

This interesting aspect of nest-protection by the Indian House Crow has not been mentioned in the earlier works on the subject.

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## 5. NEW RECORDS OF BIRDS FROM THE GIR FOREST

During a survey of the Jamwala, Sirwan, Sasan and Jasadhar areas of the Gir forest the following species and subspecies of birds not previously recorded from the Gir were collected.

*Taccocua leschenaultii sirkee* (J. E. Gray) Sirkeer Cuckoo.

|      | Wing | Tail    | Bill |
|------|------|---------|------|
| 2 ♀♀ | 150  | 215-235 | 29   |

*Chrysomma sinensis hypoleuca* (Franklin) Yelloweyed Babbler.

|     | Wing | Tail | Bill |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 ♂ | 65   | 85   | 14   |

*Muscicapa parva parva* Bechstein Redbreasted Flycatcher.

|     | Wing | Tail | Bill |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 ♂ | 69   | 48   | 9    |

The species has not been recorded from the Gir forest, though, Sálim Ali (1954-55) reported its occurrence in Saurashtra.

*Muscicapa tickelliae tickelliae* (Blyth) Tickell's Blue Flycatcher.

|      | Wing  | Tail  | Bill  |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3 ♂♂ | 74-76 | 56-58 | 13-16 |
| 2 ♀♀ | 67-72 | 52-54 | 15    |

*Dicaeum agile agile* (Tickell) Thickbilled Flowerpecker.

|     | Wing | Tail | Bill |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 ♂ | 62   | 30   | 8    |
| 1 ♀ | 60   | 32   | 9    |

*Lonchura punctulata punctulata* (Linnaeus) Spotted Munia.

|     | Wing | Tail | Bill |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 ♀ | 54   | 35   | 11   |



Dharmakumarsinhji (1954) reported the rare occurrence of *Lonchura punctulata* Linnaeus from Saurashtra.

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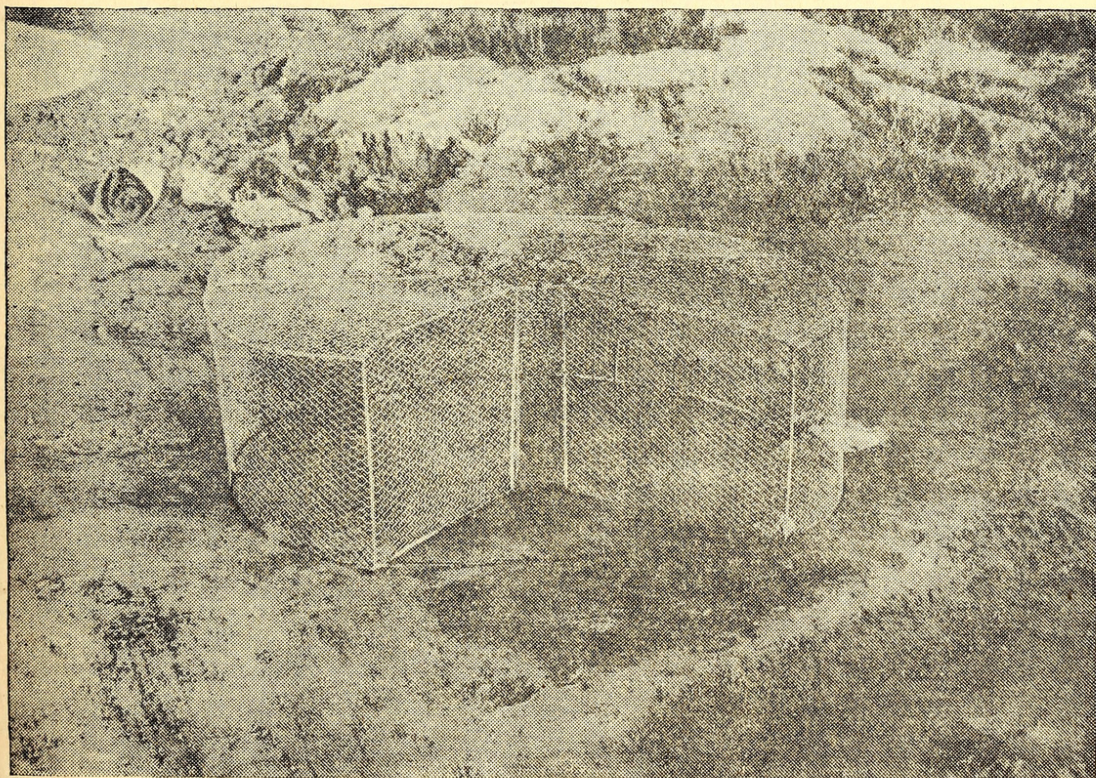
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### 6. FUNNEL-ENTRANCE WIRE CAGE TRAPS

(With a photograph and two sketches)

Many variations both in size and design exist of the simple funnel-entrance trap. The one described below is used successfully at the Tour du Valat for catching Larks and Wagtails etc. but especially wading birds up to the size of shank.



The size of the traps is about 1 m. 80 cm. in diameter by about 65 cm. in height. The framework is made of stout galvanized wire





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