

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE
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While SEP and SUN remain on their chosen breeding sites, it seems that our Cambodian birds SHE and SEC may have completed the breeding for the season and have begun moving south.

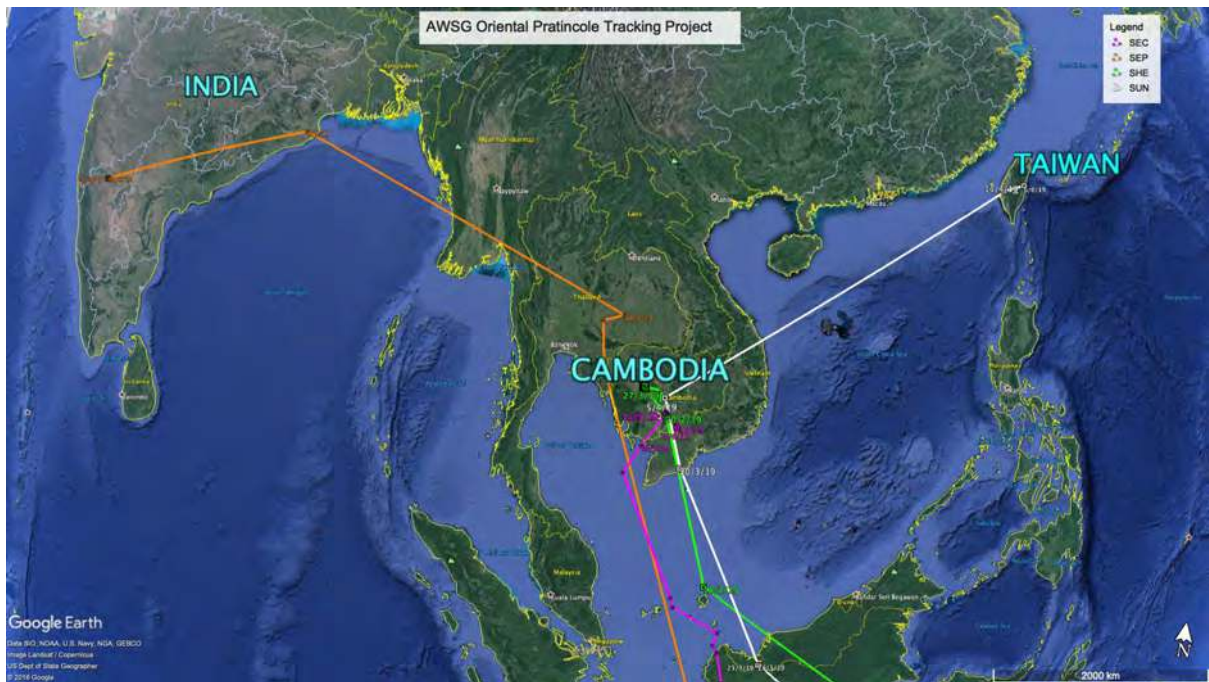


Figure 1 – Tracks of Oriental Pratincoles 16/6/19

DISTANCE FROM RELEASE LOCATION 16/6/19

Bird ID	Distance from 80 Mile Beach release location (approx.)	Approximate time in breeding location (days)	Breeding Location	Distance from breeding site. 16/6/19
SUN	4800km	59	East Taiwan	Not yet
SEP	6350km	55	South-west India	Not yet
SHE	4000km	97 total	West Cambodia	170km south east
SEC	3840km	70 total	South-east Cambodia	90km south east

SUN (PTT 83591) – Hanging in there.

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In terms of accurate location data, SUN, (or rather the PTT attached to SUN), continues to keep us guessing, making it difficult for us to pinpoint an area to organise a search. But as has been the case for several weeks now, the less accurate readings we have been receiving continue to show that SUN is still in this area and once the data is adequately analysed we are confident that the information will confirm our beliefs.



Figure 2 - SUN – Last accurate reading 6/6/19, approximate location Hualien County, Taiwan.

Note the location of 2018 breeding location recorded by Chung-Yu Chiang

SEP (PTT 83593) – Settled in Karnataka

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After 55 days, SEP seems quite settled and continues to make local movements at its chosen breeding site. It will be interesting to see how long SEP will stay in this area and, after breeding, its southern migration route.



Figure 3 –SEP – Heggur Villages, Bagalkot District, Karnataka, India.

SHE (PTT 83595) – Moving on

Around 30 May, after 97 days at its Tonle Sap Lake location, data shows that SHE started making moves south. From around 2 June SHE has been in Prey Veng Province, 170km south east of its breeding site. SHE's current position is less than 20km from SEC's (probable) breeding site and as mentioned previously, Prey Veng Province - the "great green belt" of Cambodia, with its floodplains and fertile soils, is likely to be prime habitat for the Oriental Pratincole.



Figure 4 – SHE – now in Prey Veng Province

SEC (PTT 83596) – Down by the river.

After approximately 70 days in its Prey Veng location, with breeding likely to have occurred SEC made its initial move south on 28 May. From around 30 May SEC has been located approximately 90km south east of its Prey Veng location, in the considerably smaller Svay Rieng Province, less than 20km from the Vietnam border. Interestingly Svay Rieng is considered the poorest province in Cambodia, due to the poor quality land, reportedly due to “American carpet bombing” during the Vietnam War, destroying the forests and creating a “cratered countryside”. SEC seems to be content staying close to the Waiko River .



Figure 5 – SEC –Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia