

| <b>OMAN</b>                     | <b>11.08.95 TO 17.08.95 MUSCAT &amp; QURYAT</b>  |
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| <i>PALE FOOTED SHEARWATER</i>   | NE passage can be seen in August.  |
| <i>DUSKY SHEARWATER</i>         | some possibility of passage.   |
| <i>WEDGE TAILED SHEARWATER.</i> | usually at sea ,some confusion with Jouanin's apparently.  |
| <i>RED BILLED TROPICBIRD.</i>   | breeder,likely anywhere,cliffs,islands,am/pm in aerial chases  |
| <i>MASKED BOOBY</i>             | possible of coast if lucky   |
| <i>SOCOTRA CORMORANT</i>        | possibility of some passage from Gulf to Arabian sea in summer   |
| <b>WESTERN REEF HERON</b>       | A few were at Quryat on 15th on the lake behind the beach.   |
| <b>LITTLE EGRET</b>             | Seen only at Quryat, 2 or 3 at great distance  |
| <b>GREY HERON</b>               | 2 at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>EGYPTIAN VULTURE</b>         | Common around Quryat , 20+ seen on 15th.   |
| <b>SHORT TOED EAGLE</b>         | 1 at the village of Al Fateh near Bawshar on 14th.   |
| <b>SOOTY FALCON</b>             | A p.m. search for Humes Wheatear along Madinat As Sultan Qaboos St. opposite the deep wadi resulted in the only record - an adult.                 |
| <b>GREY FRANCOLIN</b>           | Seen in groups, the first of c. 20 in the Rose Garden at Qurm on 12th and then of c.6 near the new mosque at Al Athaiba/ Ghala roundabout on 17th. |
| <b>OYSTERCATCHR</b>             | A small flock at Quryat on the beach pool c. 20 on 15th.   |
| <b>CRAB PLOVER</b>              | 5 or 6 flew in from the sea, landed on the beach for several minutes at Quryat on 15th. Presumably the same group was seen later flying E.         |
| <b>GREATER SANDPLOVER.</b>      | 4 in a wadi stream behind the beach at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>GREY PLOVER</b>              | 2 in s.p. seen flying out to sea were thought to be this spp.  |

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| <b>RED WATTLED LAPWING.</b>       | Quryat. On 15th there were 2 ads and at least 1 juv in the area SE of the roundabout in the falaj system. Cries are loud and unmistakable. |
| <b>BAR TAILED GODWIT</b>          | c.6 at Quryat on 15th  |
| <b>CURLEW</b>                     | 1 at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>GREEN SANDPIPER</b>            | 2, late pm at a small pool near the new Sultan Qaboos Mosque on 17th.  |
| <b>TEREK SANDPIPER</b>            | 2 in the wadi stream behind Quryat beach on 15th.  |
| <b>SOOTY GULL</b>                 | Many at Quryat beach on 15th. Seen also near Muscat at Kalbuh Bay (4) and old Muscat harbour on bouys (3) on 17th.                         |
| <b>HERRING GULL</b>               | Present at Quryat and Muscat in small numbers.   |
| <b>SWIFT TERN</b>                 | Among the hundreds of terns on Quryat beach these were fairly easy to pick up due to their size on 15th. Not counted but 20+ estimated.    |
| <b>LESSER CRESTED TERN</b>        | Several were seen amongst the terns at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>SANDWICH TERN</b>              | Present in tern flock at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>ROSEATE TERN</b>               | Probably present on 15th.  |
| <b>COMMON TERN</b>                | Large numbers at Quryat on 15th perhaps 400+   |
| <b>WHITE CHEEKED TERN</b>         | Much darker than I had imagined they were easily picked out and rather numerous at Quryat on 15th.   |
| <i>COMMON NODDY</i>               | breeder, nests on isolated rock stacks, from july, uncommon. pale crown see also Bridled Tern which is also possible                       |
| <i>SAUNDERS LITTLE</i>            | the local version of little with similar behaviour uncommon.   |
| <b>LICHTENSTEIN'S SANDGROUSE.</b> | A male in the Quryat falaj area on 15th.   |
| <b>PALM DOVE</b>                  | By far the most commonly seen species throughout   |
| <b>R-necked P'R'K'T</b>           | Now well established resident at Intercontinental Hotel and Rose Garden.   |

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| <i>STRIATED SCOPS</i>             | resident.   |
| <i>WHITE COLLARED KINGFISHER.</i> | try mangroves in north only very rare   |
| <b>LITTLE GREEN BEE EATER</b>     | A pair at the new mosque near the Athaiba roundabout.   |
| <b>BLUE CHEEKED BEE EATER</b>     | 1 at Al Fateh on 14th, 1 at new mosque on 14th, 3 again there on 17th.  |
| <b>INDIAN ROLLER</b>              | Regular along Sultan Qaboos Street,max. 12 on 16th and 5+ on 17th late pm near the Al Athaiba roundabout and the new mosque   |
| <i>BLACK C.FINCH LARK</i>         | breeds local/common 5"BLACK UNDERWING sandy areas with some vegetation "tip treeee"watch the roads west of Seeb.  |
| <b>DESERT LARK</b>                | 1 - 4 seen on roads above Quryat on 15th.   |
| <b>CRESTED LARK</b>               | 2 in scattered bushy area near Al Athaiba roundabout on 17th late pm.   |
| <b>PALE CRAG MARTIN</b>           | Pairs seem to like tall hotels eg. Holiday Inn and Al Bustan Palace.  |
| <b>YELLOW VENTED BULBUL</b>       | 1 in the residential area of Madinat As Sultan Qaboos on 16th and 2 at the Al Bustan Palace Hotel Gardens on 17th.  |
| <b>HUME'S WHEATEAR</b>            | Struggled a bit. Not seen at Hirschfelds (winter) site or in the mountains on the way to Quryat. Eventually, and surprisingly, found as a pair in the Al Bustan fishing village in the cultivation and singing from the telegraph poles. Extremely smart, large, black and white, wheatear. |
| <i>UPCHER'S WARBLER</i>           | fairly common july-oct dark wavy tail, pale super,semi desert bushes/trees  |
| <b>GRACEFUL WARBLER</b>           | Singles seen at widespread locations ie. at all sites on most days  |
| <b>PURPLE SUNBIRD</b>             | A single female was seen in the Rose Garden on 12th. This was the only sighting until a male (not in eclipse) at Al Bustan fishing village on 17th.   |
| <b>HOUSE CROW</b>                 | Common from Qurm to Seeb along the main highway especially.   |
| <b>BROWN NECKED</b>               | Seen in the foothills and mountain areas, not uncommon.   |

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| <b>RAVEN</b>                   |  |
| <b>COMMON MYNAH</b>            | Now well established from a centre at Qurm. Several were seen each day in the area especially along the main highway and in the Rose Garden.   |
| <b>HOUSE SPARROW</b>           | Common around sports grounds, large flock late pm at new mosque area.  |
| <b>YELLOW THROATED SPARROW</b> | Locally numerous as at Quryat in the falaj area on 15th and at Al Bustan fishing village on 17th. Female/immatures dominate, few show the chestnut covert patch and they are agile in, and have a great affinity for, bushes and trees. They rarely came to the ground for long periods. |
| <b>INDIAN SILVERBILL</b>       | There were 2 at the drinking pool late pm on the 17th situated west of the new Sultan Qaboos mosque which is under construction at this time, and east of the road from the motorway to the Royal Hospital called Al Ghubrah Street.   |
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