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Important Winter Vagrant Record of Cetti's Warbler *Cettia Cetti Cetti* from Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary, Gujarat, India

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Abstract: This paper reports an important winter vagrant record of *Cetti's Warbler* (*Cettia cetti cetti*) from the north-western range of Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Gujarat, India. The species was observed and photographed on 10 February 2019 at Sharad Wetland, marking the first confirmed record from Gujarat and Western India. Detailed field characteristics, supported by established literature, confirmed the identification. This observation extends the known winter distribution of the species, suggesting that prior occurrences may have been overlooked due to identification challenges and the dense *Prosopis juliflora* vegetation dominating the region.

Species authority: - Temminack, 1820

Domain: Eukaryote

Genus: - *Cettia cetti*

Family: - Sylviidae

Order: - Passeriformes

Class: - Aves

Phylum: - Sylvinae

Kingdom: - Animalia

Scientific name: - *Cettia cetti cetti*

Common name: - Cetti's warbler

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The Cetti's warbler *C. cetti* are one of the medium sized bush warblers. Has a rather strong sturdy stout-built body, bulky appearance. Detached in 3 different race, *C. c. cetti* - 1820, *C. c. orientalis* - 1867, *C. c. albirentis* - 1873, Resident and breed in South-West Asia, Russia, Poltava to West Mediterranean ocean Island, North Africa and South Europe. During winter migration, found in perhaps Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, also - K.

Baker, 1997, also in Punjab and Rajasthan - Rasmussen, 2012. Two important records are available from Himachal and Uttarakhand, one bird was found on 2nd October, 2016 near Sthana village, Dist. - Kangara, Himachal Pradesh, while another record from Uttarakhand, sited on 21st December, 2019, Bajpur, Udhampur Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand (IB Vol. 14/6 and IB Vol. 18/2).



On 10th February, 2019, I tripped Sharad Wetland (20.6076° N, 74.1959° E) Dist. - Surendranagar, North-West range of Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary, along Viramgam - Surendranagar road. It has interspread P. juliflora with immigrant green vegetation and is a human made wetland, spreaded over roughly 5 sp. Km. At 3:45 PM, I sited and photographed medium sized bush warbler perched on drier P. juliflora branch. It was drenched and basking after bath. Shot some images, was large in size, rather long bill, upper mandible horned black, lower pale, white throat and belly, narrow white supercilium extend upto eye, dark on flank, pink legs, crown, mentle rufous brown, long and pointed black primary extend upto one-third of the broad greyish or black round tipped tail.

After checking on consulting literature on warblers, it was Cetti's warbler *Cettia cetti cetti*. It is first record from Gujarat and Western India. **Grimmett, Kry's** doesn't show any record from Gujarat in their work. Records are very important about its distribution range, might be bird is winter visitor but overlooked due

to problem of identification, interest and effect of P. juliflora everywhere.

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