

132. *NEOPHRON PERCNOPTERUS (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 101.

The Egyptian Vulture was fairly evenly distributed, but was nowhere numerous.

+133. *PHALACROCORAX CARBO (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 298.

One or two Cormorants, apparently of this species, were seen on the Daliki River on March 28th.

134. *PHÆNICOPTERUS ROSEUS Pall.

Phœnicopterus antiquorum Temm.; Blanf. t. c. p. 300.

A few Flamingos were seen at Bushire on March 18th.

135. *BRANTA RUFICOLLIS (Pall.).

Anser ruficollis Pall.; Blanf. t. c. p. 303.

A brightly coloured Goose is fairly common at Dasht-i-arjan. They are excessively wild, and everyone with a rifle shoots at them, but they are very rarely hit, I believe. I was told, however, that they had greatly decreased in numbers at this place.

I could not obtain a specimen, nor could Major St. John; but Dr. Blanford puts the bird down as of this species, and I think that he is correct. It has a loud trumpeting note.

+136. *ANAS BOSCAS Linn.; Blanf. t. c. p. 300.

+137. *QUERQUEDULA CRECCA (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 301.

There were a few Mallards and a good many Teal in the marsh at Dasht-i-arjan at the beginning of April, but these were the only Ducks of any kind that we saw.

138. *CICONIA ALBA Bechst.; Blanf. t. c. p. 297.

The "Haji," as the Persians call it, was migrating over Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.) on April 6th. Near Shiraz, on May 2nd, many had young standing up in the nests on the house-tops, while a number were feeding in the stubbles near Tol-i-safid (about 3500 ft.) on June 13th.

139. ARDETTA MINUTA (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 296.

297. ♀ ad.

The only Little Bittern which we saw was on a marsh near Shiraz on May 3rd. The "shikari" with whom we were walking crept up to it as it was skulking through some rushes, and, throwing his hat at it, knocked it over and caught it.

It was a female, with the ovaries small, and it did not appear to be breeding.

140. *GALLINAGO MAJOR* (Gm.); Blanf. t. c. p. 282; Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 492.

121. ♂ ad.

I shot one Great Snipe on April 7th in the marsh at Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.).

Dr. Blanford had no record of it for Southern Persia. Mr. Cumming obtained it in April at Fao (Sharpe, *l. c.*), and Dr. Scott writes that he shot one or two this winter (1903) in a marsh near Shiraz.

+141. *GALLINAGO CŒLESTIS* (Frenz.).

Gallinago scolopacinus Bp.; Blanf. t. c. p. 283.

122. ♂ ad.

There were a good many Snipe at Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.) on April 7th, and we saw a few on a marsh near Shiraz (5200 ft.) on May 3rd, but by that date most of the birds, which are common there in winter, had left.

+142. *MACHETES PUGNAX* (Linn.).

Tringa pugnax Linn.; Blanf. t. c. p. 284.

252. ♀ ad.

A remarkably tame Reeve was shot on April 26th on a grassy plateau (7000 ft.) near Dasht-i-arjan.

Dr. Blanford remarks that, according to Eichwald, this bird is found on the Caspian.

143. **TOTANUS CALIDRIS* (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 285; Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 492.

I saw and heard Common Redshanks at Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.) on April 6th.

+144. *TOTANUS OCHROPUS* Linn.; Blanf. t. c. p. 285; Sharpe, Ibis, 1891, p. 114.

111. ♂ ad.

A male was shot at Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.) on April 6th.

145. *TOTANUS HYPOLEUCUS* (Linn.).

Tringoides hypoleucus (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 285.

Totanus hypoleucus (Linn.); Sharpe, Ibis, 1891, p. 114.

225. ♂. April 21st, near Naksh-i-Bahram (3300 ft.).

359. ♀. May 25th, Pa Dinar (8000 ft.).

On the banks of the streams there were a few Common Sandpipers. I also saw a good many in the Pa Dinar district (7000 to 8000 ft.) at the end of May, and it seemed likely that the birds might be breeding there, but a male shot on May 25th had the testes small.

Mr. Cumming obtained two immature specimens at Fao on September 10th (Sharpe, *l. c.*).

Dr. Blanford observed it only in winter.

+146. *NUMENIUS PHÆOPUS (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 286; Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 492.

+147. *NUMENIUS ARQUATA (Linn.); Blanf. t. c. p. 286; Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 492.

A few seen at Bushire, March 18th.

+148. ÆGIALITIS DUBIA (Scop.); Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 492, 1891, p. 113.

Ægialitis fluviatilis (Bechst.); Blanf. t. c. p. 279.

256. ♂. April 27th, Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.).

There were a few Little Ringed Plovers on most of the streams with shingly or sandy beds. Some seen in the Pa Dinar region at the end of May certainly had the appearance of breeding birds, and the male shot at Dasht-i-arjan had the testes considerably swollen.

Dr. Blanford saw a bird near Shiraz in June, and concluded that it "probably breeds on the plateau."

149. CHETTUSIA LEUCURA (Licht.).

Chettusia villotæi (Sav.); Blanf. t. c. p. 280.

Chettusia leucura (Licht.); Dresser, Ibis, 1902, p. 177, pl. vi. figs. 1 & 2 [eggs].

276. ♂; 277. ♂; 278. ♀. May 3rd, Shiraz (5200 ft.).

There were a good number of these Plovers nesting on the short grass on the borders of a marsh near Shiraz on May 3rd.

The eggs, which are much like those of the Lapwing, have already been figured in this journal by Mr. Dresser (*l. c.*). The nest he describes as a mere heap of dry herbage, but

one which I found was like that of a Lapwing, consisting of a little grass lining a "scoop" in the ground. The eggs were three in number, and measured 430×280 , 400×280 , and 410×280 mm. respectively.

The birds were very noisy, and appeared to have much the same actions and flight as the Lapwing.

+150. **HÆMATOPUS OSTRALEGUS* Linn.; Blanf. t. c. p. 281; Sharpe, Ibis, 1891, p. 114.

A few seen at Bushire, March 18th.

151. *LARUS CACHINNANS* Pallas.

Larus argentatus Blanf. (nec Gmel.) t. c. p. 290.

Larus leucophæus Licht.; Sharpe, Ibis, 1891, p. 115.

B. Ad. March 14th, Bandar Abbas, Persian Gulf.

Iris pale straw-coloured, granulated with black; bill greenish grey streaked with dark brown; legs and feet very pale creamy flesh-coloured.

Although this specimen has a dark mantle, the colouring of its soft parts do not altogether correspond with those of the Yellow-legged Herring-Gull.

152. *LARUS HEMPRICHI* (Bruch); Blanf. t. c. p. 292.

A. ♂ ad. March 12th, Maskat.

This Gull was common in the Persian Gulf in March.

153. *LARUS RIDIBUNDUS* Linn.; Blanf. t. c. p. 292.

115. ♂ ad. April 6th, Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.).

This specimen is in full summer plumage, and the brown head is of a paler shade than usual.

Dr. Blanford considered this Gull somewhat uncommon on the Baluchistan coast.

From April 6th to 13th I found a considerable flock in the marsh near Dasht-i-arjan (6700 ft.), some 100 miles inland, but the birds had left the place on my return there on April 28th.

+154. *STERNA ANGLICA* Montagu; Sharpe, Ibis, 1886, p. 493, 1891, p. 116.

21. ♂ ad. March 22nd, Bushire.

The Gull-billed Tern was fairly common at Bushire,



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