

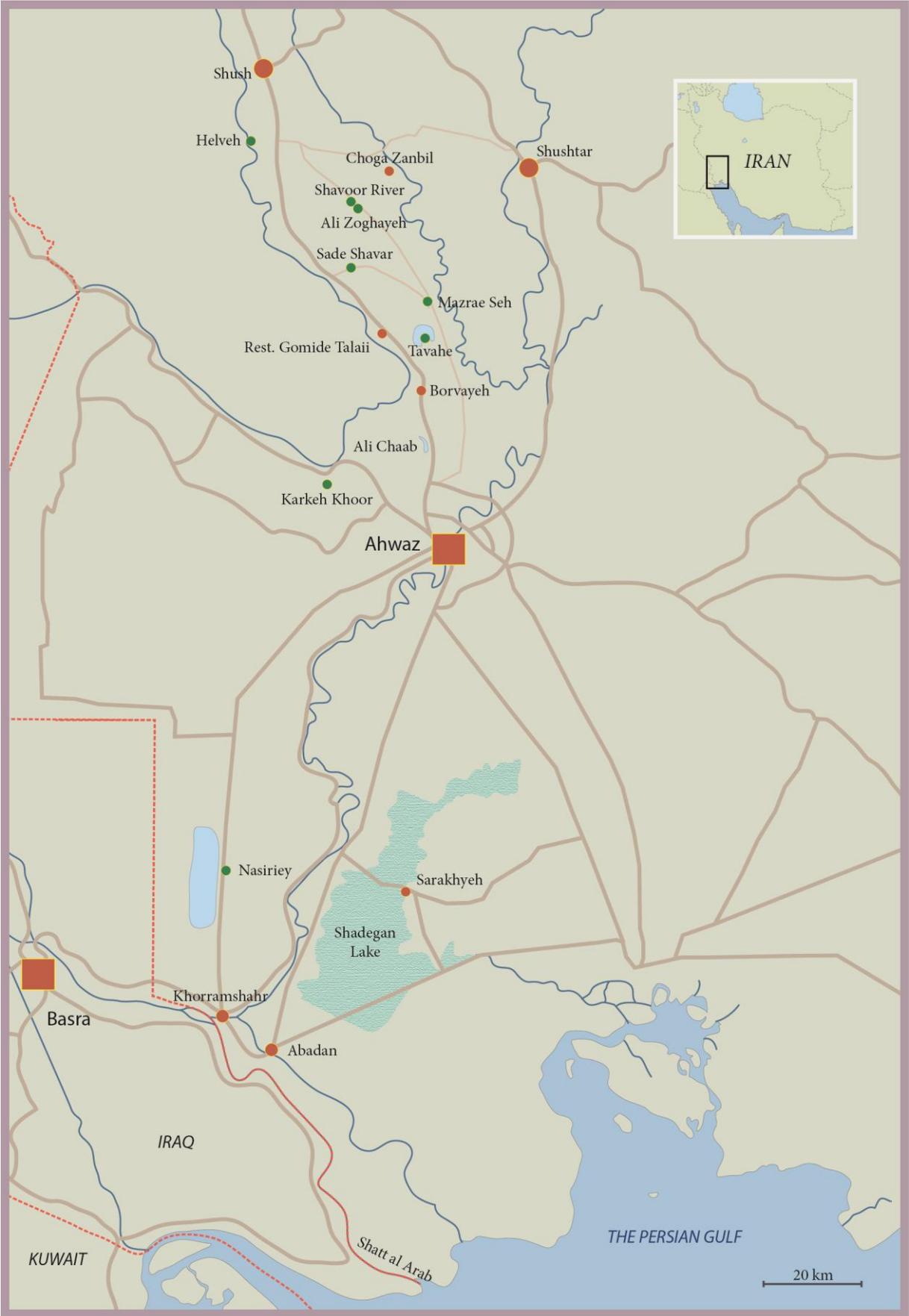
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Intense birding in SW Iran. (Mattias Ullman)

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Itinerary

- February 2 Sade Shavar, Mazrae Seh (northern Bamdej Nature Reserve), Mahmyeh; night in Ahwaz
- February 3 Helveh, Shushtar Water Mills, Shushtar, west of Shushtar; night in Ahwaz
- February 4 Ali Zoghayeh, Shavoor River, Tavahe (southern Bamdej Nature Reserve); night in Ahwaz
- February 5 Sarakhyeh, Shadegan Wildlife Refuge, Nasiriyeh, Karkeh Koor; night in Ahwaz
- February 6 Sade Shavar, Mazrae Seh, Tavahe; night in Ahwaz; night in Ahwaz
- February 7 Helveh, north of Seyed Abbas, Mazrae Yek, Mazrae Seh; night in Ahwaz
- February 8 Borvayeh, south of – north of Mazrae Seh, Tavahe; night in Ahwaz

Birds

- 1) Grågås **Greylag Goose** *Anser anser*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2
- 2) Rostand **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
11 Tavahe 6/2
- 3) Snatterand **Gadwall** *Anas strepera*
Grand total for *Anas*-ducks 12,000–15,000 at Mahmyeh 2/2 (and roughly the same numbers at a distance on 6/2)
- 4) Bläsand **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope*
see *Anas strepera*
- 5) Gräsand **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*
Helveh 3/2, Karkeh Koor 5/2
- 6) Skedand **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*
see *Anas strepera*
- 7) Stjärtand **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
see *Anas strepera*
- 8) Kricka **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca*
see *Anas strepera*, 100 Tavahe 4/2
- 9) Brunand **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2
- 10) Vaktel **Quail** *Coturnix coturnix*
2 Borvayeh 8/2
- 11) Svart frankolin **Black Francolin** *Francolinus francolinus*
common, recorded daily, up to 10–11 birds (three sites)
- 12) Smådopping **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
5 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 3 along the road and small numbers Tavahe 6/2, small numbers Tavahe 8/2
- 13) Större flamingo **Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*
1,000 Nasiriyeh 5/2
- 14) Svart stork **Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*
1 north of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 15) Vit stork **White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*
200 Sade Shavar 2/2, 110 along the road 5/2, 3 (and two nests) south of Mazrae Seh and north of Mazrae Seh 8/2



Black Stork, north of Mazrae Seh 8 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 16) Rördrom **Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*
2 Tavahe 4/2, 1 Tavahe 6/2
- 17) Dvärrördrom **Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus*
1 Shavoor River 4/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 18) Natthäger **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
11 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 20 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 2 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 150 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 50 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 19) Kohäger **Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
rather common, seen in moderate numbers daily, highest figure 50 west of Shushtar 3/2
- 20) Rallhäger **Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 10 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 10 along the road 5/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 21) Gråhäger **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
7 birds 2/2, 1 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 20 Tavahe 4/2, 180 Nasiricy 5/2, 10 Tavahe 6/2, singles 7/2, small numbers Tavahe 8/2
- 22) Purpurhäger **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
1 Tavahe 8/2
- 23) Ägretthäger **Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
4 Sade Shavar 2/2, 1 along the road 3/2, 7 Tavahe 4/2, 4 birds 5/2, 10 Tavahe 6/2, small numbers Tavahe 8/2



Pygmy Cormorant, Ali Zoghayeh 4 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 24) Silkeshäger **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
common 2/2, 1 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, small numbers 4/2, rather common 5/2, rather common 6/2, small numbers 7/2, small numbers 8/2
- 25) Revhäger **Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis*
4 along the road north of the Persian Gulf 5/2
- 26) Vit pelikan **White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
100 Nasiriey 5/2
- 27) Dvärgskarv **Pygmy Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*
1 Helveh 3/2, 6 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 1 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 28) Storskarv **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
3 birds 2/2, singles 3/2, 15 along the road 5/2, singles 6/2
- 29) Fiskgjuse **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*
1 along the road 5/2, 1 Tavahe 6/2
- 30) Svartvingad glada **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*
12 birds 2/2, 8 birds 3/2, 9 birds 4/2, 6 birds 5/2, 2 along the road and 2 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 Helveh 7/2, 5 along the road and 7 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 12 birds 8/2



Black-winged Kite, 3 February. Distinctly grey secondaries and tips to inner primaries as well as black bases to outer secondaries show the bird to be of spp. *vociferus* (of Indian Subcontinent and further east) which currently seems to be colonising the Middle East. (Magnus Ullman)

- 31) Ormörn **Short-toed Snake Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*
1 Tavahe 6/2
- 32) Större skrikörn **Greater Spotted Eagle** *Clanga clanga*
1 + 1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 4 Tavahe 4/2, 15 birds 5/2, 2 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 3 Tavahe 6/2, 2 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 33) Dvärgörn **Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*
3 birds 2/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2
- 34) Kejsarörn **Eastern Imperial Eagle** *Aquila heliaca*
1 immature Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 c. 4cy north of Seyed Abbas 7/2



Greater Spotted Eagle, 5 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 35) Sparvhök **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*
rather common, seen daily, highest figure 7 Helveh 3/2
- 36) Brun kärrhök **Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
common, 10 birds or more seen on 6 days, highest figure 30 birds 5/2
- 37) Blå kärrhök **Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 along the road and 1 Helveh 3/2, 1 Tavahe 4/2, 1 north of Mazrae Seh 8/2



Pallid Harrier, south of Mazrae Seh 8 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 38) Stäpphök **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus*
1 bird 2/2, 1 along the road 5/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 2 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2; also 2 unidentified Pallid/Montagu's Harrier seen 2/2
- 39) Brun glada **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
100 Ahvaz–Sarakyeh + 30 along the road 5/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2

- 40) Örnvråk **Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus*
2 birds 2/2, 1 along the road and 2 Helveh 3/2, 1 Helveh 7/2, 1 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 1 Mazrae Yek 7/2, 3 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2
- 41) Örnvråk **Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*
2 birds 2/2, 1 along the road 3/2, 2 Shavoor River 4/2
- 42) Vattenrall **Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*
1 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 2 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2
- 43) Småfläckig sumphöna **Spotted Crake** *Porzana porzana*
1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 44) Rörhöna **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*
5 Sade Shavar 2/2, 5 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 5 Shavoor River 4/2, small numbers 5/2, small numbers Tavahe 8/2



Black-winged Stilt, Tavahe. (Mattias Ullman)

- 45) Stytlöpare **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
common, seen daily, highest number 60 Tavahe 6/2
- 46) Tofsvipa **Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*
seen in small or moderate numbers daily, highest number 20 birds 2/2
- 47) Rödflikvipa **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus*
common, seen more or less everywhere



White-tailed Lapwing, Tavahe. (Mattias Ullman)

- 48) Sumpvipa **White-tailed Lapwing** *Vanellus leucurus*
common; highest numbers: 25 birds 2/2, 20 Tavahe 6/2, 30 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 49) Stäppvipa **Socable Lapwing** *Vanellus*
1 Mazrae Seh 2/2
- 50) Större strandpipare **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*
1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 51) Svartbent strandpipare **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*
100 birds 2/2, 7 Tavahe 4/2, 3 along the road 5/2, 5 Sade Shavar 6/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 15 Tavahe 6/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 52) Dvärgbeckasin **Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyptes minimus*
2 birds 2/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 4 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 53) Enkelbeckasin **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*
50 birds 2/2, 1 along the road and 1 west of Shushtar 3/2, 5 Tavahe 4/2, 5 birds 5/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 5 Tavahe 6/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 Tavahe 8/2
- 54) Svartsnäppa **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 Tavahe 4/2, 2 Tavahe 6/2, 1 Tavahe 8/2
- 55) Rödbena **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*
20 birds 2/2, 6 Tavahe 4/2, 5 along the road 5/2, 8 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 15 Tavahe 6/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 3 Tavahe 8/2
- 56) Grönbena **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
3 birds 2/2, 3 Tavahe 4/2, 2 along the road 5/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 10 Tavahe 6/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 2 Tavahe 8/2
- 57) Dammsnäppa **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*
40 birds 2/2 (including 25 Mahmyeh 2/2), 20 Tavahe 4/2, 8 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 15 Tavahe 6/2, 4 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 north of Mazrae Seh 8/2, 4 Tavahe 8/2
- 58) Gluttsnäppa **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
3 birds 2/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2



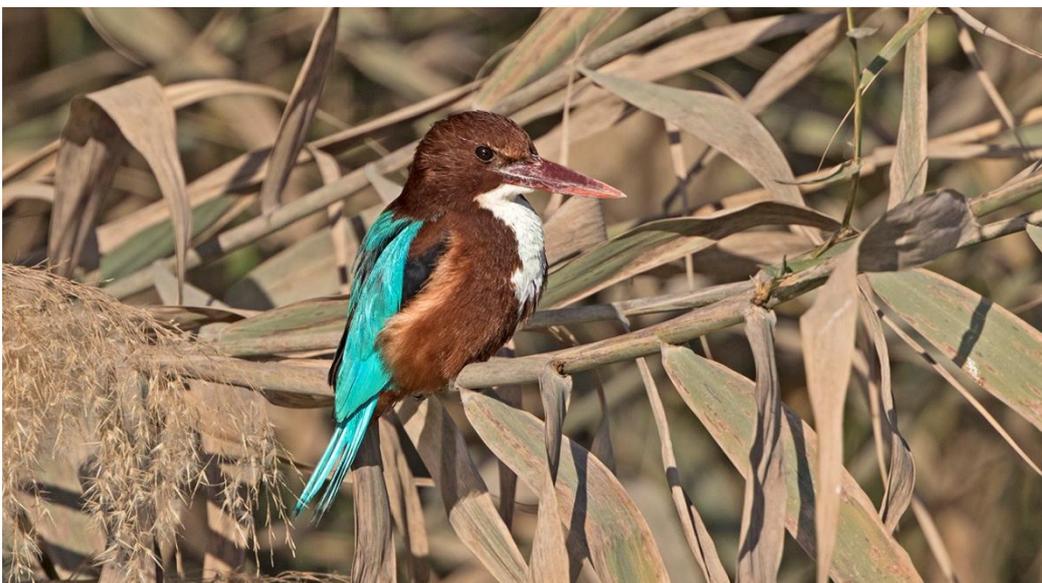
Marsh Sandpiper, Tavahe. (Mattias Ullman)

- 59) Skogssnäppa **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
5 birds 2/2, 1 along the road 4/2, 1 along the road 5/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 2 Tavahe 6/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 60) Småsnäppa **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*
30 birds 2/2, 5 Tavahe 4/2, 3 along the road 5/2, 30 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 10 Tavahe 6/2, 7 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 61) Mosnäppa **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*
50 birds 2/2, 20 Tavahe 4/2, 1 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 8 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 5 Tavahe 6/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 62) Brushane **Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*
2 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 Tavahe 4/2
- 63) Långnäbbad mås **Slender-billed Gull** *Chroicocephalus genei*
2 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 100 along the road 5/2, 20 Tavahe 6/2
- 64) Skrattmåsar **Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
75 birds 2/2, 50 Tavahe 4/2, 100 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 1 Tavahe 6/2, 150 Mazrae Seh 7/2, small numbers Tavahe 8/2
- 65) Svarthuvad trut **Pallas's Gull** *Larus ichthyaetus*
2 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 4 Sade Shavar 6/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 66) Stäpptrut **Steppe Gull** *Larus fuscus barabensis*
100 along the road near the Persian Gulf and 30 Nasiriyeh 5/2
- 67) Sandtärna **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*
3 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 40 along the road 5/2
- 68) Skräntärna **Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*
1 Nasiriyeh 5/2



Whiskered Tern, Sarakhyeh 5 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 69) Skäggtärna **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*
 10 Shushtar 3/2, 14 (including 3 in breeding plumage) Tavahe 4/2, 25 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 10
 along the road 5/2, 3 Tavahe 6/2, 6 Tavahe 8/2
- 70) Vitvingad tärna **Tern** *Chlidonias*
 17 (including 3 in breeding plumage) Tavahe 6/2
 [Tamduva **Feral Rock Dove** *Columba livia* (domest.)]
 recorded daily
- 71) Ringduva **Common Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus*
 1,000 Helveh 3/2, 1 Ali Zoghayeh + one flock 4/2, small numbers along the road 5/2, 50
 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 100-eds Helveh 7/2, rather common Borvayeh 8/2
- 72) Turkduva **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*
 common, recorded daily



White-throated Kingfisher, Mazrae Seh. (Mattias Ullman)

- 73) Palmduva **Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis*
common, recorded daily, but less numerous than Eurasian Collared Dove
- 74) Blek tornseglare **Pallid Swift** *Apus pallidus*
300–500 birds 2/2, 5 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 20 Tavahe 4/2, 30 birds 5/2, 750 Mazrae Seh 6/2,
450 Tavahe 6/2, 50 birds 7/2, small numbers 8/2
- 75) Indisk blåkråka **Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis*
1 west of Shushtar 3/2, 1 along the road and 1 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 1 along the road 6/2, 2
Helveh 7/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 76) Smyrnakungsfiskare **White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
common, c. 10 birds recorded most days
- 77) Kungsfiskare **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
rather common, 1–4 birds recorded daily



Pied Kingfisher, Tavahe. (Mattias Ullman)

- 78) Gråfiskare **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis*
common, recorded daily up to 10 or 20 birds; figures at Tavahe were exceptional: 75 on
4/2 and 170 (!) on 6/2
- 79) Grön dvärgbiätare **Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*
not very common, but seen a couple of times, e.g. along the road; also 3 west of Shushtar
3/2, 7 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2
- 80) Tornfalk **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*
2 birds 2/2, 1 Helveh 3/2, 1 along the road 4/2, 1 along the road 5/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1
Helveh 7/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2, Borvayeh 8/2
- 81) Stenfalk **Merlin** *Falco columbarius*
1 Sade Shavar 2/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2, 2 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 82) Isabellatörnskata **Isabelline Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus*
4 birds 2/2, 2 Helveh 3/2, 2 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2 + 2 along the road 4/2, 2 Shavoor River 4/2,
3 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 3 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 2 along the road and 2 Tavahe 6/2, 6 birds 7/2, 6
south of Mazrae Seh 8/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2, 2 Tavahe 8/2; c. 60% where sex determined
where males



Isabelline Shrike, adult male, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 83) Ökenvarfågel **Southern Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis aucheri*
 1 Sade Shavar 2/2, 2 along the road and 1 Helveh 3/2, 1 along the road + 1 Tavahe 4/2, 1
 along the road 6/2, 3 near Helveh and 1 along the road 7/2, 2 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 84) Saxaulvarfågel **Steppe Grey Shrike** *Lanius pallidirostris*
 1 Sade Shavar 6/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2



Mesopotamian Crow, near Helveh 3 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 85) Mesopotamisk kråka **Mesopotamian Crow** *Corvus cornix capellanus*
 1 along the road and 5 Helveh 3/2, 5 along the road and 5 Shadegan Wildlife Refuge 5/2, 2
 Helveh 7/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 86) Pungmes **Penduline Tit** *Remiz pendulinus*
 2 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 10 Shavoor River 4/2, 2 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2



Oriental Skylark, north of Seyed Abbas 7 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 87) Mindre sånglärka **Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula*
1–2 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 20 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 7 + 2 Borvayeh 8/2; we concluded that Oriental Skylark is a regular winter bird in Khuzestan
- 88) Sånglärka **Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*
1,000s 2/2, small numbers Helveh 3/2, 250 Tavahe 4/2, 30 Karkeh Koor 5/2, a few 100s 6/2, 100 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 100 + 500 Borvayeh 8/2, 100 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 89) Tofslärka **Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata*
common, seen daily; 100 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2
- 90) Kalanderlärka **Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra*
7 Borvayeh 8/2
- 91) Vitkindad bulbyl **White-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus leucotis*
common, small numbers seen virtually everywhere
- 92) Backsvala **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*
10 birds 2/2, 1 Tavahe 4/2, 1 Sarakhyeh 5/2
- 93) Ladusvala **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
small numbers seen daily
- 94) Hussvala **House Martin** *Delichon urbicum*
4 birds 2/2, 1 along the road and 100 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 1 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 1 Tavahe 6/2
- 95) Rostgumpsvåla **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*
1 Sarakhyeh 5/2



Plain Leaf Warbler, Helveh 3 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 96) Cettisångare **Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti*
1 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 2 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 97) Gransångare **Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*
very common, recorded in virtually any habitat; all birds calling with a *tristis*-type *iip*, but with green upperparts like *abietinus* or slightly greener, off-white underparts; no or very little yellow visible except for underwing
- 98) Dvärgsångare **Plain Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus neglectus*
2 Helveh 3/2



Hume's Leaf Warbler, Shushtar Water Mills 3 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 99) Bergtajgasångare **Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*
1 opposite the bridge at Shushtar Water Mills 3/2
- 100) Papyrussångare **Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus*
1 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 1 Shavoor River 4/2, 1 Tavahe 4/2, 2 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 1 Sade Shavar 6/2, 1 Tavahe 6/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 7/2



Moustached Warbler, south of Mazrae Seh 8 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 101) Kaveldunsångare **Moustached Warbler** *Acrocephalus melanopogon*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 10 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 20 Shavoor River 4/2, 4 singing Sarakhyeh 5/2, 1 Sade Shavar 6/2, 8 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 10 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 3 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 102) Streckad prinia **Graceful Prinia** *Prinia gracilis*
common, small numbers recorded daily in may sites
- 103) Iraskriktrast **Iraq Babbler** *Turdoides altirostris*
common: 6 Sade Shavar 2/2, 2 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 10 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 6 Shavoor River 4/2, 2 Nasiriyeh 5/2, 15 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 2 Sade Shavar 6/2, 8 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 20 Mazrae Seh

7/2, 5 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2; restricted to narrow belts of reed, usually along canals or ditches



Iraq Babbler, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 104) Afghanskriktrast **Afghan Babbler** *Turdoides huttoni*
common, somewhat more numerous than Iraq Babbler: rather common Sade Shavar 2/2, 40 Helveh 3/2, small numbers along the road and 10 west of Shushtar 3/2, 10 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 5 along the road 6/2, 5 along the road and 10 Helveh 7/2, 40 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2; much wider choice of habitat than Iraq Babbler, often in various types of scrub; and, quite unlike Iraq Babbler, regularly feeding on the ground in open setting



Afghan Babbler, west of Shushtar 3 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 105) Ärtsångare **Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca jaxartica/halimodendri*
2 Helveh 3/2, 3 Helveh 7/2

- 106) Stare **Common Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
small numbers recorded daily; rather common 6/2
- 107) Koltrast **Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula*
3 Helveh 3/2
- 108) Svarthalsad trast **Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*
1 Helveh 3/2
- 109) Taltrast **Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*
20 birds 2/2, 10 Helveh 3/2, 5 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 2 Helveh 7/2, 1 Mazrae Yek 7/2, 5 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 110) Rödhake **Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 Ahvaz 2/3, 30 Helveh 3/2, 2 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 1 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 1 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 1 Helveh 7/2
- 111) Blåhake **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*
4 birds 2/2, 5 Helveh 3/2, 10 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 2 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 4 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 4 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 15 Helveh 7/2, 5 Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 112) Svart rödstjärt **Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros ochruros*
1 along the road 2/2, small numbers along the road and 20 Helveh 3/2, 2 west of Shushtar 3/2, 2 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 1 along the road 5/2, 1 Sade Shavar 6/2
- 113) Blåtrast **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius*
1 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2
- 114) Svarthakad buskskvätta **European Stonechat** *Saxicola rubicola*
15 birds 2/2, 2 Helveh 3/2, 1 Shavoor River + 2 along the road 4/2, 3 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 1 Sade Shavar 6/2, 2 Helveh 7/2, 1 along the road 7/2, 2 Mazrae Yek 7/2, 3 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 3 south of Mazrae Seh 8/2, 1 Borvayeh 8/2



Left: European Stonechat, female, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Mattias Ullman)

Right: European Stonechat, 2cy male, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Magnus Ullman)



Left: European Stonechat, another female, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Magnus Ullman)
 Right: European Stonechat, adult male, Sade Shavar 2 February. (Magnus Ullman)



Left: European Stonechat, 2cy male, Helveh 7 February. (Magnus Ullman)
 Right: European Stonechat, male, Mazrae Seh 7 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 115) Vitgumpad buskskvätta **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus*
 1 female Tavahe 6/2, 1 male Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 male Borvayeh 7/2



Left: Siberian Stonechat, female, Tavahe 6 February. (Mattias Ullman)

Right: Siberian Stonechat, adult male, Borvayeh 7 February. (Mattias Ullman)

Saxicola maurus variegatus

2 males Helveh 3/2, 1 male Helveh 7/2



Left: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *variegatus*, male, Helveh 3 February. (Mattias Ullman)

Right: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *variegatus*, ad. male, Helveh 3 February. (Magnus Ullman)

Saxicola maurus hemprichii

2 males Mazrae Seh 2/2, 1 male Helveh 3/2, 2 males Mazrae Seh 6/2, 1 male Helveh 7/2, 3 males Mazrae Seh 7/2, 1 male Restaurant Gomide Talaii 8/2



Left: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, ad. male, Mazrae Seh 2 Feb. (Mattias Ullman)

Right: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, another ad. male, Mazrae Seh 2 Feb. (Magnus Ullman)



Left: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, ad. male, Mazrae Seh 6 Feb. (Magnus Ullman)

Right: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, another ad. male, Mazrae Seh 6 Feb. (Mattias Ullman)



Left: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, ad. male, Helveh 7 February (Magnus Ullman)
 Right: Siberian Stonechat ssp. *hemprichii*, ad. male, Mazrae Seh 7 Feb. (Mattias Ullman)

- 116) Isabellastenskvätta **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina*
 1 Helveh 3/2, 2 along the road and 2 west of Shushtar 3/2, 2 Helveh 7/2
- 117) Svartvit stenskvätta **Hume's Wheatear** *Oenanthe albonigra*
 1 along the road west of Shushtar 3/2
- 118) Gråsparv **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
 common, seen daily
- 119) Spansk sparv **Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis*
 numerous 2/2, 10 Helveh 3/2, 50 Mazrae Seh 6/2, rather common 7/2, rather common 8/2



Dead Sea Sparrow, Mazrae Seh 7 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 120) Tamariskparv **Dead Sea Sparrow** *Passer moabiticus*
 2 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 11 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 7 Mazrae Seh 7/2; nests seen in several other sites
 (but not where birds recorded)
- 121) Citronärsla **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
 50 birds 2/2, 110 Tavahe 4/2, 20 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 60 Tavahe 6/2, 10 Mazrae Seh 7/2, 20
 Tavahe 8/2



Citrine Wagtail, Ullman's Post, Tavahe 8 February. (Mattias Ullman)

- 122) Forsärla **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
2 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2
- 123) Sädesärla **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
common, seen daily (in most habitats)
- 124) Större piplärka **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
1 Mahmyeh 2/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 125) Fältpiplärka **Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris*
1 Mazrae Seh 6/2
- 126) Ängspiplärka **Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*
10 Mahmyeh 2/2, 2 Tavahe 4/2, 2 Tavahe 6/2
- 127) Rödstrupig piplärka **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*
20 Tavahe 4/2, 1 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 7 Tavahe 6/2, 2 Tavahe 8/2



Water Pipit, west of Shushtar 3 February. (Magnus Ullman)

- 128) Vattenpiplärka **Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta coutellii*
 remarkably common, occurring in both wet and obviously dry habitats: 50 birds 2/2, 20 Helveh 3/2, 2 Shushtar Water Mills 3/2, 10 west of Shushtar 3/2, 20 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 10 along the road and 250 Tavahe 4/2, 30 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 30 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 30 Tavahe 6/2, 30 birds 7/2, 10 + 10 Borvayeh 8/2, 25 Tavahe 8/2
- 129) Bofink **Common Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*
 1 Mazrae Seh 2/2, 20 Helveh 3/2, 2 west of Shushtar 3/2, Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 1 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 10 Helveh 7/2, small numbers Mazrae Seh 7/2
- 130) Hämpling **Common Linnet** *Linaria cannabina bella*
 6 Ali Zoghayeh 4/2, 3 Borvayeh 8/2
- 131) Kornsparv **Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra*
 small numbers recorded daily, largest numbers 30 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 30 south of Mazrae She 8/2, 80 Borvayeh 8/2
- 132) Sävspurv **Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*
 2 Sade Shavar 2/2, 4 Shavoor River 4/2, 1 Sarakhyeh 5/2, 3 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 10 Mazrae Seh 6/2, 60 north of Seyed Abbas 7/2, 10 + 5 Borvayeh 8/2

Mammals

- 1) Indisk mungo **Indian Grey Mongoose** *Herpestes edwardsii*
 1 Sade Shavar 2/2, 1 Karkeh Koor 5/2, 2 Mazrae Yek 7/2, 2 north of Mazrae Seh 8/2
- 2) Sjakal **Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus*
 1 along the road 4/2, one group heard Tavahe 4/2
 Obest. fladdermus **Unid. bat** *Vespertilionide sp.*
 1 along the road 4/2, 1 near Tavahe 8/2



We are offered coffee at Shushtar Water Mills. (Per Øystein Klunderud)