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## Vagrant Records of Lesser Yellow Legs *Tringa flavipes* from Tarakpur Wetland, Taluka – Khambhat, Dist. – Anand, Gujarat, India

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**Abstract:** This study reports the first record of the Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) from Tarakpur Wetland, Gujarat, India. Observed on 28 November 2013, the species was identified through distinct morphological features differentiating it from similar sandpipers. Its occurrence extends known distribution, marking a significant vagrant record for South Asia and contributing to regional avifaunal documentation.

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**Species authority:** - J. F. Gemelin, 1789

**Domain:** Eukaryote

**Genus:** - *Tringa*

**Family:** - Scolopacidae

**Order:** - Charadriiformes

**Class:** - Aves

**Phylum:** - Chordata

**Kingdom:** - Animalia

**Scientific name:** - *Tringa flavipes*

**Common name:** - Lesser yellow legs

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## INTRODUCTION

The Lesser yellow legs *Tringa flavipes* is resembling of Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glarrola* – **Svensson 1992**, but it is rather larger in size and differ in plumage, occurs from Central California, New Jersey, through Mexico, Central America, West Indies to North, South America, Tierra, Delfugeo – **del hoyo**. Winter vagrant in Europe – **Svensson**.

The Tarakpur wetland is human made riverine waterbody (22.39° N, 72.61° E), elongated Sabarmati River, spreaded over roughly 40 km. located 86 km South-East from Ahmedabad city. and 27 km South-West from Khambhat and 72 km South-West from Anand, Gujarat. On 28-11-13, I was birding at Tarakpur wetland, at roughly 10 AM, I observed and photographed bird like Green sandpiper or wood sandpiper, perched near reed bed. I shot some images. Has a black-streaked crown, nape, ear coverts, breast, upper belly, heavy black barring on primary and tail, also on flank, disconnect it from wood and green Sandpiper. Diagnostic differences disconnect it and recognize as a different and separate species of Lesser yellow legs.



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Birds are resembling of Green and Wood sandpiper. But it has heavily black bared primary and white tail, lack in Green and Wood Sandpiper – **Svensson**. Heavily streaked neck, lack in Green and Spotted Sandpiper. Has a long greenish leg, shorter in Green and Spotted Sandpiper. Birds are accures in North America and Canada – **del hoyo 14**, vagrant in Europe – **Svensson**. But birds aren't recorded in West, South-West, Central Asia. It Is first recorded from South Asia – Gujarat, India. Also not mentioned in **Grimmett 11**, **Ali 12**, **Rasmussen 12**, **Kry's 12**. Does not mention in their work.

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