

## Important Sighting of Vagrant Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* from Dang, Gujarat, India

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### Classification:

Name: Jerdon's Baza

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Falconiformes

Family: Accipitridae

Genus: *Aviceda*.

The Jerdon's baza *Aviceda jerdoni* is endemic race [1], protected by under Indian wildlife protection Act-1972, but R. Kosambe has does not include in research paper on "updates in the IUCN Red list of threatened Birds of India Mistnet 1511: 10-16". It is split in two different race [1]. AJ jerdoni and AJ ceylonensis. Accures from Eastern Himalayan Foothills (resident in terai), East Nepal, South-east Bangladesh, Assam valley, North-East, South-Western Ghats and North-Eastern Ghats, Sri Lanka [2]. South-West China, Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi, Philippines, Sula Island, South-east Asia, Rare to uncommon resident. South-Myanmar, Tenasserim West, South-East Tonkin, South-Thailand, Rare in Malaysia [3]. Recent record from Tripura (East-India) by D. Kaushik Ib vol 8/2. Resident in woodland in Central India, distribution is very patchy-R. Surya and R. David- Wildlife of Central India.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 I toured (20.9614' N, 73.6577' E) Purna wildlife sanctuary, Dang District, South Gujarat, spreaded over 160 km. 20 km South-West from Vyara and 130 km from Surat City. It is North-West range of Western Ghat hills, which was declared as a sanctuary in 1990 July. It has *Bombax ceiba*, *Shorea robusta*, Gaertn *Dalbergia sissoo* Roxb, *Pterocarpus marsupium* Roxb, *A. catechu* willd, *B. variegata*, *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Ferula persica*, *A. cordifolia*, *Diospyros peregrina* gurke, broad lived tropical moist deciduous forest.

On 10:59 hrs I was birding near Gira waterfall, I observed small bird like kite perched on tree branch. I shoot only one image, Bird was disturb by tourist screaming took-off and flew always another site of sanctuary after I consult with authentic literature on preybird-Raptor of the world [4], Birds of pray of the Indian Sub-continent [5].



**Figure 1**

Photographed Bird was Jerdon's baza *Aviceda jerdoni*. It has a hooked small black bill, greyer on face, brown head and neck with small brown crest, blackish-brown mentals, shoulder and lesser coverts, blackish brown with white fringed rump, secondary greater coverts are pale-brown, long primary projection extend to middle of black-banded tail.

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