

Table 7 Species with important population proportions (1% or more of world population) breeding in the area

Species	Previous estimates (Evans 1,994)	Recent estimate	World estimate (Simon and Scott, 2002)
Crab Plover <i>Dromas ardeola</i>	1,500 pairs	maximum 2,825 pairs (2011)	60,000-80,000 pairs 1% level 700 pairs
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	1,000 pairs	maximum 17,783 pairs (2012)	180,000* 1% 1,800 pairs
Bridled Tern <i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	21,500 pairs	maximum 29,461 pairs (2009)	150,000 pairs 1% level 1,500 pairs
Species restricted wholly or largely to the Middle East			
Crab Plover <i>Dromas ardeola</i>	1,500 pairs	maximum 2,825 pairs (2011)	60,000-80,000 pairs 1% level 700 pairs
White-cheeked Tern <i>Sterna repressa</i>	535 pairs 300pairs Scott 1975	700 pairs in (2010)	600,000 1% level 6,000 pairs
Saunders's Tern <i>Sterna saundersi</i>	summer visitor 9 pairs 5 pairs scott1975	3 pair in (2010)	40,000 1% level 400 pairs