

# New record of Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* for Iran

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The Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* is a vagrant to the Middle East, recorded in Iran, Israel and United Arab Emirates (Porter & Aspinall 2010). The only record for Iran (Khaleghizadeh *et al* 2011, Mansoori 2008, Roselaar & Aliabadian 2009, Scott *et al* 1975, Zarudny 1911) was reported by Kirwan (2007), two specimens from Borujerd, Lorestan province, 25 July 1941 (Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago).

During a birdwatching trip 17 May 2012 by MG, a summer-plumaged Red-necked Stint was observed and photographed (Plates 1 & 2) on the Bandar Abbas coast, Hormozgan province, southern Iran (Dowlat park, 27° 11' 12" N, 56° 20' 57" E, Golshahr area of Bandar Abbas city). The bird had a rufous patch from chin to breast, white belly and undertail, with black legs and beak. It was feeding among Sanderlings *Calidris alba* and a few Little Stints *C. minuta* were also observed. The identification was confirmed using Porter & Aspinall (2010). The record was accepted by the Iranian bird records committee and is the second.

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Plates 1 & 2. A Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* Bandar Abbas, Iran, 17 May 2012. © M Ghasemi