

The Kashmir Roller in North Gujarat.

In the Tauna (Vol. IV, pp. 222-3) Stuart Baker makes no mention of the occurrence of Coracias farrula in western India, east of the North West Frontier; & Whistler (3rd edn, p. 288) only says that it is "very plentiful on migration in the plains of North-western India".

|| K.S. Dharmakumarswami has shown that it is a common winter visitor to parts of Saurashtra, but I am not sure if its distribution in Gujarat has yet been fully worked out. I accordingly venture to publish the following observation.

Travelling from Delhi to Ahmedabad, on Oct. 15-16, 1953, day light came ~~about~~ at Abu Road station, that is to say, during at the most northerly point of Gujarat. I first noticed Kashmir Rollers on the telegraph-wires & poles a little to the south of Palanpur. Finding them plentiful, began a count. Before we reached Ahmedabad, some sixty miles from Palanpur, I counted nearly sixty. I undoubtedly missed some, & my count was only on one side of the line, though ~~it seems~~ there were telegraph posts & wires on both sides. This gives some indication of the abundance of the species in north Gujarat in late October. Whether they remain there throughout the winter, or move further south & west, ~~may~~ is yet to be proved. I only noticed 11 Indian Rollers (C. bengalensis) during the same part of my journey.

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JUNE

Mon, 19: Buy film. ✓

Ray called from Fra. - wonderful talking to him!

5.30 Photograph chicks: Bob ✓

Tue 20

Soc. Beh / Vocalizations

Country life article.

✓ 2 PM: NICHOLAS: STATISTICS

5.30 PHOTO SESSION
7 PM? - RADIO TRACK

WED 21

JUNE '89

Collect slide tray from Norman

5.30 - PHOTO SESSION

Radio track - 0945 - 1415 - all 6 ♀ pheasants
currently with radios, located; 1 hen & chicks, 1 (#335)
Thurs 22 on nest; 2 with eggs not on nest, consorting
(#314)
with ad. ♂s at 1015, 1230.

↓ 6 AM

↓ 7-11 AM, Radio tracking

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