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Important Wintering Records of Chinese Brush Warbler *Bradypterus Tacsanowskii* from Jyotipura Wetland, Dist. – Surendranagar, Gujarat, India. Second Photographic Records from Western India

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Abstract: This paper documents two photographic records of the Chinese Bush Warbler (*Bradypterus tacsanowskii*) from Jyotipura Wetland and nearby Malika Wetland in Surendranagar District, Gujarat, India, recorded on 3 February 2026. The species is primarily known as a resident and breeding bird of East Tibet, northeastern China, northern Mongolia, and eastern Siberia, with winter records from northeastern India, Nepal, Bhutan, and adjoining regions. The observations, supported by photographic evidence and morphological characteristics, suggest that both individuals were in winter plumage. These records are significant because the species has not been included in recent Gujarat bird checklists, indicating a notable extension of its documented winter distribution into western India.

Keyword: Chinese Bush Warbler; *Bradypterus tacsanowskii*; Winter Visitor; Jyotipura Wetland; Gujarat; Western India

Species authority: Swinhoe, 1871

Domain: Eukaryote

Genus: *Bradypterus*

Family: Locustellidae

Order: Passeriformes

Class: - Aves

Phylum: - Chordata

Kingdom: - Animalia

Scientific name: - *Bradypterus tacsanowskia*

English name: Chinese Bush Warbler

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INTRODUCTION

The race Chinese Bush warbler *B. tacsanowskii*, resident and Breed in East Tibet, North-East China, North Mongolia, East Siberia. During winter migration, it is found in North-East India through Nepal – Peter & David, 2010. Also, western Assam, North-West Bangladesh – Rasmussen 2012.

On 3rd February, 2026, roughly at 9:00 AM, I retriped Jyotipura wetland (22.72° N, 71.63° E), Taluka Lakhtar, Dist. – Surendranagar, adjusted 5 km North-West range of Nal Sarovar Birds Sanctuary, elongated Surendranagar-Viramgam road and South range of Narmada canal.

At roughly around 9:11 AM, I sighted and photographed bird like warbler perched in scrub, shot some images. Second bird was found at roughly 11 AM, 20 km South-East at Malika wetland. Spreaded over roughly more than 400 sq. m. Has a *S. bispinosa*, *Capparis decidua*, *triumfetta rotundifolia*, *C. decidua*, *P. spicigera*, *C. arbore salvadora persica*, *leusca cephalotas*, *C. soppiaria*, *C. procepra*, *Acacia arabica*, *I. aquatica*, *I. carnea*, *Cyperus* sp. and *T. angustata*, with main

immigrant vegetation. *P. juliflora* make it difficult to enter in wetland to shoot the images. Checking on consulting literature on warbler, both birds were Chinese Bush warbler probably in winter plumage.

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Fig. 1

Bird has blackish-brown crown, black bill, pale lores before eye, dark brown ear coverts, pale broken eye ring,

yellowish on flank, white vent and throat, square ended blackish brown tail, dark brown wing coverts.

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Fig. 2

Bird has black bill, pale lores, dark ear coverts, pale broken eye ring, crown, olive brown crown and nape, blackish brown primary, secondary, greater coverts and square ended tail, yellowish on flank and legs.

Present site is very important for its distribution range. Recent sighting is very close to Sharad wetland, 5 km East from Jyotipura wetland. **Ali 12** gave its status of Winter visitor Nepal and Bhutan. **Inskipp & Inskipp**, sighted 2 birds in 1985 at Cosi river barrage in Nepal. **Grimmett 11**, winter visitor North-East India. **Kry's 12**, gave winter vagrant Nepal and Bhutan. But distribution range doesn't cover Western India – Gujarat, also it is not

listed in Checklist of birds of Gujarat 2004, 2014, 2020 and 2026 – **BCSG**.

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