

INDIA: NORTHEAST CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

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Nothing really prepares you for how immense the Indian Rhinoceros really is.

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Overview

This 10-day custom birdwatching tour of Northeast India commenced in New Delhi on the 7th of April 2019 and ended back there on the 16th of April 2019. The tour was based on a shortened version of our Northeast India March set-departure tour with modifications to fit the timescale available and target the monotypic Spotted Elachura, the main reason for this custom tour. During this short tour we birded at Nameri Tiger Reserve, the Eaglenest (Lama Camp and Bompu Camp) area, and Kaziranga National Park.

A total of 335 bird species were seen (plus 18 species heard only). The main target bird and main reason for this whole trip was the **Spotted Elachura**, which we saw well. However, by placing ourselves in this part of India we found plenty of other highly sought species such as **Whitewinged Duck**, **Bugun Liocichla**, **Temminck's Tragopan**, **Ward's Trogon**, **Fire-tailed Myzornis**, **Kalij Pheasant**, **Greater Adjutant**, **Lesser Adjutant**, **Beautiful Nuthatch**, **Himalayan Cutia**, **White-breasted Parrotbill**, **Hoary-headed**, **Rusty-fronted**, and **Streak-throated Barwings**, **Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler**, **Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler**, **Barwinged Wren-Babbler**, **Great**, **Wreathed**, and **Oriental Pied Hornbills**, **Red-breasted** and **Blossom-headed Parakeets**, **Spotted**, **Scaly**, **Blue-winged**, **Black-faced Liocichla**, **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**, **Swamp Francolin**, **Indian Grassbird**, **Dusky Eagle-Owl**, **Black-necked** and **Finn's Weavers**.

It was not just all about the birds on this tour, as we found, and really enjoyed some incredible animals, such as the huge, armor-plated, prehistoric-looking **Indian Rhinoceros**, the stately **Asian Elephant**, and a stunning (and rather lengthy) **King Cobra**, with a supporting cast including **Wild Water Buffalo**, **Barasingha** (Swamp Deer), **Hog Deer**, **Arunachal Macaque**, **Capped Langur**, **Smooth-coated Otter**, **Black Giant Squirrel**, and more. Full species lists are provided at the end of this report.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 7th April 2019. Arrival into New Delhi

Everyone arrived in New Delhi during the day ahead of our flight to the northeast the following day.

Day 2, 8th April 2019. New Delhi to Guwahati, then travel to Nameri Tiger Reserve

After a delayed flight out of New Delhi we arrived in Guwahati in the afternoon before driving to the Nameri Tiger Reserve area for the night. A stop in Guwahati at the waste facility was an assault on the senses and heartstrings but did give us an incredible opportunity to see both **Greater** and **Lesser Adjutants**, two species of humongous prehistoric and exceedingly ugly creatures, the former being Critically Endangered (BirdLife International). After this quick stop we just picked



up the odd common bird along the way, such as **Black Drongo**, **White-throated Kingfisher**, and **Black Kite**. We arrived at our accommodation in the evening, had a quick dinner, and went to bed.

Day 3, 9th April 2019. Nameri to Lama Camp (Eaglenest)

It was light early, so we were up early too. Well, we were awake before it got light due to the calls of **Oriental Scops Owl, Asian Barred Owlet, Savanna Nightjar, Indian Cuckoo**, and **Asian Koel**. We had a nice pre-breakfast birding in the grounds of our accommodation, finding numerous birds. The best of these included a pair of **Great Hornbills** at their nest, plenty of **Red-breasted Parakeets, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Common Hill Myna, Great Myna, Chestnut-tailed Starling, Spotted Owlet** (as well as seeing the **Asian Barred Owlet**), **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker**, and **Black-hooded Oriole**.



Spotted Owlet is a common species but always nice to see.

After breakfast we started the long drive to Lama Camp. We made several stops along the way, finding Verditer Flycatcher, Blue Whistling Thrush, Grey-throated Babbler, Black Eagle, White-naped Yuhina, Streaked Spiderhunter, Plumbeous Water Redstart, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Ashy Drongo, Orange-bellied Leafbird, and White-throated Fantail.

Once we arrived near the camp we bumped into a mixed-species flock, which included Greenbacked Tit, Black-throated Bushtit, Buff-barred, Blyth's Leaf, Hume's Leaf, and Chestnutcrowned Warblers, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Red-tailed Minla, and Grey-headed Canaryflycatcher. Nearby we also saw Brown-flanked Bush Warbler and Fire-breasted Flowerpecker.



On arrival at the camp we were unfortunately met by low cloud and rain, which substantially hindered our birding. We did, however, see a few birds, such as **Grey-headed Bullfinch**, **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Olive-backed Pipit**, **Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush**, **Grey-chinned Minivet**, **Yellow-cheeked Tit**, and **Beautiful Sibia**, while several species of fulvettas, laughingthrushes, and flycatchers were heard calling but would not come out, unsurprising given the weather. An early night beckoned, and we hoped for decent weather the following morning.

Day 4, 10th April 2019. Lama Camp to Bompu Camp (Eaglenest)

We spent the morning birding around the Lama Camp area. Although we were unable to find any elachuras we did find a number of highly sought-after species, such as the Critically Endangered (BirdLife International) **Bugun Liocichla** (an endemic laughingthrush found only in the Eaglenest area). While walking here we found **Bhutan**, **Scaly**, **Blue-winged**, **Striated**, and **Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrushes**, **Red-faced Liocichla**, **Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler**, **Beautiful Sibia**, **Whiskered Yuhina**, **Streak-throated Barwing**, **Rusty-fronted Barwing**, **Barthroated Minla**, **Red-tailed Minla**, and **Striated Bulbul**. Both **Red-headed** and **Grey-headed Bullfinches** were found feeding in thistle seed heads, and we kept bumping into a mixed flock containing **Ashy-throated**, **Buff-barred**, **Yellow-browed**, **Blyth's Leaf**, and **Lemon-rumped Warblers**, **Black-throated Bushtit**, **Yellow-cheeked** and **Green-backed Tits**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Green-tailed Sunbird**, **Black-faced** and **Grey-cheeked Warblers**, **Rufous-bellied** and **Crimson-breasted Woodpeckers**, **Short-billed Minivet**, **Blyth's Shrike-babbler**, **Little Bunting**, **White-tailed Nuthatch**, **Grey-winged Blackbird**, and **Rufous-breasted Accentor**.



Bugun Liocichla, a Critically Endangered (BirdLife International), range-restricted endemic gave us some good views as we searched for Spotted Elachura.

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After lunch we drove to Bompu Camp, our base for the night. Along the way we noted **Alpine Thrush** and a pair of **Kalij Pheasants**, with **Eurasian Hoopoe** present in the camp grounds as well as **White-collared Blackbird**.

We set off walking from the camp, heard several species of wren-babbler and managed to get brief views of a couple, namely **Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler** and **Scaly-breasted Cupwing**. We also heard **Spotted Elachura** but were unable to call it in close enough to see. The visibility was, as during the previous afternoon, terrible. Through the mist we did see **Beautiful Nuthatch** (it looked very nice but it was hard to do it justice), **White-naped Yuhina**, **Yellow-throated Fulvetta**, **Slaty-bellied Tesia**, **Lesser Shortwing**, **Great Barbet**, **Mountain Imperial Pigeon**, **Yellow-bellied Fantail**, **Sultan Tit**, **Himalayan Cutia**, **Golden Babbler**, and **Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler**.

Day 5, 11th April 2019. Bompu Camp to Lama Camp (Eaglenest)

We awoke early to a glorious morning of clear blue sky with the sun about to rise. After a quick breakfast we started near the campsite for our main target bird of the trip and our best realistic chance to find one in the early morning - tense! We set off in nervous anticipation by car with the windows down, hoping to hear the distinctive call we'd been hoping for, and suddenly about a kilometer away from our base there it was, singing! Breaks on, we jumped out of the car and got into position. The bird then jumped up and flew across the road, where it proceeded to move stealthily through the vegetation, momentarily pausing to allow us all that hoped-for view as it sang at full volume. We were watching a **Spotted Elachura**! The excitement and relief were palpable throughout this small team. Full of joy we headed back to camp to continue birding for a few hours. We could enjoy ourselves a bit more now!



Spotted Elachura, the main target species of the trip, was firmly in the bag, and we were all overjoyed!

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We found White-collared Blackbird, Golden-naped Finch, and Long-tailed Minivet in the campsite, with Sikkim Wedge-billed Wren-Babbler, Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler, White-breasted Parrotbill, and Rusty-fronted Barwing all seen well in the adjacent forest.

We started our drive back to Lama Camp and stopped for birding along the way at differing altitudes. These stops produced some excellent birds (as well as scenic views and glorious flowering magnolia trees), with **Himalayan Cutia**, **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker**, **Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler**, **Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler**, **Striated Laughingthrush**, **Beautiful Sibia**, and **Large Niltava** seen at one such stop. Another one gave us **Black-eared Shrike-babbler**, **Yellow-browed Tit**, **Chestnut-headed Tesia**, **Yellow-bellied Fantai**, **Chestnut-crowned Warbler**, **White-throated Laughingthrush**, **Red-tailed Minla**, and **Rufous-winged Fulvetta**. And our final stop (apart from an emergency stop for a **Common Hill Partridge** sitting in the road!) resulted in fantastic views of **Bar-winged Wren-Babbler** (a really beautiful bird), **Stripe-throated** and **Rufous-vented Yuhinas**, **Hoary-throated Barwing**, and a stunning fly-by of a **Temminck's Tragopan**!



Bar-winged Wren-Babbler was one of a number of wren-babblers seen during this section of the tour, and this individual showed very well.

On arrival back at Lama Camp we enjoyed a relaxing dinner and took in some of the sights and sounds around the campsite, such as Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Green-backed Tit, Bhutan Laughingthrush, Rusty-fronted Barwing, and Rufous-bellied Woodpecker.

Our afternoon birding was along some of the higher ridgelines and lower down in the valley. One of the big highlights of the early afternoon was **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**. We also found a mixed flock that contained **Green Shrike Babbler**, **Sikkim Treecreeper**, **Whistler's Warbler**,

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and a few other more common species. We also saw a pair of **Pygmy Flycatchers**, **Spotted Forktail**, and a male **Himalayan Bluetail**. Down near the village we added a gorgeous male **Bluecapped Rock Thrush**, **Large-billed Crow**, and **Long-tailed Shrike**. At dusk we found **Grey Nightjar**, **Hodgson's Frogmouth**, and **Mountain Scops Owl**, thus ending a great day in northeast India, with our main trip target firmly in the bag.

Day 6, 12th April 2019. Lama Camp (Eaglenest) to Nameri Tiger Reserve

This was our final morning birding in the mountains before it was time to drive to Nameri for the night. Another morning session along the Eaglenest pass was rewarding with plenty of new and exciting birds seen, such as **Spotted Laughingthrush**, **Black-faced Laughingthrush**, **Darjeeling Woodpecker**, **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Fire-tailed Myzornis**, **Rufous-vented Yuhina**, **Fire-tailed Sunbird**, and **Yellow-breasted Greenfinch**.



Spotted Laughingthrush is simply stunning and was one of our favorites from numerous species seen during the tour.

We dropped into some beautiful forest and rather immediately were watching a gorgeous male **Ward's Trogon**, soon followed by a singing male **Black-headed Shrike Babbler**, a pair of **Chestnut-headed Tesias**, **Large-billed Leaf Warbler**, **Lesser Shortwing**, **Snowy-browed Flycatcher**, **Streak-throated Barwing**, **Beautiful Sibia**, **Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush**, **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Dark-sided Flycatcher**, and **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**. We arrived back at Lama Camp for lunch and to pack before our drive back to the lowlands to Nameri, where we arrived in time for dinner and mulled over all the great birds we'd seen in the mountains, particularly the elachura!

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Day 7, 13th April 2019. Nameri Tiger Reserve and travel to Kaziranga National Park

A morning walk in Nameri Tiger Reserve after breakfast was wonderful; however, prior to that we enjoyed most of the species listed for the morning of day 2 again, such as **Great Hornbill** and **Red-breasted Parakeet**, with the addition of a troop of **Capped Langurs** too, beautiful! The walk into Nameri went really well, and we found a pair of the rare **White-winged Ducks**, our main target bird for the area. Plenty of other widespread species were new for our trip, such as **Greyheaded Fish Eagle**, **Great Stone-curlew**, **River Tern**, **Wreathed Hornbill**, **Small Pratincole**, **Sand Lark**, **Bengal Bush Lark**, **White-rumped Shama**, **Pin-tailed Green Pigeon**, **Greycapped Pygmy Woodpecker**, **Lesser Yellownape**, **Black-crested Bulbul**, **Pied** and **Common Kingfishers**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, **Ruddy Shelduck**, **Red Junglefowl**, **Green-billed Malkoha**, **Banded Bay Cuckoo**, and **Scarlet Minivet**. Another male **Blue-capped Rock Thrush** was also a good record.



White-winged Duck can be a tough species to connect with, it is particularly shy, and so we were very happy to find a pair and then were able to sneak up on them to grab a photo!

After lunch we drove to the Kaziranga area. A brief walk around the local area of the accommodation produced **Indian Cuckoo**, **Crimson Sunbird**, **Common Emerald Dove**, **Alexandrine** and **Blossom-headed Parakeets**, **Striated Swallow**, and **Grey-backed Shrike**.

Day 8, 14th April 2019. Kaziranga National Park

A pre-breakfast walk yielded a few new trip birds, such as **Siberian Rubythroat**, **Rufous Treepie**, **Nepal House Martin**, **Plaintive Cuckoo**, and **Oriental Pied Hornbill**. A **Blue-naped Pitta** was

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heard, but frustratingly a huge thunderstorm rolled in just at that point and then washed out the remainder of the morning. Luckily Assam makes good tea!

The thunderstorm had moved off by the time of our afternoon safari, and in the space of a couple of hours we recorded nearly 100 species! Birds were of course big priorities, as there are several range-restricted species possible here, though the main target was **Indian Rhinoceros**, of which we saw nearly a dozen! They are just magnificent creatures, fully armored living dinosaurs! Other animals observed included **Asian Elephant**, **Wild Water Buffalo**, **Barasingha** (Swamp Deer), **Hog Deer**, and **Wild Boar**, with good, close views of all. Some of the highlight birds during the afternoon included **Swamp Francolin**, **Indian Grassbird**, **Striated Babbler**, **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, **Pallas's Fish Eagle**, **Changeable Hawk-Eagle**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Black-breasted Weaver**, **Finn's Weaver**, **Spot-billed Pelican**, **Lesser Coucal**, **Bronze-winged Jacana**, **Black-necked Stork**, **Lesser Adjutant**, **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Black-headed Ibis**, **Oriental Darter**, **Asian Barred Owlet**, **Brown Hawk Owl**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Streak-throated Woodpecker**, **Striated Grassbird**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Citrine Wagtail**, and **Cinnamon Bittern**. What a magnificent reserve this is! We left at sunset excited about the next couple of days to further explore this huge area.

Day 9, 15th April 2019. Kaziranga National Park

We had three highly productive birding sessions during the day and recorded almost 150 species! In the early morning we were rewarded with a small group of **Rufous-necked Laughingthrushes**, a tiny **White-browed Piculet**, several **Baya Weavers**, a pretty singing male **Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher**, and the rather colorful trio of **Crimson Sunbird**, **Scarlet Minivet**, and **Common Kingfisher**. We also had our first **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** of the trip, all of them set to the constant calls from several **Indian Cuckoos** and within walking distance of our accommodation.



Plenty of good views of Indian Rhinoceros were had during this section of our tour.

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Our first trip into the national park of the day was exciting for birds and other animals, more great looks at **Indian Rhinoceros** were had, as were views of several **Asian Elephants**. A couple of new animals were noted too, namely **Common Indian Monitor**, **Smooth-coated Otter**, and best of all a huge **King Cobra**! Birding highlights between heavy thunderstorm showers included **Ruddy Shelduck**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Indian Spot-billed Duck**, **Tufted Duck**, **Temminck's Stint**, **Common Snipe**, **Common Redshank**, **Grey Heron**, **Black-headed Ibis**, **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Clamorous Reed Warbler**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, **Bluethroat**, **Western Yellow Wagtail**, **Citrine Wagtail**, and **Rosy Pipit**.

After a brief lunch stop we were off again, this time to a large wetland area in a different section of the national park, where we saw several of the above species again, along with many more, such as Greater and Lesser Adjutants, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacanas, Greater Painted-snipe, Lesser Whistling Duck, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Garganey, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Little Grebe, Purple Heron, Glossy Ibis, Common Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Greyheaded Swamphen, Pied Avocet, Grey-headed Lapwing, Spotted Redshank, Whiskered Tern, Western Osprey, Spotted Owlet, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Indian Pitta, Common Kestrel, Black-winged Kite, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, and Pale-billed Flowerpecker. The number of birds was impressive, and it was even busier than when we usually run this tour in March - it was quite a sight!



A common and widespread species, **Eurasian Hoopoe** flew in and landed right in front of our safari jeep!



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Day 10, 16th April 2019. Kaziranga National Park, transfer to Guwahati, flight to New Delhi, departure

A final morning was spent in a different sector of the national park, and again we were treated to simply spectacular views of multiple **Indian Rhinoceroses** (see trip report cover image) as well as of more **Asian Elephants** and most of the other mammals listed above. You can't help but feel immensely privileged to see these ancient-looking creatures walking about the swamps.

We saw plenty of exciting birds on this final safari too, with a day-roosting **Dusky Eagle-Owl** being one of the best, along with **Black-necked Stork**, **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Spot-billed Pelican**, **Changeable Hawk-Eagle**, **Pallas's Fish Eagle**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Lesser Adjutant**, **Stork-billed Kingfisher**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Common Emerald Dove**, **Blue-eared**, **Blue-throated**, and **Coppersmith Barbets**, **Small Minivet**, **Common Hill Myna**, **Crimson Sunbird**, **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, and **Striated Grassbird**.

After lunch we drove back to Guwahati for our early-evening flight to New Delhi, where this excellent short tour concluded with our international departure.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.1)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after the common names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. Species in bold text are Indian endemic species.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica
Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea
White-winged Duck - EN	Asarcornis scutulata
Cotton Pygmy Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus
Garganey	Spatula querquedula
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata
Gadwall	Mareca strepera
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope
Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta
Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Swamp Francolin - VU	Francolinus gularis
Hill Partridge	Arborophila torqueola



Common Name	Scientific Name
Chestnut-breasted Partridge (H) - VU	Arborophila mandellii
Temminck's Tragopan	Tragopan temminckii
Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus
Kalij Pheasant	Lophura leucomelanos
Grey Peacock-Pheasant (H)	Polyplectron bicalcaratum
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans
Woolly-necked Stork - VU	Ciconia episcopus
Black-necked Stork - NT	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus
Lesser Adjutant - VU	Leptoptilos javanicus
Greater Adjutant - EN	Leptoptilos dubius
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
Black-headed Ibis - NT	Threskiornis melanocephalus
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Cinnamon Bittern	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus
Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Spot-billed Pelican - NT	Pelecanus philippensis
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracida	e)
Little Cormorant	Microcarbo niger
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)		
Oriental Darter - NT	Anhinga melanogaster	
Ospreys (Pandionidae)		
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)		
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	
Crested Honey Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus	
Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela	
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus cirrhatus	
Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malaiensis	
Steppe Eagle - EN	Aquila nipalensis	
Crested Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus	
Shikra	Accipiter badius	
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	
Pallas's Fish Eagle - EN	Haliaeetus leucoryphus	
Grey-headed Fish Eagle - NT	Haliaeetus ichthyaetus	
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)		
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	
Grey-headed Swamphen	Porphyrio poliocephalus	
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhin	nidae)	
Great Stone-curlew - NT	Esacus recurvirostris	
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)		
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta	
Plovers (Charadriidae)		
Grey-headed Lapwing	Vanellus cinereus	
Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)		



Common Name	Scientific Name
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus
Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	-
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus
Common Redshank	Tringa totanus
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae	2)
Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
River Tern - NT	Sterna aurantia
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	Columba livia
Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis
Barred Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia unchall
Common Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicopterus
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron apicauda
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron sphenurus
Green Imperial Pigeon	Ducula aenea
Mountain Imperial Pigeon (H)	Ducula badia



Common Name	Scientific Name
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis
Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis
Green-billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus tristis
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus
Banded Bay Cuckoo	Cacomantis sonneratii
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulinus
Large Hawk-Cuckoo (H)	Hierococcyx sparverioides
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus micropterus
Owls (Strigidae)	
Mountain Scops Owl (H)	Otus spilocephalus
Oriental Scops Owl (H)	Otus sunia
Dusky Eagle-Owl	Bubo coromandus
Collared Owlet (H)	Glaucidium brodiei
Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides
Spotted Owlet	Athene brama
Brown Hawk-Owl	Ninox scutulata
Frogmouths (Podargidae)	
Hodgson's Frogmouth (H)	Batrachostomus hodgsoni
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Grey Nightjar	Caprimulgus jotaka
Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus affinis
Suvainia 145nga	
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Himalayan Swiftlet	Aerodramus brevirostris
Asian Palm Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis
House Swift	Apus nipalensis
Trogons (Trogonidae)	
Ward's Trogon - NT	Harpactes wardi
Rollers (Coraciidae)	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis
Oriental Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis athertoni
Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	Merops leschenaulti
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Great Hornbill - VU	Buceros bicornis
Oriental Pied Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris
Wreathed Hornbill - VU	Rhyticeros undulatus
Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)	
Great Barbet	Psilopogon virens
Lineated Barbet	Psilopogon lineatus
Golden-throated Barbet (H)	Psilopogon franklinii
Blue-throated Barbet	Psilopogon asiaticus
Blue-eared Barbet	Psilopogon duvaucelii
Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus
Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)	
Yellow-rumped Honeyguide - NT	Indicator xanthonotus
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	Saria ochracec
White-browed Piculet	Sasia ochracea
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus canicapillus



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	Dryobates cathpharius	
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Dendrocopos hyperythrus	
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei	
Darjeeling Woodpecker	Dendrocopos darjellensis	
Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus	
Streak-throated Woodpecker	Picus xanthopygaeus	
Black-rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense	
Greater Flameback	Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus	
Bay Woodpecker (H)	Blythipicus pyrrhotis	
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)		
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)		
Blossom-headed Parakeet - NT	Psittacula roseata	
Red-breasted Parakeet - NT	Psittacula alexandri	
Alexandrine Parakeet - NT	Psittacula eupatria	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	
Vernal Hanging Parrot	Loriculus vernalis	
Pittas (Pittidae)		
Blue-naped Pitta (H)	Hydrornis nipalensis	
Indian Pitta (H)	Pitta brachyura	
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)		
Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus	
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Allies (Artamidae)		
Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	
Lang (A spithinidae)		
Ioras (Aegithinidae) Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)		
Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus	
Grey-chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus solaris	
Short-billed Minivet	Pericrocotus brevirostris	



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Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus speciosus
Large Cuckooshrike	
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	Lalage melaschistos
Shrikes (Laniidae) Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus
	Lanius schach
Long-tailed Shrike	
Grey-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus
Vireos, Greenlets, Shrike-babblers	s (Vireonidae)
Black-headed Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius rufiventer
Blyth's Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius aeralatus
Green Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius xanthochlorus
Black-eared Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius melanotis
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriol	lidae)
Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus
Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)	
White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda
Spotted Nutcracker	Nucifraga caryocatactes
House Crow	Corvus splendens
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos
Eastern Jungle Crow	Corvus levaillantii
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Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
Yellow-bellied Fantail	Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
Yellow-browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus
Sultan Tit	Melanochlora sultanea
Cinereous Tit	Parus cinereus
Green-backed Tit	Parus monticolus
Yellow-cheeked Tit	Machlolophus spilonotus
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Bengal Bush Lark	Mirafra assamica
Sand Lark	Alaudala raytal
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Striated Bulbul	Pycnonotus striatus
Black-crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus flaviventris
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus
Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer
Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Grey-throated Martin	Riparia chinensis
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Dusky Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne concolor
Nepal House Martin	Delichon nipalense
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
Striated Swallow	Cecropis striolata
Cupwings (Pnoepygidae)	
Scaly-breasted Cupwing	Pnoepyga albiventer
Pygmy Cupwing	Pnoepyga pusilla
Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies (Cettiidae)	
Yellow-bellied Warbler	Abroscopus superciliaris



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Black-faced Warbler	Abroscopus schisticeps	
Broad-billed Warbler (H)	Tickellia hodgsoni	
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	Horornis fortipes	
Slaty-bellied Tesia	Tesia olivea	
Chestnut-headed Tesia	Cettia castaneocoronata	
Bushtits (Aegithalidae)		
Black-throated Bushtit	Aegithalos concinnus	
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopidae		
Buff-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus pulcher	
Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis	
Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei	
Yellow-browed Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	
Lemon-rumped Warbler	Phylloscopus chloronotus	
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus affinis	
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus	
Grey-cheeked Warbler	Phylloscopus poliogenys	
Whistler's Warbler	Phylloscopus whistleri	
Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus magnirostris	
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Phylloscopus castaniceps	
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus reguloides	
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalida	ne)	
Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus	
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum	
Thick-billed Warbler	Arundinax aedon	
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)		
Russet Bush Warbler (H)	Locustella mandelli	
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris	
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)		
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	
Golden-headed Cisticola	Cisticola exilis	
Black-throated Prinia	Prinia atrogularis	



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Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius
Babblers, Scimitar Babblers (Timaliida	ne)
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus ruficollis
Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus ferruginosus
Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus superciliaris
Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler - NT	Spelaeornis caudatus
Bar-winged Wren-Babbler	Spelaeornis troglodytoides
Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler - NT	Sphenocichla humei
Grey-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps
Rufous-capped Babbler	Stachyridopsis ruficeps
Golden Babbler	Stachyridopsis chrysaea
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	Macronus gularis
Chestnut-capped Babbler	Timalia pileata
Fulvettas, Ground Babblers (Pellorneid	lae)
Yellow-throated Fulvetta	Alcippe cinerea
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneceps
Nepal Fulvetta (H)	Alcippe nipalensis
Indian Grassbird - NT	Graminicola bengalensis
Puff-throated Babbler	Pellorneum ruficeps
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrich	idae)
Striated Laughingthrush	Grammatoptila striata
Himalayan Cutia	Cutia nipalensis
Scaly Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron subunicolor
Blue-winged Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron squamatum
Black-faced Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron affine
Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron erythrocephalum
Bhutan Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron imbricatum
Bar-throated Minla	Actinodura strigula
Rusty-fronted Barwing	Actinodura egertoni
Hoary-throated Barwing	Actinodura nipalensis
Streak-throated Barwing	Actinodura waldeni
Red-tailed Minla	Minla ignotincta



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Silver-eared Mesia (H)	Leiothrix argentauris
Red-faced Liocichla	Liocichla phoenicea
Bugun Liocichla - CR	Liocichla bugunorum
Beautiful Sibia	Heterophasia pulchella
Long-tailed Sibia	Heterophasia picaoides
Striated Babbler	Argya earlei
Jungle Babbler	Argya striata
Slender-billed Babbler (H) - VU	Argya longirostris
Spotted Laughingthrush	Ianthocincla ocellata
Rufous-necked Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus ruficollis
White-throated Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus albogularis
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Fire-tailed Myzornis	Myzornis pyrrhoura
Golden-breasted Fulvetta	Lioparus chrysotis
White-breasted Parrotbill	Psittiparus ruficeps
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
White-naped Yuhina	Yuhina bakeri
Whiskered Yuhina	Yuhina flavicollis
Stripe-throated Yuhina	Yuhina gularis
Rufous-vented Yuhina	Yuhina occipitalis
Indian White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus
Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)	
Asian Fairy-bluebird	Irena puella
Elachura (Elachuridae)	
Spotted Elachura	Elachura formosa
Nuthatches (Sittidae)	
White-tailed Nuthatch	Sitta himalayensis
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis
Beautiful Nuthatch - VU	Sitta formosa
Treecreepers (Certhiidae)	
Sikkim Treecreeper	Certhia discolor



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Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Common Hill Myna	Gracula religiosa
Great Myna	Acridotheres grandis
Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus
Bank Myna	Acridotheres ginginianus
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis
Pied Myna	Gracupica contra
Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnia malabarica
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Alpine Thrush	Zoothera mollissima
White-collared Blackbird	Turdus albocinctus
Grey-winged Blackbird	Turdus boulboul
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscic	anidae)
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus
Dark-sided Flycatcher	Muscicapa sibirica
Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis poliogenys
Large Niltava	Niltava grandis
Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassinus
Lesser Shortwing	Brachypteryx leucophris
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica
Siberian Rubythroat	Calliope calliope
Himalayan Bluetail	Tarsiger rufilatus
Spotted Forktail	Enicurus maculatus
Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus
Blue-fronted Robin (H)	Cinclidium frontale
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula strophiata
Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Ficedula hyperythra
Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula westermanni
Sapphire Flycatcher	Ficedula sapphira
Pygmy Flycatcher	Muscicapella hodgsoni
Plumbeous Water Redstart	Phoenicurus fuliginosus
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius



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Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris
Blue-capped Rock Thrush	Monticola cinclorhyncha
Siberian Stonechat	Saxicola maurus
Grey Bush Chat	Saxicola ferreus
Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)	
Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons
Orange-bellied Leafbird	Chloropsis hardwickii
Orange-benned Learbird	Споторыз нагажени
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	Dicaeum chrysorrheum
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Green-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis
Black-throated Sunbird	Aethopyga saturata
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja
Fire-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga ignicauda
Streaked Spiderhunter	Arachnothera magna
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinche	es (Passeridae)
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus
Waaway Wilowhinds (Dlassidae)	<u></u>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae) Black-breasted Weaver	
	Ploceus benghalensis
Baya Weaver Finn's Weaver - VU	Ploceus philippinus Ploceus megarhynchus
Fillin's weaver - VU	Floceus megurnynchus
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrile	didae)
White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata
Accentors (Prunellidae)	
Rufous-breasted Accentor	Prunella strophiata
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Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava
Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba
White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla maderaspatensis
Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus
Blyth's Pipit	Anthus godlewskii
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni
Rosy Pipit	Anthus roseatus
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Red-headed Bullfinch	Pyrrhula erythrocephala
Grey-headed Bullfinch	Pyrrhula erythaca
Golden-naped Finch	Pyrrhoplectes epauletta
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	Chloris spinoides
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Little Bunting	Emberiza pusilla
Total seen	335

Total seen	335
Total heard only	18
Total recorded	353

<u>Mammal List</u>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Weasels, Martens, Skunks, Badgers, and Otters (Mustelidae)	
Smooth-coated Otter	Lutrogale perspicillata
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Wild Water Buffalo	Bubalus arnee
Domestic Water Buffalo	Bubalus bubalis
Deer (Cervidae)	
Hog Deer	Axis porcinus



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Northern Red Muntjac	Muntiacus vaginalis
Barasingha	Rucervus duvaucelii
Sambar	Rusa unicolor
Pigs (Suidae)	
Wild Boar	Sus scrofa
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropoe	didae)
Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus
Rhinoceros (Rhinocerotidae)	
Indian Rhinoceros	Rhinoceros unicornis
Old World Monkeys (Cercopith	necidae)
Rhesus Monkey	Macaca mulatta
Arunachal Macaque	Macaca munzala
Capped Langur	Trachypithecus pileatus
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
Asian Elephant	Elephas maximus
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Hoary-bellied Squirrel	Callosciurus pygerythrus
Black Giant Squirrel	Ratufa bicolor
Himalayan Striped Squirrel	Tamiops macclellandii

Total Seen	17

<u>Reptile List</u>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Common Indian Monitor	Varanus bengalensis
Gekkonidae (Geckos)	
Common House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus
Tokay Gecko	Gekko gecko



Common Name	Scientific Name
Venomous Snakes (Elapidae)	
King Cobra	Ophiophagus hannah
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Pond and River Turtles (Geoe	mydidae)
Assam Roofed Turtle	Pangshura sylhetensis
Spotted Pond Turtle	Geoclemys hamiltonii
Total Seen	6

