



## NORTHEAST INDIA TOUR REPORT 2023

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This year's 18-day tour of Northeast-India, with its eight-day extension, proved to be a bird-filled, highly successful, adventure exploring the remote northeast corner of the Indian subcontinent. Nearly 500 species of birds, including most of the region's specialties and other most wanted bird species, were seen. Our one-day visit to the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya provided an ideal start with both Dark-rumped Swift and Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler seen. The Himalayan section of the trip amongst the snowy heights of the Dirang Region brought us Snow Partridge, Blood Pheasant, Himalayan Monal, Solitary Snipe, Black-tailed Crake, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler and several splendid Grandaloes. The magnificent Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary never disappoints, and we saw such gems as Blyth's Tragopan, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Ward's Trogon, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide, Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler, Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler and Bugun Liocichla, whilst the world famous Kaziranga National Park produced Bengal Florican, Swamp Francolin, Greater Adjutant, Indian Grassbird, Slender-billed Babbler and, on the mammal front, three different Tigers in a single day! A brief side-tracks into Nagaland rewarded us with Naga Wren-Babbler, Black-breasted Thrush, Mountain Bamboo Partridge and Assam and Striped Laughingthrushes. On the Assam Plains along the Brahmaputra River, we discovered Swamp Grass Bird, Marsh and Jerdon's Babbler and Black-breasted Parrotbill whilst in the remote Mishmi Hills, we tracked down many eastern Himalayan specialties with Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler, Mishmi and Long-billed Wren-Babblers, Gould's and Rusty-bellied Shortwings, Green and Purple Cochoas, Blue-naped Pitta and Beautiful Nuthatch. Mammals are an important part of this tour and in addition to three magnificent Tiger encounters in Kaziranga, we had great sightings of Asian Elephant, Indian Rhinoceros, Swamp Deer, Asian (or wild Water) Buffalo, Ganges River Dolphin and Hoolock Gibbon.

Our epic journey began with a quick day visit from Guwahati to the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya. Departing at 3 am from Guwahati we reached our destination near Mawkdok village in good time and soon located our main target in the area, the restricted range Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler. Next in the agenda was the little-known Dark-rumped Swift at a scenic waterfall and we also saw Flavescent Bulbul, Hume's Leaf Warbler, Pygmy Cupwing, Mountain Tailorbird, many Himalayan Prinias (a recent split within the Striated Prinia complex) and a showy Rufous-crowned Prinia (a recent split from the Black-throated Prinia) during the day. After a late lunch we started to work our way back to Guwahati where we arrived late in the evening.

The whole of the next day was spent traveling from Guwahati to Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh. Despite the long drive we made time for roadside birding seeing Small Pratincole, White-naped Yuhina, Slaty-backed Forktail, Little Pied Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Blue-capped Rock Thrush, Crimson Sunbird and one of the few Scaly-breasted Munias of the tour.

Our first birding destination in the Dirang region was the lofty Sela pass at 4170m asl. Birding at this altitude is hard work, and even though the effects of high altitude were getting to some towards the end of the day, we took full advantage of some decent weather, and we were very successful with most of the target birds. The magnificent Himalayan Monal gave in early on, and during the day we had several great encounters with this stunning species. We also got close to a pair of Blood Pheasant, but unfortunately the views were somewhat hindered by dense vegetation. Other star birds of this very scenic area included a big flock of Grandalms, Bearded Vulture, a species that has been tricky to find on earlier trips, a flock of stunning Snow Pigeons, Himalayan Bluetail, Golden Bush Robin, the amazing Fire-tailed Sunbird, Alpine and Rufous-breasted Accentors, White-winged Grosbeak, Plain Mountain Finch, Rufous-vented Tit and Himalayan Beautiful and Himalayan White-browed Rosefinches. After lunch in a local café, we received a hot tip on the whereabouts of a Solitary Snipe and managed to find it without difficulty as it fed out in the open by a roadside pool. Unfortunately, the said pool was next to a military base, and we were chased away by an angry guard just as we were trying to approach the bird for better photographs. Other birds seen during the day included Himalayan Buzzard, Red-billed Chough, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Bhutan and Black-faced Laughingthrushes and a singing Himalayan Thrush. A flock of five Mallards and a pair of Common Shelducks, scarce on this itinerary, were good additions for the bird list.

The next morning saw us at Mandala and Phudung Roads, with their wide elevational range and associated habitats, where we birded for the whole day. The cool upper levels with mixed oak, Rhododendron and coniferous forests brought us Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, a showy Green and several White-browed Shrike-babblers, amazing views of Spotted Laughingthrush, Spotted Nutcracker, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Yellow-browed Tit, Grey-sided and Hume's Bush Warblers, Whiskered, Stripe-throated and Rufous-vented Yuhinas, White-tailed Nuthatch and Sikkim Treecreeper. We spent a lot of time at a stake-out for Temminck's Tragopan, but unfortunately it was only seen by one of our drivers. Lower down the road a large scrub covered clearing produced a singing Buff-throated Warbler, a rare bird in India, and, in the late afternoon, our local guide Pallab showed us amazing Golden-breasted Fulvettas, a flock of Black-throated Parrotbills and a few White-throated Laughingthrushes. The day ended with a skulking Spotted Elachura, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and Black-chinned Yuhinas.

As we had missed a couple of important high-altitude birds on our first visit, we headed back to Sela pass the next morning. Our first stop was at a stand of Rhododendrons, where we soon connected with a pair of amazing Fire-tailed Myzornis enjoying excellent close-up views. Another target species, the Snow Partridge, took some finding but in the end, we found a confiding group of three birds, which showed well providing brilliant photo opportunities. Other good birds around the pass included several Himalayan Monals, three Bearded Vultures, Brown-throated Fulvetta, Eurasian Wren and Dark-rumped Rosefinch. After lunch in a roadside café, we headed for the Sangti Valley, where, after a search, we had good views of a pair of Long-billed Plovers. Then it was time to head back to the lower reaches of the Mandala road and a small marsh, where we called out a very cool Black-tailed Crane.

Our last morning in the Dirang area saw us back on the Mandala road. Again, we spent a fair amount of time trying to see the male Temminck's Tragopan that frequented the area but had to do with some calls emerging from the dense hillside vegetation. The birds we managed to see this morning included a co-operative Large-billed Leaf Warbler, a pair of Slender-billed Scimitar Babblers, a pair of Kalij Pheasants, several Mountain Imperial Pigeons and a single Dark-sided Flycatcher. From Dirang we drove to Lamacamp in Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary for two nights stay, stopping on route at a large river, where we sighted the only Brown Dipper of the tour and four Long-billed Plovers (including a baby bird) and a cliff face, where we had good views of two Yellow-rumped Honeyguides. Nearby, a roadside gully held a singing Spotted Elachura, and whilst trying to obtain better views of this arch skulker, a female Himalayan Shortwing landed right next to us and hopped around in the open for quite some time!

Most of our time at Lamacamp was dedicated to searching for the relatively recently (in 2006) described Bugun Liocichla. On our first day we had to be satisfied with calls emerging from the dense and impenetrable roadside vegetation, but in the second morning we managed decent views of a pair of this MEGA, which, apart from one single stray observation, is only found in this sanctuary with 12-14 known pairs. Other birds seen during our Liocichla chase included Grey Nightjar, Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Black Eagle, Crested Goshawk, Bay Woodpecker, a showy Spotted Elachura, Short-billed Minivet, our first Grey-cheeked Warbler, White-breasted Parrotbill, Striated Laughingthrush, Himalayan Cutia, Streak-throated Barwing of the form *daflaensis*, Rusty-fronted Barwing and Scarlet Finch. A perched sparrowhawk was identified, after some initial confusion, from images taken by Jonathan as Japanese Sparrowhawk, a scarce bird in this part of the world. On the way to Bompou camp, our base for the next two nights, we made several birding stops seeing Grey-bellied Tesia, White-spectacled Warbler, a showy pair of Bar-winged Wren-Babblers, Yellow-throated and Rufous-winged Fulvettas, Red-tailed Minla and Sapphire and Snowy-browed Flycatchers.

The next morning saw us on the forested slopes above Bompou camp, where one of our main targets, the amazing Ward's Trogon, showed well, and we had great scope views of a pair of this splendid bird. Other birds seen during the morning included Broad-billed Warbler, our first Golden Babblers and a very cooperative Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler. After lunch in the camp, we headed downwards and birded the slopes between 1800 and 1400 meters seeing Red-headed Trogon, Greater Yellownape, Pale Blue Flycatcher, Orange-bellied Leafbird, some White-throated Needleetails and, after a chase, a cute Collared Owllet.

The new day began in the forests above the Bompou camp, where we had unfinished business. Our first target, a pair of Sikkim Wedge-billed Babblers, showed well early on, but the male Blyth's Tragopan was much harder to see, and it took us quite some time before all of us had decent views of this magnificent bird. After lunch and packing we started descending to our next camp. On the way we spent a lot of time birding the mid-elevation forests around Sessni, where we saw several new species including Rufous-necked Hornbill, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, Grey-chinned Minivet, Bronzed and Lesser Racket-tailed Drongos, another co-operative pair of Sikkim Wedge-billed Babblers, our first Long-tailed Sibilias, Silver-eared Mesias and Black-throated Sunbirds. For the night we drove to a brand-new camp in Doimara, just outside the wildlife sanctuary, stopping on route for night birding, but unfortunately birds were very quiet due to approaching thunderstorm and we only managed to hear two distant Hodgson's Frogmouths.

The next morning we woke up to the calls of a Large-tailed Nightjar and even managed to see it briefly before we headed back to Eaglenest WLS, where our first lengthy stop was at the bamboo zone, where new birds included Blue-bearded Bee-eater, a flock of Large Woodshrikes, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Large Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied, Rufous-faced and Yellow-vented Warblers, Red-billed Scimitar Babblers, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush and Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch. Later, around Sessni, we tried to improve on our views of the Rufous-necked Hornbill and searched for the Beautiful Nuthatch, but luck was not with us. Then we drove back to Doimara for lunch and the rest of the day was spent travelling through the Assam lowlands to Kaziranga for a two-night stay. On the way we bypassed the northern edge of the Kaziranga National Park and saw our first Asian Elephants and Great Indian One-horned Rhinoceros.

We now had one and a half days in the world-famous Kaziranga National Park visiting the tourist infested Central Range on two mornings and the Burhapara area one afternoon in our open-topped vehicles, and also birding outside the park. Mammals are a prominent feature of this World Heritage Site, and we had no difficulty in getting multiple sightings of the 'big four': Asian Elephant, Indian Rhinoceros, Barasingha (or Swamp Deer) and Asian Buffalo. In addition, we were blessed with sightings of three different Tigers on our full day in the park, which was a great surprise! Kaziranga's tiger population is apparently the densest in India but seeing them in the grassland habitat is another matter. Personally, on more than 10 visits, I have seen Tiger here only once before! Other interesting mammals included several Smooth-coated Otters, Hog Deer, Wild Boar, Northern Red Muntjac and Irrawaddy (or Hoary-bellied) Squirrel. On the birding front the highlights were a male Bengal Florican, Swamp Francolin, a small group of Slender-billed Babblers that were found after a prolonged search and an Indian Grassbird. In addition, we saw the usual array of storks in good numbers, including at least five Black-necked Storks, Greater and Lesser Adjutants and Spot-billed Pelicans, while raptors included several Pallas's and Grey-headed Fish Eagles, Changeable Hawk-Eagles and Slender-billed Vultures amongst a large flock of Himalayan Vultures. Other interesting birds in this mixed forest and grassland habitat included several Red Junglefowls, Green Imperial Pigeons, Oriental Pied Hornbill, River Terns, numerous colourful Indochinese Rollers, a couple of Stork-billed Kingfishers, Blue-tailed, Asian Green and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, Asian Barred Owllet, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Black-rumped Flameback, several Lesser Coucals, a Green-billed Malkoha, Plaintive Cuckoo, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, and a good selection of parakeets including the only Blossom-headed Parakeet of the tour and small numbers of commoner palearctic waders. On the passerine front Bengal Bush Lark and Black-crested Bulbul were new for the trip list as were Zitting and Golden-headed Cisticolas, Plain Prinia (of the form fusca, a future split), Striated and Chestnut-capped Babblers, the near endemic Bank Myna, a scarce bird on this itinerary, Black-backed Forktail, Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker and Dark-necked Tailorbird. It was also good to see the two forms of Citrine Wagtail, the black-backed calcarata (Tibetan Wagtail) and the grey-backed nominate, side by side, and a single Blyth's Pipit, which flew over calling as it went. Leaving Kaziranga behind we drove to Nagaland arriving at our comfortable accommodations (we stayed in two homestays) in Khonoma in time for dinner.

The following morning saw us on the Dzuleki road and the Tragopan Sanctuary, where most of us climbed several hundred meters up a steep trail for the habitat of the range restricted Naga Wren-Babbler, which played hard to get until we finally located a nest building pair. After that it was child's play to see them well and even to get good images of the birds that didn't seem bothered by our presence. In addition, Jonathan who stayed with the wren-babblers for longer than the rest of us, saw a male Blyth's Tragopan at the same spot. Other birds seen during this partly rainy day included our first Mountain Bamboo Partridges, Black-eared Shrike-babbler, several singing Grey-crowned Warblers, Blue-winged and Assam Laughingthrushes, many Grey Sibilias, Streak-throated Barwing (of the rufous-breasted form waldeni), Black-breasted Thrush, Ferruginous Flycatcher, Indian Blue and White-tailed Robins, Spot-winged Grosbeak and Rusty-capped Fulvetta.

Our second and last morning in Khonoma rewarded us with Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Red-faced Liocichla, Scarlet Finch and, best of all, Striped Laughingthrush. Then something of a rush back to our accommodation for an early lunch and check-out before continuing further into Nagaland. The original plan was to stay at Pfütsero for the following two nights and use it as base for our day trip to Mellori, but a few hours before our departure from Khonoma we were informed that our accommodation in Pfütsero had been taken over by the chief minister of Nagaland and his entourage. Luckily our ground agent managed to secure accommodation in Mellori. This meant a lot of extra driving today to reach Mellori, but more birding time there during the next two days. So, the rest of the day was spent driving to Mellori, where we arrived late in the evening.

Mellori is an interesting, rather under birded area of dry secondary forest between 700m and 1400m asl. The main reason to our visit was the Yellow-throated Laughingthrush, which occurs here in small numbers. Unfortunately, due to massive road construction project and large forest fires the entire roadside habitat where this rare laughter is normally seen was

completely destroyed. We did manage to find some narrow trails and side roads that took us to bits of undisturbed habitat but failed to find the Yellow-throated Laughingthrush. Our hard work resulted some interesting birds though, including the difficult to get Rufous-vented Laughingthrush, a singing Pale-footed Bush Warbler, a new bird for this itinerary, Rufous Woodpecker, Grey-headed Parakeet, our first visuals of Long-tailed Broadbill, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Dusky Warbler, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Black-crested and Ashy Bulbuls, many Rufescent Prinias, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Striated Yuhina, Grey-throated and Puff-throated Babblers, many Nepal Fulvettas, Rufous-necked and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes, Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher and Plain Flowerpecker. After our stay in Mellori we drove to Dimapur for an overnight stay and said goodbye to Andreas, who was not joining us for the extension.

Leaving Dimapur early the next morning our first stop was at Nambor Reserve Forest, where we connected with Blue-eared Barbet, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler, Asian Fairy-bluebird, White-rumped Shama and Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher before heading off in the general direction of Tinsukia and more precisely for the Digboi oilfields, where we arrived in the afternoon. Our main quarry here was the ultra-skulking Chestnut-backed Laughingthrush, which we heard well, but failed to see as they were hiding in a large area of impenetrable bushes.

Next morning saw us on the shores of the mighty Brahmaputra, from where we were taken by a motorboat to an island for Swamp Grass Babbler, a rare denizen of the Assamese grasslands, which we saw well. Another grass covered island half an hour's boat drive upstream revealed Jerdon's Babbler, Sand Lark, Yellow-bellied and Delicate Prinias, Cinnamon Bittern, Striated Heron, Spotted Bush Warbler and a smart, Black-breasted Parrotbill. Unfortunately, Marsh Babbler, one of our main targets on this island, was very skittish and we had to make do with fleeting glimpses. The mammal sighting of the morning was two Ganges River Dolphins, which we saw from the boat while cruising along the Brahmaputra. After lunch we headed for the Dihing-Patkai National Park, a large wet lowland forest area with lots of birding potential, where we spent the rest of the day. The new habitat brought us several new birds, which included Oriental Dollarbird, Speckled Piculet, Lesser Yellownape, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Blue-winged and Golden-fronted Leafbirds and Yellow-vented Flowerpecker. On the mammal front Assam Macaque and Capped Langur were new for us.

Leaving Tinsukia early the next morning, we headed for the Mishmi Hills, crossing the mighty Brahmaputra River at the recently constructed Lohit River (or Dhola-Sadiya) Bridge, where we had a nice flock of roosting vultures including the critically endangered White-rumped and Slender-billed Vultures. After dealing with official paperwork at the Assam-Arunachal border we detoured via the floodplain mosaic near Jia village. Here our main target was a pair of Marsh Babblers, which this time showed quite well. Other interesting species included a vocal Smoky Warbler, Buff-chested Babbler, Siberian Rubythroat and Chestnut Munia. After buying supplies in Roing, at the base of the Mishmi Hills, we left civilization behind and headed for the mountains. During the afternoon we journeyed along the winding mountain road to our accommodation near the Mayodia pass, making several birding stops along the way. A birding session at a promising looking area of bamboo produced Pale-headed Woodpecker, and later we managed to locate a pair of Cachar Wedge-billed Babblers, one of the key species here, in the roadside vegetation.

For the next four nights we stayed at the basic guesthouse situated next to the remote Roing to Hunli road, a few kilometres before the Mayodia pass at almost 2500m asl. From such a convenient base it was easy to explore the seemingly endless forests between 600 and 3000m elevation. This area is famous for its rains, and we definitely had more than our share of it during our stay. In fact, for the next three days it rained every day till mid-afternoon, leaving us only a few late afternoon hours to enjoy the birding under rainless sky. Despite the extreme weather conditions, we worked hard and found many of the best birds of the area by exploring the higher reaches of the mountain on both sides of the Mayodia Pass and visiting the lower reaches of the mountain. The highlights of our stay included two very rare shortwings, Gould's and Rusty-bellied, great views of Blyth's Tragopan, a Himalayan Owl, a co-operative Blue-naped Pitta, Black-headed Shrike-babbler, Manipur Fulvetta, the restricted range Mishmi Wren Babbler, many Cachar Wedge-billed Babblers, Long-billed Wren-Babbler, Scaly Laughingthrush and several Gold-naped Finches.

Our last morning on Mishmi Hills dawned rainless, and we had a really busy time trying to utilize the good weather and secure at least some of the target species we still needed. During the day, we managed to find Beautiful Nuthatch, Green Cochoa, Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Rufous-bellied Eagle and White-gorgeted Flycatcher. Unfortunately, the singing Purple Cochoa, everybody was so keen to see, was never seen. For the evening we drove back to Tinsukia for a one-night stay.

On our last morning, before heading to the airport in Dibrugarh, we paid another visit to Digboi to try to find the Chestnut-backed Laughingthrush, which was still singing from the dense, impenetrable vegetation, but simply refused to show. A new bird for the bird list was a Pied Falconet, always a good find on this tour. Then it was time to return to our hotel to prepare for our homeward journey.

## BIRDS OF THE TOUR:

1st: Blyth's Tragopan

2nd: Snow Partridge

3rd: Fire-tailed Myzornis

4th: Spotted Laughingthrush

5th: Naga Wren-babbler & Blood Pheasant

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

### BIRDS

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* Two at Sela Pass was an unexpected find.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* A flock of five at Sela pass. A good bird on this itinerary!

Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*

Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola* heard only.

Chestnut-breasted Partridge ◊ (C-b Hill-P) *Arborophila mandellii* heard only.

Rufous-throated Partridge ◊ (R-t Hill-P) *Arborophila rufogularis* heard only. ssp *rufogularis*.

Snow Partridge ◊ *Lerwa lerwa* A group of three confiding birds at Sela pass.

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus* A pair below Sela pass. Ssp *tibetanus*.

Blyth's Tragopan ◊ *Tragopan blythii* Encountered at Eaglenest and in the Mishmi Hills (ssp *molesworthi*) plus a pair for Jonathan in Nagaland (*blythii*). Great views!

Temminck's Tragopan ◊ *Tragopan temminckii* heard only.

Himalayan Monal ◊ *Lophophorus impejanus* A number of sightings at Sela pass.

Kalij Pheasant (Kaleej P) *Lophura leucomelanos* ssp *lathamii*

Grey Peacock-Pheasant ◊ *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* heard only.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge *Bambusicola fytchii* ssp *hopkinsoni*

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* ssp *murghi*

Swamp Francolin ◊ *Ortygornis gularis*

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka* ssp *hazarae*

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* ssp *bimaculatus*

Hodgson's Frogmouth ◊ *Batrachostomus Hodgsoni* heard only. Ssp *hodgsoni*

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* ssp *brevirostris*

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus* ssp *nudipes*

Brown-backed Needletail (Brown-throated N, Brown N) *Hirundapus giganteus* ssp *indicus*

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* ssp *infumatus*

Blyth's Swift *Apus leuconyx*

Dark-rumped Swift ◇ *Apus acuticauda*

House Swift *Apus nipalensis ssp nipalensis*

Bengal Florican ◇ *Houbaropsis bengalensis* A splendid male in Burhapahar area in Kaziranga. Ssp *bengalensis*.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis ssp sinensis*

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis ssp bengalensis*

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis ssp tristis*

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo ◇ *Clamator coromandus*

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus ssp malayanus*

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* heard only. Ssp *sonneratii*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus ssp querulus*

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris ssp brachyurus*

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo ◇ *Hierococcyx nisicolor*

Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus* heard only.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus ssp micropterus*

Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus* heard only.

Common Cuckoo (Eurasian C) *Cuculus canorus ssp bakeri*

Rock Dove (R Pigeon) *Columba livia*

Snow Pigeon ◇ *Columba leuconota*

Speckled Wood Pigeon ◇ *Columba hodgsonii* heard only.

Pale-capped Pigeon ◇ *Columba punicea* heard only.

Oriental Turtle Dove (Rufous T D) *Streptopelia orientalis ssp agricola*

Red Collared Dove (Red Turtle D) *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis ssp tigrina*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall ssp tusalia*

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica ssp indica*

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra ssp nipalensis*

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus ssp phoenicopterus*

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon ◇ *Treron apicauda ssp apicauda*

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea ssp sylvatica*

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia ssp griseicapilla*

Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus ssp poliocephalus*

Black-tailed Crane ◇ *Zapornia bicolor*

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus ssp phoenicurus*

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Long-billed Plover ◊ *Charadrius placidus*  
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*  
Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*  
Solitary Snipe *Gallinago solitaria* One at Sela pass.  
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*  
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*  
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*  
Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
River Tern *Sterna aurantia*  
Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*  
Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus* ssp *episcopus*  
Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* ssp *asiaticus*  
Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*  
Greater Adjutant ◊ *Leptoptilos dubius*  
Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*  
Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*  
Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*  
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* ssp *javanica*  
Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*  
Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* ssp *manilensis*  
Great Egret *Ardea alba*  
Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* ssp *intermedia*  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* ssp *garzetta*  
Spot-billed Pelican ◊ *Pelecanus philippensis*  
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*  
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* ssp *vociferus*  
Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier) *Gypaetus barbatus* ssp *barbatus*  
Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental H B) *Pernis ptilorhynchus* ssp *ruficollis*  
White-rumped Vulture *Gyps bengalensis* Five individuals of this critically endangered species by the Brahmaputra.

**Slender-billed Vulture** ◊ *Gyps tenuirostris* Three birds in Kaziranga NP and nine individuals at a roost by the Brahmaputra. Critically endangered.

**Himalayan Vulture (H Griffon V)** *Gyps himalayensis*

**Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela* ssp *cheela*

**Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus* ssp *limnaeetus*

**Mountain Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus nipalensis* ssp *nipalensis*

**Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* ssp *kienerii*

**Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis* ssp *perniger*

**Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* ssp *indicus*

**Shikra** *Accipiter badius* ssp *poliopsis*

**Japanese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter gularis* One bird was photographed below Lama camp by Jonathan.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* ssp *nisosimilis*

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* ssp *govinda*

**Pallas's Fish Eagle** ◊ *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*

**Grey-headed Fish Eagle** ◊ *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*

**Himalayan Buzzard** *Buteo refectus*

**Collared Owlet** *Taeniopteryx brodiei* ssp *brodiei*

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides* ssp *austerum*

**Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilocephalus* heard only; ssp *spilocephalus*.

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia* heard only; ssp *lettia*

**Brown Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* heard only; ssp *newarensis*.

**Himalayan Owl** ◊ (H Wood O) *Strix nivicolum*

**Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus* ssp *erythrocephalus*

**Ward's Trogon** ◊ *Harpactes wardi*

**Eurasian Hoopoe (Eurasian H)** *Upupa epops*

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris* ssp *albirostris*

**Rufous-necked Hornbill** ◊ *Aceros nipalensis*

**Indochinese Roller** *Coracias affinis*

**Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* ssp *cyanicollis*

**Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis* ssp *capensis*

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* heard only; ssp *coromanda*

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* ssp *perpulchra*

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* ssp *bengalensis*

**Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher** *Ceyx erithaca* ssp *erithaca* heard only.

**Pied Kingfisher (Lesser Pied K)** *Ceryle rudis* ssp *leucomelanurus*

**Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis athertoni* ssp *athertoni*

**Asian Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis* ssp *ferrugeiceps*

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*



Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* ssp *leschenaulti*

Great Barbet *Psilopogon virens* ssp *magnifica* and apparently ssp *clamator* in Nagaland.

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* ssp *lineatus* and ssp *hodgsoni*

Golden-throated Barbet *Psilopogon franklinii* ssp *franklinii*

Blue-throated Barbet *Psilopogon asiaticus* ssp *asiaticus*

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii* ssp *cyanotis*

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

Yellow-rumped Honeyguide ♦ *Indicator xanthonotus* A total of three birds at two different beehives in the Eaglenest area.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus* ssp *innominatus*

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea* ssp *ochracea*

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker (C-b Pied W) *Dryobates cathpharius* ssp *catpharius*

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* ssp *hyperythrus*

Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* ssp *flavinucha*

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus* ssp *chlorolophus*

Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*

Grey-headed Woodpecker (G-faced W) *Picus canus* ssp *hessei*

Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense* ssp *benghalense*

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* heard only. Ssp *guttacristatus*

Pale-headed Woodpecker ♦ *Gecinulus grantia* ssp *grantia*

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* ssp *pyrrhotis*

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus phaiiceps*

Pied Falconet ♦ *Microhierax melanoleucos*

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* ssp *interstinctus*

Grey-headed Parakeet ♦ *Psittacula finschii*

Blossom-headed Parakeet (Rosy-h P) *Psittacula roseate* ssp *juneae*

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* ssp *fasciata*

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* ssp *avensis*

Rose-ringed Parakeet (Ring-necked P) *Psittacula kramera* ssp *borealis*

Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis* ssp *vernalis*

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* ssp *dalhousiae*

Blue-naped Pitta ♦ *Hydrornis nipalensis* After several heard-only birds, we had good views of one in the Mishmi Hills.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida* heard only; ssp *cucullate*.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike (Pied F-s) *Hemipus picatus* ssp *capitalis*

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus* ssp *pelvicus*

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* ssp *tiphia*

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* ssp *solaris*

Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus* ssp *semiruber*

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei* ssp *nipalensis*

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Lalage melaschistos*

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* ssp *tricolor*

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

Green Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* ssp *xanthochlorus*

Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* ssp *melanotis*

Black-headed Shrike-babbler ♦ *Pteruthius rufiventer* A very confiding bird in the Mishmi Hills.

White-browed Shrike-babbler (Blyth's S-b) *Pteruthius aeralatus* ssp *validirostris*

White-bellied Erpornis (W-b Yuhina) *Erpornis zantholeuca* ssp *zantholeuca*

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii* ssp *traillii*

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus* ssp *xanthornus*

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* ssp *aeneus*

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* ssp *tectirostris*

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* ssp *grandis*

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* ssp *hottentottus*

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* ssp *hopwoodi*

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* ssp *albirictus*

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* ssp *stanleyi*

Black-naped Monarch (B-n Blue M) *Hypothymis azurea* ssp *stanyi*

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

Eurasian Jay (Plain-crowned J) *Garrulus [glandarius] bispecularis* ssp *interstictus*

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris* ssp *flavirostris*

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythroryncha* ssp *magnirostris*

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* ssp *chinensis*

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* ssp *vagabunda*

Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae* ssp *himalayensis*

Collared Treepie ♦ *Dendrocitta frontalis* heard only.

Spotted Nutcracker (Southern N) *Nucifraga caryocatactes* ssp *macella*

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* ssp *himalayanus*

House Crow *Corvus splendens splendens*

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* ssp *tibetosinensis*

Eastern Jungle Crow *Corvus levaillantii*

Yellow-bellied Fantail (Y-b Fairy Flycatcher) *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus*

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* ssp *calochrysea*

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus* ssp *modestus*

Sultan Tit *Melanochloa sultanea* ssp *sultanea*

Rufous-vented Tit *Periparus rubidiventris* ssp *allaji*

Cinereous Tit (Grey T) *Parus cinereus* ssp *nipalensis*

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus* ssp *yunnanensis*

Yellow-cheeked Tit (Black-spotted Y T) *Machlolophus spilonotus* ssp *spilonotus*

Bengal Bush Lark ◊ *Mirafra assamica*

Sand Lark ◊ *Alaudala raytal* ssp *raytal*

White-throated Bulbul ◊ *Alophoixus flaveolus* ssp *flaveolus*

Striated Bulbul *Alcurus striatus* ssp *striatus*

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala* ssp *flavala*

Mountain Bulbul (Northern M B) *Ixos mccllellandii* ssp *mccllellandii*

Black Bulbul (Himalayan B B) *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* ssp *nigrescens*

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris* ssp *flaviventris*

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons* ssp *canifrons*

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens* ssp *flavescens*

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* ssp *monticola*

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* ssp *bengalensis*

Sand Martin (Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia* ssp *ijimae*

Grey-throated Martin (Plain Martin, G-t Sand M) *Riparia chinensis*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* ssp *gutturalis*

Common House Martin (Northern H M) *Delichon urbicum*

Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalense* ssp *cuttingi*

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus* ssp *cashmeriense*

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Scaly-breasted Cupwing (S-b Wren-Babbler) *Pnoepyga albiventer* heard only; ssp *albiventer*.

Pygmy Cupwing (P Wren-Babbler) *Pnoepyga pusilla* ssp *pusilla*

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* ssp *flaviventris/drasticus*

Rufous-faced Warbler ◊ *Abroscopus albogularis* ssp *albogularis*

Black-faced Warbler ◊ *Abroscopus schisticeps* ssp *flavimentalis*

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus* ssp *coronatus*

Broad-billed Warbler ◊ *Tickellia hodgsoni* ssp *hodgsoni*

Brown-flanked Bush Warbler (Strong-footed B-w, Brownish-f B-w) *Horornis fortipes* ssp *fortipes*

Hume's Bush Warbler *Horornis brunnescens*

Grey-bellied Tesia (Yellow-browed T) *Tesia cyaniventer*

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea* ssp *olivea*

Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons* ssp *muroides/umbratica*

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Cettia castaneocoronata* ssp *castaneocoronata*

**Pale-footed Bush Warbler** *Cettia pallidipes* ssp *pallidipes* One singing bird in Mellori, Nagaland. A new bird for this itinerary.

**Black-throated Bushtit** *Aegithalos concinnus* ssp *rubricapillus* & *manipurensis*

**Buff-barred Warbler (Orange-b W)** *Phylloscopus pulcher*

**Ashy-throated Warbler (A-t Leaf W, Grey-faced L W)** *Phylloscopus maculipennis* ssp *maculipennis*

**Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei* ssp *mandellii*

**Yellow-browed Warbler (Y-b Leaf-W, Inornate W)** *Phylloscopus inornatus* Heard only.

**Lemon-rumped/Sichuan Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus chloronotus/forresti* Seen in Meghalaya, Eaglenest and Mishmi Hills, but no vocalizations, which is the key for separating these two species, were heard.

**Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis*

**Smoky Warbler** ◊ (Smoky Leaf W) *Phylloscopus fuligiventer*

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* ssp *fuscatus*

**Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis* One along the Mandala road and another single in the Mishmi Hills. The first record for India was only 10-15 years ago.

**White-spectacled Warbler** ◊ *Phylloscopus intermedius* ssp *zosterops*

**Grey-cheeked Warbler** ◊ *Phylloscopus poliogenys*

**Grey-crowned Warbler** *Phylloscopus tephrocephalus*

**Whistler's Warbler** *Phylloscopus whistleri* ssp *nemoralis*

**Large-billed Leaf Warbler** ◊ *Phylloscopus magnirostris*

**Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Phylloscopus castaniceps* ssp *castaniceps*

**Yellow-vented Warbler** ◊ *Phylloscopus cantator* ssp *cantator*

**Blyth's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides* ssp *assamensis*

**Grey-hooded Warbler** *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos* ssp *flavogularis/tephrodidas*

**Spotted Bush Warbler** *Locustella thoracica*

**Russet Bush Warbler** ◊ *Locustella mandelli* ssp *mandelli*

**Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris* ssp *toklao*

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* ssp *cursitans*

**Golden-headed Cisticola (Bright-capped C, B-h C)** *Cisticola exilis* ssp *tyleri*

**Himalayan Prinia** *Prinia crinigera*

**Black-throated Prinia** *Prinia atrogularis* non-leader. Seen below Lamacamp at Eaglenest WLS.

**Rufous-crowned Prinia** ◊ *Prinia khasiana* A recent split from the previous species. Several sightings in Meghalaya and Nagaland.

**Rufescent Prinia** *Prinia rufescens* ssp *rufescens*

**Grey-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii* ssp *rufula*

**Delicate Prinia** *Prinia lepida* A recent split from the Graceful Prinia.

**Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris* ssp *flaviventris*

**Ashy Prinia** *Prinia socialis* ssp *stewarti*

**Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata* The form encountered (*fusca*) is a potential split from Plain Prinia.

**Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius* ssp *patia*

Dark-necked Tailorbird (Black-n T) *Orthotomus atrogularis* ssp *nitidus*

Fire-tailed Myzornis ◊ *Myzornis pyrrhura*

Golden-breasted Fulvetta ◊ (Himalayan G-b F) *Lioparus chrysotis* ssp *chrysotis*

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense* ssp *sinense*

Jerdon's Babbler ◊ *Chrysomma altirostre* ssp *griseigulare*

Brown-throated Fulvetta ◊ *Fulvetta ludlowi*

Manipur Fulvetta ◊ (Streak-throated F) *Fulvetta manipurensis*

Black-breasted Parrotbill ◊ *Paradoxornis flavirostris* Endemic.

Grey-headed Parrotbill ◊ *Psittiparus gularis* ssp *transfluvialis*

White-breasted Parrotbill ◊ *Psittiparus ruficeps*

Black-throated Parrotbill ◊ (Grey-breasted P) *Suthora [nipalensis] poliotis*

Striated Yuhina *Staphida castaniceps* ssp *rufigenis*

Black-chinned Yuhina ◊ *Yuhina nigrimenta*

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis* ssp *flavicollis* & *rouxi*

White-naped Yuhina ◊ *Yuhina bakeri*

Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis* ssp *gularis*

Rufous-vented Yuhina *Yuhina occipitalis* ssp *occipitalis*

Indian White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* ssp *palpebrosus*

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileate* ssp *bengalensis*

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler (Striped T-B) *Mixornis gularis* ssp *rubicapilla*

Golden Babbler *Cyanoderma chrysaemum* ssp *chrysaemum*

Rufous-capped Babbler *Cyanoderma ruficeps* ssp *ruficeps*

Buff-chested Babbler *Cyanoderma ambiguum* ssp *ambiguum*

Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler ◊ *Spelaornis caudatus*

Mishmi Wren-Babbler ◊ (Rusty-throated W-B) *Spelaornis badeigularis* Endemic.

Bar-winged Wren-Babbler ◊ *Spelaornis troglodytoides* ssp *sherriffi*

Naga Wren-Babbler ◊ *Spelaornis chocolatinus* Endemic.

Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler ◊ *Spelaornis longicaudatus* Endemic.

Black-crowned Scimitar Babbler ◊ *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus* ssp *ferruginosus*

Red-billed Scimitar Babbler ◊ (Orange-b S B, Long-b S B) *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps* ssp *stenorhynchus*

Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler ◊ (Sickle-b S B) *Pomatorhinus superciliaris* ssp *superciliaris*

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* ssp *godwini* & *bakeri*

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* ssp *salimali* heard only.

Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler ◊ *Erythrogenys mclellandi*

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* ssp *nigriceps*

Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler ◊ (Blackish-breasted B) *Stachyris humei*

Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler ◊ (Chevron-breasted B) *Stachyris roberti*

Indian Grassbird ◊ (I G Babbler) *Graminicola bengalensis*

Yellow-throated Fulvetta ◊ *Schoeniparus cinereus*

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Schoeniparus castaneiceps* ssp *castaneiceps*

Rusty-capped Fulvetta ◊ *Schoeniparus dubius* ssp *mandellii*

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* ssp *pectorale*

Marsh Babbler ◊ *Pellorneum palustre*

Spot-throated Babbler ◊ *Pellorneum albiventre* heard only; ssp *albiventre*

Swamp Grass Babbler ◊ *Laticilla cinerascens* Endemic.

Long-billed Wren-Babbler *Napothera malacoptila*

Nepal Fulvetta ◊ *Alcippe nipalensis* ssp *nipalensis*

Striated Laughingthrush *Grammatoptila striata* ssp *brahmaputra*

Himalayan Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* ssp *nipalensis*

Scaly Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron subunicolor* ssp *subunicolor*

Blue-winged Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron squamatum*

Bhutan Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron imbricatum*

Striped Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron virgatum*

Black-faced Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron affine* ssp *bethalae*

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum* ssp *nigrimentum*

Assam Laughingthrush ◊ *Trochalopteron chrysopterum* ssp *chrysopterum* in Meghalaya and ssp *godwini* in Nagaland.

Long-tailed Sibia ◊ *Heterophasia picaoides* ssp *picaoides*

Beautiful Sibia ◊ *Heterophasia pulchella* ssp *pulchella* in the Mishmi Hills and ssp *nigroaurita* in the west.

Grey Sibia ◊ *Heterophasia gracilis*

Streak-throated Barwing ◊ [Rufous-breasted B] *Actinodura waldeni* ssp *waldeni*

Streak-throated Barwing ◊ [Grey-breasted B] *Actinodura [waldeni] daflaensis*

Blue-winged Minla *Actinodura cyanouroptera* ssp *cyanouroptera* & *aglae*

Bar-throated Minla *Actinodura strigula* ssp *strigula* & *yunnanensis*

Rusty-fronted Barwing ◊ *Actinodura egertoni*

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* ssp *calipyga*

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris*

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta* ssp *ignotincta*

Bugun Liocichla ◊ *Liocichla bugunorum* Endemic.

Red-faced Liocichla ◊ (Crimson-f L) *Liocichla phoenicea* ssp *phoenicea* & *bakeri*

Slender-billed Babbler ◊ *Argya longirostris*

Striated Babbler ◊ *Argya earlei* ssp *earlei*

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* ssp *monileger*

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus* heard only; ssp *leucolophus*.

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush ◊ *Ianthocincla rufogularis* heard only.

Spotted Laughingthrush ◊ *Ianthocincla ocellata* ssp *ocellata*

Striped Laughingthrush *Ianthocincla virgatus*

Rufous-vented Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus gularis*

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus ruficollis*

Chestnut-backed Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus nuchalis* heard only.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus pectoralis* ssp *pectoralis*

White-throated Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus albogularis* ssp *albogularis*

Grey-sided Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus caerulatus* heard only; ssp *caerulatus*.

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella* ssp *sikkimensis*

Spotted Elachura ◊ (Spotted W-b) *Elachura formosa*

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* ssp *nipalensis*

Beautiful Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta formosa*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* ssp *frontalis*

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris* ssp *koelzi*

Sikkim Treecreeper (Brown-throated T) *Certhia discolor*

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* ssp *intermedia*

Great Myna (White-vented M) *Acridotheres grandis*

Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus* ssp *fumidus*

Bank Myna ◊ *Acridotheres ginginianus*

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* ssp *tristis*

Indian Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling) *Gracupica contra* ssp *superciliaris*

Chestnut-tailed Starling (Grey-headed S) *Sturnia malabarica* ssp *nemoricola*

Grandala ◊ *Grandala coelicolor*

Purple Cochoa ◊ *Cochoa purpurea* heard only.

Green Cochoa ◊ *Cochoa viridis*

Himalayan Thrush *Zoothera salimalii*

Long-billed Thrush ◊ (L-b Ground T) *Zoothera monticola* heard only; ssp *monticola*.

Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul*

Black-breasted Thrush ◊ *Turdus dissimilis*

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis* ssp *atrogularis*

White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus*

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis* ssp *erimelas*

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* ssp *macrourus*

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* ssp *cacabata*

Brown-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Muscicapa muttui*

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea*

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Anthipes monileger* ssp *leucops*

Pale Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis unicolor* ssp *unicolor*

Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis poliogenys*

Large Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis magnirostris*

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides* ssp *rubeculoides*

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* ssp *grandis*

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae* ssp *signata*

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* ssp *thalassinus*

Gould's Shortwing ◊ *Heteroxenicus stellatus*

Rusty-bellied Shortwing ◊ *Brachypteryx hyperythra*

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys* ssp *nipalensis*

Himalayan Shortwing ◊ *Brachypteryx cruralis*

Indian Blue Robin ◊ *Larvivora brunnea*

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica*

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope*

White-tailed Robin (W-t Blue R) *Myiomela leucura*

White-browed Bush Robin ◊ *Tarsiger indicus* heard only; ssp *indicus*

Himalayan Bluetail (Orange-flanked Bush-robin) *Tarsiger rufilatus* ssp *rufilatus*

Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus* ssp *chrysaeus*

Black-backed Forktail ◊ *Enicurus immaculatus*

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* ssp *temminckii*

Blue-fronted Robin ◊ *Cinclidium frontale* ssp *orientale* heard only.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula erithacus*

Pygmy Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula hodgsoni* heard only.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher (Orange-g F) *Ficedula strophciata* ssp *strophciata*

Sapphire Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula sapphira* ssp *sapphira*

Ultramarine Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula superciliaris* ssp *aestigma*

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* ssp *australorientis*

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor* ssp *cerviniventris*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra* ssp *hyperythra*

Taiga Flycatcher (Red-throated F) *Ficedula albicilla*

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* ssp *fuliginosus*

White-capped Redstart (River Chat) *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius philippensis*

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*

Blue-capped Rock Thrush ◊ (B-headed R-t) *Monticola cinclorhyncha*

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*

Grey Bush Chat *Saxicola ferreus* ssp *haringtoni*



**Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii* ssp *dorjei*

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis moluccensis* ssp *chlorocephala*

**Golden-fronted Leafbird (Gold-f L)** *Chloropsis aurifrons* ssp *aurifrons*

**Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii* ssp *hardwickii*

**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* ssp *chrysochlore*

**Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum* ssp *olivaceum*

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus* ssp *ignipectus*

**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum* ssp *cruentatum*

**Mrs. Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae* ssp *gouldiae*

**Green-tailed Sunbird** ♦ *Aethopyga nipalensis* ssp *koelzi*

**Black-throated Sunbird (B-breasted S)** *Aethopyga saturata* ssp *assamensis*

**Crimson Sunbird (Greater C S)** *Aethopyga siparaja* ssp *labecula*

**Fire-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga ignicauda*

**Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra* ssp *longirostra*

**Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna* ssp *magna*

**Russet Sparrow (Cinnamon S)** *Passer cinnamomeus* ssp *cinnamomeus*

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus* ssp *burmanicus*

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* ssp *subundulata*

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* ssp *acuticauda*

**Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla* ssp *atricapilla*

**Alpine Accentor** *Prunella collaris* ssp *nipalensis*

**Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiatea* ssp *strophiatea*

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Alaska W)** *Motacilla [tschutschensis] tschutschensis*

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola citreola*

**Tibetan Wagtail** *Motacilla [citreola] calcarata* This is the black-mantled form of Citrine Wagtail.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

**White Wagtail (Amur W)** *Motacilla [alba] leucopsis*

**White Wagtail (Himalayan W)** *Motacilla [alba] alboides*

**Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* ssp *rufulus*

**Blyth's Pipit** *Anthus godlewskii* One in Kaziranga.

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* ssp *hodgsoni*

**Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus*

**Spot-winged Grosbeak** ♦ *Mycerobas melanozanthos*

**White-winged Grosbeak** ♦ *Mycerobas carnipes* ssp *carnipes*

**Grey-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythaca* ssp *erythaca*

**Golden-naped Finch** ♦ *Pyrrhoplectes epauletta*

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola*

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* ssp *roseatus*

Scarlet Finch ◊ *Carpodacus sipahi*

Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch ◊ *Carpodacus pulcherrimus* ssp *pulcherrimus*

Dark-rumped Rosefinch ◊ *Carpodacus edwardsii*

Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch ◊ *Carpodacus thura*

Crested Bunting *Emberiza lathami*

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

## MAMMALS

Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*

Tiger *Panthera tigris* Three different individuals in one day in Kaziranga!

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Smooth-coated Otter *Lutrogale perspicillata* Seen on three days in the Kaziranga area.

Great Indian One-horned Rhinoceros *Rhinoceros unicornis* Common in Kaziranga NP.

Wild Boar (Wild Pig, Indian W P) *Sus scrofa*

Hog Deer *Axis porcinus* Common in Kaziranga NP.

Swamp Deer (Barasingha) *Rucervus duvaucelii* Common in Kaziranga NP.

Sambar Deer *Rusa unicolor* Just a few in Kaziranga NP:

Ganges River Dolphin *Platanista gangetica* Two from the boat in the Brahmaputra.

Assam Macaque *Macaca assamensis*

Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta*

Northern Plains Gray Langur (Common L) *Semnopithecus entellus*

Capped Langur (N) *Trachypithecus pileatus*

Western Hoolock Gibbon *Hoolock hoolock*

Large-eared Pika *Ochotona macrotis*

Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*

Irrawaddy Squirrel (Hoary-bellied S) *Callosciurus pygerythrus*

Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah*

Common Giant Flying Squirrel *Petaurista petaurista* non-leader.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops maccllellandii*



*Yellow-vented Warbler (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Oriental Pied Hornbill (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Snow Partridge (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Grey-hooded Warbler (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Oriental Honey Buzzard (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Yellow-browed Tit (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Tiger (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Mountain Bamboo Partridge (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Golden-headed Cisticola (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Lunch break at a local cafe (image by Hannu Jännes)*





*Indian Rhinoceros (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Long-tailed Broadbill (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Brown-flanked Bush Warbler (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Blyth's Tragopan (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Long-billed Plover (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Snow Partridge (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Sela Pass (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Khonoma Village in Nagaland (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Black-eared Shrike-babbler (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Rufous-winged Fulvetta (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Pygmy Cupwing (image by Jonathan Slifkin)*



*Indian Rhinoceros (image by Hannu Jännes)*



*Oriental Turtle Dove (image by Hannu Jännes)*