

The Corncrake (*Crex crex*) in Turkey

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This species is rarely recorded, though in diverse areas, in passage across Turkey; but it is probably more common than records suggest (KIRWAN & MARTINS in press). There are a number of recent records suggestive of breeding in several parts of Turkey but it was first proven to breed in north-eastern Turkey, near Savsat in 1996 (GREEN 1997). GREEN (1997) recorded an adult with two young on 3 August 1996, 11 km east of Savsat. Recently, possible breeding was noted in central Anatolia, in the Esmekaya Sazligi, in early June 1998 (T. QUITTENDEN in litt. to G. M. KIRWAN). G. M. KIRWAN & G. EKEN (unpubl.) estimate 25-100 breeding pairs in Turkey.

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