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# Wintering Record of Caspian Plover *Charadrius Asiaticus* from Sharad Wetland, District - Surendranagar, Gujarat, India.

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**Species authority:** - Pallas, 1773

**Domain:** Eukaryote

**Genus:** - Anarhynchus

**Family:** - Charadriidae

**Order:** - Charadriiformes

**Class:** - Aves

**Phylum:** - Chordata

**Kingdom:** - Animalia

**Scientific name:** - *Charadrius asiaticus*

**Gujarati name:** - Caspian batan

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The Caspian Plover *C. asiaticus* is resembles of Greater Sand Plover and Orient Plover in winter plumage. Belong to *Charadrius* Genus, family - *Charadriidae*. Resident and breed - Central Asia – North, West and East Caspian Sea. Winter migration – found South, South-East and East Africa **D. Taylor**. Also recorded Mauritania, Mali, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Camrroon, Gamon and Congo – West Africa – **Borrow**. Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion, Roadrioue, Seychelles and Comoros – Indian Ocean Island **I. Sinclair & O. Langrand**. Vagrant in Europe – **Svensson**. Considered as a Vagrant for Indian Subcontinent by **Ali - 12, Krys - 12, Grimmett - 11 & Rasmussen - 12**. Some vagrant historical records are available from Gujarat (Saurashtra). **Robson** has sighted in 2007, **Arpit Deomurari** has observed on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 near Bajana Wetland (Dist. Surendranagar) along with Little Rann of Kutch. **J. K. Tiwari and SØrensen** has sighted on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2007, Hodko Dandh, North-West of Bhuj city. **Jayesh Patel** has sighted Dinchda wetland on 12<sup>th</sup> February, Jamnagar – 2009. **Jaysukh Parekh** has recorded Banni in Kachchh on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Two records from North-West India. One record from Okhla near Delhi by **Vyas** in 1950. Second record from Rajasthan by **H. S. Sangha & S. S. Poonia** recorded on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 at Tal Chappar wildlife Sanctuary. Two records from South India - another record by **Rijeevan and H. Sangha** has observed Madayi para Kannur dist. in Kerala on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

I was birding at Sharad wetland (22.7283° N, 71.6370° E) on 21th January, 2022, when I retriped from Surendranagar city, at 9:30 AM near cultivation field adjusted with North-West range of Nal Sarovar along

Surendranagar and Viramgam road. It is largest breeding site of Feathered waterfowls. I observed bird like plover frequently foraging in grassland, swiftly chasing its prey like small insects, catching in bill. Has a broad-based pointed shorter bill, creamy forehead and supercilium, rufous brown wing coverts, pale rufous brown band on neck distinguish from another plover of the *Charadrius* genus. Checking on consulting literature on Wader and consider as a Caspian plover *Charadrius asiaticus*, by my long-time observation on Waders.



It was juvenile of Caspian plover, has a black bill, creamy forehead and pale brown supercilium, dark-brown streaked crown, cheeks and lores, buffy brown shorter eye streak, creamy throat, pale rufous brown broken breast band, white fringed mentle, upper and lower scapulars, lesser, median, greater coverts, tertails, blackish primary, lower breast creamy, belly, vent

creamy, tibia, treasurers and toes olive grey, greyish-green legs.

## DISCUSSION

Looking various observations with sighting records gap between wintering date. Few numbers of birds are not clearly recognized; regular wintering status, shows bird is still vagrant.

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