is- one 15 Apr (TG), 9th record. Das Island: one 13 Dec (RW), 9th record.

### **SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one dead 10 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*). Al Wathba fields: one 11 Oct (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 16 Nov (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 13 Dec (TG). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 26 Dec (PBr).

**EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus europaeus*

2001

Khalidiyah: one 19 Apr (AT), first of season, four 27 Apr (TG). Abu Dhabi, Le Meridien: one male 28 Apr (SJA). Al Wathba camel track: five, including two *unwini* race, 26 Apr (AT), 12 'nightjars', including 5 positive this sp. dusk 28 Apr (SJA). Khalidiyah: one 2 May (SJA), four 3 May (AT). Safa Park: two 3 May (DAD). Umm Suqeim, Dubai: one 3 May (DAD). Al Wathba wood: five 4 May (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT). Al Wathba agricultural section: one 20 Sep (KS) Al Wathba camel track: one 20 & 27 Sep (TG). Ramtha tip: one 23 Sep (TG). Al Habab fields: one found dead 28 Sep (DAD). E. Lagoon: one 28 Sep (PH, EH). Ras al Khaimah airport: one dead 30 Sep (TG). Mushref Palace gdns: one *unwini* 8 Oct (AT). Al Wathba fields: one 11 & 18 Oct (AT).

**EGYPTIAN NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus aegyptius*

2001

Dubai pivots: two 1 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), two 16 Mar (*Limosa*), not seen 29 Mar. Al Wathba camel track: eight 4 Mar, five 7 & 22 Mar (AT). Al Wathba camel track: three 4 Apr (MD, TPa), latest report. Al Wathba camel track: five after dark 20 Sep, 14 on 24 & 27 Sep (TG). Al Wathba fields: 15 on 4 Oct (TG), two 8 Oct (KS), one 11 Oct (AT), six 18 Oct (AT), one 19 Oct (KS), five 25 Oct (AT). Dubai pivot fields: one 11 Oct (PB), two 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 15 Oct (CR, TP). Al Wathba agricultural area: one flushed from ground in plantation 17 Oct (TP). Al Habab field: three 8 Nov (DAD). Ghantoot plantation: one 10 Nov (Bq). Al Wathba camel track: three 14 Nov, five 26 Nov, one 29 Nov (AT).

**COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*

2001

Season's first firm records late March. Max. numbers: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 40 on 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: 20 on 28 Mar (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 60 on 29 Mar (CR). Max. counts: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 173 on 19 Apr (CR). Up to 10 together reported regularly 4 - 23 Apr. Emirates golf course: at least one 10 May (PB). Khor Kalba: one 31 Aug (PB), only report. Qurrayah pools: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: three 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: 18 on 25 Sep (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 21 Sep (TG). Wimpey pits: one 12 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: four 19 Oct (TP). Hamraniyah fields: one only seen 8 Nov (CR/Bq)

**PALLID SWIFT** *Apus pallidus*

2001

Also reported. Common Apr Noteworthy reports: Zabeel fish ponds: 30 on 1 May (CR). Safa Park: 20 on 3 May (TG). Wadi Bih: 50 on 4 May (CR). Emirates golf course: 25 on 11 May (CR). Mushref Pal Gds: 10+ on 13 Jun (PH) and three over Abu Dhabi 26 Jun (PH), most having departed. Zabeel fish ponds: one 5 Jul (CR), only report. Emirates golf course: one 27 Sep (CR), two also 27 Sep (PB). Abu Dhabi island: one 27 Sep (TG), only records, all on same day. Max: Wimpey pits: 60 on 26 Oct (AMc), 50 on 30 Oct (CR), with 20+ present most other visits. Abu Dhabi city: one 13 16 Oct (TG), were earliest for Abu Dhabi. Smaller numbers Emirates golf course, Sharjah city, Safa Park, Zabeel fish ponds and Dreamland beach. Very common, max. numbers: Wimpey pits: 300 on 2 Nov (DAD), 230 on 25 Nov (CR), 700 on 28 Nov (DAD), Very common in north, max. numbers reported: Wimpey pits: 90 on 15 Dec (DAD), 350 on 27 Dec (CR). Abu Dhabi city: late arrivals, 20+ on 11 Dec (TG). Al Wathba camel track: 35 on 28 Dec (AT), noteworthy.

**LITTLE SWIFT** *Apus affinis*

2001

Wimpey pits: one 12 Oct (DAD), 22nd record. AD Golf & Equestrian Club: one 12 Oct (SJA *et al*), 23rd record. Wimpey pits: one 23 Dec (CR), 24th record.

**WHITE-BREASTED KINGFISHER** *Halcyon smyrnensis*

2001

Ras al Khaimah airport: one 6 Nov (PBr).

**WHITE-COLLARED KINGFISHER** *Halcyon chloris*.

2001

Khor Kalba: six 13 Mar (CR/*Limosa*), two on 16 Mar (PB), one 28 Mar. Kalba: 10 on 20 Apr (PB), 12 on 27 Apr (TG). Khor Kalba: three 1 Jun (PB), two 15 Jun (DAD). Kalba mangroves: eight, plus one heard in nest 13 Jul (CR). Not reported Aug Khor Kalba: 'Several present' 13 Sep (SLJ). Khor Kalba: nine seen 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 16 Oct (TP). Khor Kalba: five 6 Nov (CR/Bq) Khor Kalba: one 16 Dec (DAD), only record.

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 22 - 23 Mar (CR, PB). Khor Kalba: up to three 27 - 28 Mar. Khor Kalba: seven 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: one 15 - 28 Sep, at least three 25 Sep (CR, PB, AMc). Emirates golf course: one 2 & 12 Oct (CR, TP). Western Lagoon: one 4 Oct (TG). Wadi Shawkat: one 5 Oct (GF). Khor Kalba: at least four 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 16 Oct (TP). Jebel Ali hotel breakwater: one 17 Oct (TP). Khor Kalba: two 6 & 7 Nov (CR/Bq). Khor Dubai: one 10 & 23 Nov (CR). Emirates golf course: one 14 Nov (CR). Maqta bridge, AD: one 21 Nov (TG). Khor Dubai: one 21 Dec (CR).

**LITTLE GREEN BEE-EATER** *Merops orientalis*

2001

Also reported Also reported, including juveniles from May. Juveniles widespread. Max. numbers: Dubai sewage treatment plant: 40 on 25 Jul (CR). max. numbers: Emirates golf course: eight 25 Sep (CR). Otherwise regularly reported Northern Emirates. Common in north and east. Al Wathba lake: two 18 Oct (SLJ). Umm an Nar golf club: two 25 Oct (TG), shows extension of range into UB25. Wimpey pits: 20 there most visits Nov, representative. Widely reported in north and east. Wimpey pits: excavating nest-hole and courting noted 27 Dec (CR).

**BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** *Merops superciliosus*

2001

Khor Kalba: nine 13 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), 25 on 27 Mar (*Ornitholidays*). Dhabyiah: two 16 Mar (AT). Emirates golf course: three 16 Mar (CR/DF). Ghantoot: 14 on 23 Mar (CR/ *Ornitholidays*). Al Wathba camel track: five 22 Mar (AT). Hamraniyah: three on 28 Mar (CR). Jebel Qa'wa (Musandam); eight over summit 5 Apr (BC). Safa Park: one 8 Apr (DAD). Ruwayah: three 13 Apr & four 19 Apr (DAD). Wimpey pits: two 18 Apr (PB). Dubai pivots: two 18 Apr (DAD). Kalba: eight 20 Apr (PB). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two 20 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 23 Apr (CR) Dubai pivots: up to 60 present each visit 4 - 25 May (DAD); 25 - 35 there 31 May - 30 Jun (DAD, CR, PB). Al Lihbab fields: 11 on 4 May (DAD). Wimpey pits: three 9 May (JM), one 10 May (GK). Dubai pivot fields: 47+ juvs. 11 Jul, 105 on 19 Jul, 100 on 27 Jul (CR). Zabeel fish ponds and Palace: two 17 Jul, eight 21 Jul (CR). Wimpey pits: max. six 19 Jul (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 45 on 22 Jul (CR). Dubai sewage treatment plant: 10 on 25 Jul (CR). Emirates golf course: seven 28 Jul (CR). Dubai pivot fields: max. numbers, 52 on 30 Jul (SLJ), 110 on 15 Aug, 70+ on 21 Aug, many juvs. (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: up to four 17 & 24 Aug, 10 on 31 Aug (SLJ). Madam plain (2 km inside Oman): 10-12 juvs. over a plantation 18 Aug (GF). Qurrayah pools: 13 on 23 Aug (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 20 on 24 Aug (DAD). Emirates golf course: max. five 31 Aug (DAD). Ones and twos Safa Park, Emirates golf course, Mushref Palace gds., East Coast area and other sites. Al Mamzar Park: max. nine 6 Sep (DAD). Al Ruwayyah: 21 there 7 Sep (DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: four 7 Sep (SLJ, PH), two 13 Sep (AT). Al Wathba camel track: up to 32 on 7 - 10 Sep (TG), 100+ on 14 Sep (AT), 70 on 20 Sep, 40 on 24 Sep, 15 on 27 Sep, 60 on 28 Sep (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 60 on 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: two 15 Sep (CR). Wimpey pits: max., up to three 16 - 28 Sep (CR). Dubai pivot fields: present all month, with c.80 most days from 13 - 27 Sep (DAD, CR) and 130 on 20 Sep (DAD). Al Habab: present all month, max. 30 on 19 Sep (CR). Safa Park: max. six 20 Sep (DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: seven 23 Sep (CR). Abu Dhabi island: 23+ on 27 Sep (TG). Ones and twos elsewhere. Wimpey pits: seven 4 Oct (CR), 16 on 5 Oct (GK), 50 on 12 Oct (DAD), 13 on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 20 on 25 Oct (PB), six on 30 Oct (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 40+ on 4 Oct (CR), 42 on 11 Oct (PB), 20+ from 13 - 18 Oct (CR, Ntrk, GK),

five 25 Oct (PB), 30 on 26 Oct (RF). Zabeel fish ponds: two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), three 15 Oct (TP). Hamraniyah: five 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Habab fields: 20 on 5 Oct (DAD), 30+ on 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 26 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba fields: six 11 Oct, 15 on 12 Oct (AT). Jebel Ali Hotel: five 17 Oct (TP). Smaller numbers also reported. Dubai pivot fields: two 1 Nov (AT). Wimpey pits: three 2 Nov (DAD), five remaining 5 Nov (CR/Bq).

#### **EUROPEAN BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster*

2001

Khor Kalba: 12 on 27 Mar in mixed flock with *M. superciliosus* (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one on 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: 19 on 14 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), 20 on 28 Mar (CR). Ghantoot: one 29 Mar (DAD). Ruwayah: four on 30 Mar (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 29 - 31 Mar (PB, CR, DAD). Khalidiyah: three 29 Mar (AT). Emirates golf course: one 30 Mar (CR). Khalidiyah spit: one 3 Apr, six 4 Apr (MD, TPa), four 22 Apr (AT). Das Is: up to 20 most days 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Safa Park: 25 on 8 Apr (DAD), two 19 Apr, seven 21 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: four 12 Apr (CR) Desert Springs Village, Dubai: three 14 Apr (CR). Zirku Is: up to eight 17/18 Apr (TG). Dubai Creekside Park: three 19 Apr (TG). Ruwayah: three 19 Apr (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR), 14 on 20 Apr (PB). Al Wathba camel track: 10 on 20 Apr (AT). Arazanah Is.: two 22 -24 Apr (AHA). Wimpey pits: one 1 Jun (JM), needs confirming. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: at least 30 flew over 22 Jul (CR). Abu Dhabi area: three 20 Sep, four 21 Sep (TG). Dubai pivot fields: four 21 Sep (DS).

#### **EUROPEAN ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: two 8 Apr, one 12 - 20 Apr (AT), three 26 Apr (AT), one 27 Apr (AT, SJA). Safa Park: one 14 Apr (DAD). Mushref Palace gds: two 16 Apr, four 25 Apr (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm area: one 19 & 20 Apr (CR). Arzanah Is.: eight 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Emirates golf course: one 3 May (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 17 May (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 18 May (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: three 22 Jul (CR). breeding? Al Wathba camel track: one 10 Aug (SLJ). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 24 & 31 Aug (DAD, PB). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 & 27 Sep (PB, DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 - 10 Sep (TG), three 14 Sep (AT), up to two 21 - 24 Sep, one 27 Sep, three 28 Sep (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates Hills: one 17 Sep to month end, with two there 18 Sep (CR). Abu Dhabi Intercontinental Hotel: one 19 Sep (TG). Emirates golf course: one 22 Sep (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two 21 Sep (PB), one 28 Sep (CR). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 24 Sep, three 30 Sep (PBr). Emirates Hills: one 1 - 5 Oct (CR). Mushref Pal. gdns: two 3 Oct (TG), one 5 & 8 Oct (AT). Al Wathba fields: three 5 Oct (TG), two 11 Oct, three 12 Oct (AT), two 18 & 19 Oct (AT, DAD, TG). Safa Park: one 7 Oct (TG). Hamraniyah: two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 12 Oct (PB). Al Habab fields: one 26 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one 14 - 15 Nov (PB, DAD). AD Intercontinental garden: one 20 Nov (AT).

#### **INDIAN ROLLER** *Coracias benghalensis*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: noteworthy, one 5 Mar (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: up to 30 from 14 - 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: 60 on 15 Mar (CR). Khalidiyah: one 29 Mar (AT), unusual in Abu Dhabi. Ruwayah farms: max. seven on 30 Mar (DAD). Noteworthy: Khalidiyah: one 4 Apr (AT), south of normal range. Bateen Airbase, Abu Dhabi: one 22 & 23 Apr (TG). Largest flock: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 50 on 19 Apr (CR). Jebel Ali Hotel: three 2 May (CR). Khalidiyah: one 6 May (TG), one 15 Jun (AT), noteworthy records on edge of range. Safa Park: 4+1 juv. 13 May (DAD). Dubai pivots: 12 on 27 Jun (CR), max. for period. Max. numbers: Dubai pivot fields: numbers increased from 12 on 11 Jul, 21 on 19 Jul to 40 on 25 Jul (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 160 on 22 Jul (CR). Max. numbers: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 125 on 24 Aug (DAD), '200+' on 31 Aug (PB). Max. numbers: Al Habab: 20 on 19 Sep (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 218 on 13 Sep (SLJ), 120+ on 28 Sep (CR). Up to 10 regularly reported Emirates golf course, Safa Park, Al Mamzar Park, Dubai pivot fields, Al Habab fields. Max. (rough estimates only) numbers: Fujairah National Dairy Farm 100+ on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 200+ on 12 Oct (PB), 60 on 12 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel

track: one 5 Oct (TG), interestingly south of normal range. Commonly reported. Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 93 on 22 Nov (DAD), typical at this site Widely reported. Max. Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 46 on 16 Dec (DAD).

### **HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: eight on 1 Mar. Dubai pivots: six on 2 Mar. Safa Park: up to 18 all month. Mushrif Park: six on 13 Mar. Emirates golf course: up to eight 22 - 23 Mar (DAD, CR). Noteworthy reports: Safa Park: 23 on 2 Apr, 19 there 8 Apr and 26 there 28 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: nine 2 Apr, singing 12 Apr, with one juv. 20 Apr. Arzanah Is.: three 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Common at least Dubai area, with up to 10 regular Emirates golf course and Dubai pivots. Safa Park: 16 on 3 May, 25 on 25 May (DAD). Max. numbers: Emirates golf course: eight 1 Jul (CR). Dubai pivots: eight 19 Jul (CR). Zabeel Palace: 21 on 21 Jul (CR). Emirates golf course: c.10 from 16 - 31 Aug (SB, DAD). Mushrif N.Park: 55, including a flock of 47 on one lawn 17 Aug (SB). Al Wathba camel track: four 31 Aug (SLJ). Safa Park: peak of 20 from 25 - 30 Aug (DAD). Also reported Dubai pivot fields. Max. numbers: Al Mamzar Park: 12 on 6 Sep, 21 on 21 Sep (DAD), Emirates golf course: up to five 15 - 25 Sep (CR). Safa Park: 12 on 20 Sep (DAD). Up to five together reported elsewhere. Safa Park: seven 11 Oct (DAD), six 19 Oct (TP), 16 on 28 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 15 on 18 Oct (PB). Otherwise, up to five together several sites, including Kalba corniche, Emirates golf course, Jebel Ali village and Hotel, Mushrif Park, Mushref Palace Gdns, Sharjah Airport roundabout, Emirates hills. Max. numbers: Hamraniyah fields: eight 8 Nov (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 15 on 9 Nov (DAD). Ras al Khaimah airport: 15+ on 11 Nov (PBr). Safa Park: 16 on 18 & 22 Nov (DAD, CR). Al Mamzar Park: eight 25 Nov (DAD). Max. numbers: Safa Park: up to 11 from 7 - 28 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: eight 13 Dec (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: 22 on 17 Dec (CR, PB). Wimpey pits: one at nest 27 Dec (CR).

### **WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*

2001

Safa Park: one 17 Mar (CR/DF). Al Wathba camel track: one 29 Mar (DAD). Khalidiyah: one 29 Mar (AT). Emirates golf course: one 21 Mar (CR), two 30 Mar, one 30 Mar (CR). Mushrif Park: one 30 Mar (PB, CR/*Ornitholidays*). Safa Park: one 2 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 13 Apr (PB, CR) and 19 Apr (PB). Das Is: one, possibly two, 16 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah: two 22 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: one 13 Sep, two 27 Sep (PB). Khalidiyah spit: one 14 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi Intercontinental Hotel: one 19 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi area: two 20 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi area: two 27 Sep (TG). Sahil, western desert: one 1 Oct (TG). Emirates golf course: one 4 Oct (PB). Bateen airbase park: two 4 Oct (TG). Abu Dhabi city area: one 8 Oct, four 18 Oct, one 22 Oct (TG). Hanging Gardens: one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushref Palace gdns: one 14 Oct (KS). Abu Dhabi Corniche: one 11 Nov (TG). Abu Dhabi Hilton Hotel grounds: one 23 Dec (TG).

### **BLACK-CROWNED FINCH LARK** *Eremopterix nigriceps*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: up to 12 most visits. Also reported singing on territory Khor Kalba, Dreamland beach, Khor al Beidah from mid month. Present and singing throughout month, Dubai pivots, Kalba, Umm al Quwain peninsula, Dibba plain, Al Ain pump stn.. Wimpey pits: six 1 May (GK), two 4 May (DAD). Emirates golf course: seven 3 May (CR). Dubai pivots: up to four regular 4 May - end June. Khor Kalba: one 15 Jun (DAD). Kalba: three males 13 Jul (CR). Dibba cultivations: 10 on 22 Jul (CR). Emirates golf course: 'pair' 16 Aug (SB). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 Sep, 5+ on 27 Sep (PB). Dubai pivot fields: three 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 19 Oct (TP), Al Wathba camel track: eight 17 - 18 Oct (TP, DAD). Khatt lake (dry): eight 18 Oct (TP). Ones and twos reported Hamraniyah fields, Dreamland beach. Up to 24 each reported Al Wathba camel track and Dubai pivot fields, Hamraniyah fields. Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (CR/Bq), unusual East Coast location. Al Wathba camel race track: 15 on 3 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 10 on 15 Dec (CR), fewer also reported here. Qarn Nazwa: 15 on 17 Dec (HJE). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Dec (CR). Ras al Khaimah airport: reported 4 - 23 Dec (PBr).



**DESERT LARK** *Ammomanes deserti*

2001

Jebel Hafit: max. 12 on 1 Mar (CR), nine on 5 Mar. Fossil Valley: four on 5 Mar. Also reported Masafi and Tayibah areas, though surprisingly uncommon. Reported Jebel Hafit and Hanging Gardens 1 - 2 Apr (MD, TPa). East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khaimah; nest with eggs, adult feigning injury 12 - 13 Apr (GF, PC). Wadi Bih: one 4 May (CR). Wadi Shih: 12 on 15 Jun (DAD). Marbad, near Masafi: one 13 Jul (CR). Jebel Hafit: two mid-month (SB). Wadi Shih: 15 on 23 Aug (DAD). Hanging Gardens: several drinking at cave spring 24 Aug (GF). Jebel Hafit: one 14 Sep (TG), only report. Max: Jebel Hafit: four 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 17 Oct (TP). Wadi Shih: three 25 Oct (DAD). One or two other sites. Jebel Hafit: Up to 10 reported each visit. Al Ain camel track: 12 there 2 Nov (LB). Regular reports from mountains.

**HOOPOE LARK** *Alaemon alaudipes*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: two 1 & 20 Mar and one 24/29 Mar (CR, PB, DAD). Dreamland beach: two 15 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*). Otherwise hard to find in traditional nesting areas. Al Wathba camel track: eight 11 May, four 18 May, three 25 May (AT). Dubai pivots: one 31 May (DAD), 14 & 15 Jun (CR, PB) and two there 26 Jun (CR). Emirates Hills golf course: two 3 Jul (CR). Al Shbayka, near Sahil: two 2 Jul (PH). near Hameen: two 2 Jul (PH). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Sep (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 5 & 17 Oct (TG, TP). Dreamland beach: one 9 & 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB). Al Wathba: two 18 Oct (DAD). Dreamland beach: four 9 Nov, two 26 Nov (CR/Bq). Singles Al Wathba camel track. Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Dec (PB).

**BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: two 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Al Wathba fields: one 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 9 Nov (TG), up to four 15 - 26 Nov (DAD, PB), 15 on 23 Nov (AT), two 26 Nov (TG). Al Wathba camel race track: 20+ on 14 Dec (TG), otherwise only one reported 2 - 21 Dec (AT, DAD, PB), 10 on 28 Dec (DS).

**SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella brachydactyla*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: max. 30 on 10 Mar (*Limosa*), 50+ on 24 Mar (*Ornitholidays*), 30 on 29 Mar (DAD). Khor Kalba: 18 on 27 Mar (CR). Al Ain camel track: six 1 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba camel track: few 4 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba camel track: one 18 May (AT), three 17 Jun (TG). Dubai pivot fields: one 22 Jun (PB). Al Wathba camel track: one 31 Aug (SLJ). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: two 6 & 7 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: eight 7 - 10 Sep (TG), 10 on 14 Sep (AT), 25 on 20 Sep (TG), 40+ on 21 Sep, 30 on 27 Sep, 65+ on 28 Sep (TG). Wimpey pits: two 16 Sep (CR). Dubai pivot fields: up to four 7 - 13 Sep (DAD), six 16 Sep (DAD), up to 12 on 20 & 24 Sep (DAD, CR), 20 on 27 Sep (DAD). Al Habab: two 14 & 19 Sep (DAD, CR). Ones and twos reported elsewhere, including Emirates golf course and Ghantoot. Max. nos.: Sahil: 40 on 1 Oct (TG). Hamraniyah: eight 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Dubai pivot fields: 12 on 4 Oct (CR), one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Wathba fields: 275 on 12 Oct (TG), 104 on 18 Oct (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy farm: 20 on 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: up to 135 from 2 - 9 Nov (TG), c.50 on 4 Nov, up to 20 from 15 - 16 Nov (DAD, CR/Bq), up to 10 from 22 - 30 Nov (PB, AT). Hamraniyah fields: three 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Dubai pivot fields: two 15 Nov (DAD), 16 on 19 Nov (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: five 22 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel race track: 18 on 2 Dec (AT), 70 on 3 Dec (DAD), 35 on 13 Dec (TG), two 27 Dec (AT), 55 on 28 Dec (DS). Dubai pivot fields: three 7 Dec (DS), up to eight 13 - 27 Dec (DAD, CR).

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella rufescens*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: max. 80+ on 1 Mar, 150 on 2 Mar (AT), 100+ on 3 & 10 Mar (CR *et al*), two 29 Mar. (DAD). Dreamland beach: five 15 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*) and one 29 Mar (CR) Al Wathba camel track: one 4 May (AT). Hassah scrub desert: two 21 Sep (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 8 Oct (KS), two 17 Oct (TP). Al Wathba camel track: four 9 Nov (TG), five 16 Nov (CR), up to 15 from 22 - 30 Nov (PB, AT). Dubai pivot fields: two 29 Nov (PB). Al Wathba camel race track: 12 on

2 Dec, 65 on 27 Dec (AT), nine 3 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: up to two 11 - 18 Dec (PB), three 27 Dec (DAD).

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*

2001

Also reported Noteworthy: Dubai Media city: 50+ 2 Apr (CR). Also reported widely Dubai pivots: 40 there 27 Jun, typical numbers (CR). Al Ain camel track: 120 on 2 Nov (LB). Otherwise widely reported.

**ORIENTAL SKYLARK** *Alauda gulgula*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 19 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 4 Nov (CR), 3+ on 9 Nov, one 26 Nov (TG).

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

2001

Dubai pivot fields: 80+ on 1 Mar (DAD), 15 on 4 Mar (DAD), eight 10 Mar (*Limosa*), 10 on 29 Mar (CR). Ghantoot polo club: 25 on 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Al Wathba camel track: 20 on 2 Mar (AT). Safa Park: one on 30 Mar (PB). Dubai pivots: three 4 Apr (DAD), very late. Dubai pivot fields: one 18 Oct (PB), rather early. Common from mid month, max. and unusual numbers noted. AD Golf & Equestrian Club: one 1 Nov (TG), first autumn report. Emirates Hills: one 3 Nov, early report, up to 17 from 16 - 23 Nov (DAD, CR). Al Habab: three 8 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: c.20 on 4 Nov (CR/Bq), 33 on 15 Nov (DAD), 25 on 30 Nov (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 39 on 22 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 32 on 29 Nov (DAD). Max. numbers: Dubai pivot fields: max. 35 on 1 Dec (DAD), 56 on 13 Dec (DAD), 61 on 15 Dec (CR). Al Wathba camel track: 16 on 2 Dec, 35 on 27 Dec (AT). Hamraniyah fields: 35 on 17 Dec (CR, PB). Emirates Hills: 70+ most visits mid-late Dec, with 82 on 20 Dec (CR).

**BROWN-THROATED SAND MARTIN** *Riparia paludicola*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 14 - 28 Dec (TG, DS), the 7th record.

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: six on 1 Mar (DAD), eight 9 Mar (AT), 30 on 24 Mar (CR), 15 on 29 Mar (DAD). Wimpey pits: four on 30 Mar (PB). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 11 on 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: one 15 Mar, six on 28 Mar. Dubai pivots: 12 on 29 Mar (CR). Other reports of smaller numbers. Al Wathba camel track: 20+ on 3 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR) and 20 Apr (PB). Kalba: one 20 Apr (PB). Wimpey pits: one 13 Apr, two 30 Apr (CR) Wimpey pits: up to three 4 - 14 May (GK, DAD), 14 Jun (CR). Dubai pivots; two 10 May (DAD), one 14 May (DAD) & 28 Jun (SLJ, SJA, CR). AD Health & Fitness club: one 16 Aug (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 17 & 24 Aug, three 31 Aug (SLJ). Wimpey pits: one 20 Aug (PB). Emirates golf course: two 20 Aug, six 31 Aug (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: three 21 Aug (DAD). Max. numbers: Wimpey pits: 40 on 6 Sep (PB). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: seven 13 Sep (AT), with up to 50 to 18 Sep (TG). Wathba camel track: 20 on 10 Sep (TG), 50 on 14 Sep (AT), 13 on 28 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 35 on 13 Sep (SLJ). Dubai pivot fields: 150 on 13 Sep, 30 on 20 Sep (DAD), 20 on 24 Sep (CR). Al Al Habab: 15 on 14 Sep (DAD), 10 on 19 Sep (CR). Emirates golf course: 14 on 25 Sep (CR). Otherwise five or less reported widely. Max: Wimpey pits: 34 on 4 Oct (CR), 15 on 5 Oct (GK), 40 on 12 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 30 on 4 Oct (CR). Hamraniyah: 30 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Wathba camel track: 'several' 5 Oct (TG), one 12 Oct (AT), 10 on 17 & 18 Oct (TP, DAD). Wimpey pits: three 18 Oct (PB). Dubai pivot fields: one 8 Nov (PB). Al Wathba camel track: four 16 Nov (CR). Wimpey pits: one 19 - 25 Nov (CR), five 26 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Dec (AT). Dubai pivot fields: three 13 Dec, four 27 Dec (DAD). Wimpey pits: up to five 15 - 21 Dec (DAD, TG).

**PALE MARTIN** *Riparia diluta*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 1 Mar (DAD) and 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*), 3rd record. Al Wathba camel track: one 21 Dec (TG), the 5th record.

**PALE CRAG MARTIN** *Hirundo obsoleta*

2001

Ghantoot: pair Al Shati hotel 9 Mar (CR). Widespread mountain species. Wimpey pits: three 13 Apr (TG), one 18 Apr (PB), noteworthy. Noteworthy reports, away from mountains: Ghantoot: two 21 Jun (TG). Mafraq Hotel, Ruwais: two 29 Jun (PH). Zabeel fish ponds: one prob. 21 Jul (CR). Dubai sewage treatment plant: three 25 Jul (CR). Dubai pivot fields: one 15 & 21 Aug (DAD). Jebel Hafit: four, unsure date, 16 - 21 Aug (SB). Wadi Shih: three 23 Aug (DAD). Qurrayah pools: five 23 Aug (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: max. 14 on 24 Aug (DAD). Also reported Hanging Gardens. Jebel Hafit: four 14 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 21 Sep (PB). Masafi wadi: 10 on 16 Oct (TP). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 10 on 16 Oct (TP). Jebel Hafeet: 10 on 17 Oct (TP). Otherwise up to four together reported Al Jazeera Khor, Ain al Faydah and Hanging Gardens. Also reported away from mountains: Dubai pivot fields: one 14 Nov (PB). Ghantoot: one 9 Nov (CR/Bq).

**CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 29 Mar (DAD). Zirku Is: two 17 Apr (TG). Qurrayah pools: one 23 Aug (DAD), confirmation requested.

**SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: max. 40 on 1 Mar (DAD), 60 on 9 Mar (AT), 20 on 23 Mar (PB). Madam fields: 30+ on 26 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 24 on 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: 30 on 28 Mar (CR). Elsewhere, up to 20 seen daily 10 - 30 Mar. Steady, but thin passage throughout month, with up to 10 together seen widely, plus following larger groups: Al Wathba camel track: 50+ on 3 Apr (TG). Das Is: up to 30 most days up to 8 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 18 on 19 Apr (CR) and 40 on 20 Apr (DAD). Arzanah Is.: 15+ from 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Selected reports: : Emirates golf course: up to eight daily 6 - 11 May (CR). Wimpey pits: 50+ on 6 May (GK). seven 14 May (DAD), up to three 14 - 22 Jun, four 26 Jun (CR, PB, PH). Qusabi Is: 45+ on 9 May (TG). Bu Sharah Is: 15+ on 9 May (TG). Dubai pivots: 35 on 10 May (DAD). Ruwayah: eight 11 May (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: seven 17 May (DAD). Odd ones & twos also reported. Dubai pivots: three 5 Jul (TG). Emirates golf course: singles 15 & 28 Jul (CR). Zabeel fish ponds: one 21 Jul (CR). Dubai sewage treatment plant: 16, including one juv. 25 Jul (CR), suggests breeding. Le Meridien Hotel, Jum.beach: 10+ from 16 - 21 Aug (SB). Al Wathba camel track: up to 10 from 17 & 24 Aug, 25 on 31 Aug (SLJ). Five or less reported many other sites. Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 65 on 7 Sep (TG), 85 on 10 Sep (TG), 250 on 14 Sep (AT), 30 on 28 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 65 on 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: 22 on 15 Sep, 14 on 25 Sep (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 100 on 13 Sep (DAD), 120 on 16 Sep (DAD), 170 on 20 Sep (DAD), 55 on 24 Sep (CR), 60 on 27 Sep (DAD). Al Habab 40 on 14 & 19 Sep (DAD, CR). Very common, with max. numbers as follows: Dubai pivot fields: 220 on 4 Oct (CR), 100+ on 12 & 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 202 on 15 Oct (CR). Al Habab fields: 35 on 5 Oct (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: 110 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Wimpey pits: 60+ on 5 Oct (GK), 600 on 12 Oct (DAD), 150+ on 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Wathba camel track: 250 on 5 Oct (TG), 150+ on 11 Oct, c.200 on 12 Oct (AT), 50 on 17 Oct (TP), 120+ on 18 Oct (AT, DAD), 35 on 25 Oct (AT). Al Wathba lake: 110 on 18 Oct (SLJ). Wimpey pits: est. 120 there 2 & 15 Nov (DAD), less reported there at other times. Dubai pivot fields: six 2 Nov (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: five 8 Nov (CR). Al Wathba camel track: eight 14 & 15 Nov (AT, DAD), up to 24 on 16 - 23 Nov (CR, AT), six 30 Nov (AT). Otherwise less than five reported together. Wimpey pits: six 1 Dec, 22 on 2 Dec, eight 7 Dec (DAD). Al Wathba camel race track: six 2 & 13 Dec (AT, TG), 24 including one red-bellied race (assumed *tytleri*) 3 Dec (DAD).

Dubai pivot fields: exceptional numbers, 70 on 13 Dec, 17 on 27 Dec (DAD). Otherwise less than five reported.

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo daurica*

2001

Qurrayah: two 14 Mar (CR/DF). Al Wathba camel track: one on 23 Mar (PB). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: one 28 Mar (CR). Dubai pivots: one 29 Mar (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 28 Sep (TG).

**HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbica*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Mar (AT). Hamraniyah: one 15 & 28 Mar (CR *et al*). Al Wathba camel track: one of unusual race - 'dirty white rump and throat' - on 24 Aug, another (same bird?) 31 Aug (SLJ). Emirates golf course: at least one 13 Sep (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: three 13 Sep (SLJ). Dubai pivot fields: one 20 Sep (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 12 Oct (DAD), possibly same bird as above. Wimpey pits: reported, no numbers, 7 Dec (DS).

**ASIATIC HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon dasypus*

2001

Wimpey pits: one 25 Nov (CR), 2nd record.

**HOUSE MARTIN SP.** *Delichon sp.* Wimpey pits: one very dusky individual 4 Oct, possibly *dasypus* (CR),

**RICHARD'S PIPIT** *Anthus richardi*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 10 Mar (CR/DF) Emirates golf course: one 12 Apr (CR). Al Wathba camel track; six 12 Apr (TG), two 19 Apr (TG), one 26 - 27 Apr (SJA, AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 21 & 28 Sep (TG). Al Habab fields: two 28 Sep (DAD). Al Wathba: two 1 Oct (TG), up to two 5 - 18 Oct (TG, AT, TP), seven 19 Oct (TG). Al Habab fields two 5 Oct (DAD). Ras al Khaimah airport fields: three 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two 12 Oct (PB). AD Health & Fitness club: one 16 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: six 2 Nov (TG), three 4 Nov (CR/Bq), one 15 - 30 Nov (DAD, PB, AT). Safa Park: one 9 Nov (AMc). Emirates Hills: one 10 Nov, four 12 Nov, two remaining to 17 Nov (CR, PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 15 Nov (PB). Al Habab fields: two 29 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Dec (AT), two 13 & 28 Dec (TG, DS).

**BLYTH'S PIPIT** *Anthus godlewski*

2001

Al Wathba camel track; one 19 - 27 Apr (TG, SJA, AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 28 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: four 19 Oct, at least two 22 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 & 30 Nov (TG, AT). Hamraniyah fields: one 8 Nov (CR). Abu Dhabi city area: one 14 Nov (SJA). Dubai pivot fields: one 29 Nov (PB). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 Dec (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Dec (PB), two 26 Dec (TG).

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*

2001

Up to 10 several suitable sites, including Al Wathba camel track, Madam fields, Dubai pivots, Fujairah National Dairy Farm. Al Ain camel track: two 1 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba camel track: four 3 & 4 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba camel track: one 4 May (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 17 May (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 31 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Sep (AT), five 21 Sep (TG). Al Habab fields: six 28 Sep (DAD). Ras al Khaimah airport: two 30 Sep (TG). Max. numbers: Hamraniyah fields: 12 on 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 10+ on 12 Oct (PB), 19 on 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba fields: nine 18 Oct (DAD), six 25 Oct (AT). Al Habab fields: 19 on 26 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 20 on 26 Oct (RF), 54 on 30 Oct (CR). Otherwise up to four other sites. Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 74 on 2 Nov (TG), c.20 on

4 Nov (CR), up to 35 from 14 - 23 Nov (AT, DAD, CR/Bq). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 15 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq), 26 on 22 Nov (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: 35 on 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Al Habab: 25 on 8 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: up to 17 from 10 - 19 Nov (AMc, CR), c.20 on 23 Nov (AMc). Up to 10 together several other sites. Widely reported wintering. Max. numbers: Dubai pivot fields: 29 on 1 Dec, up to 18 from 16 - 27 Dec (DAD *et al*). Al Wathba camel track: 40 on 2 Dec (AT), 17 on 13 Dec (TG). Emirates Hills: up to 15 most visits 14 - 29 Dec (CR). Hamraniyah fields: 12 on 17 Dec (CR, PB). Wimpey pits: 10 on 23 Dec (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 10 on 16 Dec (DAD).

#### **LONG-BILLED PIPIT** *Anthus similis*

2001

Huwaylat road wadi: one 2 Mar (PB). Hanging Gardens: heard in main ravine 8 - 11 Mar (AT, CR/DF). Al Wathba camel track: one on 24 Mar (CR). Masafi: two 30 Mar (MD, TPa). East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khamah; four at high elevation 12-13 Apr (GF, PC). Al Wathba camel track: one 26 Apr (AT). Khutwa (Mahdah, Oman): three 26 Apr (TG). Wadi Shih: one 15 Jun (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 15 & 24 Sep (PBr). Masafi track: at least one 10 & 16 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP). Fujeirah National Dairy farm: six 25 Oct (DAD). Wadi Shih: three 25 Oct (DAD). Ras al Khaimah airport: up to two 6 - 24 Nov (PBr). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (CR), three 22 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one 25 - 29 Nov (CR, PB). Al Wathba camel track: two 26 Nov (TG). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 4 - 10 Dec (PBr). Dubai pivot fields: one 15 Dec (CR). Wimpey pits: one 27 Dec (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Dec (CR). Bidiyah fields: four 30 Dec (CR).

#### **TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis*

2001

Selection of records listed: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: three 28 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Mushref Palace gardens: four 28 Mar (AT). AD health & fitness club: eight 28 Mar (AT). Khalidiyah: five 29 Mar (AT). Safa Park: 21 on 30 Mar (DAD). Jebel Ali village: seven 30 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Emirates golf course: one on 30 Mar (PB). Ones and twos reported Jebel Ali Hotel, Emirates golf course, Dubai Media City and Creekside Park to mid month. Al Mamzar Park: seven 1 Apr, nine 15 Apr (DAD). Safa Park: seven 2 Apr, six 12 Apr, one 14 Apr (DAD), eight 24 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah spit: five 4, 5 & 13 Apr (MD, TPa, AT, TG). Al Wathba camel track: 27 on 12 Apr (TG). Mushref Palace gdns: six 13 Apr, four 16 Apr, six 25 Apr (AT). Das Is: up to 20 daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: one still present 22 Apr (CR). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Umm al Quwain roundabout: one 23 Apr (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: 4+ on 24 Apr (TG). Mushref Palace gds: one 7 May (TG). Khalidiyah: one 14 May (TG). Safa Park: one 25 May (DAD). Safa Park: one 31 Aug (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 Sep, seven 21 Sep (TG). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7, 13 & 30 Sep, 5+ on 27 Sep (TG, AT). Emirates golf course: one 12 Sep (SLJ). Dibba bay: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Safa Park: at least one 28 Sep (PB). Sahil: one 1 Oct (TG). Safa Park: one 4 Oct (PB). Mushref Palace gdns: two 5 & 14 Oct (AT, KS), one 18 Oct (TG). Al Wathba fields: 11 on 8 Oct (KS). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk, AMc). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Nov (TG), two 22 Nov (PB). Al Wathba camel race track: one 3 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 Dec (DAD).

#### **MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

2001

Dubai pivots: two 2 Mar (CR), three on 4 Mar (DAD), heard 15 & 16 Mar (PB, CR). Arzanah Is.: one reported 22 - 24 Apr (AHA), very late? Dubai pivot fields: one 19 Oct (TP). Emirates Hills: one 10 Nov (CR/Bq). Al Wathba camel track: at least two 9 Nov (TG), six 23 Nov (AT). Dubai pivot fields: two 29 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one 3 Dec (AT), two 7 Dec (DS). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: c.6 on 16 Dec (*per* SJA). Al Habab fields: four 21 Dec (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 27 Dec (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Dec (CR). Bidiyah fields: one 30 Dec (CR).

#### **RED-THROATED PIPIT** *Anthus cervinus*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: three 1 Mar, 10 on 10 Mar, 30 on 29 Mar. Kalba corniche: 12 on 28 Mar (CR). Large influx noted 29 Mar, with several feeding groups at patches of roadside verge from Umm al

Quwain to Dubai. Dubai pivots: 60 on 29 Mar (CR). Jebel Ali hotel: four on 29 Mar (DAD). Jebel Ali village: 20 on 30 Mar (CR). Safa Park: 33 on 30 Mar (DAD). Very common on passage this year. Max. flocks as follows: Mushref Palace gdns: 47 on 1 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: 10+ on 3 & 4 Apr (MD, TPa), 110 on 12 Apr (TG), 12 on 12 Apr, 21 on 15 Apr (AT). Dubai pivots: 10 from 4 - 13 Apr (DAD). Safa Park: 68 on 12 Apr (DAD), with 19 there 14 Apr (DAD), 40 on 19 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: 30 on 12 Apr, 40+ on 13 Apr (PB, CR). Das Is: 100+ daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 24 on 19 Apr (CR), 15 on 20 Apr (DAD, PB). Arzanah Is.: 70 from 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). AD Health & Fitness club: three 8 May (TG) Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: one 6 Sep (TG). Dubai pivot fields: three reported 21 Sep (RF). Al Wathba fields: one 12 Oct (AT), four 22 Oct (TG). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 & 15 Oct (CR, TP), two 19 Oct (TP), 5+ on 25 Oct (PB), two 26 Oct (RF). Mushref Palace Gds.: 6+ on 18 Oct (TG). Fujairah National Dairy farm: five 25 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: two 2 Nov, with up to 16 from 8 - 15 Nov and 20 on 29 Nov (PB, DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 16 on 19 Nov (CR). Al Wathba camel track: c.12 from 2 - 16 Nov (TG, CR), eight 30 Nov (AT). Dubai pivot fields: 12 on 25 Nov (CR). Sharjah tip: 60 on 25 Nov (DAD). Up to five also reported Emirates Hills, Al Habab, Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club, AD Golf & equestrian Club. Largest numbers: Al Wathba camel track: up to 10 from 2 - 28 Dec (AT). Dubai pivot fields: 98 on 15 Dec (CR), up to 104 from 18 - 21 Dec, 178 on 27 Dec (PB, DAD). Ones and twos Fujairah National Dairy Farm, Emirates Hills, Al Habab and Wimpey pits.

#### **WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: up to four 1 - 10 Mar (DAD, CR). Safa Park: one 4 Mar, two 15 Mar. Wimpey pits: up to four 2 - 4 Mar. Khor Dubai: two 9 Mar. Sharjah tip: one 16 - 27 Mar (DAD, CR). First winter reports: Al Wathba camel track: seven 2 Nov (TG), 18 on 9 Nov (TG). Al Habab: six 8 Nov (DAD), two 10 Nov (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 5+ on 8 Nov (PB), Khor Dubai: one 10 Nov (CR). Al Wathba camel track: 12 on 14 Nov (AT). Commonly reported from mid month. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 17 on 22 Nov (DAD). Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 25 on 2 Dec (AT). Ain al Faydah: 20 on 14 Dec (TG). Dubai pivot fields: 10 on 15 Dec (CR), 26 on 21 Dec (DAD). Al Habab: 14 on 21 Dec (CR). Up to five Wimpey pits, Safa Park, Khor Dubai.

#### **FOREST WAGTAIL** *Dendronanthus indicus*

2001

Mushref Palace Gds.: one flew over calling 8 Dec (TG), 18th record.

#### **YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

2001

Wimpey pits: up to three 2 - 24 Mar. Al Wathba camel track: one 23 Mar. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Feb (CR). Dubai Pivots: one 29 Mar. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR). Safa Park: two 19 Apr (TG). Al Aryam Is: four races *beema*, *thunbergi*, *feldegg* and *lutea* represented 20 Apr. Arzanah Is.: three 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Mushref Pal.gds. area: two 23 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: 14 on 24 Aug, six 31 Aug (SLJ). Dubai pivot fields: one 20 Aug (PB). Emirates golf course: one 20 Aug (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 13 on 7 Sep (DAD), 40+ on 13 Sep, 20+ on 20 & 27 Sep (DAD, PB). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: 23 on 6 Sep (TG), six 13 Sep (AT), three 7 Sep (SLJ, PH). Al Wathba camel track: 36 on 7 Sep (TG), 50 on 10 Sep (TG), 25 on 14 Sep (AT), 65 on 20 Sep (KS), 16 on 29 Sep (TG). Dubai pivot fields: 22 on 16 Sep, five 24 Sep (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: six 28 Sep (CR). Less than five reported together other sites. Dubai pivot fields: six 4 Oct (CR), three 4 & 25 Oct (PB). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: six 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Wathba fields: five 11 Oct, six 12 Oct, 10 on 18 Oct (AT). Wimpey pits: five 12 Oct (DAD). Ones and twos also reported other sites. Dubai pivot fields: 11 on 29 Nov (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 8 Nov (PB). Otherwise up to 10 throughout month, Fujairah National Dairy Farm, Mushref Palace Gds., Emirates Hills, Al Wathba camel track. Dubai pivot fields: 11 on 1 Dec (DAD), two 4 Dec (PB), up to four 15 - 27 Dec (CR, DAD, PB). Al Wathba camel race track: 20 on 2 Dec (AT), three 3 Dec (DAD), one 27 Dec (AT), six 13 & 28 Dec (TG, DS). Wimpey pits: one 3 & 18 Dec (PB). Mushref Palace Gds.: two 10 Dec (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two 16 Dec (DAD). Umm al Quwain dump: one 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla (f.) thunbergi*

2001

AD Golf & Equestrian club: one 25 Apr (AT). AD Health & Fitness club: two 8 May (TG). Emirates golf course: one 9 May (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT). Al Wathba: one 1 Oct (TG). Dubai pivot fields: one 4 Oct (PB). Fujairah National Dairy farm: one 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Dec (PB, RQ).

**YELLOW-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla (f.) lutea*

2001

Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Mar (MD, TPa). Safa Park: one 'lutea' 19 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT).

**BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla (f.) feldegg*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: up to three 1 - 10 Mar (AT, DAD, CR). Qurrayah: one 27 Mar (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Mar. Dubai pivots: four 29 Mar. Jebel Ali village; one 30 Mar (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: one 11 Apr (TG). Wimpey pits: one 12 - 17 Apr (PB, DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Apr (AT). Al Habab fields: one male 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB). Umm al Quwain dump: one male 17 Dec (CR, PB). Dubai pivot fields: one male 18 Dec (PB).

**SYKES'S WAGTAIL** *Motacilla (f.) beema*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: four on 1 Mar, three 10 - 24 Mar, seven 29 Mar (CR, DAD). Wimpey pits: one 4 & 19 Mar. Sharjah tip: one 26 Mar. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two 14 - 28 Mar (CR *et al*). AD Golf & Equestrian club: six 28 Mar (AT). Dubai pivots 18 on 29 Mar (CR). Jebel Ali hotel: two 29 Mar. Jebel Ali village: three 30 Mar. Al Wathba camel track: five 4 Apr (MD, TPa), 11 on 15 Apr (AT). Otherwise up to three several locations to 12 Apr, including Dubai Pivots, Jebel Ali Village, Jebel Ali Hotel, Fujairah National Dairy Farm and Emirates golf course. Safa Park: one 6 May (DAD). Emirates golf course: three 9 May, two 10 May (PB), one 11 May (CR). Majority of 'Yellow Wagtails' occurring appear to be juveniles of this form, though not reported to race, except following: Emirates Hills: four 17 Sep (CR). Al Wathba camel track: two males 20 Sep (KS). Ghantoot: one 27 Sep (CR). Jebel Ali village: one 7 Oct (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 15 on 13 Dec, six 21 Dec (DAD).

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola*

2001

Wimpey pits: up to three 2 - 31 Mar (CR, PB, DAD). Sharjah tip: one 6 Mar (DAD). Mushref Palace gardens: one 11 Mar (AT). Qurrayah: one 14 Mar (CR/DF). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 14 - 28 Mar (CR *et al*). Arzanah Island: one late migrant 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Emirates golf course: one 20 & 31 Aug (DAD). Qurrayah pools: one 31 Aug (PB). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (TG). Qurrayah pools: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Wimpey pits: one 16 Sep, three 24 Sep (CR). Dubai pivot fields: one 16 - 21 Sep (CR, DS, DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: six 18 Sep (TG). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 24 Sep (PBr). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Sep (CR). Emirates golf course: one 2 Oct (CR). Wimpey pits: two 4 Oct, nine 13 Oct, three 18 & 30 Oct (CR, Ntrk, GK). Mushref Palace gds: four 5 Oct, five 27 Oct (TG). Khor Dubai: seven 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: c.5 on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 25 Oct (DAD). AD Health & Fitness Club: two 16 Oct (TG). Al Wathba lake: eight 18 Oct (SLJ). Qurrayah pools: three 25 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: four 26 Oct (RF) Wimpey pits: two 2 Nov (DAD), at least four from 4 Nov, eight 19 Nov (CR), five 26 Nov (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: three 7 & 22 Nov (CR/Bq, DAD). Dubai pivot fields: at least four 8 - 14 Nov (PB), two 23 Nov (AMc). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: six 15 Nov, three 22 Nov (AT). Mushref Palace Gds.: two 27 Nov (AT). Singles also reported. Wimpey pits: 11 on 15 Dec (CR). Otherwise less than five each visit. Dubai pivot fields: three 27 Dec (DAD).

Ones and twos Safa Park, Sharjah tip, Emirates Hills, Mushref Palace Gds., Qurrayah pools and Fujeirah National Dairy Farm.

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

2001

Safa Park: one 4 & 31 Mar, two on 30 Mar (DAD, PB). Bateen gardens: one 12 - 14 Mar (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 14 Mar (*Limosa*). Dubai pivots: one 29 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: one 14 Apr (CR). Das Is: one 17 Apr (TG). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two 21 Sep (PB), one 28 Sep (CR). Abu Dhabi area: one 27 Sep (TG). Mushref Pal. gdns: one 3 Oct (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 16 Oct (TP), three 25 Oct (DAD). Safa Park: one 19 Oct (TP). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (CR/Bq), two 22 Nov (DAD). Safa Park: one 8 Nov (DAD), up to two 9 - 22 Nov (AMc, CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 14 - 29 Nov, two 30 Nov (AT). Dubai pivot fields: one 7 Dec (DS). Spinneys, Abu Dhabi: one 11 Dec (TG). Safa Park: one 13 - 28 Dec (DAD). Wadi Shih: one 16 Dec (DAD). Mushref Palace Gds.: up to two 26 - 27 Dec (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two 30 Dec (CR).

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*

2001

Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: One apparently of north-east Siberian *ocularis* race (dark line through eye, white on wing) 14 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*). Otherwise nominate race common throughout month. Wimpey pits: last reported here, one 18 Apr (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two late birds 19 Apr (CR) Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 6 Sep, early, three 21 Sep (PB), two 28 Sep (CR). Max. nos: Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: seven 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 10+ on 12 Oct (PB), 32 on 25 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 20+ on 18 Oct, 60 on 25 Oct (PB). Al Wathba camel track: 30 on 22 Oct (TG). Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: c.100 from 4 - 16 Nov (CR/Bq, AT, DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 50 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq), 70 on 22 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: 70+ from 2 - 29 Nov (DAD, PB). Wimpey pits: 50+ on 25 Nov (CR). Safa Park: 30+ on 28 Nov (DS). Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel race track: 40 on 3 Dec (DAD). Safa Park: up to 33 from 13 - 28 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: max. 80 on 15 Dec (CR), with up to 60 on most visits. Fujeirah National Dairy Farm area: 34 on 30 Dec (CR).

**MASKED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla (a.) personata*

2001

Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two 10 - 25 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP, DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 22 Oct (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (CR), two 30 Nov (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Dec (CR).

**WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus leucogenys*

2001

Hanging Gardens: one 1 Mar (CR), unusual. Jebel Hafit spring: two 11 Mar, six 25 Mar (CR *et al*). Ruwayah farms: seven 15 Mar. Otherwise widespread in farms and gardens. Dibba: several in cultivations 22 Jul (CR), range extension? Noteworthy spread: Ain al Faydah: two 14 Sep (TG), otherwise widely reported. Near Al Ain Hilton: two 26 Oct (LB). Otherwise fairly common and spreading.

**YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus xanthopygos*

2001

Also reported in good numbers Wadi Bih: one 4 May (CR). Wadi Shih: three 15 Jun (DAD). Reported Kalba plain and Marbad. Wadi Shih: four 23 Aug (DAD). Hanging Gardens: drinking at cave spring 24 Aug (GF). Reported Fujeirah National Dairy Farm (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two or three on perimeter fence 28 Sep (CR). Wadi Shik, near Al Ain Hilton: 25 seen on short walk 26 Oct (LB). Otherwise common in and near mountains.



**RED-WHISKERED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus jocosus*

2001

Dubai Creekside Park: one 3 Apr (TG). Mushref Palace gds: three 3 & 25 Apr (MD, TPa, AT). Safa Park: one 21 Apr (TG). Mushref Pal. Gds: six 1 Jun (AT). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (SLJ, PH).

**RED-VENTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus cafer*

2001

Also reported in good numbers Reported widely on the Arabian Gulf coast. Umm al Quwain/Ras al Khaimah road junc.: one on wires 23 Apr north of range (CR) Mafraq Hotel, Ruwais: four 29 Jun (PH), noteworthy. Also commonly reported Gulf coastal cities. Emirates golf course: one unfledged chick fallen on track 15 Jul (CR). Only seen Dubai, Jebel Ali & Abu Dhabi suburban areas. Ain al Faydah: one 6 Nov (Bq), further range extension. Otherwise locally common.. Umm al Quwain park: several 16 Dec (CR, PB), a site where breeding may not yet be confirmed for the species (ABBA square VB28)

**HYPOCOLIUS** *Hypocolius ampelinus*

2001

Ghantoot: one 3 Mar, four 7 Mar, one 10 & 16 Mar, 12 on 23 Mar (CR *et al*). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

**RUFOUS BUSH CHAT** *Cercotrichas galactotes*

2001

Ghantoot: one 30 Mar (GK). Mushrif park: two 30 Mar (CR). Mushrif Park NP, Dubai: one 2 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah: up to three 4, 5, 19 Apr (TG, MD, AT), four 27 Apr (AT). Al Wathba wood: one 8 Apr, three 15 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: one 12, 16 Apr and two 23 Apr (CR). Safa Park: one 13 Apr (PB). Al Mamzar Park: one 15 Apr (DAD). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). DUCAB Jebel Ali: one 3 May (CR). Khalidiyah: up to five 3 - 16 May (AT, TG), several 'breeding' 14 May, singing 24 May (TG). Mushref Palace gds: one 8 & 17 May (AT). Emirates golf course: one 9 May (CR). Al Wathba wood: four 4 May, two 18 May (AT). Wadi Rhum: 120 counted there 26 Jul (SLJ). Khalidiyah: up to seven 13- 22 Aug (SLJ). Mushref Pal.gds: one 29 Aug (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 24 Aug (DAD). Khalidiyah: three 7 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 12 Oct (TG).

**BLACK BUSH ROBIN** *Cercotrichas podobe*

2001

Das Island: one 8 - 17 Apr (TG), 3rd record.

**THRUSH NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia luscinia*

2001

Abu Dhabi breakwater: one 20 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi clock tower: one seen from car 30 Oct (SJA).

**NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

2001

Emirates golf course: first seen 11 Apr, with peak of nine there 16 Apr, declining to singles from 25 Apr to month end (CR, PB). Mushrif NP: four 12 Apr (TG). Safa Park: one 14 - 19 Apr (DAD, TG), two 21 Apr (TG). Das Is; up to three daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Mushrif Park 18 Apr (PB), Desert Springs village garden 15 - 20 Apr (CR), Kalba 20 Apr (PB). Khalidiyah; two 13 Apr (TG), seven 22 Apr (AT), one 27 Apr (AT, SJA). Mushref Palace gdns; four 25 Apr, two 29 Apr (AT). Singles other locations. Emirates golf course: one 3 May (CR). Mushref Palace gds: one 7 May (TG). Khalidiyah: one 10 May (AT). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 19 Sep (TG). Khalidiyah: one 23 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi Hilton: one 26 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi island: one 27 & 30 Sep, may be same bird as previous (TG). Abu Dhabi city area: one 4 Oct (TG).

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

2001

Ghantoot plantation: one still present 7 Mar (JB). Emirates golf course: one heard in cuttings undergrowth 16 Mar (CR). Jebel Ali hotel: one 29 Mar (DAD)

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*

2001

Mushrif NP: two 4 Mar (GK). Ruwayah farms: one 15 Mar (DAD). Wimpey pits: three 2 - 10 Mar (CR), otherwise one to 31 Mar (DAD, PB, CR). Emirates golf course: one 21 - 23 Mar (CR, PB, DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 3 & 23 Mar (CR, PB, AT). Dubai pivots: one 16 Mar, three 29 Mar. Emirates golf course: one most visits 2 - 12 Apr (CR). Dubai pivots: one 4 Apr (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 25 Oct (PB). AD Golf & equestrian Club: one 27 Oct (TG). Dubai pivot fields: up to two 1 - 15 Nov, three 29 Nov (CR, AT, PB, DAD). Wimpey pits: one 8 Nov, two 29 Nov (PB). Emirates golf course: one 8 & 10 Nov (PB, CR/Bq), then up to three from 14 Nov and max. four 20 Nov (CR *et al*). Al Wathba camel track: two 15 & 16 Nov (DAD, CR), five 23 & 30 Nov (AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: three 22 Nov (DAD), two 30 Nov (PB). Singles commonly reported from mid month. Al Wathba camel track: 10 on 2 Dec (AT), up to four 15 - 28 Dec (PB, RQ, AT, DS), with a max. 21 on 21 Dec (AT) Opposite Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: five 16 Dec (DAD), singles at other times. Emirates golf course: three 26 Dec (CR). Ones and twos Wimpey pits, Dubai pivot fields.

**CAUCASIAN BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia (s.) magna*

2001

Dubai pivots: one male 29 Mar (PB). Safa Park: one 30 Mar (DAD, PB). Dubai Creekside Park: one 19 Apr (TG).

**WHITE-THROATED ROBIN** *Irania gutturalis*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 29 Mar (DAD). Ghantoot: one 29 - 30 Mar (DAD, GK). Emirates golf course: one 30 - 31 Mar (PB, CR) Khalidiyah: one 4 - 5 Apr (MD, TPa), four 22 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: one 2 - 5 Apr (PB, CR, DAD), another 13 - 16 Apr (CR, PB), with three there (including one pale-bellied) 18 Apr (CR) and two 19 Apr (PB), all males. Safa Park: one 14 Apr (DAD). Al Mamzar Park: one 15 Apr (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Apr (AT). Al Aryam Is: four (3m, 1f) 20 Apr (TG). Arzanah Is.: two 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). AD Health & Fitness club: one 24 Apr (TG).

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicurus*

2001

Mahdah road: one 2 Mar (PB). Huwaylat road: one 2 Mar (PB). Ghantoot: 1m, 2f on 3 Mar (CR). Jebel Hafeet: two 1 & 5 Mar (CR, DAD). Mushrif Park: six 4 Mar (GK), two 9 Mar, one 15 Mar (DAD). Hanging Gardens: two 8 Mar (AT), one 11 Mar. Khalidiyah: two 10 Mar (AT). Ghantoot: two 10 Mar. Single females Jebel Hafit 11 Mar, and Masafi 12 Mar. Jebel Hafit: one 11 Apr (TG), very late. Arzanah Island: nine reported 22 - 24 Apr (AHA), also were very late and confirmation sought. Al Mamzar Park: one 2 Nov (DAD). Jebel Hafit: one 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging gardens: one 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Ras al Khaimah airport: up to two 6 - 24 Nov (PBr). Wadi Khabb Shamsi (Oman): two 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Ghantoot: one 9 Nov (CR/Bq). Asab, western desert: four 17 - 19 Nov (TG). Emirates golf course: one 28 Nov (CR). Masafi wadi: one 30 Nov (PB). Huwaylat pools: one male still present 1 Dec (PB). Huwaylat wadi: one female 1 Dec (PB). Ras al Khaimah golf course: three 4 Dec (PBr). Wadi Shih: two 16 Dec (DAD). Ghantoot: two 18 Dec (DAD). Ras al Khaimah golf course: one 28 Dec (PBr). Habshan: one female 30 Dec (TG).

**EHRENBERG'S REDSTART** *Phoenicurus (p.) samamisticus*

2001

Mushrif NP: one male 4 & 9 Mar (GK, CR/DF *Limosa*). Wimpey pits: one 29 Mar (PB). Emirates golf course: two 21 Mar, five 30 Mar, two 31 Mar (PB, CR). Khalidiyah: one 4 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: one male 28 Sep to month end (CR). Emirates golf course: one 2 Oct (CR).

**REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

2001

Mushrif Park: one 13 Mar, five 30 Mar. Safa Park: one 15 Mar, two 30 Mar. Mushref Palace gardens: 17 on 28 Mar (AT). Jebel Ali hotel: nine 29 Mar. Ghantoot: two 29 Mar. Khalidiyah: 15 on 29 Mar (AT). Emirates golf course: fall of 20 on 30 Mar (CR). Ruwayah farms: five 30 Mar. Smaller numbers elsewhere. A definite heavy passage mid month, with peak numbers as follows: Mushref Palace gdns: 10 on 1 Apr (TG). Mushrif NP, Dubai: nine 2 Apr (TG). Al Mamzar Park: 11 on 1 Apr, 28 on 15 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: up to five to 11 Apr, with 20 there 12 Apr (CR), 16 on 14 Apr, 17 on 19 Apr (PB), declining to 10 on 20 Apr and two 27 Apr (PB). Safa Park: 14 on 14 Apr (DAD), nine 19 Apr, eight 24 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah: 12 on 10 Apr (TG), 27 on 13 Apr (TG), 13 on 19 Apr (AT), 18 on 22 Apr (AT), eight 27 Apr (TG). Das Is: 50 daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Fewer elsewhere. Khalidiyah: five 2 May (SJA), eight 3 May (AT), five 10 May (AT) and at least three 24 May, very late (TG). Safa Park: one 3 and 13 May (DAD). Emirates golf course: one male 2 - 3 May (CR, DAD), two 10 & 25 May (PB), latest there. Al Wathba wood: one 4 May (AT). Wimpey pits: one 14 May (DAD). Mushref Palace gds: two 10 May (AT). AD Intercon Hotel: one female 15 May (TG). Bateen gardens, AD: one 21 Oct (TG). Hilton, Abu Dhabi: one 14 Nov (TG).

**REDSTART** *sp.*

2001

Safa Park: one female 22 Nov (CR). Al Wathba wood: one 30 Nov (AT).

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra*

2001

Khalidiyah: two 10 Apr (TG), one 12 - 13 Apr (AT, TG). Al Wathba camel track; three 12 Apr, two 15 & 20 Apr (AT), four 19 & 26 Apr (TG, AT), one 27 Apr (SJA, AT). Dubai Media city: up to two 12 - 14 Apr (CR, PB). Emirates golf course: singles 13 & 29 Apr (CR). Das Is: up to two daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR), two 20 Apr (DAD). Al Aryam Is: three 20 Apr (TG). DUCAB Jebel Ali: one fem. 2 May (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT). Al Wathba camel track: two 14 Sep (AT). Emirates Hills: one 17 & 18 Sep (CR). Al Habab fields: one 5 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 12 Oct (TG).

**SIBERIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola (t.) maura*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 9 Mar (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one female 14 Mar (CR *Limosa*), one male 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: one male 14 Mar (*Limosa*), one female 28 Mar. Safa Park: one 30 Mar (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy farm: one 25 Oct (DAD). Al Habab fields: one 26 Oct (DAD). AD Golf & Equestrian Club: two 5 Nov (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Nov (AT).

**STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata*

2001

AD Health & Fitness club: one 28 Mar (AT). Al Wathba fields: one 5 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: two 4 Nov (CR/Bq), 5+ on 9 Nov (TG), up to two 22 - 30 Nov (PB, AT). Dubai pivot fields: two 15 Nov (DAD), three 29 Nov (PB). Al Habab: three 29 Nov (DAD). Singles also reported. Al Habab: two 1 Dec (PB). Al Wathba camel race track: up to two 2 - 28 Dec (AT, DAD, PB, DS *et al*). Al Mamzar Park: one 9 Dec (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one male from 13 Dec (DAD, CR), at least two 27 Dec (DAD). Al Habab: three 21 Dec (CR).

**CAUCASIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola (t.) armenica*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one male 26 - 30 Nov (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one reported 13 Dec (TG).

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina*

2001

Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 25 on 1 Mar, '100+' on 23 Mar (PB), 45 on 24 Mar, 60 on 29 Mar (DAD, CR). AD Health & Fitness club: six 30 Mar (AT). Al Mamzar: one 1 Apr (DAD). Dubai

pivots: one 5 Apr (PB). Dubai Media city: one 13 Apr (PB, CR). Al Ruwayah area: four 13 Apr (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 & 20 Apr (CR, PB). Arzanah Is.: seven 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Al Wathba camel track; 59 on 12 Apr (TG), 15 on 15 & 20 Apr (AT), 10 on 26 Apr, 17 on 27 Apr (AT). Al Wathba camel track: six 4 May (AT), two 18 May, one 25 May, one 8 Jun (AT), latterly probably same bird. Wadi Rhum: one 26 Jul (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: four 10 Aug, six 17 Aug, eight 24 Aug, seven 31 Aug (SLJ). Khalidiyah: three 22 Aug (SLJ). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 24 & 31 Aug (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 24 Aug (PB). Max. counts: Al Wathba camel track: 16 on 7 Sep (TG), 12 on 14 Sep (AT), four 27 Sep, 15 on 28 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: five 13 Sep (SLJ). Dubai pivot fields: two 27 Sep (PB). Emirates Hills: two 18 Sep (CR). Al Habab field: four 2+8 Sep (DAD). Emirates Hills: four 1 Oct, two 5 Oct, three 29 Oct (CR). Dubai pivot fields: two 4 Oct (CR). Al Wathba camel track: four 5 Oct (TG), 20 on 11 Oct, 25 on 12 Oct (AT), two 17 Oct (TP), 15 on 18 Oct (AT, DAD), 30 on 25 Oct (AT). Hamraniyah fields: three 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Habab: two 5 Oct (DAD), four 11 & 26 Oct (PB, DAD). Ghantoot polo club: six 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi wadi: three 16 Oct (TP). Wimpey pits: two 18 Oct (GK). Many singles reported. Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: four 4 & 16 Nov (CR/Bq), 13 on 15 Nov (DAD), 20 from 14 -16 Nov (AT, PB), 25 on 23 Nov (AT), 10 on 30 Nov (AT). Dubai pivot fields: five 8 Nov (PB). Al Habab fields: four 10 Nov (CR). Emirates Hills: up to seven from 13 Nov, 13 on 29 Nov (CR, DAD). Otherwise reported widely. Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: 14 on 2 Dec (AT), nine 3 Dec (DAD), up to six 13 - 21 Dec (TG, AT). Emirates Hills: up to four most visits, with seven on 25 Dec (CR).

#### **NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 1 - 3 Mar, two on 9 - 10 Mar (AT, CR), 12 on 24 Mar, 30+ on 23 Mar (PB), 25 on 29 Mar (CR, DAD). Emirates golf course: one 23 Mar (PB). AD health & fitness club: five 28 Mar (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two on 28 Mar. AD Golf & Equestrian club: three 28 Mar (AT). Jebel Ali hotel: one 29 Mar (DAD). Dubai pivots: one 29 Mar. Jebel Ali village: two 30 Mar (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: two 30 Mar (AT). Al Ain Camel Track: 10 there 1 Apr (TG), seven 12 Apr (AT). Jebel Ali hotel: two 2 Apr (CR). Emirates golf course: one 12 Apr (CR). Dubai Pivots: one 5 Apr (PB). Dubai Media city: one 12/13 Apr (CR, PB). Al Wathba camel track: 17 on 12 Apr (TG), 50+ on 15 Apr, three 20 Apr, one 26 & 27 Apr (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: up to four 19 & 20 Apr (CR, PB, DAD). Al Aryam Is: six 20 Apr (TG). Khor Dubai; one 29 Apr (GK). Many other singles reported. Wimpey pits: one 4 May (GK). Khalidiyah: one female 6 May (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Sep (AT). Ghantoot polo club: one 27 Sep (CR). Al Habab fields: one 5 Oct (DAD). Khor Kalba: one 16 Oct (TP). Dreamland beach: one 18 Oct (TP). Al Wathba fields: two 18 Oct (AT).

#### **NORTHERN/ISABELLINE WHEATEARS**

2001

Al Wathba camel track; 100+ on 3 Apr (TG).

#### **PIED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe pleschanka*

2001

Wimpey pits: one 2 Mar (PB). Al Wathba camel track: 10 on 1 Mar, up to eight 2 - 10 Mar (AT, CR), 48 on 22 Mar (AT), 40+ on 23 Mar (PB), 23 on 24 Mar, 20 on 29 Mar. Al Habab: 5+ on 2 Mar (PB). Emirates golf course: 1m, 1f on 22 Mar (CR). AD Golf & Equestrian club: four 28 Mar (AT). Khalidiyah: five 29 Mar (AT). Ruwayah farms: four on 30 Mar (DAD). Qarn Nazwa: two 17 & 30 Mar (CR, PB). Singles widespread. Al Wathba camel track: 20+ on 3 Apr (TG), nine 12 Apr (TG), one 15 Apr, five 20 Apr, two 26 Apr (AT). Khalidiyah: one 4 Apr (AT). Wimpey pits: two 5 Apr (PB). East Jebel Yabir, Ras al Khaimah; >3 from 12-13 Apr (GF, PC). Dubai Media city: one female 13 Apr (PB, CR). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Al Wathba camel track: two 31 Aug (SLJ). Khor Dubai: one 6 Sep (DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: one 6 Sep (TG). Dubai pivot fields: one male 6 Sep (PB). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 & 14 Sep (TG, AT). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ), one fem. 21 Sep (PB). Ras al Khaimah golf course: one 17 Sep (PBr).

Abu Dhabi island: one 27 Sep (TG). Dubai pivot fields: two 4 Oct (PB), two 11 Oct, including one 'vittata' type, two 18 Oct (PB), one 25 - 30 Oct (PB, CR, AMc, RF). Mushref Palace gds: two 5 Oct, one 22 Oct (TG). Al Wathba fields: one 5 Oct (TG), two 12 Oct (AT), four 18 Oct (DAD, AT). Hamraniyah fields: one 9 & 26 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB). Masafi track: three 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 10 & 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB), two 25 Oct (DAD). Khor Kalba: one 1 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Habab: two 5 & 26 Oct (DAD), three 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk, PB). Jebel Hafit: one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Wimpey pits: one 5 & 18 Oct (GK, PB). Wadi Shih: one 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: two 2 Nov (TG), up to five 9 - 16 Nov (TG, CR, AT, PB), two 22 Nov (PB), one 23 Nov (AT). Al Mamzar park: one 2 Nov (DAD). Jebel Hafit: one male 5 Nov (CR/Bq). AD Golf & Equestrian Club: one 5 Nov (TG). Madam roundabout: one 6 Nov (CR). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 6 Nov (PBr). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: up to three 7 & 8 Nov (CR/Bq), six 15 Nov (PB), two 22 - 30 Nov (DAD, PB). Hamraniyah fields: one 8 Nov (Bq). Emirates Hills: one 3, 12 & 26 Nov, plus one female type 'vittata' 10 - 12 Nov (CR). Al Habab fields: four 8 - 10 Nov (DAD, CR/Bq), one 29 Nov (DAD). Jebel Ali Hotel: two 15 Nov (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 8 & 19 Nov (DAD, CR). Dubai pivot fields: three 2 Nov, nine 8 Nov (PB), two 9 - 15 Nov (DAD), one 19 - 30 Nov (CR, PB, DS). Safa Park: one 18 - 22 Nov (DAD, CR). Al Habab: one 1 Dec (PB).

### **BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe hispanica*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: three 9 Mar (AT), two on 23 Mar (PB), one on 29 Mar (DAD). N. of Wadi Haqil: one 17 Mar (GF). AD health & fitness club: one 28 Mar (AT). AD Golf & Equestrian club: one 28 Mar (AT). Khalidiyah: one 4 Apr (AT, MD). AD Health & Fitness club: one 6 Apr (TG). Arzanah Island: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Al Wathba camel track: one 28 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: three 22 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Nov (TG).

### **DESERT WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe deserti*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: three 1 Mar (DAD), 10 on 2 Mar (AT), 13 on 3 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Inland Ghantoot: five 2 Mar (DAD). Khor Kalba: one imm. male 27 Mar (CR). Arzanah Island: 12 from 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Al Wathba camel track: one 31 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 Sep, two 28 Sep (TG). Al Habab: one 14 Sep (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 Sep (AT). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 17 Sep (PBr). Al Habab: one 5 & 11 Oct (DAD, CR, Ntrk), two 26 Oct (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one female 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Wimpey pits: one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Ghantoot polo club: one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 17 Oct (TP). Khor Kalba: two 16 Oct (TP). Khor al Beidah: two 18 Oct (TP). Al Wathba fields: two 5 Oct (TG), six 11 Oct (AT), 18 on 12 Oct (TG), 18 on 18 Oct, 12 on 25 Oct (AT). Al Wathba lake: one 18 Oct (SLJ). Widely reported, with maxs. as follows: Al Wathba camel track: up to 15 from 4 - 30 Nov (CR/Bq, AT, DAD, PB). Dubai pivot fields: five 8 Nov (PB). Al Habab fields: four 8 Nov (DAD). Emirates Hills: up to four most visits 12 - 30 Nov (CR, DAD). Commonly reported all month. Max. numbers: Al Habab: four 1 Dec (PB). Al Wathba camel track: 17 on 2 Dec (AT), up to 11 from 3 - 28 Dec (DAD, AT, DS). Ras al Khaimah airport: up to four 4 - 18 Dec (PBr). Wimpey pits: three 23 Dec (CR).

### **FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one reported 28 Dec (DS).

### **RED-TAILED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe (xanthopyrmyna) chrysopygia*

2001

Jebel Hafit: two on 1 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Mahdah: two 1 Mar (CR *et al.*). Jebel Rawdah: two on 2 Mar (CR, PB), one remaining 12 Mar (*Limosa*). Mahdah road: two on 2 Mar (PB). Hanging Gardens: one 6 Mar (PB), 10 on 8 Mar (AT). Qarn Nazwa: one 17 Mar (*Limosa*). Wadi Shawkat: 8 - 10 seen 'cavorting in pairs' 5 Oct (GF). Masafi track: three 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), six 16 Oct (TP). Qarn Nazwa: one 11 Oct (PB). Masafi: one 12 Oct (PB). Khor Fakkan plain: one 12 Oct (PB). Hanging gardens: five 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Liwa oases: three 13 Oct (TG). Jebel Hafit: three 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging Gardens: five 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Masafi: up to two 8 - 15 Nov (CR, PB). Qarn Nazwa: one 8

Nov (DAD). Fairly common from mid month, mountains, gravel plains and wadis. Qarn Nazwa: one 17 Dec (HJE). Wimpey pits: one present 23 - 27 Dec (CR). Otherwise regular in mountains.

**EASTERN PIED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe picata*

2001

Qarn Nazwa: three 13 Sep (PB), one 19 Sep (CR). Wadi Bih plain: one male 14 Sep (TG). Dibba plain: one 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Qarn Nazwa: one 11 Oct (PB). Khor Fakkan plain: one 12 Oct (PB). Dibba-Bayah plain (Oman); one male, two others 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Qarn Nazwa: one 8 Nov (DAD). Near Fili: one 2 Dec (TG). Qarn Nazwa: one male 17 Dec (HJE). Ras al Khaimah golf course: one 18 Dec (PBr).

**HOODED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe monacha*

2001

12 km Rawdah/Mahdah road: 1 male 2 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Jebel Hafit: one 5 & 25 Mar, two 11 Mar (PB, DAD, CR). Jebel Hafit: one 1 Apr (MD). Hanging Gardens: one 2 Apr (MD), believed first report from there. Jebel Hafit: one male 12 & 17 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP). Jebel Hafit: one male 6 Nov (CR/Bq). Jebel Hafit: one 14 Dec (TG).

**HUME'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe alboniger*

2001

Huwaylat road: one 2 Mar (PB). Jebel Hafit: 11 on 1 & 11 Mar (CR), up to 15 on 5 Mar (PB, DAD), five on 25 Mar (CR). Hanging Gardens: two 25 Mar (CR). Odd sightings other mountain locations. East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khaimah: 12 - 20 present at low and high elevation 13-14 Apr (GF, PC), Wadi Khabb Shamsi (Oman): pr. + 1 juv 19 Apr (CR) Wadi Shih: three 15 Jun (DAD). Jebel Hafit: c.5 unknown exact date 16 - 21 Aug (SB). Wadi Shih: three 23 Aug (DAD). Hanging Gardens: two at cave spring 24 Aug (GF). Qurrayah pools: one 24 Aug (DAD). Jebel Hafit: one 14 Sep (TG). near Masafi Friday market: one 29 Sep (CR). Wadi Shawkah: one 5 Oct (GF) Dibba plain: two 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi: three 12 Oct (PB). Jebel Hafit: eight 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 17 Oct (TP). Hanging gardens: one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Wadi Shih: two 25 Oct (DAD). Jebel Hafit: four 5 Nov, 12 on 6 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging Gardens: four 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Wadi Khabb Shamsi: eight 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Masafi: one 8 Nov (CR), two 30 Nov (PB). Wadi Shih: one 16 Dec (DAD). Jebel Hafit: up to four 14 - 31 Dec (TG, PC).

**WHITE-CROWNED BLACK WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe leucopyga*

2001

Das Is: one 'early May' (MW per PH), 11th record pending details.

**ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola saxatilis*

2001

Jebel Hafit: one 11 Mar (*Limosa*). Creekside Park: one fem. 3 Apr (TG). Mushref Palace gds: one 5 Apr (MD). AD Health & Fitness club: one 11 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: up to two males 12 - 14 Apr (CR, PB). Emirates Hills: one 12 Apr (CR). Khalidiyah: one 13 & 22 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: one 13 Apr (CR, PB). Al Wathba Camel Track: three 12 Apr (TG), four 15 Apr (AT). Mushrif Park: one 18 Apr (PB). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two females 19 Apr (CR) and one 20 Apr (PB). Wimpey pits: one 19 Apr (DAD). Al Aryam Is: four 20 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: three 22 Apr (CR). Umm al Quwain: one 23 Apr (CR). Singles other sites. Al Habab fields: one 14 Sep (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one female 28 Sep (CR). Sahil: one juv. 1 Oct (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one female 10 - 18 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP).

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*

2001

Hanging Gardens: one 1 Mar (CR). Ghantoot: one 3 & 10 Mar (CR *et al*). Jebel Hafit: one 5 Mar (DAD) and four 11 Mar (*Limosa*). Hanging Gardens: one 11 Mar (*Limosa*). Khalidiyah: one fem. 5 Sep (AT). Sandy Beach Motel rocks: one 10 & 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Jebel Hafit: two 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Bidiyah beach area: one 16 Oct (TP). Wadi Shih: one 25 Oct (DAD). Jebel Hafit: one 5 Nov

(CR)/Bq). Sandy Beach Motel: one 6 & 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Wadi Khabb Shamsi: one 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Wadi shih: one 16 Dec (DAD).

**RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus*

2001

Abu Dhabi city: one of the *amicorum* race 16 Nov (SJA, PH), 9th record.

**BLACK-THROATED THRUSH** *Turdus ruficollis*

2001

Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (CR/Bq). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 30 Dec (CR), assumed same bird as last reported here t Nov.

**BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

2001

Ghantoot plantation: one heard 7 Mar (CR) Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi: one 11 - 27 Dec (SJA, AT), the 21st record.

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

2001

Safa Park: five on 1 Mar (PB), up to three 4 - 30 Mar. Mushrif NP: one 4 Mar (GK). Mushref Palace gardens: three 11 Mar (AT). Ghantoot: up to four 2 - 10 Mar, two 23 Mar, one 29 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: one 31 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: two 5 Apr (DAD), two 13 Apr (PB, CR). Das Is: one in full song 15 - 16 Apr (TG), latest reports. Earliest: Hilton, Abu Dhabi city: one 8 Nov, four 13 Nov (TG). Max. numbers: Safa Park: two 14 Nov (PB), five 18 Nov (DAD), nine 22 Nov (CR). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: two 15 Nov (AT). AD Intercontinental garden: three 20 Nov (AT). Maqta bridge, AD: five 21 Nov (TG). Al Wathba wood: up to three 23 - 30 Nov (AT). Al Mamzar Park: nine 25 Nov (DAD). Mushref Palace Gds.: two 27 Nov, three 29 Nov (AT). Singles also reported after mid month, Mushref Palace Gds., Emirates golf course and Desert Springs Village. Al Wathba camel track: up to eight 2 - 15 Dec (AT, PB), four 21 Dec (AT). Safa Park: up to 10 regular 7 - 28 Dec (DAD). Al Mamzar Park: seven 9 Dec (DAD). Wadi Shih: three 16 Dec (DAD), unusual location. Dubai pivot fields: four 7 Dec (DS). Small numbers also reported Jebel Ali village, Intercontinental Hotel (Abu Dhabi), Ghantoot plantation, Umm al Quwain park.

**GRACEFUL WARBLER** *Prinia gracilis*

2001

Also reported

**SCRUB WARBLER** *Scotocerca inquieta*

2001

Masafi: one 12 Mar (*Limosa*). Masafi: two 1 Apr (MD), one 19 Apr (CR) Hanging Gardens: one 24 Aug (GF). Masafi wadi: one 8 Nov (CR). Wadi Saqamqam: several 30 Nov (TG) Huwaylat road: two 1 Dec (PB).

**GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella naevia*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 23 Mar (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Mar (CR). Al Mamzar Park: one 1 Apr (DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness club: one 5 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 12 Apr (TG).

**SAVI'S WARBLER** *Locustella luscinioides*

2001

Bateen gardens remnant: one 11 - 14 Mar (AT).

**SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

2001

Wimpey pits: one (singing) 6 - 10 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*). Dubai pivots: one 4 Apr (DAD). Khalidiyah: one 14 May (TG), one 2 Jun (TG). Mushref Palace gdns: one 15 May (PH).

**MARSH WARBLER** *Acrocephalus palustris*

2001

Khalidiyah: one 27 Apr (SJA), first (and only, so far) report of season. Noteworthy reports follow: DUCAB Jebel Ali: one 2 May (CR). Khalidiyah: one 2 May (SJA) six 14 May (TG). Al Wathba camel track: 35+ on 3 May (SJA), six 11 May (AT). Al Wathba marsh: one in song in reeds 3 May (SJA). Dubai pivots: 29 on 10 May (DAD). Emirates golf course: 60 on 11 May (CR), represents peak passage.

**(EASTERN) REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus*

2001

Wimpey pits: two seen 2 Mar and in song 10, 24 & 30 Mar (CR). Qurrayah: heard in reeds 14 Mar (CR). Ain al Faydah reeds: present 1 Apr (MD, TPa). Emirates golf course: in song reeds 13 Apr (CR), two there 27 Apr (PB). Wimpey pits: two 13 Apr (TG), heard in song 17 - 30 Apr (CR, TG). Al Mamzar Park; one 27 Apr (GK). Dubai Creekside Park; one 3 Apr, three 12 Apr (TG), two in song 28 Apr (GK). Wimpey pits: one 1 May (GK), two singing 14 May (DAD) - heard there most visits May & June. Wimpey pits: heard in reeds 11 Jul (CR) Wimpey pits: one heard 25 Oct (PB). Emirates golf course: one 8 Nov (PB). Wimpey pits: heard calling in reed bed 14 - 19 Nov (PB, CR), singing 24 Nov (RF), two 29 Nov (PB).

**CLAMOROUS REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

2001

Kalba mangroves: 3+ from 13 - 28 Mar (CR, PB). Wimpey pits: heard on all visits, up to three 2 - 31 Mar (CR, PB, DAD). Qurrayah: heard 14 Mar (CR). Khor al Beidah heard 16/29 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: heard in reeds 16 Mar (CR). Present and singing: Wimpey pits, Khor al Beidah. Khor Kalba: seven on 20 Apr (PB). Eastern Lagoon: three 11 May (PH). Khor Kalba: at least one 1 Jun (PB). Khor al Beidah: one in mangroves 6 Jul (CR). Khor Kalba: four 31 Aug (PB), only report. Emirates golf course: present 13 Sep (PB), one 15 Sep, two 25 Sep (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Wimpey pits: heard in reeds 24 Sep (CR). Wimpey pits: two 4 Oct, at least two 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk), five 18 Oct (GK), three 30 Oct (CR) and heard most visits. Khor Kalba: three 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 16 Oct (TP). Emirates golf course: up to two 12 - 19 Oct (TP). Mushref Palace gds: two 14 & 18 Oct (KS). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 18 Oct (TP). Reported Wimpey pits, Khor Kalba, Fujeirah National Dairy Farm, Emirates golf course, Mushref Palace Gds. Desert Springs garden: unusually one present 28 & 29 Dec (CR). Ones and twos present all month Fujeirah National Dairy Farm, Emirates golf course, Wimpey pits.

**GREAT REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 23 Apr (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: four 13 Sep (SLJ). Al Mamzar Park: one 21 Sep (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 29 Sep (AMc). Wimpey pits: one 25 Oct (PB). Emirates Hills: one 3 Nov (CR). Wimpey pits: one 8, 14 & 29 Nov (PB)

**OLIVACEOUS WARBLER** *Hippolais pallida*

2001

Mushref Palace gdns: up to six general area 3 - 5 Apr (MD, TPa), one 25 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: up to two 12/13 Apr (PB, CR). Das Is: one 15 & 16 Apr (TG). Mushref Palace gds: three 10 May (AT), one 15 May (PH), four 1 Jun (AT), one 13 Jun (PH). Khalidiyah: singing 24 May (TG). Kalba mangroves: one adult with very worn tail 13 Jul (CR), breeding? Khalidiyah: five 13 Aug, seven 22 Aug (SLJ). Mushrif N.Park: two 17 Aug (SB), six 23 Aug (SLJ). Safa Park: one 25 Aug, three 30 Aug (DAD). Qurrayah reeds: one 31 Aug (PB). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (SLJ, PH). Ras al Khaimah airport: two 16 Sep (PBr). Mushref Palace gds: up to 10 from 11 - 19 Oct (KS). Abu Dhabi Hilton Hotel grounds: 'several' 23 Dec (TG).



**SYKES'S (BOOTED) WARBLER** *Hippolais (caligata) rama*

2001

Kalba mangroves: four (in full song) 13 Mar (*Limosa*), at least two birds 27 & 28 Mar. Khor Kalba: two 20 Apr (DAD). Khor Kalba: at least one 1 Jun (PB). Khor Kalba: two heard 6 Nov, one seen 7 Nov (CR/Bq).

**UPCHER'S WARBLER** *Hippolais languida*

2001

Jebel Hafit: one 11 & 25 Mar (CR). Hanging Gardens: one 11 Mar. Rawdah: two 12 Mar, one 26 Mar (CR). Tayibah plain: two on 28 Mar (CR). Masafi: one 1 Apr (MD, TPa). Ruwayah farms: one 13 Apr (DAD). Al Wathba wood: two 8 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: two 19 Apr (PB). Mushref Palace gds: one 25 Apr (AT). Al Wathba: one 3 May (SJA), two 4 May, one 11 May (AT). Khalidiyah spit: one 5 May (AT). Mushref Palace gds: one 10 May (AT). Wimpey pits: one 18 Oct (GK). Qarn Nazwa: one singing 19 Oct (TP).

**ICTERINE WARBLER** *Hippolais icterina*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 12 Apr (CR, DAD), 13th record.

**MÉNÉTRIES' WARBLER** *Sylvia mystacea*

2001

Hanging Gardens: two 1 Mar (CR), one 6 Mar (PB). Emirates golf course: one 21 & 23 Mar (CR, PB). Jebel Ali village: one 23 Mar (PB). Jebel Hafit: one 25 Mar. Jebel Rawdah: two 12 Mar, one 26 Mar (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Mar (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 3, 23 & 29 Mar (CR, AT, DAD). Mushref Palace gds: two 3 Apr (MD, TPa). Khalidiyah spit: one 4 & 13 Apr (MD, TPa, TG). Emirates golf course: one 4 Apr (CR), two 13 Apr (PB). Al Wathba wood: one 8 Apr (AT). Abu Dhabi Hilton: two 26 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi island: three 30 Sep (TG). Emirates golf course: one 4 Oct (PB). Abu Dhabi city area: six 4 Oct (TG). Al Jazeera Khor dunes: one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushref Palace gds: one 9 & 16 Oct (TG), three 11 - 14 Oct (KS). Masafi: one 12 Oct (PB). Mushrif Park: one 12 Oct (TP). Al Wathba camel track: one 17 Oct (TP). Al Jazeera Hotel and Ghantoot: two 4 Nov (CR/Bq). Ras al Khaimah airport: four 10 Nov (PBr). Abu Dhabi Spinneys' gardens: two 16 Nov (TG). Wadi Shih: one 16 Dec (DAD). Ghantoot: four 14 Dec (TG), one 18 Dec (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 28 Dec (TG).

**DESERT WARBLER** *Sylvia nana*

2001

Jebel Hafit: 1+ on 1 Mar (CR). Fossil Valley: one 5 Mar (DAD). Hanging Gardens: five 8 Mar (AT), three 11 Mar, one 25 Mar (CR). Qurrayah beach head: two 27 Mar (CR). Al Jazeera Khor: one 29 Mar (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 29 Mar (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 28 Sep (TG). Hanging Gardens area: one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Khor Fakkan plain: one 12 Oct (PB). Jebel Hafit foothills: one 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging Gardens: three 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Wimpey pits: one 15 Nov (CR). Khor al Beidah: one 26 Nov (CR). Wimpey pits: two 15 Dec, one 23 Dec (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 21 Dec (SLJ *per* AT). Jebel Ali reserve: two 28 Dec (CR).

**ORPHEAN WARBLER** *Sylvia hortensis*

2001

Mushrif NP: one 9 Mar (*Limosa*). Masafi: one 31 Mar (MD, TPa). Khalidiyah spit: one 4 & 5 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba wood: one 8 Apr (AT). Wadi Saqamqam, Fujeirah: one 30 Nov (TG).

**BARRED WARBLER** *Sylvia nisoria*

2001

Safa Park: one 13 Apr (PB). Emirates golf course: one male 14 Apr (CR), one female 18 Apr (CR) and one 26 Apr (PB). Al Mamzar Park: one 15 Apr (DAD). Das Is: up to five daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: one female 22 Apr (CR). Arzanah Island: two males 22 - 24 Apr (AHA).

Khalidiyah spit: one 14 Sep (TG). Masafi track: one 1st-w. 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushref Palace gds: one 1st-w. 11 Oct (KS).

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

2001

Fairly common to late March in mountains and Acacia plains. Jebel Hafit: three 25 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Tayibah: four 28 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Jebel Ali Hotel: one 29 Mar. Wimpey pits: one 24 - 31 Mar (CR, DAD). Khalidiyah spit: one 2 Apr (MD, TPa). Mushref Palace gdns: one 5 Apr (MD, TPa). Al Wathba wood: one 8 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: singles 12, 13, 16 & 18 Apr (CR, PB, TG). Safa Park: one 12 Apr (DAD). Das Is: up to seven daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah spit: one 14 Sep (TG). Kalba plain: four in area 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi: one 12 Oct (PB). Hanging Gardens: at least one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Jazeera Khor: two 16 Oct (PB). Also heard Dibba plain (CR, Ntrk). Jebel Hafit: one 5 Nov (CR). Ghantoot: one 9 Nov (CR). Qarn Nazwa: one 10 Nov (CR). Masafi wadi: one 15 Nov (PB). Ghantoot: one 13 Dec (PB).

**DESERT LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia (c.) minula*

2001

Mahdah road: one 1 Mar (CR/*Naturetrek*). Jebel Rawdah: 4+ on 2 Mar (PB). Huwaylat road: three on 2 Mar (PB). Ghantoot plantation: heard 3 Mar, three 5 Mar (GK). Hanging Gardens: one on 6 Mar (PB). Ras al Khaimah airport: two 17 Sep (PBr). Khalidiyah spit: three 23 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi area: 'several' 4 Oct (TG). Dibba plain: at least three 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushref Palace gds: two 9 - 18 Oct (TG, KS). Kalba plain: two 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi: two 12 Oct (PB). Hanging gardens: at least four 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Mushrif Park: three 12 Oct (TP). Khatt lake (dry): two 18 Oct (TP). Singles also reported Masafi, Ain al Faydah, Al Jazeera Khor, Bateen. Jebel Hafit: two 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging Gardens: one 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Wadi Khabb Shamsi: one 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Masafi: one 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Huwaylat wadi: two 1 Dec (PB). Ras al Khaimah golf course: four 4 Dec (PBr). Ghantoot plantation: three 14 Dec (TG), one 18 Dec (DAD).

**HUME'S LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia (c.) althaea*

2001

Al Jazeera Khor dunes: one 29 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: two 30 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Wimpey pits: one 30 Mar (PB). Emirates golf course: singles 13 & 16 Apr (CR).

**COMMON WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

2001

Wimpey pits: one 13 Apr (TG), Al Wathba wood: one 15 Apr (AT). Emirates golf course: one 25 Apr (CR). Khalidiyah: one 27 Apr (SJA). DUCAB Jebel Ali: one 2 May (CR). Al Wathba wood: one 4 & 11 May (AT). Khalidiyah: one 5 & 10 May (AT). Mushrif N.Park: one 17 Aug (SB). Mushref Pal.gds: one 23 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: one 31 Aug (SLJ). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: four 24 Aug (DAD), three 31 Aug (PB). Qarn Nazwa: one 13 Sep (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: four 13 Sep (SLJ). Abu Dhabi island: one 27 & 30 Sep (TG). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 30 Sep (TG). Mushref Palace gardens: four 11 Oct, one 18 Oct (KS). Al Wathba camel track: one 22 Oct (TG). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 12 Nov (TG).

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 25 May (PB).

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

2001

Al Jazeera Khor: two 29 Mar (CR). Jebel Ali hotel: two 29 Mar (DAD). Emirates golf course: two 30 Mar (DAD). Safa Park: one 30 Mar (PB). Safa Park: one 13 Apr (PB). Wimpey pits: two 13 Apr (TG), Mushref Palace gdns: one 13 Apr (AT). Das Is: up to three daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: up to two 18 - 20 Apr (CR, PB) and one 26 - 27 Apr (PB). Mushref Palace gdns: two singing 7 May, one 10 - 15 May, a fem. 17 May, pair Abu Dhabi Spinneys gardens: two 16 Nov

(TG). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 29 Nov (AT). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 3 Dec (TG). 1 Jun and one fem. 3 Jun (AT). Mushref Palace gds: one male 18 Oct (KS).

**WOOD WARBLER** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 26 Apr (PB). Western Lagoon, Abu Dhabi: one 20 Sep (TG). Mushref Palace gds: one 16 - 19 Oct (TG, KS). Mushref Palace Gds.: two 28 - 29 Nov (AT).

**PLAIN LEAF WARBLER** *Phylloscopus neglectus*

2001

Jebel Rawdah: two 2 Mar (PB), four 12 Mar (*Limosa*). Mahdah Road: one 2 Mar (PB). Huwaylat road: two 2 Mar (PB). Jebel Hafit: one 5 Mar (PB, DAD). Hanging Gardens: two 11 Mar (*Limosa*) Ain al Faydah park: one 17 Oct (TP). Jebel Hafit foothills: one 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Hanging Gardens: five 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Huwaylat wadi: three 1 Dec (PB). Ghantoot plantation: one 14 Dec (TG). Qarn Nazwa: one 17 Dec (HJE). Masafi wadi: four 30 Dec (CR).

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

2001

Common, max. numbers: Wimpey pits: 5+ on 2 Mar (CR). Emirates golf course: 10+ on 23 Mar (PB). Safa Park: seven 17 Mar (*Limosa*). Ruwayah farms: eight on 30 Mar (DAD). Selected reports only: Emirates golf course: max. eight on 12 Apr (CR), 20+ on 13 Apr (PB). Safa Park: five 14 Apr (DAD). Wimpey pits: latest certain report, one 17 Apr (CR). Abu Dhabi: one 4 Oct (SJA), first of autumn. Mushref Palace gds: one 14 & 16 Oct, two 18 - 19 Oct (TG, KS). Wimpey pits: three 30 Oct (CR). Max. numbers: Safa Park: nine 22 Nov (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: 16 on 29 Nov, 12 on 30 Nov (AT). Otherwise up to four reported Wimpey pits, Ghantoot, Masafi wadi, Al Mamzar Park, Khor Kalba mangroves, Emirates golf course and Al Wathba. Also reported Dec, with up to seven birds together, mostly parks, plantations and well-irrigated areas.

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

2001

Emirates golf course: one on 23 Mar (PB), three 30 Mar (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: one 28 Mar (AT). Wimpey pits: one 29 Mar (PB). Safa Park: present 30 Mar (PB). On passage all month, with peak 12 - 19 Apr.. Al Wathba camel track: 10 on 12 Apr (TG). Khalidiyah: 16 on 13 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: 20+ on 13 Apr (PB), otherwise up to eight each visit 14 - 18 Apr (CR). Das Is: 150+ daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Arzanah Is.: 11+ from 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Emirates golf course: up to eight most visits 2 - 11 May (CR, PB). Mushref Palace gds: four 7 May, up to five 10 - 15 May (PH, AT). Wimpey pits: up to two 10 - 14 May (GK, DAD). Khalidiyah: five 10 May, three 14 May (TG). Emirates golf course: one 18 Oct (PB).

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

2001

Safa Park: one 30 Mar (PB). Unusually low numbers. Singles reported numerous places, plus following: Khalidiyah: two 10 Apr (TG), two 19 Apr (AT), six 27 Apr (TG). Safa Park: three 20 Apr (TG). Arzanah Is.: three 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). DUCAB Jebel Ali: two 2 May (CR). Khalidiyah: six 2 - 3 May (SJA, AT), eight 10 May, five 14 May (AT) and the latest on 24 May (TG). Safa Park: one 3 May (TG). Wimpey pits: one 4 May (GK), one *neumanni* race 10 May and two including one *neumanni* 11 May (PB). Mushref Palace gds: one 8 & 10 May (AT). Singles also reported. Mushref Pal.gds: one 21 Aug (AT). Khalidiyah spit: one 22, 24 & 28 Aug (SLJ). Safa Park: two 30 Aug (DAD). Emirates golf course: two 31 Aug (DAD). Khalidiyah: two 5 Sep (AT), five 7 Sep (TG). Al Mamzar Park: four 6 Sep, three 21 Sep (DAD). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 6 & 7 Sep (AT, SLJ, PH). Emirates golf course: three 13 Sep, two 14 Sep (TG), four 27 Sep (PB), one 28 Sep (CR). Khalidiyah spit: eight 14 Sep (AT). Qarn Nazwa: one 19 Sep (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: four 21 Sep (PB). Safa Park: two 20 Sep (DAD), at least three 27 & 28 Sep (DAD, PB). Sahil: two 1 Oct (TG). Emirates golf course: up to two 2 - 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk) and one 18 Oct (PB), latest report. Hamraniyah fields: two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi track: three 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Abu Dhabi island: five 18 Oct

(TG). Singles several other locations including Safa Park, Al Habab, Fujeirah National Dairy Farm, Hanging gardens, Mushrif Park and Ain al Faydah Hilton, Abu Dhabi: one 'still present' 14 Nov (TG).

**RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula parva*

2001

Mushref Palace Gds.: one 14 Oct (TG). AD Intercon garden: one 13 Nov (SJA). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 22 - 27 Nov (AT). Mushref Palace Gds.: one (of the *albicilla* race) still present 30 Dec (TG), since 22 Nov.

**SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula semitorquata*

2001

Khalidiyah: one 29 Mar (AT). Safa Park: three 30 Mar (PB, DAD). Desert Springs village, Dubai: one CR garden 31 Mar (CR), present to 1 Apr. Desert Springs garden: one male 31 Mar - 1 Apr (CR). Mushref Palace gds: two 16 Apr (AT).

**ARABIAN BABBLER** *Turdoides squamiceps*

2001

Reported Jebel Hafit, Ruwayah farms, Mushrif NP, Rawdah, Masafi, Tayibah, Al Jazeerah Khor, Hamraniyah and Qarn Nazwa. NOT reported May/Jun. Qurrayah pools: six 24 Aug (DAD). Ain al Faydah: one 14 Sep (TG). Wadi Shawkat: one 5 Oct (GF). Zabeel fish ponds: one unusually here 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Al Jazeerah Khor: two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk), 10 on 18 Oct (TP). Hamraniyah fields: one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi: at least three 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Kalba plain: five 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Liwa oases: two 13 Oct (TG). South of Dibba: four 25 Oct (DAD). Largest flock: Masafi wadi: seven 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Others also reported. Madam plain: 2+ on 2 Dec (PH, SJA). Masafi wadi: four 30 Dec (CR). Reported daily Ras al Khaimah airport and golf course (PBr).

**PURPLE SUNBIRD** *Nectarinia asiatica*

2001

Also reported Max. numbers: Umm al Quwain park: 20+ on 17 Dec (CR, PB).

**GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus*

2001

Emirates golf course: one 18 Apr (TG), one 26 Apr (PB). Emirates golf course: two males 9 May (CR), one male 22 Jun (PB), exceptionally late. Safa Park: one 25 Aug (DAD). Khalidiyah: one 5 - 7 Sep (AT, TG). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: one 6 Sep (TG). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD) Mushref Palace Gds.: one 6, 7 & 13 Sep (AT, SLJ, PH). Emirates golf course: two 12 Sep (SLJ), one 27 & 28 Sep (PB, CR). Safa Park: two 20 Sep (DAD), one 28 Sep (PB).

**ISABELLINE SHRIKE** *Lanius isabellinus*

2001

Not separated to race, max. numbers: Emirates golf course: seven 22 Mar (CR). Al Wathba camel track: up to 10 from 9 - 10 Mar (AT, CR), 30 on 23 Mar (PB), 23 on 24 Mar (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: six 14 Mar, 16 on 28 Mar (CR). Otherwise up to three most suitable sites. Al Mamzar Park: three 1 Apr (DAD). Safa Park: two 2 Apr (PB). Dubai Creekside Park: three 3 Apr (TG). Wimpey pits: three 4 Apr (DAD). Khalidiyah: three 10 Apr (TG). Al Wathba Camel Track: 20 from 12- 15 Apr (TG, AT), 12 from 19 - 20 Apr, five 26 Apr (AT). Das Is: up to four daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: three 19 Apr (PB), otherwise up to two most visits to 23 Apr (CR), with three there 12 Apr (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 17 there 19 Apr (CR) and seven there 20 Apr (PB). Al Aryam Is: 10 on 20 Apr (TG). Arzanah Is.: three 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Singles other sites. Khalidiyah: two 2 May (SJA). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT). Khalidiyah: one 22 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: 24 Aug (SLJ). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: One 31 Aug (PB). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: two 6 Sep (TG). Al Wathba camel track: two 7 Sep, six 21 Sep, two 27 Sep, three 28 Sep (TG). Ain al Faydah: one 14 Sep (TG). Al Habab fields: two 14 Sep, one 28 Sep (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 15 Sep (CR). Emirates

Hills: one 18 Sep (CR). Abu Dhabi area: 6+ on 20 Sep (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 21 Sep (PB). Ras al Khaimah airport: one 30 Sep (TG). Safa Park: at least one 4 - 11 Oct (PB TG, DAD). Jebel Ali village: three 7 Oct (CR). Al Habab: three 5 Oct (DAD), four 11 Oct (PB), two 26 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba fields: three 5 Oct (TG), 11 on 12 Oct (TG), three 18 - 25 Oct (AT), 17 on 22 Oct (TG). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: four 12 Oct (PB), up to two 16 - 18 Oct (TP), five 25 Oct (DAD). Khatt lake: two 18 Oct (TP). Wimpey pits: three 18 Oct (GK). Emirates golf course: three 19 Oct (TP). Hamraniyah: 10 on 26 Oct (PB). Singles reported several sites. Max. numbers: Jebel Ali village: five 2 Nov (CR). Wimpey pits: six 4 Nov (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: five 7 & 30 Nov (CR, PB). Safa Park: five 18 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: four 14 Nov (AT), five 22 & 23 Nov (PB, AT). Fairly common in the Northern Emirates; max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: four 2 Dec (AT), six 3 Dec (DAD), four 21 Dec (AT). Safa Park: five 7 Dec, three 28 Dec (DAD). Al Mamzar Park: three 9 Dec (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: three 16 Dec (DAD). Al Habab fields three 21 Dec (CR).

**TURKESTAN SHRIKE** *Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides*

2001

Max. numbers: Al Wathba camel track: five 29 Mar (DAD). Ruwayah farms: three 13 Apr (DAD). Al Mamzar Park: seven 15 Apr (DAD). Dubai pivots: five 18 Apr (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 20 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: one male 9 May (CR) Emirates golf course: one 13 Sep (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 21 Sep (PB). Al Habab fields: two 28 Sep (DAD). This was the predominant race reported. Emirates golf course: two 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 19 Oct (TP). Hamraniyah fields: two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: nine 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), one 12 Oct (PB), four 25 Oct (DAD). Al Habab: four 5 Oct (DAD), one 11 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Ghantoot polo club: one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Wimpey pits: one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk) and 25 Oct (PB). Al Wathba fields: one 18 Oct (DAD). Al Habab: one 8 Nov (DAD). Emirates golf course: one male 8 Nov (PB). Dubai pivot fields: on 15 Nov (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 22 Nov with Indian Silverbill prey (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 22 Nov (PB). Wimpey pits: one 25 Nov (CR).

**DAURIAN SHRIKE** *Lanius isabellinus isabellinus*

2001

All records: Emirates golf course: four 23 Mar; Sharjah tip: one 26 Mar (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: two 29 Mar. Safa Park: one 30 Mar. Ruwayah farms: three 30 Mar. Wimpey pits: up to two 30 - 31 Mar (DAD). Safa Park: two 2 Apr, one 28 Apr (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 3 Apr (DAD). Emirates golf course: one 12 Apr (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: four 20 Apr (DAD). Hanging gardens: one 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Emirates golf course: one 18 Oct (PB). Fujeirah National Dairy farm: one 25 Oct (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 15 Nov (DAD). Safa Park: one 18 Nov (DAD). Wimpey pits: one male 19 Nov (CR).

**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio*

2001

Emirates golf course: one male 12 - 14 Apr (CR, PB), one female 23 Apr (CR). Khalidiyah: one 19 Apr (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 20 & 26 Apr (AT). AD Health & Fitness club: one 8 May (TG). Emirates golf course: one 9 - 11 May (CR, PB). Wimpey pits: one 10 May (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 11 May (AT). Safa Park: one 12 Sep (TG). Emirates golf course: one male 13 Sep (PB). Abu Dhabi area: four 20 Sep (TG). Al Mamzar Park: one 21 Sep (DAD). Khalidiyah spit: one 23 Sep (TG). Abu Dhabi island: one 27 Sep (TG). Jebel Ali village: 7 Oct (CR).

**SHRIKE sp.** *Lanius collurio/isabellinus*

2001

Intercontinental Hotel (Abu Dhabi): one 9 Dec (TG), again 16 Dec (AT), since 11 Nov.

**LESSER GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius minor*

2001

AD Health & Fitness club: one 11 Apr (TG). Das Is: one 14 Apr (TG). Dubai pivots: one 18 Apr (DAD). Safa Park: one 19 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR) and 20 Apr (DAD, PB). Al Wathba camel track: one 19 Apr (TG), two 20 Apr (AT). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 6 Sep (AT). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: one 6 Sep (TG). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 Sep (TG), two 14 Sep (AT), one 21 Sep (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: three 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: one 15 & 25 Sep (CR), Al Habab fields: three 14 Sep (DAD), five 19 Sep (CR), two 28 Sep (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 24 Sep (CR). Al Habab fields: one 5 Oct (DAD). Wimpey pits: one 5 Oct (GK).

**SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius meridionalis*

2001

Apr, widely reported with fledged young. Widespread, many with young May/June. Widely reported. In song from late November.

**STEPPE GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius (m.) pallidirostris*

2001

Al Wathba camel track; five reported 19 Apr (TG), needs confirming to rule out juvs. of resident form. Al Wathba camel track: three 31 Aug (SLJ). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: one 6 Sep (TG). Al Habab: one 13 & 19 Sep (PB, CR). Al Wathba camel track: two 7 Sep (TG), one 14 Sep (AT), at least one 21 Sep, two 28 Sep (TG). Dreamland beach: one on foreshore 20 Sep (CR). Dubai pivot fields: one 4 Oct (CR, PB). Mushrif Park: one 12 Oct (TP). Ras Dibba: one 16 Oct (TP). Al Wathba fields: two 5 Oct (TG), one 12 & 18 Oct (AT, DAD), two 19 Oct (TG). Al Wathba camel track: three 2 Nov (TG), two 4 Nov, three 9 Nov (TG), one 14 - 30 Nov (AT, CR/Bq, PB), three 22 Nov (PB). AD Golf & Equestrian Club: one 5 & 21 Nov (TG). Dreamland beach: one 9 Nov (CR/Bq). Dubai pivot fields: one 8 - 29 Nov (PB, DAD, CR). Al Mamzar Park: one 25 Nov (DAD). Al Habab fields: one 29 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: one 1 Dec (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: one 13 - 18 Dec (TG, SJA), one 28 Dec (DS). Al Habab fields: one 21 Dec (CR). Wimpey pits: one 27 Dec (CR).

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator*

2001

Ghantoot: one 7 Mar (CR). Al Wathba camel track: one 5 - 10 Mar, up to two 23 - 24 Mar, three 29 Mar (AT, CR, PB, DAD) Madam fields: one 26 Mar. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: one 28 Mar (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: two 28 Mar (AT). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness club: one still present 30 Mar (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 8 Apr (AT), one 19 Apr (TG). Das Is: one 17 Apr (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 19 Apr (CR). Fujairah Fort: one 26 Apr (TG). Safa Park: one 12 Sep (TG). Emirates golf course: one 12 & 15 Sep (SLJ, CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ).

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*

2001

Jebel Ali hotel: one 29 Mar (DAD). Mushrif park: one 30 Mar (CR). Safa Park: one 30 Mar (PB). Ramtha tip: one 29 Mar (MD, TPa). Dubai Creekside Park: one 3 Apr (TG). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness club: two 5 Apr, one 24 Apr (TG). Al Mamzar Park: three 5 Apr (PB), two 15 Apr (DAD), one 27 Apr (GK). Dubai Media city: one 12 - 14 Apr (CR). Khalidiyah: one 13, 19 & 22 Apr (AT). Safa Park: one 13 - 14 Apr (PB, DAD). Emirates golf course: singles 14 & 19 - 20 Apr (CR, PB). Mushref Palace gds: one 16 Apr (AT). Dubai Creekside Park: one 19 Apr (TG). Emirates golf course: one 10 May (PB). Khalidiyah: one female 21 May (TG). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 - 30 Sep, with two 20 Sep (TG). Mushref Pal. gdns and nearby areas: at least one from 3 Oct (TG, AT, KS), two from 9 - 27 Oct (KS, AT, TG), four on 18 Oct (TG). Safa Park: one 22 Nov (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 12 - 22 Nov, two 29 Nov (TG, AT). Abu Dhabi city: 'at least 4 wintering' 21 Nov (TG). Safa Park: one female 7 - 28 Dec (DAD), present since 22 Nov. Mushref Palace Gds.: three 3 - 27 Dec (TG, AT), present since one 12 Nov.

**HOUSE CROW** *Corvus splendens*

2001

Also reported Mushref Pal.Gds: two 13 Jun (PH). Emirates golf course: max. 50+present 24 Jul. Max. numbers: Emirates golf course: 36 on 27 Sep (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: c.200 28 Sep (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (SLJ, PH). Emirates golf course: 70 on 3 Oct, 60 on 28 Oct (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 200, gathering in the late afternoon, 16 Oct (TP). AD Eastern Lagoon: 10 on 25 Oct (TG), noteworthy. Max: Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 140 on 30 Dec (CR).

**BROWN-NECKED RAVEN** *Corvus ruficollis*

2001

Mar, Reported Jebel Hafit, Madam, Masafi, Mahdah road, Hanging Gardens, Huwaylat, Hamraniyah. Apr, Reported Khor al Beidah & Jebel Hafit only. NOT reported May/Jun. Jaw Sahhab, E.Liwa: 7+ on 2 Jul (PH). Reported Jebel Hafit only Aug Jebel Hafit: five 14 Sep (TG). Umm al Quwain dump: one 20 Sep (CR). Wimpey pits: two 24 Sep (CR). Umm al Quwain area: two 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Jebel Hafit: 20+ on 12 Oct (CR, Ntrk), two 17 Oct (TP). Wimpey pits: two 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Masafi wadi: two 16 Oct (TP). Dhaid: one 25 Oct (DAD). Ras Dibba: two 25 Oct (DAD). Hanging Gardens: four 5 Nov (CR/Bq). Jebel Hafit: only one 6 Nov (CR/Bq). Masafi area: seen 8 Nov (Bq). Dreamland beach: two 9 Nov (CR/Bq). Ones and twos near Al Hayer, Dubai pivot fields, Wimpey pits, Hamraniyah fields and Nahil. Mahdah road/Hatta road junct: 25 on 26 Dec (AMcL).

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

2001

Hamraniyah: 22 on Mar and one 15 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*) Pivot fields: one 26 Jun (DAD), probably same bird as above. Safa Park: two 12 Sep (TG). Zabeel fish ponds: 30 on 23 Sep (CR). Zabeel fish ponds: 40 on 8 Oct, two 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 7 Nov (Bq). Sandy Beach Motel: one on radio mast 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Al Wathba camel track: one 14 - 16 Nov (AT, DAD, CR). Abu Dhabi: one 16 Nov (TG). Safa Park: three 22 Nov (CR). Wimpey pits: one 26 Nov (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: four 21 Nov (PB). Dubai pivot fields: one 1 Dec (PB), 10 on 3 Dec (AT), eight 4 Dec (PB), 11 on 7 Dec (DS), and up to 22 from 11 - 27 Dec (PB, DAD). Fujeirah Port drain: three 2 Dec (PH, SJA). Safa Park: one 28 Dec (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: 15 on 15 Dec (PB), up to 22 from 13 - 28 Dec (TG, DS).

**SIND STARLING** *Sturnus v. minor*

2001

Hamraniyah: three 14 Mar, in mixed flock with Bank Mynahs and common Starlings (CR *et al*)  
Dubai pivots: one (spotless) 26 Jun (PB).

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING** *Sturnus roseus*

2001

Hamraniyah fields: eight 14 Mar and two 15 Mar (CR/DF *Limosa*), three 28 Mar (*Ornitholidays*). Arzanah Is.: one 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Dubai pivots: one 21 Jun (DAD), unusual in early summer. Khalidiyah: one 13 Aug (SLJ). Safa Park: two 17 Aug (DAD). Al Mamzar Park: one 6 Sep (DAD). Safa Park: one 20 Sep (DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: seven 23 Sep (CR). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: 13 on 13 Sep (SLJ), up to five 21 & 28 Sep (PB, CR). Al Wathba camel track: three 21 - 28 Sep (TG). Al Wathba fields: six 5 & 22 Oct (TG). Safa Park: nine 6 Oct (GK). Zabeel fish ponds: nine on 8 Oct, seven 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: one 16 Oct (TP), 17 on 25 Oct (DAD). Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: two 7 Nov (CR/Bq), up to 23 from 15 - 30 Nov (PB, DAD). Hamraniyah fields: one 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Al Wathba camel track: six 15 - 26 Nov (DAD, PB, AT), four 30 Nov (AT). Al Wathba camel track: four 2 - 13 Dec (AT, DAD, TG), five 15 Dec (PB), seven 21 - 27 Dec (AT). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 - 18 Dec (DAD, PB). Opposite Fujeirah National Dairy Farm: nine 30 Dec (CR).

**PIED MYNAH** *Sturnus contra*

2001

Zabeel fish ponds: two 17 Mar (*Limosa*). Safa Park: up to four each visit (PB, CR, DAD). Near Wimpey pits: two reported 30 Mar (MD, TPa). Also reported Safa Park & Creekside Park. Zabeel fish ponds: four 1 May (CR). Safa Park: 10 + 1 at nest 6 May (DAD), nine + different nest found 13 May (DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: eight, incl. pair at nest 5 Jul (CR). Also present 17 & 21 Jul. Only reported Safa Park: max. nine 25 Aug (DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: 21 on 23 Sep (CR). Zabeel fish ponds: 12 on 8 Oct, three 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk, TP). Al Mamzar Park: up to two 2 & 25 Nov (DAD). Safa Park: two 18 Nov (DAD). Up to six each Safa Park and Al Mamzar Park most Dec visits.

**COMMON MYNAH** *Acridotheres tristis*

2001

Also reported Noteworthy reports: Jebel Yibir, near Ras al Khaimah; one seen at 1000m 13 - 14 Apr (GF, PC). Zirku Is: one 17/18 Apr (TG). Arzanah Island: two 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). Also reported. Shahama: 10+ on 11 Jul (PH), worthy of note for possible range extension. Max. Eastern Lagoon, AD: 500+ on 30 Aug (PH). Abundant. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 600 there 28 Sep (CR). Abundant Gulf cities and suburbs. Becoming very common East Coast: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 200 on 16 Oct (TP).

**BANK MYNAH** *Acridotheres ginginianus*

2001

Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 40 on 14 Mar, 25 on 28 Mar (CR). Hamraniyah: 170 on 14 Mar (*Limosa*), 25 on 28 Mar (CR). Sharjah dump: 20+ on 16 Mar. Reported Wimpey pits 15 Mar, no details (PB). Zirku Is: one 17 Apr (TG). Wimpey pits: one 17 Apr (CR). AD Health & Fitness club: three 24 Apr (TG), noteworthy. Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 5+ on 17 May (DAD). Sharjah tip: 30+ on 30 May (DAD). Dubai pivots: five 31 May, 13 on 8 Jun, max. six 22 - 28 Jun (DAD, CR). Wimpey pits: one 14 Jun (CR). Umm al Quwain dump: four 6 Jul (CR). Dubai pivot fields: 12 + 3 juvs. on 11 Jul, four 27 Jul (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: four +7 juvs. 22 Jul (CR). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 7 Sep (SLJ, PH). Dubai pivot fields: three 16 Sep (CR), five 20 Sep, 10 on 27 Sep (DAD). Zabeel fish ponds: 86 on 23 Sep (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 93 on 28 Sep (CR). Zabeel fish ponds: eight 8 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 12 on 10 Oct (CR, Ntrk), seven 25 Oct (DAD). Dubai pivot fields: two 12 Oct (DAD). Khatt lake area: 20 on 18 Oct (TP). Noteworthy numbers: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: c.100 on 7 Nov (CR/Bq), 23 on 30 Nov (PB). Hamraniyah fields: 200+ on 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Dubai pivot fields: six 15 Nov (DAD). Abu Dhabi Health & Fitness Club: 20 on 15 Nov (AT). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: five 16 Dec (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: 55 on 17 Dec (CR, PB). Wimpey pits: Wimpey pits: six 23 Dec (CR). Opposite Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 15 on 30 Dec (CR).

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

2001

Also reported

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer hispaniolensis*

2001

Hamraniyah: five 15 Mar (*Limosa*), one male 28 Mar (*Ornitholidays*). Ras al Khaimah airport: 50+ on 17 Nov (PBr).

**MASKED WEAVER** *Ploceus intermedius*

2001

Dubai World Trade Centre appts. : 6+ nest-building 24 Mar (GF).

**STREAKED WEAVER** *Ploceus manyar*

2001

Wimpey Pits: at least 10, including many nest-building 10 - 30 Mar. Qurrayah pools: two 23 Aug (DAD), first record from this site.



**JACKSON'S WEAVER** *Ploceus jacksoni*

2001

Zabeel fish ponds: 15 on 17 Mar (*Limosa*)

**PALE ROCK SPARROW** *Petronia brachydactyla*

2001

Hamraniyah fields: seven 14 Mar (CR).

**YELLOW-THROATED SPARROW** *Petronia xanthocollis*

2001

Kalba plain: two 27 Mar (CR/*Ornitholidays*). Mushrif NP: three 5 Apr, one 12 Apr (TG). Das Is: one 17 Apr (TG). Kalba plain: one male 13 Jul (CR).

**INDIAN SILVERBILL** *Euodice malabarica*

2001

Ghantoot: pairs carrying nesting material 3 Mar (CR). Otherwise widespread sightings. Widespread, including Emirates golf course, Fujairah National Dairy Farm, Jebel Ali Hotel, Wimpey pits, Al Mamzar Park. Safa Park: seven 13 May (DAD). Smaller numbers also reported. Max. numbers: Al Mamzar Park: 42 on 21 Sep (DAD), otherwise fairly widely reported. Max. numbers reported: Fujairah National Dairy farm: 123 on 25 Oct (DAD). Max. numbers: Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 85 on 16 Dec (DAD), 45 on 30 Dec (CR). Ghantoot: breeding: two ads., three juvs. 18 Dec (DAD).

**GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis carduelis*

2001

Mushref Palace Gds area.: one 24 Oct (SJA), heard singing, but not seen, 31 Oct (TG), 6th record if accepted. Mushref Palace Gds.: one all month (SJA, AT *et al*), since 24 Oct, 4th or 5th record. Mushref Palace Gds.: one still present and in song 3 Dec (TG), since 24 Oct, 5th record.

**TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes githagineus*

2001

Hanging Gardens: seven on 1 Mar (CR, three on 6 Mar (PB), one 8 Mar (AT) Sinaiyah cement works, Al Ain: one juv. 25 Apr (TG), noteworthy breeding record. Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Dec (AT).

**COMMON ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

2001

Abu Dhabi Hilton: two 26 Sep (TG).

**HOUSE BUNTING** *Emberiza striolata*

2001

Hanging Gardens 10+ on 1 Mar, four 8 Mar (AT), five 11 Mar (CR). Huwaylat: one 2 Mar (PB). Huwaylat pools (Wadi Qawr): 5+ on 2 Mar (PB). Jebel Hafit: four 1 Mar, three 11 Mar (CR), 20+ on 5 Mar (PB), one 25 Mar. East Jebel Yibir, Ras al Khaimah: 'abundant' up to 700m. 13-14 Apr (GF, PC). Wadi Bih: two 4 May (CR). Wadi Shih: eight 15 Jun (DAD). Wadi Shih: seven 23 Aug (DAD). Wadi Shih: 11 on 25 Oct (DAD). Jebel Hafit: one 6 Nov (CR). Huwaylat pools: three 1 Dec (PB). Wadi Shih: 15 on 16 Dec (DAD).

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cineracea*

2001

Abu Dhabi: one of *semenowi* race, in Le Meridien Hotel gardens 5 Apr (MD, TPa). Das Is: one 14 - 15 Apr (TG).

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana*

2001

Le Meridien Hotel garden, Abu Dhabi: one 5 Apr (MD, TPa). Safa Park: five 12 Apr (DAD), six 13 Apr (PB), two 19 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: six 12 Apr, two 19 Apr (TG). Dubai Media city: up to 12 from 12 - 13 Apr (CR, PB). Jebel Ali village: one 12 Apr (CR). Emirates golf course: two 12 Apr (DAD), up to 14 from 13 - 19 Apr (PB, CR). Wimpey pits: four 13 Apr (TG), Das Is: 10+ daily 15 - 18 Apr (TG). Zirku Is: 45+ in single flock 17 Apr (TG). Ruwayah farms: two 19 Apr (DAD). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: 10 on 20 Apr (DAD). Arzanah Is.: 54 there 22 - 24 Apr (AHA). AD Health & Fitness club: three 24 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 27 Apr (SJA). Dubai Creekside Park; two 28 Apr (GK). Al Wathba camel track: four 3 May (SJA), one 4 May (AT). Safa Park: one 24 - 25 May (TG, DAD), very late. Al Wathba camel track: two 10 Sep, one 21 Sep, four 28 Sep (TG). Emirates golf course: one 12 Sep (SLJ). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 16 Oct (TP) and 25 Oct (DAD). AD Health & Fitness club: one 16 Oct (TG). Al Wathba fields: one 25 Oct (AT). Al Wathba camel track: one 2 Nov (TG).

**LITTLE BUNTING** *Emberiza pusilla*

2001

Asab: one 18 Nov (SJA, PH), 17th record. Al Wathba camel track: one 7 - 28 Dec (PB, RQ, SLJ *per* AT), the 18th record.

**YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING** *Emberiza aureola*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: one 15 - 23 Nov (DAD, SLJ, AT *et al*), 4th record.

**BLACK-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza melanocephala*

2001

Das Is: reported 17 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one female 19 Apr (TG). Al Wathba camel track: one 17 Aug (SLJ). Al Wathba camel track: one 7 & 10 Sep (TG). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Dubai pivot fields: three males 28 Sep (AMc). AD Health & Fitness Club: one male 19 - 21 Oct (SLJ, TG).

**BLACK-HEADED/RED-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza sp.*

2001

Dubai pivot fields: one 20 Sep (DAD), four females 28 Sep (AMc).

**CORN BUNTING** *Miliaria calandra*

2001

Al Wathba camel track: six on 10 Mar (CR), one 23 Mar (AT). Ghantoot polo club: two 23 Mar (CR *Ornitholidays*). Hamraniyah: up to five 14/15 Mar, 14 on 28 Mar (*Ornitholidays*). Dubai pivots: one 25 May, 8 Jun (DAD) and 28 Jun (CR). Dubai pivot fields: at least one 11 Jul (CR). Dubai pivot fields: one 13 & 27 Sep (DAD). Al Habab fields: one 14 Sep (DAD). Hamraniyah fields: one 9 Oct (CR, Ntrk). Dubai pivot fields: one 25 Oct (PB). Hamraniyah fields: 12 on 8 Nov (CR/Bq). Mushref Palace Gds.: one 12 Nov (TG). Dubai pivot fields: one 14 Nov (PB). Al Wathba camel track: six 15 Nov (DAD), four 16 Nov (CR). Fujairah National Dairy Farm: two 22 Nov (DAD). Al Wathba camel track: three 3 - 13 Dec (DAD, TG), two 21 Dec (SLJ *per* AT), eight 27 Dec (AT). Hamraniyah fields: c.30 on 17 Dec (CR, PB). Dubai pivot fields: one 21 Dec (DAD).

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**EXOTIC AND ESCAPED SPECIES****YELLOW-BILLED STORK**

2001

Khor Dubai: one 3 Apr (CR)

## **GOSHAWK**

2001

One with jesses, Hamraniyah 26 Oct (PB).

## **CROWNED CRANE**

2001

Up to two Khor Dubai 30 Jul - 21 Aug (SLJ, SB). Khor Dubai: two 3 Oct (CR). Khor Dubai: pair present all Nov (CR, CT, AMc).

## **COMMON PHEASANT**

2001

Al Ain Camel Track Garden: One 2 Nov (LB).

## **Blossom-headed Parakeet**

2001

Emirates golf course: one 22 Mar (CR) Dubai Creekside Park: one 3 Apr (TG). Jebel Ali Hotel: heard 2 Apr (CR) Emirates golf course: one 11 May (CR). Khalidiyah: one 15 Jun (AT). Safa Park: 8+ on 18 Nov (DAD).

## **Crested Mynah**

2001

Sharjah tip: one 27 Mar (DAD). Sharjah tip: two 10 Apr (DAD).

## **Hill Mynah**

2001

Al Jazeerah Khor: one 15 Mar (*Limosa*)

## **RED BISHOP**

2001

Safa Park: five 6 Oct (GK).

## **WHITE-WINGED WIDOW BIRD**

2001

Safa Park: one 5 & 6 Oct (GK).

## **Streaked Weaver**

2001

Wimpey pits: nesting throughout Apr, 10+ birds Emirates golf course: two 17 May (PB). Wimpey pits: 15+ present 21 May (PB), one male 30 Jun (CR). Wimpey pits: 10 on 19 Jul (CR), nesting. Qurrayah pools: one 13 Sep (SLJ). Emirates golf course: four 22 Sep (CR). **Wimpey pits: four 4 & 18 Oct, one 13 Oct (CR, Ntrk, GK).**

## **JACKSON'S WEAVER**

2001

Khalidiyah spit: two 4 & 5 Apr (MD, TPa) Zabeel fish ponds: 10+ seen 1 May (CR), at nest 10 May (DAD). Khalidiyah spit: nest-building 24 May (TG) Zabeel fish ponds: 20+ on 5 Jul (CR), nesting. Zabeel fish ponds: 30+ on 8 Oct, 10 on 15 Oct (CR, Ntrk).

## **Spotted Munia**

2001

Emirates golf course: one 22 Mar (CR) Safa Park: two 24 Apr (TG) Emirates golf course: one 8 Nov (PB). Al Mamzar Park: one 25 Nov (DAD). Dubai Pivot Fields: two 1 Dec (DAD).

## **RED AVADAVAT**

2001

Dubai Creekside park: five 12 Apr

## JAVA SPARROW

2001

Abu Dhabi island: One 30 Sep (TG). Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi: four 16 Dec (AT).

## ZABEEL PALACE, DUBAI

The following unpinioned/untagged birds were present inside Zabeel Palace grounds on 21 July: Black Swan 2, Hawaiian Goose 10, Canada Goose 2, Bar-headed Goose 12, Shelduck 8, Ruddy Shelduck 5, Whistling Duck sp. 1, Wigeon 2, Mandarin Duck 10+, Red-crested Pochard 25, including juvs, Crested Crane 1, Demoiselle Crane 1.

AH Andrew Hardcastle  
AHA Abdulhakim Abdi  
AMc Alistair McLee  
AP Andrew Parker  
AT Andrew Twyman  
BC Barbara Couldrey  
Bq Birdquest tour group  
CB Chris Band (2001)  
CR Colin Richardson  
CT Christophe Tourenq (2001)  
DAD David Diskin  
DB David Bradford (2001)  
DF Dick Forsman (2001)  
DS Dave Sheldon  
DSt Doug Stannard (2001)  
GF Gary Feulner  
GK Govind Kumar  
HJE Hanne & Jens Eriksen (2001)  
JB Jon Buxton (2001)  
JM Jim Mallard (2001)  
KH Kevin Hyland (2001)  
KS Kolbjorn Schjolberg (2001)  
LB Len Bailey  
MD Mick Dryden (2001)  
MMc Malcolm McDonald (2001)  
Ntrk Naturetrek tour group (2001)  
PB Paul Bourdin  
PBr Phil Brett  
PC Peter Cunningham  
PH Peter Hellyer  
PVT Paul & Val Thomson (2001)  
PW Paul Wilson (2001)  
PW Peter Whybrow (2001)  
RF Rod Fox  
RQ Rob Quested (2001)  
SB Sacha Barbato (2001)  
SJA Simon Aspinall  
SLJ Steve James  
TG Twitchers' Guide (per Hellyer/Aspinall)  
TPa Tony Painter (2001)  
TP Tommy Pedersen