

K.O.R.C. RARITY REPORT

2019

1. KORC Rarity Adjudication

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

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

Acceptance of any submitted record requires a majority vote by the Committee.

The 2019 KORC Committee:

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Oscar Campbell (OC) - Abu Dhabi (External Adjudicator and voting member)

Peter Kennerley (PK) - England (External Adjudicator and voting member)

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

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

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

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

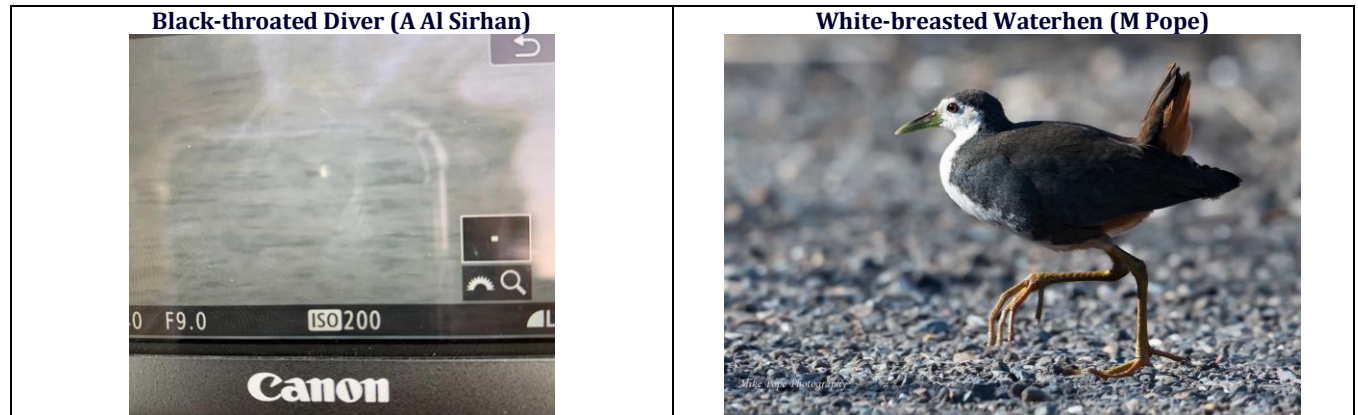
2019 only produced two first records; the first (Black-throated Diver) found by a visiting group of birders on a winter tour with Abdulrahman Al Sirhan.

The second (White-breasted Waterhen) was a mega - a WP 1st at Jahra Pools - to close off the year. Fortunately it was seen by most local birders and a few lucky WP twitchers, who combined their visit by also twitching Kuwait's 4th Purple Sunbird.

These two firsts bring the checklist for Kuwait to an impressive 415 species

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Black-throated Loon (Diver)	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	1	25/01/2019	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	A Al Sirhan + Winter Tour Group
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauromis phoenicurus</i>	1	14/12/2019	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	Mike Pope

3. First Record Images (with photographer credited)



4. Rarities recorded for Kuwait in Category A and C

Along with the two firsts recorded during 2019, there was also a healthy number of records of other vagrant and rarity species. Species only recorded for the 2nd time included; Pale Martin and Sabine's Gull whilst we also recorded the 3rd Pied Stonechat and 4th Purple Sunbird.

The list of these rarities is shown by species in chronological order in the table below:

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Great Grey Shrike (Arabian)	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	7	26/02/2019	2	SAANR	K Al Fahad
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	8	24/04/2019	1	Liyah North	A Al-Sirhan

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(Arabian)						
Great Grey Shrike (Arabian)	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	9	31/10/2019	1	Pivot Fields	A Al-Sirhan
Great Grey Shrike (Arabian)	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	10	03/11/2019	1	Al Salmi	Abdulaziz Al Yousef
Great Grey Shrike (Arabian)	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	11	16/11/2019	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna pardisaea</i>	9	05-Jun-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna pardisaea</i>	10	09-Jun-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna pardisaea</i>	11	04-Jul-19	3	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	8	13-Aug-19	1	Al Abraç	M Pope
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	9	01-Sep-19	1	Jahra East Outfall (JEO)	R Al Hajji
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	12	14-Nov-19	4	Boubyan Island	O Al Shaheen, Abdulaziz Al Yousef
Eastern Nightingale	<i>Luscinia (megarhynchos) africana</i>	8	17-May-19	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope, N Tovey, M Nottingham
Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	8	19-Sep-19	1	Sulaibikhat Bay	A Al-Sirhan
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	11	20-May-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	12	05-Jun-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Humes Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	14	08-Dec-19	2	Al Abraç	O Al Shaheen
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	4	01-Nov-19	1	Shuwaikh Bay	A Al-Shatti
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	15	16-Nov-19	1	Al Abraç	Sajan
Pale Martin	<i>Riparia Diluta</i>	2	20-Dec-19	2	Jahra Pools Reserve	Klaus, Markku
Pied Stonechat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	3	22-Aug-19	1	Nuwaiseeb	Lijo James
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	4	06-Dec-19	1	Abu Hasaniya	N Tovey
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	9	21-Nov-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	M Pope
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	2	16-Jun-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	12	08-Oct-19	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	6	30-Apr-19	1	Ras Salmiya	O Al Shaheen, Aziz
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	7	16-May-19	2	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	7	21-May-19	4	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen, N Tovey
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	12	30-Jan-19	1	Al Abraç	O Al Shaheen, H Al Shajji
Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>	8	29-Jul-19	1	Al Abraç	O Al Shaheen
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	6	03-Feb-19	1	Al-Magwa Transmission Station	Mo Murad
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	6	04-Feb-19	1	Arifjan	Reported by Malek Alhazza
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	7	07-Nov-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	K Al-Ghanem
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	8	20-Dec-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve	Sarah Al Sharhan

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

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

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIGHTING #	DATE	# Birds	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	24	14-Sep-19	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	20	19-Aug-19	1	KISR Outfall, Sulaibikhat	A Al-Sirhan
Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia o. meena</i>	17	24-Oct-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen

Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	19	02-Apr-19	1	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	O Al Shaheen
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	20	04-May-19	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	21	15-Jun-19	1	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	22	15-Jun-19	2	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	23	29-Jun-19	7	Pivot Fields	M Pope
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	24	07-Nov-19	2	Jahra Pools Reserve (JPR)	K Al-Ghanem
White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	28	20-Jun-19	1	Kabd Reserve	R Al Hajji Lens Team
White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	29	25-Jun-19	1	Wafra	H Al Shajji

5. Not Proven Records

This year there were no RBR's that were are not accepted by the Committee;

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	DATE	LOCATION	NOT PROVEN REASON
N/A				

6. Breeding Records

We continue to try and maintain a record of breeding birds

Although the phenomenally fast-growing Phragmites Reeds may not be good for birders at Jahra Pools Reserve; it is certainly attracting many more species of bird to breed in spring and summer, but it still needs to be aggressively managed, to ensure that the remaining pools and waterways are not choked by the reeds and lost permanently.

Breeding species of note this year include; Lesser Short-toed Lark, Finsch's Wheatear and Great Crested Grebe

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	DATE	LOCATION	COMMENTS
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	03/02/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Observed collecting nesting material
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	20/02/19 20/03/19	Al Shagayh Desert, Salmi	Nesting
Great Grey Shrike (Arabian)	<i>Lanius excubitor aucheri</i>	26/02/19	SAANR	Nest with 4 eggs
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio p. poliocephalus</i>	09/03/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adult birds with chicks
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	09/03/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adult birds with chicks
Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>	11/03/19	Liyah Preserve	Adult with young
Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>	23/03/19 06/04/19	Al Shagayh Desert, Salmi	Nesting in March, seen with young in April
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>	26/03/19	Liyah Preserve	Adult with young (17-years since last breeding record)
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	30/03/19	Al Shagayh Desert, Salmi	Female with 3 chicks, 1st breeding record for GCC
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	06/04/19	Pivot Fields	Observed building nests together with House Sparrows
Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>	09/04/19	Liyah Preserve	Juvenile birds seen
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	10/04/19	Jahra Farm	Traditional nesting area
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	04/05/19 01/06/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adults with young

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White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	19/05/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Nest with 4 eggs
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	22/05/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adults with 2 chicks, 1st for Kuwait
Black-crowned Sparrow Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>	01/06/19	Pivot Fields	Many juvenile birds observed, suggests breeding elsewhere in Kuwait
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	09/06/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Nest with eggs
White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	20/06/19	Kabd	Young birds seen, suggesting breeding in Kuwait
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	27/07/19	Al Zour Sewer Plant Reeds, Nuwaiseeb	Recently fledged bird
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	08/09/19	Jahra Pools Reserve	Adult with recently fledged chicks

6. Other Records of Interest

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

- **January**
 - **Al Abraq** - Western Black Redstart, European Stonechat, Chiffchaff, 13th Stock Dove
 - **Pivot Fields** - White-tailed, Red-wattled + Sociable Lapwing, Indian Roller, Rosy Starling, Pallid Harrier, Long-legged Buzzard, Greater Spotted + Imperial Eagle, Indian Roller, Short-eared Owl, Booted Eagle, Sociable Lapwings, White-winged Tern (br. plumage), Common Quail, Imperial Eagle
 - **Khiran** - 2 Red-tailed Wheatear, Great Black-headed Gull
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - Black Vulture, Red-wattled Lapwing, Peregrine Falcon, 1st Black-throated Diver
 - **Jahra Farm** - Barred Warbler, Blackcap, Hoopoe, Common Quail, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Robin, Blackcap, Masked Shrike, Bank Myna, Hypocolius
 - **Mutla'a Ridge/Jal Al Zour** – Eastern Mourning and Isabelline Wheatear, Red-tailed Wheatear, large flock of Black Kites
 - **Souk Sharq** - Great Black-headed Gull
 - **Adan Park** - Indian Roller (still present)
 - **Subiya Chalets** - Black-necked Grebe
 - **KISR (Kuwait University)** - 30+ Hypocolius
 - **Kabd** – Short-eared Owl
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- **February**
 - **Khiran** - Isabelline, Desert, Pied and Red-tailed Wheatear
 - **Mahboula Area** - 6th **White-tailed Eagle**

- **Arifjan** - 6th White-tailed Eagle (same bird – this was one was present in this area around 4-days?)
 - **Al Abraq** – Corn Bunting, Black-winged Kite, Hume’s Leaf Warbler
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** – Red-wattled Lapwing, Raptor migration; Egyptian Vulture, 40+ Steppe Eagles, Imperial Eagle, Steppe Buzzard, Eastern Black Kite, Black-winged Kite
 - **Jahra Farm** - Masked Shrike, Bank Myna, Hume’s Leaf Warbler
 - **Jal Al Zour** - 3 Finsch’s Wheatear, Black Redstart, Desert, Mourning + Pied, Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush
 - **FTZ Shuwaikh** - 1st **Pied Crow (ship assisted Cat E)**
 - **Doha Spur** - Merlin
 - **Fintas Park** - Isabelline Shrike, Bank Myna, Spotted Flycatcher, Rüppell’s Weaver
 - **Pivot Fields** - Garganey, Black-tailed Godwit, Turkestan Shrike
 - **Liyah** - Great Grey Shrike (Steppe), Bar-tailed Lark
 - **KOC Oilfield** - Blue Rock Thrush, Pied, Isabelline and Black-eared Wheatear
- **March**
 - **Al Abraq** - Grey Wagtail, Squacco Heron, Marsh Harrier, Willow Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Hume’s Leaf Warbler, Blackcap, Daurian + Great Grey Shrike (Steppe), Black-winged Kite, Steppe Eagle, Common Redstart, Woodchat Shrike, Common + Lesser Whitethroat, White + Yellow Wagtail, Namaqua Dove, Green Sandpiper, Black-crowned Night Heron, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Pied Wheatear, Spanish Sparrow, European Stonechat, Tawny Pipit, Song Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, Menetries Warbler, Semi-collared Flycatcher, Nightingale, Little Bittern, Steppe Buzzard, Eurasian Scops Owl, Black-eared Wheatear
 - **Liyah South** - Great Grey (Steppe) + Woodchat Shrike, Siberian Stonechat, Desert, Pied + Isabelline Wheatear, Desert, Great Grey Shrike (Steppe), Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Semi-collared Flycatcher
 - **Jahra Farm** - Bank Myna, Western Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Steppe Eagle, White + Grey Wagtail, Song Thrush, Masked Shrike, Displaying/territorial White-throated Kingfisher, Short-toed Snake Eagle
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - Common Gull, Penduline Tit, Greater Spotted Eagle, Western Marsh Harrier, Osprey, Ferruginous Duck, Northern Shoveller, Gadwall, Garganey, Spotted + Little Crake, Grey-headed Swamphen, Coot, Moorhen, Little Grebe, Great-crested Grebe (2), Great White Egret, Common, Marsh + Green Sandpiper, Caspian + Indian Reed Warbler, White Stork, Savi’s Warbler, Raptor migration; Steppe, Imperial + Short-toed Eagle, Black Kite, Booted Eagle, Crested Honey Buzzard, Black-winged Pratincole

- **Khiran** - Black-eared Wheatear, Northern Wheatear, Great Grey (Steppe) + Daurian Shrike
 - **Kabd** - Turkestan Shrike
 - **Al Shaheed Park** - European Nightjar, Grey Wagtail, Masked Shrike, Semi-collared Flycatcher, White-throated Kingfisher, Willow Warbler
 - **Pivot Fields** - Semi-collared Flycatcher, Little + Spotted Crake, Water Rail, Red-tailed Wheatear, Eastern Imperial Eagle, Water Rail, Red-wattled Lapwing, Black-tailed Godwit, Snipe, Ruff, Common, Green, Wood + Marsh Sandpiper, Greater Spotted, Steppe + Imperial Eagle, Marsh + Montagu's Harrier, Steppe + Long-legged Buzzard, Turkestan, Daurian + Woodchat Shrike, Sand Martin, Willow + Moustached Warbler, Northern, Pied + Isabelline Wheatear, Pallid + Marsh Harrier, Quail, Black-necked Stilt, Glossy Ibis, Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, Collared Pratincole, Cattle + Little Egret, Red-throated Pipit, Red-spotted Bluethroat
 - **Fintas Park** - Black Redstart, Common Chiffchaff, Hoopoe, many Rüppell's Weaver
 - **Mutla'a Ranch** – Eurasian Scops Owl
 - **Sulaibikhat Bay (Manchester Club)** - Little + Whiskered Tern, Caspian, Steppe, Heuglin's + Baltic Gull, Redshank, Kentish Plover, Little Stint, Squacco Heron
 - **Over Humoud's house** - 4 Crested Honey Buzzard
 - **British Embassy Garden** – Rosy Starling
 - **Al Rai Car Park** – Indian Silverbill
 - **Salmi Area** - Desert + Bar-tailed Lark, Greater Hoopoe-Lark, Pharaoh Eagle Owl (2), Tawny Pipit, Isabelline, Pied, Desert + Northern Wheatear
 - **Kuwait Towers** – Eurasian Golden Oriole
 - **Ras Salmiya** – Arctic Skua
- **April**
 - **Kabd** - Eastern Imperial Eagle
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - Spur-winged Lapwing, 2 White Stork, Steppe Buzzard, Long-legged Buzzard, White-tailed Lapwing, White Stork, Black-crowned Night Heron, Black Kite, Common Redstart, Ortolan Bunting
 - **Jahra East Outfall** - Arabian Golden Sparrow (CatE)
 - **Jahra Farm** - Grey Wagtail, Bank Myna, Semi-collared Flycatcher, Grasshopper Warbler
 - **Salmi Area** - Desert, Bar-tailed, Hoopoe, Crested + Temminck's Horned Lark, Pharaoh Eagle Owl (2), Pallid Harrier, Steppe Eagle, Northern, Desert, Pied + Black-eared Wheatear, Tawny Pipit

- **Al Abraq** - Semi-collared Flycatcher, Common Cuckoo, Menetries Warbler, Marsh Harrier, Hypocolius, White-throated Robin (20), Common Redstart (50), Blackcap (30), Common Whitethroat (2), Lesser Whitethroat (2), Orphean Warbler, Chiffchaff (50), Willow Warbler (5), Great Reed Warbler, Daurian Shrike, Turkestan Shrike (5), Woodchat Shrike, Masked Shrike, Whinchat, Namaqua Dove, Ortolan Bunting (4), Little Bittern, Black Redstart, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Thrush + Common Nightingale, Grey Wagtail, Red-spotted Bluethroat, Hypocolius, Olivaceous + Willow Warbler, Pale Rock Sparrow, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin
- **Al Shaheed Park** - Semi-collared Flycatcher, Common Swift, Basra Reed Warbler (4), Cinereous Bunting (4), White-crowned Wheatear
- **Pivot Fields** - Collared + Black-winged Pratincole, Red-wattled Lapwing (2), large raptor movement (Black Kite, Pallid Harrier, Imperial, Greater Spotted + Steppe Eagle), Spotted + Little Crake, Common Redstart, many races of Western Yellow Wagtail, Tree + Red-throated Pipit, Daurian, Turkestan + Masked Shrike, Eurasian Scops + Barn Owl, Back-tailed Godwit, Spotted Redshank, Northern Lapwing, White-throated Robin, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Common Redstart, Spotted Crake, European Bee-eater
- **Fahaheel Park** - Cinereous Bunting, Lesser Whitethroat, Basra + Great Reed Warbler, Semi-collared Flycatcher
- **Khiran - 35 Spotted Crake (new HDC)**, 3 Little Crake, Grey Wagtail
- **Nuwiseeb** - White-throated Robin, Semi-collared Flycatcher, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Rock Thrush, Tawny Pipit, Ortolan Bunting, Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap, Common Redstart, Isabelline, Turkestan + Great Grey Shrike (Steppe), European Roller, European Bee-eater, Pied Wheatear, Woodchat Shrike
- **Mutla'a Ranch** - Semi-collared Flycatcher (5), Common Redstart (15), Blackcap (15), Common Cuckoo, Lesser Whitethroat (4), Willow Warbler + Common Chiffchaff
- **Ras Salmiya** - Lesser + Greater Crested Tern, White-cheeked Tern, Arctic Skua (4), Pomarine Skua (1), Continental Great + Socotra Cormorant, Western Reef Heron, Little Egret, Pallid Swift, **Sooty Shearwater (6th)**
- **Kubbar Island** - Hume's Whitethroat, White-headed Wagtail, Bridled + White-cheeked Tern
- **Fahaheel Harbour** - Socotra Cormorant
- Jal Al Zour - Lilith Owl, Crag Martin
- **Rumaithya Park** - Crested Honey Buzzard
- **British Embassy Garden** - White-throated Robin

- **May**

- eBird Global Big Day (Spring count; 58 species – 1 observer) – Little + Eurasian Bittern, Red-wattled, White-tailed and Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Woodpigeon, Red-backed, Daurian + Turkestan Shrike, European Roller, Eurasian Oriole, Common Rock Thrush, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Common Swift, Turnstone
 - Jahra Pools Reserve - Pied Kingfisher, Little, Common, Lesser Crested + Sandwich Tern, **7th Sooty Shearwater (2)**, Cuckoo, many Sedge Warbler, Whiskered Tern, **11th Grey Phalarope**, Red-necked Phalarope, Little Tern (178), Eurasian Oriole
 - Al Abraaq - Basra, Marsh, Caspian, Great Reed, Sedge, Moustached, Garden, Barred + Upcher's Warbler, Booted Eagle, Steppe Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Rufous-tailed Bush Robin, White-throated Robin, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Black-crowned Night Heron, Blue-cheeked + European Bee-eater
 - Corniche Club - Ortolan Bunting
 - Pivot Fields - 40+ Sedge Warbler, European Roller, Eurasian Oriole, **8th Eastern Nightingale**, Common Redstart, Spotted Flycatcher, Red-backed + Lesser Grey Shrike, Collared Pratincole, Spotted Crake, Black Kite, Marsh Harrier, Ringed Plover, Tree + Red-throated Pipit, 5 1st year White-tailed Lapwing, Common Whitethroat, Common Woodpigeon, Montagu Harrier, Little Bittern, Spotted Crake, Common Cuckoo, Red-wattled Lapwing, Common Quail
 - Khiran (Road 278) - Common Rock Thrush, Bar-tailed Lark, Common Whitethroat, Red-backed + Lesser Grey Shrike
- **June**
 - **Pivot Fields** - Purple Heron, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Little Bittern, Collared Pratincole, Sedge Warbler, Spanish Sparrow, Marsh Harrier, Yellow-crowned Bishop (Cat E), Red-wattled, White-tailed + 7 Spur-winged Lapwing (new HDC), Cream-coloured Courser, Green Sandpiper, Common Quail, Sedge Warbler, Steppe Buzzard, Booted Eagle (dark + pale form), Yellow Wagtail, Collared Pratincole, Black Kite, Common Kestrel, Green + Marsh Sandpiper, Black-tailed Godwit (summer plumage), Greater Hoopoe-Lark,, Black-winged Kite, 10 Little Tern
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - Arctic Tern, Grey Phalarope, Honey Buzzard, Egyptian Nightjar, **2nd Sabine's Gull**, Red-rumped Swallow, Black-headed Wagtail, European Roller, Common Kestrel, 3 Mallard
 - **Khiran Resort** - Desert Finch
 - **Ras Al-Salmiya** - 21 Bridled Tern, possible Sooty Shearwater
 - **Wafra** - White-crowned Wheatear

- **July**

- **Khaldiya** – Eurasian Hoopoe
- **Jahra Pools Reserve - 11th Arctic Tern (3)**, Egyptian Nightjar, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Common Cuckoo, Upcher's Warbler, Black-headed Bunting, Caspian Plover
- **Pivot Fields** - Isabelline Wheatear, Common Quail (15), Sand Martin, Barn Swallow, Collared Pratincole, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Black-crowned Sparrow Lark, 2 Black-winged Kite, Cream-coloured Courser, Greater Short-toed Lark, 4 Red-wattled, 7 Spur-winged + White-tailed Lapwing, Temminck's Stint, Redshank, Green, Common, Marsh + Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Little Ringed + Kentish Plover, Yellow + Citrine Wagtail, Common Woodpigeon, Namaqua Dove, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Woodchat Shrike, Pied Avocet, 40 Green Sandpiper, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Marsh + Common Sandpiper, Ruff, Little Bittern, Whiskered + Gull-billed Tern
- **British Embassy Gardens** - Rüppell's Weaver
- **Khiran** - Greater Hoopoe Lark
- **Al Abra q - 8th Thick-billed Lark**, Lesser + Greater Short-toed Lark, Hoopoe, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Eastern Olivaceous + Upcher's Warbler, Cream-coloured Courser

- **August**

- **Pivot Fields** - Red-wattled + White-tailed Lapwing, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, Blue-cheeked + European Bee-eater, Western Yellow Wagtail, White-winged Tern, Upcher's Warbler, Eurasian Hoopoe, Black-winged Kite, Savi's Warbler, Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark, European Bee-eater, Barn Owl, Sedge + Savi's Warbler, Citrine Wagtail, Greater Short-toed Lark, Isabelline Wheatear, Little Crake, Spur-winged Lapwing (7), Marsh Harrier, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Great Reed, Indian Reed + Caspian Reed Warbler, Grey Wagtail, Pied Avocet (4), Wood + Green Sandpiper
- **Sulaibikhat Bay** - Whimbrel, Terek Sandpiper, Greater Sand Plover, Eurasian Curlew, Socotra Cormorant, Crab-plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Curlew Sandpiper, Dunlin, Turnstone, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Kentish Plover, Little Stint, Greater Flamingo, Grey and Western Reef Heron, Little, Common + Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Gull
- **Al Abra q** - Rosy Starling, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Citrine Wagtail, Lesser + Greater Short-toed Lark, European Roller, Red-backed Shrike, **8th Booted Warbler**, Olivaceous + Upcher's Warbler, Pale Rockfinch, Eurasian Hoopoe, Black-headed Bunting, Isabelline Wheatear, Grasshopper Warbler (2), Lesser Short-toed Lark, Upcher's, Marsh + Caspian Reed Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, White-throated Robin

- **KISR Outfall, Sulaibikhat** - Black Tern
- **Jahra Pools Reserve** - White Stork, Spotted Flycatcher, Woodchat + Great Grey Shrike (Steppe)
- **Nuwiseeb - 3rd Pied Stonechat**
- **September**
 - **Jahra East Outfall - 9th Booted Warbler**
 - **Pivot Fields** - 45 Garganey, Common Quail, Common Woodpigeon, Namaqua Dove, Pied Avocet, Bar + Black-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Temminck's Stint, Common Snipe, Whiskered Tern, Purple + Grey Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, 3 Black-winged Kite, European Bee-eater, European Roller, Golden Oriole, Red-backed + Daurian + Great Grey (Steppe) + Masked + Woodchat Shrike, Olivaceous Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Common Whitethroat, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Red-spotted Bluethroat, Pied + Isabelline Wheatear, Spanish Sparrow, Red-throated Pipit, Black Stork, Black-winged + Collared Pratincole, Glossy Ibis, Purple Heron, Redshank, Wood + Marsh Sandpiper, Marsh, Pallid, Montagu + Hen Harrier, Black + Black-winged Kite (3), Shikra, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, European Roller, Spotted Flycatcher
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - 5 Honey Buzzard, Garganey, Ferruginous Duck, Little Grebe, Namaqua Dove, Egyptian Nightjar, Water Rail, Little Crake, White-tailed Lapwing, Common Quail, Bar + Black-tailed Godwit, Temminck's Stint, Red-necked Phalarope, Common Snipe, Cream-coloured Courser, Marsh Harrier, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, European Roller, Eurasian Golden Oriole, Red-backed + Turkestan + Daurian + Lesser Grey + Great Grey (Steppe) + Masked + Woodchat Shrike, Greater + Lesser Short-toed Lark, Common Whitethroat, Spotted Flycatcher, Northern + Isabelline Wheatear, Citrine Wagtail, Tawny + Tree Pipit, Ortolan Bunting, Common Rock Thrush, Barn + Scops Owl, Spotted Crake, Small raptor passage (24/09); Steppe Eagle, Crested + European Honey Buzzard, Hobby, Harriers
 - **Jahra Farm** - Masked Shrike
 - **Mutla'a Ranch** - Greater Short-toed Lark, Barred + Garden and Olivaceous Warbler, Lesser + Common Whitethroat, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Pallid and European Scops Owl
 - **Khuwaisat** - Montagu Harrier and Cinereous Bunting
 - **Al Abraq** – Steppe, Honey + Crested Honey Buzzard, Steppe Eagle, Short-toed Snake Eagle, Steppe + Booted Eagle, Marsh + Montagu Harrier, Black Kite, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Hobby, Turkestan + Great Grey Shrike (Steppe)

- **Abu Hassania** - Common Ringed, Kentish + Greater Sand Plover, Sanderling, Redshank, Terek Sandpiper, Turnstone, Rose-ringed Parakeet
 - **Sulaibikhat Bay - 8th Great Knot**, Baltic + Armenian Gull
 - **Khuwaisat** - Mega Raptor passage 1000+ from 8am to 2pm on 20/09; 180 Steppe Buzzards, Steppe Eagle, 20 White Stork, Black Kite, Pallid + Montagu's Harrier
 - **Ras Salmiya (EPA Office)** - Honey Buzzard
 - **Sulaibikhat Bay** - Crab-plover, Ringed Plover, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Curlew, Whimbrel, Black-tailed Godwit
 - **British Embassy Gardens** - Yellow-browed, Savi's + Marsh Warbler, Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Redstart, Masked + Red-backed Shrike, Quail, Yellow Wagtail, Eurasian Hoopoe, Golden Oriole, Namaqua Dove, Spotted Flycatcher, Ring-necked Parakeet, Yellow-fronted Canary (CatE)
- **October**
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - 4 Yellow-crowned Bishop (CatE), Black-winged + Black Kite, Hobby, Steppe Buzzard, Kestrel, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Menetries Warbler, Ferruginous Duck, Water Rail, Eurasian Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Common Black-headed Gull, Little Tern, Great White Egret, 2 Osprey, Honey Buzzard, Short-toed Eagle, 3 Booted Eagle, 4 Greater Spotted Eagle, 50 Steppe Eagle, 4 Eastern Imperial Eagle, 3 Marsh Harrier, 2 Pallid Harrier, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, 2 Northern Goshawk, 3 Black Kite, Steppe Buzzard, 6 Long-legged Buzzard, 4 Common Kestrel, Hobby, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, 4 Spur-winged Lapwing, 17th Oriental (Rufous) Turtle Dove
 - **Mutla'a Ranch** - Golden Oriole, Scops Owl, Booted Eagle, Upcher's Warbler, Common Rosefinch
 - **Kuwait City** - Peregrine Falcon, Marsh Harrier, Honey Buzzard, Hobby, 50+ Pallid Swifts
 - **Al Abraq** - Steppe + Greater Spotted Eagle, Pallid Harrier, Black Kite, Steppe, Long-legged + Honey Buzzard, Eurasian + Levant's Sparrowhawk, Asian Shikra, Red-breasted + Spotted Flycatcher, Blue-cheeked + European Bee-eater, Eurasian Hoopoe, Yellow Wagtail, Lesser + Common Whitethroat, Menetries Warbler, Blackcap, Thrush Nightingale, Common Redstart, Corncrake, Moustached Warbler, Penduline Tit, Robin, Hypocolius, Lesser Kestrel
 - **Al Shaheed Park** - Blackcap, Red-breasted + Spotted Flycatcher, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Steppe Buzzard, Common + White-throated Kingfisher, Golden Oriole, Red-backed + Masked Shrike, Olivaceous, Upcher's, Garden,

Barred + Willow Warbler, Common Nightingale, Common Redstart, Ortolan Bunting

- **Pivot Fields** - Northern + 9 Sociable Lapwing, Greater Spotted Eagle (inc. fulvescens), Hobby, Black-winged + Black Kite, Pallid + Marsh Harrier, Common Woodpigeon, Blue-cheeked + European Bee-eater, Common Cuckoo, Temminck's Stint, Collared Pratincole, Daurian, Turkestan, Red-backed and Great Grey (Steppe) Shrike, 10 Red-rumped Swallow, Red-spotted Bluethroat, Citrine Wagtail, Black-throated Thrush, Imperial + Steppe Eagle, Steppe + Long-legged Buzzard, Sociable (6), White-tailed + Northern Lapwing, Pied + Isabelline Wheatear, Daurian + Great Grey (Steppe) Shrike, Richard's + Tawny Pipit, White + Yellow Wagtail
- **eBird Global Big Day; various locations. Kuwait recorded 156 species + 1st in the GCC Countries** - 3 Sociable Lapwing, Red-wattled, White-tailed + Northern Lapwing, Greater-spotted, Imperial + Steppe Eagle, Spotted Redshank, Hypocolius, Pacific Golden Plover, Afghan Babbler, Bar-tailed Lark, Greater Hoopoe Lark, Lilith Owl, Richards, Tawny + Red-throated Pipit, Yellow, Citrine + White Wagtail, White-crowned Wheatear, Scops Owl, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Egyptian + European Nightjar, Crested Honey Buzzard, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Crab-plover, House Crow

- **November**

- **Shuwaikh Bay** - Lesser Flamingo
- **Pivot Fields** - Greater Spotted (inc. fulvescens), Eastern Imperial + Steppe Eagle, Steppe + Long-legged Buzzard, Red-wattled, 53 White-tailed, 8 Spur-winged + Northern Lapwing, Glossy Ibis, European + Rosy Starling, Indian Roller, Eurasian Penduline Tit, Cuckoo, Red-spotted Bluethroat, 7 Sociable Lapwing, Oriental Skylark, Marsh Harrier, Sparrowhawk, Great Cormorant, Bimaculated Lark, Eurasian Siskin, Corn Bunting, Jack Snipe, European, Caspian + Siberian Stonechat, Great Grey (Steppe + Arabian) Shrike, Black-throated Thrush, Griffon Vulture, Red-rumped Swallow, Hen Harrier, Crested, Greater Short-toed and Skylark, European, Caspian and Armenian Stonechat, Corn Bunting, Tree, Tawny and Water Pipit, Steppe Buzzard, Kestrel, 6 Tufted Duck, Black-necked Grebe, Glossy Ibis, Jack + Common Snipe
- **Jahra Pools Reserve** - 7th **White-tailed Eagle**, Osprey, Red-tailed Wheatear, Spur-winged Lapwing, 2 White Pelican, Greater Spotted Eagle, Red-spotted Bluethroat, Grey-headed Swamphen, Gadwall, Pochard, Black-crowned Night Heron, Steppe Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Lapwing, Common Tern, 9th **Ring Ouzel**, Song Thrush, 1 Ruddy Shelduck, Tufted Duck, Ferruginous Duck, Teal, Pintail, Wigeon, Little Bittern
- **Jahra Farm** - Black-throated Thrush

- **Jal Al Zour** - Steppe Eagle, Egyptian Vulture
- **KISR Outfall** - Lesser Flamingo
- **Khiran** - Red-tailed, Mourning, Desert + Isabelline Wheatear, Asian Desert Warbler
- **Al Abraq** - Black-throated + Song Thrush, Blackbird, Cuckoo, Brambling, Robin, 10 Eurasian Siskin, Pintail, Booted + Steppe Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, Penduline Tit, Black Redstart, Red-throated Pipit, Little Bunting
- **Abraq/Salmi Area** - Massive (thousands) Raptor migration, **21 Griffon Vultures (new HDC)**
- **Boubyan Island** - **4 Dalmatian Pelican (12th)**
- **Qadisiyah (Omar's House)** - Oriental Honey Buzzard
- **Al Shaheed Park** - European Nightjar, Sykes's Warbler, Basra Reed Warbler

- **December**
 - **Abu Halifa** - 2 Crested Honey Buzzard
 - **Corniche Club, Salmiya** - Crested Honey Buzzard
 - **Abu Hassania** - **4th Purple Sunbird male** (present till end of December), 2nd bird (female) was seen on 17/12, Hume's Leaf Warbler
 - **Jahra Pools Reserve** - Peregrine Falcon, Citrine Wagtail, Spotted Crake, Osprey, Steppe Buzzard, Greater Spotted Eagle, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Kestrel, Black-necked Grebe, 18 White-tailed Lapwing, Ferruginous Duck, Common Pochard, Gadwall, 2 Greater White-fronted Goose, Mistle Thrush, **1st White-breasted Waterhen (Kuwait + WP, 8th White-tailed Eagle, 2nd Pale Martin (2 birds))**
 - **Al Abraq** - **14th Hume's Leaf Warbler (2)**
 - **Shuwaikh Park** - Crested Honey Buzzard
 - **Al Shaheed Park** - European Nightjar
 - **Pivot Fields** - Citrine Wagtail, Hoopoe, Isabelline Wheatear, Meadow Pipit, Glossy Ibis, Wood + Green Sandpiper, Marsh Harrier, Spotted (inc. fulvescens) + Imperial Eagle, Steppe + Long-legged Buzzard, Woodpigeon, Northern, Spur-winged (15) + Red-wattled Lapwing