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## Important Winter Vagrant Records of Chinese Bush Warbler *Vradidypterus Tacsanowskii* from Sharad Wetland, North-West Range of Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary, Gujarat, India

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**Abstract:** This study documents an important winter vagrant record of the Chinese Bush Warbler (*Bradypterus tacsanowskii*) from Sharad Wetland, located in the north-west range of Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary, Gujarat, India. The species is generally known as a winter visitor in North-East India, Nepal, Thailand, and Taiwan, with breeding grounds in South-East Siberia, North-East China, and the Tibet Plateau. On 16 February 2026, a single individual was observed foraging in thorny scrub habitat and identified by its distinctive morphological features, including a broad-based bill, dark brown crown, pale brown nape, and long square-ended tail. This rare record extends the known distribution range of the species into western India.

**Keyword:** Winter Vagrant Records, Chinese Bush Warbler, *Vradidypterus Tacsanowskii*, Sharad Wetland, North-West Range, Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary

**Species authority:** Swinhoe, 1871

**Domain:** Eukaryote

**Genus:** - *Bradypterus*

**Family:** - Locustellidae

**Order:** - Passeriformes

**Class:** - Aves

**Phylum:** - Chordata

**Kingdom:** - Animalia

**Scientific name:** - *Vradidypterus tacsanowskii*

**Common name:** - Chinese Bush warbler

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## INTRODUCTION

The Chinese Bush Warbler *V. tacsanowskii* is large-sized Bush Warbler, migrate for long distance – **Peter & David 10**, resembling of Brown bush Warbler *B. luteoventris*. **Resident and Breed** – from South-East Siberia and open largest scrubby area, open well wooded forest from Magnolia North to North-East China and Tibet plateau. During winter migration – found in Thailand, Taiwan, North-East India and Nepal.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, I was birding at Sharad wetland (20.60° N, 74.19° E), North-West range of Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary elongated Surendranagar-Virangam road, made by human mistake. Site has *D. muricata*, *H. integrifolia*, *S. bispinosa*, *Labill*, *Salvador*, *Persica*, *Planch*, *A. arabica*, *P. spicigera*, *C. sepiaria*, *M. azadirachta*, *A. arabica*, *E. globulus*, *S. persica*, *C. gigantea*, *P. juliflora* thorny scrub mixed dry deciduous forest.



At 10:05 AM, I noticed comparatively large sized bush warbler was frequently foraging in thorny scrubs. Shot only one image, and then it hid behind scrub. Has broad based thick bill broad based thick bill, pale lores, cutting edge of the bill and lower mandible, dark brown crown, pale brown nape, dark brown mentle and long wing coverts, blackish-brown long square ended tail, brownish flank, pink legs.

Occurs in North-East India and Eastern Nepal - **Grimmett 11, Ali 12, Kry's 12**, but **Rasmussen 12**, gave its status about winter visitor in North-East India. Recent record is from Gujarat, Western India, and is more important for its distribution range.

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