

**SYSTEMATIC LIST REPORT based on Oman Bird List
MUSCAT AREA - OMAN 21/2/99 - 02/03/99
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code	species	details etc.
0007	Little Grebe	1 or 2 present at Al Ansab include 1sp male
0012	Black-necked Grebe	c.12 at Al Ansab all week.
0072	Great Cormorant	small flock c.12 resident at Qurm Beach
0104	Night Heron	1 in creek attacked by House Crows and flew off to Qurm Park on 26/02/99.
0107	Striated Heron	1 or 2 at beach side creek resident
0111	Cattle Egret	small number c.4 at Al Ansab on 26/02/99
0118	Western Reef Heron	Qurm Beach and creek 2-3, Quriyat etc.
0119	Little Egret	Qurm Creek seen daily in small numbers.
0121	Great White Egret	Qurm Creek 27/02/99, 01, 02 /03/99
0122	Grey Heron	regular at Qurm Creek in small numbers
0142	Sacred Ibis	1 regular at Qurm Creek from 25/02/99 to 27/02/99 seen to be ringed with a metal ring.
0144	Spoonbill	associated with the 0142 above 25, 26, 27/02/99
0179	Wigeon	4 at Al Ansab on 26/02/99
0184	Teal	Qurm Creek several present on all visits
0186	Mallard	Qurm Creek less common than Teal
0189	Pintail	pair at Al Ansab on 26/02/99
0198	Pochard	4 at Al Ansab on 26/02/99
0203	Tufted Duck	Al Ansab on 26/02/99 drake
0247	Egyptian Vulture	seen at Bid Bid area, Quriyat Street and one at the Grand Mosque Athaiba on 02/03/99 with 50 + at Sunub on the same day.
0288	Long legged Buzz'd	1 near Al Hajir on Dhagmar Street 28/02/99
0294	Steppe Eagle	1 near Al Makhadah - Quriyat Street on 28/02/99 1 poss. 2 near Bid Bid on 26/02/99 and c.20 at Sunub on 02/03/99
0303	Lesser Kestrel	3 near turn to Al Markhaz - Quriyat St. on 28/02/99
0304	Kestrel	1 at Grand Mosque on 22/02/99
0308	<i>falco sp</i> <i>Amur -</i>	one at Al Ansab, small, dark, low rapid flight initially identified as Merlin. Also had white supercilium and cheek patches - only partly seen - hidden in a bush.
0365	Grey Francolin	Qurm etc. fairly common in parks and gardens
0424	Moorhen	Al Ansab and Qurm Creek small number present
0455	Black winged Stilt	several pairs at Qurm Creek
0470	Ringed Plover	several at Qurm Creek
0477	Kentish Plover	1 at Qurm creek on 02/03/99
0479	Grtr Sand Plover	2 at Qurm Creek on 21/02/99 but not thereafter.

0484	Lssr Golden Plover	3 presumed fulva at Qurm Creek resident
0490	Red wattled Plover	c.6 at both Qurm and Al Ansab resident and breeding
0497	Sanderling	2 at Qurm Creek on 02/03/99
0501	Little Stint	2 or 3 at Qurm Creek resident
0502	Temminck's Stint	c.6 at Qurm Creek resident.
0512	Dunlin	1 at Qurm Creek on 02/03/99
0517	Ruff	c.5 at Qurm Creek resident
0519	Common Snipe	c. 3 at Qurm Creek resident
0534	Bar tailed Godwit	1 resident on beach / creek Qurm
0538	Whimbrel	c.4 at Qurm Creek on 25/02/99
0541	Curlew	present daily max 2 on 02/03/99 Qurm Creek
0546	Redshank	present each day at Qurm Creek in small numbers
0548	Greenshank	1 or 2 present each day in the Qurm Creek
0554	Wood Sandpiper	c.6 daily at Qurm Creek
0556	Common Sandpiper	seen daily at Qurm Creek and numerous, occasionally flocks of c. 20
0566	Pomarine Skua	1 light phase at beach in front of Intercon. Hotel on 02/03/99 & possibly 1-2 more well offshore
0571	Sooty Gull	common on coastal beaches Qurm, Quriyat fish harbour (where most numerous) and Al Hajir with all ages present
0573	Great black - headed Gull	1 at Qurm Beach on 25/02/99 c.6 at Al Hajir on 28/02/99 c.5 at Quriyat fish harbour on 28/02/99
0578	Black-headed Gull	common near Qurm - noted a dark billed and legged type on a few occasions - race?
0585	Slender billed Gull	very numerous at Qurm less so at Quriyat/Al Hajir
0591	<i>Lesser bb Gull not yet sorted!!</i>	fuscus heuglini present at all coastal locations - but no - where numerous .
0592	<i>Herring Gull not yet sorted!!</i>	cachinans in small numbers - possibly some Armenian Gulls present to confuse
0608	Swift/Crested Tern	fairly numerous at Quryat on 28/02/99 - c. 100 but less so at Qurm c.12 on most days.
0609	Lssr Crested Tern	Qurm beach resudent throughout c. 20
0611	Sandwich Tern	very common (100 +) at Qurm Beach where most were seen
0626	Whiskered Tern	3 at Al Ansab east lagoon on 26/02/99
0684	Collared Dove	frquently seen near gardens and in town
0690	Palm Dove	the common dove of the area seen everywhere
0712	Parakeet	most, if not all, were Rose ringed appearing usually near sunset flying to roosts in town max. 12
0795	Swift	a few early migrants were noted on 26/02/99

0796	Pallid Swift	seen most days especially around Intercon. Hotel in flocks up to c.30 especially in early morning and late afternoon - rarely seen in the day.
0831	Common Kingfisher	seen almost daily at Qurm Creek max. 2
0838	Little Green Bee-eater	c. 10 in the vicinity of Qurm Creek and in small numbers elsewhere
0843	Indian Roller	seen, usually in pairs all along the SQ highway. There was a pair at the Intercon Hotel, numerous near Seeb and at Quriyat and along the road to Al Hajir.
0846	Hoopoe	1 at Intercontinental Hotel gardens on 21/02/99 was surprisingly the only one seen.
0957	Desert Lark	3 (2 'grey' , 1 'brown') at Al Makhadah village on the Quriyat road on 28/02/99. Al Ansab and Athaiba also.
0972	Crested Lark	very numerous at Seeb, also present at Qurm Beach and several other places besides.
0990	African Rock Martin	several seen around buildings e.g. Intercon Hotel
0992	Swallow	1 at Al Ansab lagoons on 26/02/99
1020	White Wagtail	fairly regularly seen on manicured gardens in small numbers
1035b	Red vented Bulbul	a 'pair' at Intercontinental Hotel gardens
1036	Yellow vented Bulbul	a few pairs present at Qurm Creek, seen also in the hotel gardens
1155	Hooded Wheatear	1 female at Al Ansab lagoons on 24/02/99
1156	Humes Wheatear	1 on Madinat as Sultan Qaboos on 21/02/99 1 near junction for Al Markaz on Quriyat road on 28/02/99 and 1 in Sunub garbage dump on 02/03/99
1227	Graceful Warbler	very common, seen or heard almost every where.
1252	Clamorous Reed	suspect one heard at Al Ansab between the lagoons
1493	Purple Sunbird	singles or pairs seen at many locations Qurm heights, creek, hotel, Hyatt Regency, etc.etc.
1514	Isabelline Shrike	1 at Qurm Creek 27/02/99 and at Al Ansab lagoons on 26/02/99
1562	House Crow	extremely common in the city area - large roost at hotel.
1571	Brown - necked Raven	most common at Sunub where feeding with the Eagles and Vultures but also seen on Quryiat road and Ibra road in the rocky areas.
1587	Common Mynah	very common in the Muscat Area
1591	House Sparrow	a very noisy roost exists near the entrance to the Intercontinental Hotel where 50 + .

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Indian Silverbill

breeding / nestbuilding pairs were seen at Qurm beach and adjacent to the creek . Often seen in the hotel gardens.