

OSME NEWS

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OSME—the old and the new

After many months if not years of discussion and planning, there have been significant developments over recent months in creating a digital archive of OSME publications and in upgrading the website.

Many early issues of *Sandgrouse* and the *OSME Bulletin* are no longer available for purchase as back copies so work is already underway on getting these converted to pdfs and it is hoped that these will soon be made available for viewing and downloading from the website. The long term intention is that all OSME publications, with the exception of the most recent issues, will eventually be available via the website providing a valuable source of information.

As many members will already have discovered, the OSME website, www.osme.org, was significantly overhauled in the spring

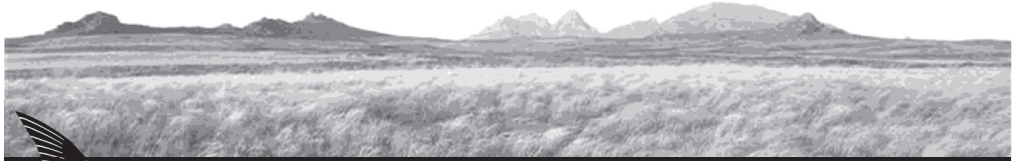
thanks to the hard work of many Council members and, especially, AbdulRahman Al Sirhan. As well as giving the site a new look, all of the information has been checked for accuracy and is being regularly updated. The initial work has concentrated on getting the site functioning effectively but this is very much viewed as a 'work in progress' and new features and additional information will be added gradually over the coming months.

With the internet being most people's starting point for finding information, OSME recognises the importance of having a website that is accurate, topical, useful, accessible and attractive and it is hoped that these recent developments will contribute to this. All of this work is aimed at making OSME more accessible to members and others interested in birds and conservation in the region.

The OSME region

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