

Iran NE November–December 2018

- November 29 Lar, Damavand, Polour, Fereydoun Kenar Damgah, htl in Babolsar
 November 30 Abbandan Babolsar, Abbandan Zarrin Kola, htl in Gorgan
 December 1 Chapaghly, East Khajeh Nafas Port, Khajeh Nafas Port, Gomishan area, Panseaco Shrimpsite, htl in Gorgan
 December 2 Abbandan Mohammad Abad, Alagol Lake, htl in Gorgan
 December 3 Panseaco Shrimpsite, Gomishan Wetland, Ghala Hajigeldikhan, Gomishan area, Gomishan, htl in Gorgan
 December 4 Botanic Garden Hotel, Ajigol Lake, Incheh Boroon, Almagol Lake, Alagol Lake, htl in Gorgan
 December 5 Kolajan Sadat, Kolajan Qajar, South Alagol Lake, Shour Lake, htl in Minudasht
 December 6 Guzni Tapeh, Keshto Sanat, Kheyr Khvageh, Qizlar, htl in Minudasht
 December 7 Dasht Café, Mirza Bayloo, Dasht DOE, Dasht Valley, Golestan NP, htl in Minudasht
 December 8 Til Abad, Ghatri, Tepal, htl in Shahmirzad
 December 9 Shahmirzad, Parvar South, Parvar Breakfast Site, Parvar DOE, Kaverd Gorge, Parvar Garden



Taxonomy essentially follows

Khaleghizadeh, A. *et al.* 2017. *Birds of Iran: annotated checklist of the species and subspecies*. Tehran.

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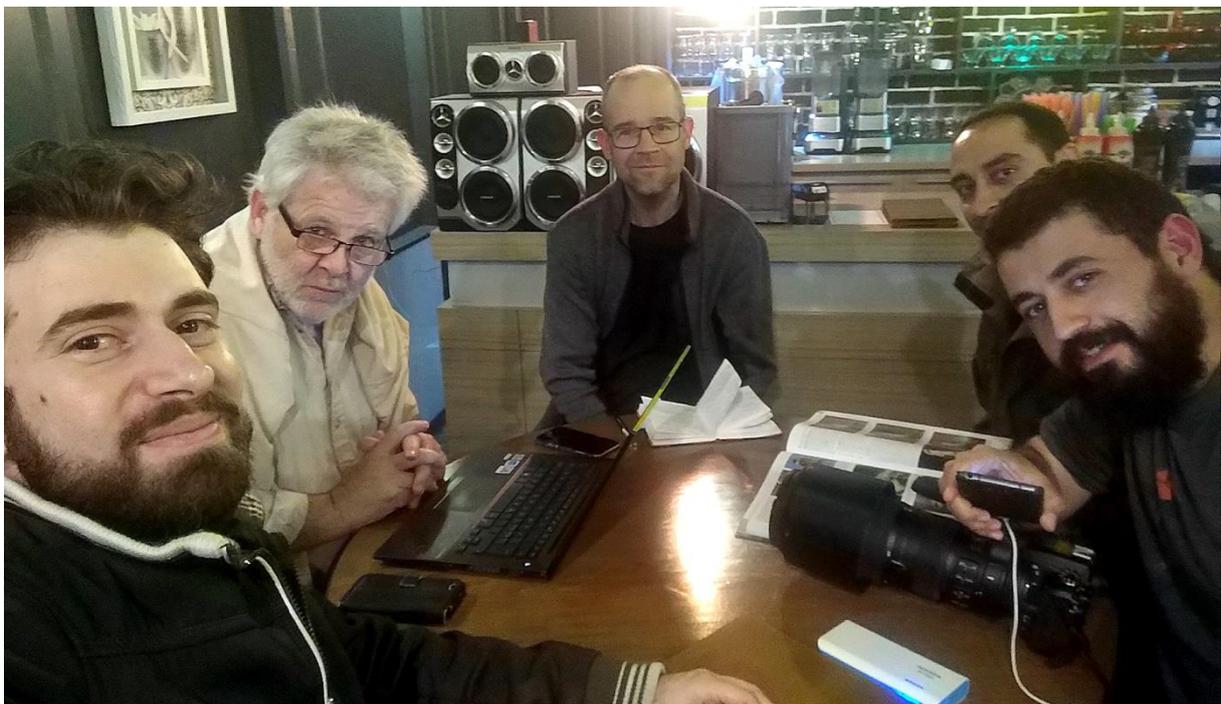


The new *Handbook of Western Palearctic Birds* at hand each dinner for reference. Ehsan and Mattias, Minudasht December 5. (Magnus Ullman)



Scanning at Khajeh Nafas Port December 1. Ehsan, Magnus and Mattias. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

1. Grågås **Greylag Goose** *Anser anser*
200 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
2. Knölsvan **Mute Swan** *Cygnus olor*
50 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12
3. Sångsvan **Whooper Swan** *Cygnus cygnus*
2 Alagol 2/12 + Alagol 4/12, 1 Shour Lake 5/12
4. Gravand **Common Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*
15 Alagol 2/12, 3200 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, several hundred Shour Lake 5/12
5. Rostand **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
28 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 50 Chapaghly 1/12, 20 Gomishan Wetland 3/12
6. Snatterand **Gadwall** *Anas strepera*
30 Alagol 2/12, 40 Shour Lake 5/12
7. Bläsand **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope*
5 Shour Lake 5/12
8. Gräsand **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*
recorded Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 5,000 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, common Alagol 2/12, common Gomishan Wetland 3/12, common Alagol 4/12, recorded Shour Lake 5/12
9. Skedand **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*
5 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 10 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 10 Alagol 2/12, 5 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 50 Alagol 4/12, 40 Shour Lake 5/12
10. Stjärtand **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
17 Gomishan area 3/12, 4 Shour Lake 5/12
11. Kricka **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca*
1,000 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 30 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, thousands Alagol 2/12, common Gomishan Wetland 3/12, recorded Alagol 4/12, recorded Shour Lake 5/12
12. Rödhuvad dykand **Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina*
1 Ajigol 4/12
13. Brunand **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*
70 Alagol 2/12, 10 Ajigol 4/12, recorded Shour Lake 5/12
14. Småskrake **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator*
2 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12



Doing the bird list, Minudasht December 6: Mohammad Reza, Magnus, Mattias, Abraham & Ehsan. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

15. Berghöna **Chuckar** *Alectoris chukar*
some Dasht Café 7/12, heard Til Abad 8/12, 8 Tepal 8/12, common Parvar 9/12
16. Svart frankolin **Black Francolin** *Francolinus francolinus*
1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 1 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Almagol 4/12
17. Smådopping **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
3 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 5 Almagol 4/12, 1 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12
18. Skäggdopping **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
100 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 3 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12
19. Svarthalsad dopping **Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*
5 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, 190 Shour Lake 5/12
20. Större flamingo **Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*
140 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 720 Alagol 2/12, 7800 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 720 Alagol 4/12, 800 Shour Lake 5/12
21. Bronsibis **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*
5 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
22. Skedstork **Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
23. Rördrom **Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*
1 Chapaghly 1/12
24. Dvärgrördrom **Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus*
1 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11
25. Kohäger **Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
8 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
26. Gråhäger **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
30 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 5 birds 30/11, small numbers 1/12, fairly common Alagol 2/12, fairly common Gomishan area 3/12, a few 4/12, 1 along the road 6/12
27. Ägretthäger **Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
3 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 2 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 440 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 130 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 10 Alagol 2/12, common Gomishan area 3/12, some Alagol 4/12



Late field breakfast, Til Abad December 8: Abraham, Ehsan & Magnus (while Mattias is birding).
(Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

28. Silkeshäger **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
250 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 70 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 5 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, small numbers + 30 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 10 Alagol 2/12, fairly common Gomishan area 3/12, some Alagol 4/12
29. Krushuvad pelikan **Dalmatian Pelican** *Pelecanus crispus*
120 Gomishan area 1/12, 120 South Alagol 5/12
30. Storskarv **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*
recorded Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, recorded 30/11, recorded 1/12, recorded 2/12, recorded 3/12, recorded 4/12, small numbers Shour Lake 5/12
31. Lammgam **Bearded Vulture** *Gypaetus barbatus*
1 Polour 29/11, 1 Dasht Café 7/12
32. Stäppörn **Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis*
1 Lar 29/11, 1 Botanic hotel 2/12, 4 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
33. Kejsarörn **Eastern Imperial Eagle** *Aquila heliaca*
1 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 2 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
34. Kungsörn **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos*
1 Polour 29/11, 1 Dasht Café 7/12, 1 along the road 8/12, 1 (+ 1?) east Shahmirzad 9/12
35. Shikra **Shikra** *Accipiter badius*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
36. Sparvhök **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*
1 Lar 29/11, 3 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 2 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 5 birds 3/12, 3 birds 4/12, 2 along the road 5/12, 2 birds 6/12, 1 along the road 7/12
37. Duvhök **Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*
1 Parvar DOE 9/12
38. Brun kärrhök **Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
2 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 10 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 15 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 20 Gomishan area 1/12, 3 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 3 Alagol 2/12, 25 Gomishan area 3/12, 15 birds 4/12, 5 birds 5/12, 4 birds 6/12
39. Blå kärrhök **Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 2 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 1 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 4 Gomishan area 1/12, 4 Alagol 2/12, 12 Gomishan area 3/12, 2 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Alagol 4/12, 3 Shour Lake 5/12, 6 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12, 2 Dasht DOE 7/12, Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12; a little more than 50 % were adult males
40. Stäpphök **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus*
1 ad male Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 1 female-type Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 1 adult male Guzni Tapeh 6/12, 1 ad male Keshto Sanat 6/12



Pallid Harrier, Guzni Tapeh December 6. (Magnus Ullman)

41. Brun glada **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
1 along the road 30/11, 35 at a small rubbish dump southwest of Minudasht 8/12
42. Havsörn **White-tailed Eagle** *Haliaeetus albicilla*
15 Gomishan area 1/12, 1 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 4 Alagol 2/12, 10 Gomishan area 3/12, 5 birds 4/12, 4 birds 5/12, 1 along the road + 1 Guzni Tapeh 6/12
43. Örnvråk **Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus*
2 Lar 29/11, 1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 5 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 6 Alagol 2/12, 6 Gomishan area 3/12, 10 birds 4/12, 8 birds 5/12, 28 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12, 10 birds 7/12, 3 along the road 8/12, 1 along the road 9/12
44. Ormvråk **Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
45. Vattenrall **Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*
2 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 2 Alagol 2/12, 1 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Almagol 4/12
46. Rörhöna **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*
1 Ajigol 4/12
47. Sothöna **Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra*
30 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 20 South Alagol 5/12
48. Snötrana **Siberian Crane** *Leucogeranus leucogeranus*
1 (by the name of “Omid” meaning “Hope”) Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
49. Stytlöpare **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
50 Alagol 2/12, 1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, recorded Alagol 4/12
50. Skärfläcka **Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*
35 Alagol 2/12, 70 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 20 Shour Lake 5/12
51. Tofsvipa **Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*
3,000–5,000 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 100 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, small numbers Gomishan area 1/12, 10 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 20 Ghala Hajigeldikhan 3/12
52. Sumpvipa **White-tailed Lapwing** *Vanellus leucurus*
4 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
53. Ljungpipare **European Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*
110 Chapaghly 1/12, 6 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12
54. Kustpipare **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
10 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 5 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12
55. Större strandpipare **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*
100 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 10 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 50 Shour Lake 5/12
56. Svartbent strandpipare **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*
50 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 10 Shour Lake 5/12
57. Ökenpipare **Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*
6 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12
58. Rödspov **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*
30 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 600 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 270 Alagol 2/12, 200 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, common including hundreds migrating W at sunset Alagol 4/12
59. Kärrsnäppa **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*
7,500 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 2,400 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 200 Shour Lake 5/12
60. Småsnäppa **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*
20 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 5 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 10 Shour Lake 5/12
61. Morkulla **Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
62. Enkelbeckasin **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*
10 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 60 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 10 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 20 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 15 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12
63. Skogssnäppa **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
3 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 10 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 10 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 3 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 6 along the road 2/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, 5 Gomishan area 3/12, 1 Ajigol 4/12

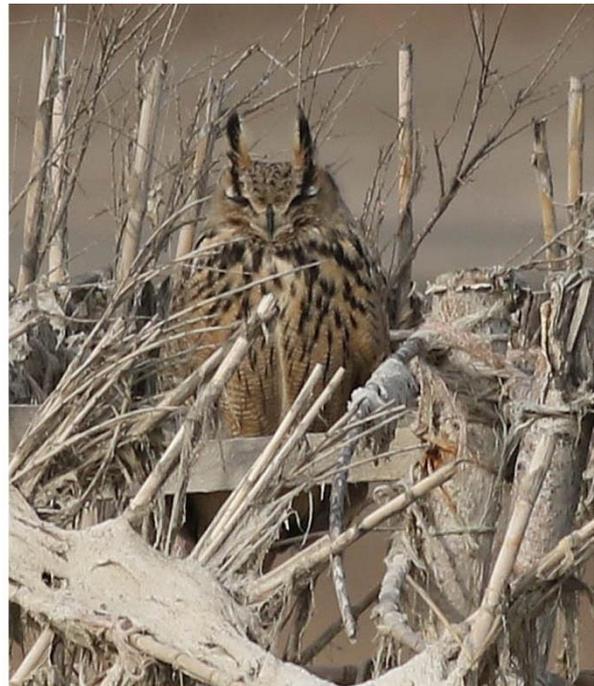
64. Rödbena **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*
 10 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 300 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, common Alagol 2/12, 500
 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, recorded Alagol 4/12, common Shour Lake 5/12
65. Dammsnäppa **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*
 6 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 10 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 25 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 5
 Gomishan Wetland 3/12



Marsh Sandpiper, Khajeh Nafas Port December 1. (Magnus Ullman)

66. Grönbena **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
 15 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11
67. Svartsnäppa **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*
 1 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 3 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 30 Alagol 2/12, 15 Gomishan area 3/12,
 recorded Alagol 4/12
68. Gluttsnäppa **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
 70 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 30 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 2 Gomishan Wetland 3/12
69. Långnäbbad mås **Slender-billed Gull** *Chroicocephalus genei*
 20 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 50 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 60 Alagol 2/12, 10 Panseaco
 Shrimpsite 3/12, recorded Alagol 4/12, 3 Shour Lake 5/12
70. Skratmås **Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
 common Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 2 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, some Gomishan area
 1/12, some Alagol 2/12, some 3/12, some Alagol 4/12, 2800 Shour Lake 5/12
71. Svarthuvad trut **Pallas's Gull** *Ichthyaeetus ichthyaeetus*
 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12
72. Fiskmås **Common Gull** *Larus canus*
 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 10 Gomishan Wetland 3/12
73. Kaspisk trut **Caspian Gull** *Larus cachinnans*
 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12
74. Stäpptrut **Steppe Gull** *Larus fuscus barabensis*
 1 Gomishan Wetland 3/12; also several distant unidentified probably *cachinnans/barabensis* near
 the Caspian Sea and around the Alagol Lakes
75. Vitbukig flyghöna **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** *Pterocles alchata caudacutus*
 10,000 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 2,000 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 18,000 along the road
 Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
76. Svartbukig flyghöna **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** *Pterocles orientalis*
 7 Keshto Sanat 6/12
77. Klippduva **Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
 small numbers Lar 29/11, 10 Mirza Bayloo 7/12
 [Tamduva **Feral Rock Dove** *Columba livia* (domest.)]
 common, recorded daily

78. Ringduva **Common Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus*
1 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12, 15 along the road + 1 Sharud 8/12
79. Turkduva **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*
3 near Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 5 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 2 Alagol 2/12, 5 Gomishan 3/12, 50 birds 6/12, 10 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 20 Dasht DOE 7/12
80. Palmduva **Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis*
1 Amol 29/11, 1 Babolsar 30/11
81. Berguv **Eurasian Eagle-Owl** *Bubo bubo*
1 Shour Lake 5/12



Eurasian Eagle-Owl, Shour Lake December 5. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

82. Minervauggla **Little Owl** *Athene noctua bactriana*
2 East Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 3 Ghala Hajigeldikhan 3/12 + 1 along the road 3/12, 1 along the road + 1 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Almagol 4/12, 1 along the road + 1 South Alagol 5/12, 13 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12, 1 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12
83. Jorduggla **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*
1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12
84. Kungsfiskare **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 5 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 3 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 2 Alagol 2/12
85. Balkanspett **Syrian Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos syriacus*
1 Shahmirzad 9/12
86. Tornfalk **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*
10 birds 30/11, 2 Gomishan area 1/12, 7 birds 2/12, 10 Gomishan area 3/12, 5 birds 4/12, 5 birds 5/12, 10 birds 6/12, 5 birds 7/12, 5 along the road 8/12, 1 along the road 9/12
87. Stenfalk **Merlin** *Falco columbarius*
1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 3 Gomishan area 3/12, 1 Ghala Hajigeldikhan 3/12, 1 South Alagol 5/12, 1 along the road 6/12
88. Pilgrimsfalk **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
1 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11
89. Skata **Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica bactriana*
common, seen daily in virtually all habitats, particularly numerous 29/11

90. Alpkråka **Red-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax docilis*
5 Lar 29/11, 20 Dasht DOE 7/12, 20 Ghatri 8/12, heard Tepal 8/12, registered all Parvar sites including 30 Parvar Garden 9/12



Ghatri December 8. (Abraham Shokouhi)

91. Kaja **Western Jackdaw** *Coloeus monedula soemmerringii*
37 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12, 5 Qizlar 6/12, 130 Minudasht 8/12
92. Råka **Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*
thousands Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, common 30/11 – 3/12 and 6/12, small numbers 7/12, 3,000 Minudasht 8/12
93. Gråkråka **Hooded Crow** *Corvus cornix sharpii*
recorded 29/11, recorded 30/11, 1/12, a few 5/12, 6/12, very common 7/12, common 8/12, common 9/12
94. Korp **Northern Raven** *Corvus corax*
2 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 4 Daesht 7/12, 2 Khosh Yeylagh pass 8/12, 1 along the road 8/12
95. Svartmes **Coal Tit** *Periparus ater*
1 Parvar DOE 9/12
96. Talgoxe **Great Tit** *Parus major major*
rather common Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 5 Kolajan Sadat 5/12, 3 Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 1 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12 (a surprise to find this “green” subspecies in tamarix close to the Turkmenistan border where we expected *P.m. intermedius*), 3 Dasht DOE 7/12, some Sharud 8/12, 1 Parvar DOE 9/12
Parus major intermedius: 2–3 Almagol 4/12; (3 heard unidentified Great Tit-type birds Kheyr Khvageh 6/12 may well have been this subspecies; very skulking and only seen flying, not perched, although they were for long time (probably some 30 minutes in total) very close in tamarix, attracted by played nominate Great Tit song and calls; call and song similar to nominate Great Tit; subspecies recently reassigned from Cinereous Tit *Parus cinereus* to Great Tit

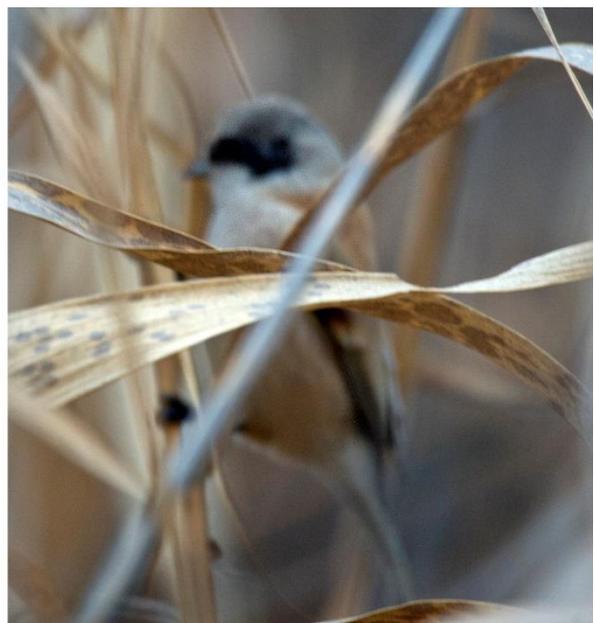


Great Tit *Parus major intermedius*, Almagol December 4 (left & middle Magnus Ullman, right Mohammad Reza Kashf)

97. Vitkronad pungmes **White-crowned Penduline Tit** *Remiz coronatus*
5 Alagol 2/12, 2 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12



White-crowned Penduline Tit, two different birds, Alagol December 2. (Ehsan Talebi)



White-crowned Penduline Tit, probably two different birds, Kheyr Khvageh December 6. (Magnus Ullman)

98. Trädläarka **Woodlark** *Lullula arborea pallida*
13 Botanic Garden Hotel 4/12, 5 Kolajan Sadat 5/12
99. Sångläarka **Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*
6 Lar 29/11, 5 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 100 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 50 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, a couple of hundred Gomishan area 1/12, 10 Alagol 2/12, 30 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 130 Ajigol 4/12, 200 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
100. Tofslärka **Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata iwanowi*
common, recorded daily 1–8/12
101. Bergläarka **Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris penicillata*
45 Lar 29/11, 4 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 2 Ghatri 8/12, 10 Parvar South 9/12, 10 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12
102. Kalanderläarka **Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra*
300 Chapaghly 1/12, 20 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 20,000–30,000 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, common Alagol 2/12, 6,000 Gomishan Wetland 3/12, 3 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Alagol 4/12, 100 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
103. Dvärgläarka **Lesser Short-toed Lark** *Alaudala rufescens*
30 Chapaghly 1/12, 150 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 100 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 3 Alagol 2/12, 800 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 20 Ajigol 4/12, 30 Alagol 4/12, 100 South Alagol 5/12, 30 Shour Lake 5/12, 10 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12
104. Cettisångare **Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti orientalis*
5 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 5 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 5 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, fairly common Ajigol 4/12 + Almagol 4/12 + Alagol 4/12, 5 birds 6/12



Focusing on Scrub Warbler (Ehsan, Mattias & Magnus) or focusing on photographers (Abraham)? Mirza Bayloo December 7. (Abraham Shokouhi)

105. Snårsångare **Scrub Warbler** *Scotocerca inquieta montana*
2 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 2 Dasht DOE 7/12, 10 Til Abad 8/12, 2 Ghatri 8/12, 6 Tepal 8/12, 3 Parvar South 9/12, 3 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12



Scrub Warbler, Mirza Bayloo December 7. (Magnus Ullman)

106. Stjærtmes **Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus alpinus*

2 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11

107. Gransångare **Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*

small numbers Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11; *collybita/abietinus*-type call: 1 Alagol 2/12; *tristis*-type call: 1 Alagol 2/12, 3 Ajigol 4/12, 6 Almagol 4/12, 3 Kolajan Sadat 5/12, 2 Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 14 birds 6/12



Chiffchaff, Almagol December 4. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

108. Bergtjgasångare **Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*

1 Kolajan Sadat 5/12



Hume's Leaf Warbler, Kolajan Sadat December 5. (Ehsan Talebi)

109. Kaveldunsångare **Moustached Warbler** *Acrocephalus melanopogon mimicus*
4 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 2 Alagol 2/12, 9 Almagol 4/12, 2 Alagol 4/12



Moustached Warbler, Almagol December 4. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

110. Svarthätta **Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*
1 Kolajan Sadat 5/12, 2 Kolajan Qajar 5/12
111. Gärdsmyg **Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes hyrcanus*
1 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 1 Botanic Garden Hotel 4/12, 1 Almagol 4/12, 1 Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 1 Guzni Tapeh 6/12
112. Klippnötväcka **Western Rock Nuthatch** *Sitta neumayer rupicola*
6 Lar 29/11, 2 along the road + 6 Til Abad 8/12, 2 Ghatri 8/12, 2 Parvar South 9/12, 2 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12
113. Brun majna **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
1 Gomishan 3/12, 10 along the road + 20 south of Kheyr Khvageh 6/12, 2 Daesht 7/12
114. Stare **Common Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
common 29/11, fairly common 30/11, small numbers Gomishan area 1/12, common 2/12, fairly common 3/12, fairly common 4/12, some 5/12, numerous 6/12, some 8/12
115. Koltrast **Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula*
1 Guzni Tapeh 6/12, Til Abad 8/12
116. Svarthalsad trast **Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*
1 Tepal 8/12, 10 Parvar DOE 9/12, 1 Kaverd Gorge 9/12, 5 Parvar Garden 9/12



Black-throated Thrush, Parvar Garden December 9. (Magnus Ullman)

117. Rödvingetrast **Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*
1 East Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12

118. Taltrast **Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*
10 Kolajan Sadat 5/12, 5 Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 3 Guzni Tapeh 6/12, 1 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12, 2 Dasht DOE 7/12
119. Rödhake **Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*
common Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 2 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 2 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, many Botanical Garden Hotel 1/12, 1 Botanical 2/12, 2 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, 2 Botanical 3/12, 4 Botanic Garden Hotel 4/12, fairly common Kolajan Sadat 5/12 + Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 3 Guzni Tapeh 6/12, 1 Kheyr Khvageh 6/12
120. Blåhake **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*
1 Alagol 2/12
121. Altajrödstart **Eversmann's Redstart** *Phoenicurus erythronotus*
1 Til Abad 8/12, 3 Ghatri 8/12, 1 Tepal 8/12, 4 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12, 2 Parvar DOE 9/12; of the totally 11 birds 6 or 7 were adult males



Eversmann's Redstart, Parvar December 9. Left: female (Magnus Ullman). Right: male (Mattias Ullman)

122. Svart rödstart **Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*
15 Gomishan area 1/12, 1 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, 2 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, 1 Gomishan + 1 3/12, 2 (including 1 adult black-bellied male) Ajigol 4/12, 1 Alagol 4/12, 1 Kolajan Qajar 5/12, 8 birds 6/12, 2 Til Abad 8/12, Ghatri 8/12
123. Stenskvätta **Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*
1 male Polour 29/11
124. Ökenstenskväta **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti*
1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12



Finsch's Wheatear, 1 cy male (left), female (right). Alagol December 2. (Mattias Ullman)

125. Finschstenskvättä **Finsch's Wheatear** *Oenanthe finschii barnesi*
 14 1cy males + 5 females Alagol 2/12, 1 female along the road 4/12, 7 males + 2 females Ajigol 4/12, 6 males + 2 females Alagol 4/12 (3 of these new birds), 5 males + 1 female South Alagol 5/12, 4 males + 1 female Shour Lake 5/12, 1 female along the road – all new except 1 South Alagol 5/12 (this means that a total of 35 different birds were recorded around the Alagol Lakes on 2/12 + 5/12), 55 (29 males + 26 females) along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12, 7 birds 7/12, 4 males + 1 female Til Abad 8/12
126. Strömstare **White-throated Dipper** *Cinclus cinclus caucasicus*
 1 Kaverd Gorge 9/12
127. Gråsparv **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus hyrcanus*
 recorded daily, usually in small numbers
128. Spansk sparv **Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus*
 common Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 15 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, at least 100 Alagol 2/12, a few Ajigol 4/12, at least 100 Alagol 4/12, 5 Shour Lake 5/12, 13 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 15 Dasht DOE 7/12
129. Pilfink **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
 1 Polour 29/11, small numbers Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 5 Dasht Café 7/12, some Mirza Bayloo 7/12
130. Stensparv **Rock Sparrow** *Petronia petronia exigua*
 10 Lar 29/11, 70 Dasht DOE 7/12, 35 Parvar South 9/12
131. Svartkronad järnsparv **Radde's Accentor** *Prunella ocularis*
 1 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 1 (only heard) near Dasht Café 7/12, 5 Til Abad 8/12, 2 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12, 2 Parvar DOE 9/12



Radde's Accentor. Left: Mirza Bayloo December 7 (Magnus Ullman). Right: Til Abad December 8 (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

132. Järnsparv **Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*
 1 Botanical Garden Hotel 1/12 + 3/12, 2 Kolajan Sadat 5/12, 2 Kolajan Qajar 5/12
133. Gulärä **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*
 1 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 1 Ajigol 4/12
134. Citronärä **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
 5 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 1 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 10 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, 1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, recorded Ajigol 4/12
135. Forsärä **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
 1 Kolajan Sadat 5/12

136. Sädesärila **White Wagtail** "*Motacilla alba*

M. a. alba: 29/11, common Abbandan Babolsar + Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11, common Gomishan area 1/12, 1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, recorded Ajigol 4/12

M. a. 'dukhunensis': common Abbandan Babolsar + Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11

M. a. personata: 1–2 Botanical Garden Hotel 1–3/12, 1 Panseaco Shrimpsite 1/12, 10 Alagol 2/12, 2 Panseaco Shrimpsite 3/12, recorded Ajigol 4/12, some 6/12, rather common 7/12, fairly common 8/12, some Shahmirzad 9/12



White Wagtail *Motacilla alba personata* Botanic Garden Hotel, Gorgan December 4. (Magnus Ullman)

137. Större piplärka **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*

1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12



Richard's Pipit, Khajeh Nafas Port December 1. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

138. Fältpiplärka **Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris*

1 Alagol 2/12, 1 Almagol 4/12, 1 Alagol 4/12, 3 South Alagol 5/12, 1 Shour Lake 5/12

139. Ängspiplärka **Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*

fairly common 29/11 – 6/12, recorded daily, largest numbers 15 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 20 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11 and 20 birds 4/12; also a few Dasht DOE 7/12



Meadow Pipit, Gomishan area December 1. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

140. Rödstrupig pipilärka **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*
1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12
141. Vattenpiplärka **Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta coutellii*
10 Fereydoun Kenar Damgah 29/11, 30 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 100 Abbandan Zarrin Kola
30/11, 10 Gomishan area 1/12, 10 Abbandan Mohammad Abad 2/12, 1 Alagol 2/12, 10
Gomishan area 3/12, 5 birds 4/12
142. Bofink **Common Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*
fairly widespread in small numbers, recorded on 8 days throughout the trip
143. Bergfink **Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*
2 Dasht DOE 7/12
144. Grönfink **European Greenfinch** *Chloris chloris bilkevitchi*
1 Parvar DOE 9/12
145. Ökenfink **Desert Finch** *Rhodospiza obsoleta*
30 Almagol 4/12, 1 Mirza Bayloo 7/12
146. Vinterhämpling **Twite** *Linaria flavirostris*
8 Lar 29/11
147. Hämpling **Common Linnet** *Linaria cannabina bella*
25 Lar 29/11, 4 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 5 Dasht DOE 7/12, 10 Khosh Yeylag pass 8/12, 5 Parvar
South 9/12, 3 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12



European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis paropanis*, Mirza Bayloo December 7. (Ehsan Talebi)

148. Steglits **European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis parapanisi*
 1 Mirza Bayloo 7/12, 1 Dasht DOE 7/12, 1 Parvar DOE 9/1
149. Rödpannad gulhämpling **Red-fronted Serin** *Serinus pusillus*
 1 Lar 29/11, 5 Til Abad 8/12, 10 Parvar DOE 9/12, 12 Parvar Garden 9/12



Red-fronted Serin, Parvar Garden December 9. (Magnus Ullman)

150. Grönsiska **Eurasian Siskin** *Spinus spinus*
 1 East Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Botanic Garden Hotel 4/12, Shour Lake 5/12
151. Kornsparv **Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra calandra*
 fairly common, recorded nearly daily, including 50 Gomishan area 1/12, 30 along the road 4/12,
 30 along the road Gonbad-e Qabus – Turkmenistan border 6/12, 100 – 200 Dasht DOE 7/12
152. Gulsparv **Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella erythrogegens*
 2 Polour 29/11



Yellowhammer, Polour December 1. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

153. Klippsparv **Rock Bunting** *Emberiza cia prageri*
 6 Lar 29/11, 30 Til Abad 8/12, 5 Ghatri 8/12, 2 Parvar DOE 9/12
154. Sävsparv **Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*
 common and widespread, recorded daily 29/11 – 6/12, including 20 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11, 20
 Abbandan Zarrin Kola 30/11 and 20 Gomishan area 1/12; on several occasions on wires etc. well
 away from wetlands

MAMMALS

1. Sjakal **Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus*
1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Almagol 4/12, 1 hotel Shahmirzad 9/12
2. Rödräv **Red Fox** *Vulpes vulpes*
1 Ajigol 4/12, 1 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12
3. Djungelkatt **Jungle Cat** *Felis chaus*
1 Khajeh Nafas Port 1/12, 1 Alagol 2/12



Jungle Cat, Khajeh Nafas Port December 1 (left), Alagol December 2 (right). (Mattias Ullman)

4. Vildsvin **Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa*
3 + 5 Golestan NP 7/12
5. Besoarget **Persian Ibex** *Capra aegagrus*
20 Parvar 9/12
6. Afghansk piphare **Afghan Pika** *Ochotona rufescens*
8 Til Abad 8/12, 9 Parvar Breakfast Site 9/12, 5 Parvar Garden 9/12



Afghan Pika. Left: Til Abad December 8 (Mohammad Reza Kashfi). Right: Parvar Breakfast Site December 9 (Abraham Shokouhi)

7. Kaphare **Cape Hare** *Lepus capensis*
1 Dasht DOE 7/12

8. **Great Gerbil** *Rhombomys opimus*

common Alagol 2/12, common Ajigol 4/12 + Alagol 4/12, some South Alagol 5/12, common Shour Lake 5/12, some Mirza Bayloo 7/12, some (massive number of holes) Dasht DOE 7/12



Great Gerbil, Alagol December 2. (Mohammad Reza Kashfi)

REPTILES

1. **Snok Grass Snake** *Natrix natrix*

1 Abbandan Babolsar 30/11



Afghan Pika, Parvar Breakfast Site December 9. (Ehsan Talebi)