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Birding the Buddhist Kingdom I
19th March to 7th April 2016

Himalayan Monal by Markus Lilje

Trip report by tour leader Wayne Jones
Top 10 Birds

1. Himalayan Monal
2. White-bellied Heron
3. Satyr Tragopan
4. Blood Pheasant
5. White-winged Duck
6. Rufous-necked Hornbill
7. Ward’s Trogon
8. Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler
9. Greater Adjutant
10. Himalayan Cutia

We began our pre-tour extension with a visit to the world famous (well, in birding circles at least) Guwahati dump. Here among the people scavenging for usables and recyclables and the cows feeding on garbage we found our first mega – the endangered Greater Adjutant. We also spotted: its smaller cousin, the Lesser Adjutant; many Black Kites; Striated Grassbird; Plain Prinia; Great, Jungle and Common Mynas; Brown Shrike; Dusky Warbler, and Citrine Wagtail. A nearby hyacinth-filled pond even held a Greater Painted-snipe.

Leaving Guwahati we drove four hours to our lodge on the border of Kaziranga National Park. Along the way we stopped at a wetland where we had great looks at: Lesser Whistling Duck; Little Cormorant; Oriental Darter; White-breasted Waterhen; Bronze-winged Jacana; Black-hooded Oriole, and a brief Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. After lunch we made our first foray into the national park, famed for holding two thirds of the global population of Indian Rhinos - of which we saw 16! Our main birding target for that afternoon was Swamp Francolin. We were very lucky to have two excellent sightings totalling five of these normally shy birds. But the quality birding didn’t stop there! Other sightings included: Bar-headed Goose; Eurasian Teal; another three stork species (Asian Openbill, Woolly-necked and Black-necked Storks); Spot-billed Pelican; Crested Serpent Eagle; Changeable Hawk-Eagle; Grey-headed and Pallas’s Fish Eagles; Hen and Pied Harriers; Indian Spotted Eagle; Grey-headed and Pacific Golden Plovers; Spotted Redshank; Red Turtle Dove; Greater Coucal; Stork-billed Kingfisher; Bluetailed Bee-eater; Streak-throated and Grey-headed Woodpeckers; Black-rumped Flameback; Striated Babbler; Chestnut-tailed Starling; Black-breasted Weaver, and Rosy Pipit.

Over the next two days we visited different sections of the park as well as a tea estate along its border. The variety of habitat, from grasslands to wetlands, broadleaved forest to agricultural fields yielded: 12 waterfowl species; a variety of herons; Red Junglefowl; Black Stork; Western Osprey; Crested Honey Buzzard; Himalayan and Slender-billed...
Vultures; Greater Spotted and Steppe Eagles; Black-headed Ibis; Common Redshank; Common Emerald Dove; Green Imperial Pigeon; Yellow-footed Green Pigeon; Lesser Coucal; Asian Koel; Plaintive Cuckoo; Asian Barred Owlet; the splendid Indian Roller; Oriental Dollarbird; Oriental Pied Hornbill; amazing Great Hornbill; Coppersmith, Lineated and Blue-throated Barbets; Greater Flameback; an exquisite pair of Oriental Hobbies; Alexandrine, Rose-ringed, Blossom-headed and Red-breasted Parakeets; Ashy Woodswallow; Large Cuckooshrike; Rosy and Scarlet Minivets; Rufous and Grey Treepies; Bengal Bush Lark; Black-crested Bulbul; Striated Swallow; Abbott’s and Puff-throated Babblers; Lesser and Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes; White-tailed Rubythroat; Golden-fronted Leafbird, and Western Yellow Wagtail.

For many people Kaziranga is about the mammals, and it certainly didn’t disappoint in this regard. On our second day in the park we counted 40 rhinos and by the third day we’d stopped keeping track. For anyone more acquainted with their African cousins, it’s quite strange to see such large numbers of these animals hanging around each other. It seemed to be ‘the season’ as we saw quite a few individuals showing interest in one another! Other large game included: Asian Buffalo; Hog Deer; Barasingha (Swamp Deer); Northern Red Muntjac (Barking Deer); Sambar; Wild Boar, and Asian Elephant. We even got to ride on domesticated versions of the latter while searching, unsuccessfully, for Bengal Florican in the park. It was the smaller creatures which proved most exciting, however, with sightings of Smooth-coated Otter and the scarce Hog Badger.

Moving northwards we found ourselves along the outskirts of Nameri National Park that afternoon. On a walk through the scrub and sparse woodland surrounding our rustic camp we picked up: Slaty-backed Flycatcher; Greenish Warbler; Common Hill Myna, and a trio of night birds - Spotted Owlet, Brown Hawk-Owl and Large-tailed Nightjar.

The next morning we caught the small ferry across the Jia Bhorelli to the national park. Before heading into the forest we scanned the broad expanse of shoreline, finding River Lapwing, Great Stone-curlew and Sand Lark. Once in the forest we began the search for our main target - White-winged Duck, a notoriously shy and skittish species. We got lucky relatively early and chanced upon a pair at the far end of a forest pond. They seemed quite relaxed, but we kept our distance just in case and were able to ogle them for what seemed like ages. Just when we thought it couldn’t get any
better a Crab-eating Mongoose sauntered into view and pottered about behind them! With the pressure off we returned our attention to the other forest denizens: Wedge-tailed and Pin-tailed Green Pigeons; Asian Barred Owlet; Grey-capped Pygmy and Fulvous-breasted Woodpeckers; Lesser Yellownape; Common Iora; Maroon Oriole; Hair-crested and Bronzed Drongos; White-throated Bulbul; Pin-striped Babblers; Asian Fairy Bluebird; Velvet-fronted Nuthatch; White-rumped Shama; Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher; Taiga Flycatcher; Orange-bellied Leafbird; Yellow-vented and Plain Flowerpeckers; Streaked Spiderhunter; Black Giant Squirrel; Hoary-bellied Squirrel, and massive Tokay Geckos.

The day heated up quickly and by the afternoon everyone was happy to opt for the boat ride down the Jia Bholelli. We connected with our main quarry – Ibisbill - within minutes of hitting the water. Thereafter we enjoyed the mellow journey downstream, finding: River Tern; Pallas’s Fish Eagle; Common Merganser; Small Pratincole; Kentish Plover; Great Stone-curlew; Striated Heron; Western Osprey; Northern Goshawk; Peregrine Falcon, and Red-rumped Swallow as we went.

Before departing for Bhutan the following day we checked out the ultra-cute residents of the nearby Pygmy Hog conservation centre and found: Tickell’s Leaf Warbler; Thick-billed Warbler, and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird around the camp. By the time we met up with the new members of our party, got through the borders and to our hotel in Samdrup Jongkhar it was late in the afternoon and we decided to call it a day – with our first Bhutanese birds (House and Eurasian Tree Sparrows) under the belt.

On our first morning in Bhutan we eased into the birding with a walk outside town, which turned up: Crested Honey Buzzard; Mountain Hawk-Eagle; Black Eagle; Mountain Imperial Pigeon; sought-after Dark-rumped Swift; Red-headed Trogon; Crested Kingfisher; Blue-bearded Bee-eater; Great, Rufous-necked AND Wreathed Hornbills; White-bellied Erpornis; White-throated; Ashy and Black Bulbuls; Rufescent Prinia; Grey-throated Babbler; Jungle Babblers; Striated Yuhina; two lovely Wallcreepers; Pied Myna; Black-throated Sunbird, and Common Rosefinch. While looking for Slaty-backed Forktail, in a small riverbed, one member of the group had a fall. Thankfully it was not too serious. Doctors in the group ensured he was well taken care of at the scene and a visit to an army hospital up the road sorted things out.

Climbing higher towards Morong we started finding species typical of the Himalaya foothills:
Golden-throated and Great Barbets; Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo; White-throated Fantail; Mountain Bulbul; Bhutan Laughingthrush; Rusty-fronted Barwing; Silver-eared Mesia; Long-tailed Sibia; Whiskered Yuhina; Spotted Forktail; Little Pied Flycatcher; Sapphire Flycatcher; Grey Bush Chat, and Scarlet Finch.

The birding around Morong proved sensational, especially the following afternoon when, as soon as we’d made our minds to return to camp for the evening, something else amazing would turn up. Around the campsite itself we found: Crested Goshawk; Large Hawk-Cuckoo; Grey-sided Bush Warbler; Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, and Rufous-breasted Accentor. Just down the road we spotted: Collared Owlet; Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike; Grey-chinned and Short-billed Minivets; fleeting Common Green Magpies; Yellow-bellied Fantail; Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher; Yellow-cheeked and Green-backed Tits; Striated and Mountain Bulbuls; Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler; Black-faced Warbler; Black-throated Bushtit; Grey-hooded, Grey-cheeked and Chestnut-crowned Warblers; Golden Babbler; Yellow-throated Fulvetta; Rufous Sibia; White-naped Yuhina; White-tailed Nuthatch; Verditer Flycatcher; Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, and Spot-winged Grosbeak - a veritable candy-shop of cute ‘n’ colourful birds!

Next stop on the itinerary was Trashigang, situated approximately 185km away along narrow winding roads clinging to the mountainsides. We paused at the little village of Narphung to admire the fresh produce on sale and shouted our first “Lhage Lo” as we passed over 2740m-high Yongphu-la. We also did some birding, of course! The day’s sightings included: Himalayan Vulture; Himalayan Buzzard; Blyth’s Swift; Yellow-rumped Honeyguide; Crimson-breasted Woodpecker; Black-eared Shrike-babbler; Yellow-browed Tit; Ashy-throated Warble; Rufous-winged Fulvetta; five dazzling Himalayan Cutias; brief White-collared Blackbird; Slaty-blue Flycatcher; Hodgson’s, Blue-fronted, Plumbeous Water and White-capped Redstarts; Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush; Mrs Gould’s Sunbird, and Russet Sparrow. With the evening fast approaching, we made one last stop to try for Black-tailed Crake and enjoyed excellent views of: Long-tailed Shrike; Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush; Grey Wagtail; Rosy Pipit; Crested Bunting, and a Grey-headed Lapwing as well.

From Trashigang we wound our way along the Dangme Chhu Valley, with its dry, grassy slopes and pine groves. The associated birdlife included: Rufous-bellied and Mountain Hawk-Eagles; fantastic looks at a Green-billed Malkoha; a juvenile Pallas’s Fish Eagle; Eurasian Hoopoe;
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker; Common Kestrel; Long-tailed Minivet; a flock of Fire-capped Tits; Himalayan Bulbul; Eurasian Crag Martin; Striated Prinia; excitable White-crested Laughingthrushes; Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch; Siberian Stonechat; Crimson Sunbird; Common Rosefinch; Yellow-breasted Greenfinch, and a surprise Bonelli’s Eagle – an uncommon bird in the Buddhist Kingdom. Kori La was rather quiet, although we did add Hoary-throated Barwing and Plain-backed Thrush to our list. Nearing our campsite at Yongkola late that afternoon, we once again got delayed by some fantastic birds, this time it was a bunch of very obliging and photogenic Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babblers and Rufous-necked Laughingthrushes.

We then had two full days to explore the stretch of highway known as the Lingmethang Road which stretches through beautiful pristine sub-tropical forest. The doors to the candy-shop were flung open once again as we found: Black Eagle; Blue-bearded Bee-eater; Rufous-necked Hornbill; Lesser Yellownape; Great Barbet; Blyth’s and Black-eared Shrike-babblers; Sultan Tit; Yellow-bellied Fantail; Mountain Tailorbird; Brown-flanked Bush Warbler; Slaty-bellied Tesia; Yellow-browed and Hume’s Leaf Warblers; Black-throated Prinia; Coral-billed, Streak-breasted AND Slender-billed Scimitar Babblers; Nepal House Martin; Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler; Rufous-capped Babbler; Nepal and Golden-breasted Fulvettas; White-throated Laughingthrush; Himalayan Cutia; Bar-throated Minla; Rufous-vented Yuhina; Little Forktail; White-gorgeted Flycatcher; Himalayan Bluetail; Ultramarine Flycatcher, and very confiding Golden-naped Finches. Two of the biggest targets in the area took a lot of persistence but, eventually, we managed incredible, prolonged views of a pair of Beautiful Nuthatches and the following day, a male Ward’s Trogon. After probably ten minutes of scoping the trogon we were on the verge of walking away when the bird itself flew off, denying us the satisfaction of walking away from a trogon sighting! In and among all this bird activity, one of our group passed the 5,000 species mark – what a fine setting to mark this achievement.

On one of the nights we went on a short but successful drive through the forest. We heard, but could not entice in, Hodgson’s Frogmouth and Mountain Scops Owl. Sharp-eyed guests ensured we had better success on the mammal front – we saw four magnificent Hodgson’s Giant Flying Squirrels (including one in flight!) as well as the much smaller and scarcer Parti-coloured Flying Squirrel.

With our time at Yongkola up, we climbed to Sengor for a further two nights of camping. Broad-leaved woodland quickly gave way to endless spreads of Himalayan hemlock, spruce, firs and
junipers as we approached the 3,000m-high village. New species that we found in this habitat included exquisite creatures such as: the all-important Satyr Tragopan (although we weren’t granted the best of views); Blood Pheasant; Spotted Laughingthrush, and the exotic Yellow-billed Blue Magpie. In one grove multiple Fire-tailed Sunbirds dashed between flowering rhododendrons while down the road, a group of picture-perfect Red-headed Bullfinches allowed us to creep up incredibly close. Other goodies included: Bar-winged Wren-Babbler; Eurasian Sparrowhawk; Green Shrike-babbler; Spotted Nutcracker; Rufous-vented, Grey-crested and Coal Tits; Hume’s Bush Warbler; the delightful Rufous-fronted Bushtit; Lemon-rumped and Buff-barred Warblers; White-browed Fulvetta; Great Parrotbill; Goldcrest; Hodgson’s Treecreeper; White-collared Blackbird; White-browed and Rufous-breasted Bush Robins; Collared Grosbeak; Plain Mountain Finch, and Himalayan Beautiful and Dark-rumped Rosefinches.

Even the open pastures surrounding the camp proved surprisingly productive, with: Snow Pigeon; Red-billed Chough; Russet Sparrow; Oriental Skylark; Buff-bellied Pipit, and a small fall-out of thrushes - Chestnut, Black-throated, Red-throated and Dusky – all being seen. It was these same pastures that we walked down one night to locate a calling Himalayan Owl. It unfortunately took off just as everyone was getting on to it. We waited to see if it would reappear but when the rain started, we panted our way back up the hill and snuggled into our sleeping bags.

From Sengor we crested the 3,780m-high Thrumsingla, at which point it began to snow. This put a delay on any notions of birding for the morning. We even had our tea inside the bus while watching the landscape quickly turn uniformly white. Lunch was had in a snowless, but chilly, Ura Valley where we crowded around the restaurant’s colossal stove/heater. With food in our bellies, and our core temperatures recalibrated, the afternoon’s fresh coolness suddenly didn’t seem so bad. Birding conditions were good and a short walk in the valley produced Eurasian Magpie, White-winged Grosbeak and Black-faced Laughingthrush.

We continued east towards our overnight stop at Jakar in the Bumthang Valley. Here we searched the outskirts of town for Ibisbill and Brown Parrotbill before enjoying a bit of downtime at our comfortable lodge.
The next morning, while leaving town, we enjoyed fantastic views of: more Ibisbill; Ruddy Shelduck; a Bar-headed Goose; Brown Dipper, and a dapper Little Bunting alongside the river. And then it was time to shop! We pulled into a souvenir store in the Chumey Valley where we could watch weavers go about their craft before picking through the wares - baby Yak scarves and penis postcards seemed to be the hot items. On our way up to Yutongla a Hill Partridge dashed across the road, Hodgson’s Redstart made another appearance and we finally managed sustained views of Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher. At the top of the pass we paused to admire the distant Black Mountains and took a stroll down the hill, finding: Green-tailed and Fire-tailed Sunbirds; Buff-barred and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, and Stripe-throated Yuhina. We made it to Trongsa in time for lunch and then dashed off to the town’s dzong where we spotted a Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle circling high. In the massive, white temple-fortress our local guides escorted us around dressed in ghos (traditional formal attire). They explained Bhuddist philosophies to us, assisted by meticulously painted canvasses that covered the walls. After a short visit to the inner temple we departed the seemingly medieval structure and headed to some broad-leaved forest at the far end of town. It was surprisingly quiet but we still saw Little Forktail and some glimpsed what could only have been a Spotted Elachura, unfortunately it moved too fast to give a definitive view. We had better luck with mammals, a large troop of Assam Macaques was scattered along the road while five Gee’s Golden Langurs stuck to the treetops across the valley.

The area was a little more productive the following morning on our way to Tingtibi: Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher; Pygmy Wren-babbler; Black-throated Bushtit; Brown-flanked Bush Warbler; Grey-hooded Warbler; Rufous-capped Babbler; Striated and Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrushes; Bar-throated Minla, and Black-throated Sunbird all showed nicely. The road to lower-lying Tingtibi was long, with some hair-raising sections where construction had reduced the road to single-lane paths clinging to the mountainside. At least there were birds along the way, we were able to see: a low-flying Black Eagle; Blyth’s Swift; Tickell’s Leaf Warbler; Silver-eared Mesia; Slaty-backed and Ultramarine Flycatchers; Chestnut-bellied and Blue-capped Rock Thrushes; Streaked Spiderhunter; Crested Bunting, and Common Rosefinch. We also enjoyed close looks at a relaxed Black Giant Squirrel and good scope views of a male Himalayan Goral on a far cliff face. The goral was moving around continuously, but he blended in so incredibly well with the rocky slope that his location would be momentarily lost as each new person came to look through the scope. It’s
amazing to think it can move along a near-vertical substrate without any fingers or toes to grasp with!

Shortly before reaching Tingtibi we made our final birding stop for the day and found a cache of flashy birds, including: Blue-bearded Bee-eater; Blue-throated Barbet; Large Woodshrike; Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike; Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike; Scarlet Minivet; Ashy Drongo; Grey Treepie; Sultan Tit; White-throated Bulbul (a bogey bird for some!); Ashy Bulbul; Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch, and Orange-bellied Leafbird. **BEST of all** was a pair of Common Green Magpies, a normally uncooperative species in Bhutan, which gave us all jaw-dropping views. What a superb creature!

Our time in the Tingtibi area and Royal Manas National Park yielded: Crested Goshawk; Pin-tailed Green Pigeon; Spotted and Common Emerald Doves; Barred Cuckoo-Dove; Green-billed Malkoha; Rufous-necked Hornbill; Great and Golden-throated Barbets; Grey-chinned Minivet; White-bellied Erpornis; Maroon Oriole; Bronze and hair-crested Drongos; Chestnut-headed bee-eater; Lesser necklaced Laughinthrush; Black-naped Monarch; Mountain Bulbul; Yellow-bellied, Yellow-vented, Rufous-faced and Whistler’s Warblers; White-browed Scimitar Babbler; bamboo specialists White-hooded Babbler; Pale-billed Parrotbill and White-breasted Parrotbill; Blue-winged Minla; Black-chinned Yuhina; Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher; Crimson Sunbird, and many wonderful sightings of Gee’s Golden Langurs. The area proved brilliant for woodpeckers, with eight species seen - White-browed and Speckled Piculets, Greater and Lesser Yellownapes and Pale-headed, Bay, Rufous and Grey-headed Woodpeckers. In the evenings around 30 Great Hornbills would sail across the valley and flop into a couple of large trees to roost for the night. On our last morning the Huey-like flap of massive wings signalled the arrival of these birds from their roost across the river. They flowed in ones and twos and soon the fruiting trees just metres from us were filled with these charismatic giants.

As if all of that wasn’t marvellous enough, on our way back to Trongsa we watched a Yellow-throated Marten lope up and down a slope right next to the road. We’d had the briefest of views as one hurried across the highway two days previously so this occasion was especially satisfying.
From Trongsa we travelled over Pele La (where we bade our camp crew farewell) via Nobding (with its abundance of phallus artworks) and through blustery Wangdue Phodrang (site of the country’s first wind turbines) to Punakha. Endless roadworks not only increased our travel time dramatically but, sadly, also diminished the birding quality and possibilities along the way. Nevertheless, we still managed to see: Himalayan Vulture; Eurasian Jay; Yellow-billed Blue Magpie; Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler; Rufous-winged Fulvetta; Rufous-vented and Whiskered Yuhinas; White-tailed Nuthatch; Wallcreeper; Rusty-flanked Treecreeper; Fire-breasted Flowerpecker; Maroon-backed Accentor; Grey Wagtail; Nepal house Martin, and Buff-bellied Pipit.

In Punakha we made another cultural sojourn, this time to Punakha Dzong. This huge structure at the confluence of the Mo and Po Chhus – the “Mother” and “Father” rivers – is one of the oldest and most important structures in the country, the site of coronations and royal weddings. We watched, mesmerised, as monks practised their chants. Inside the sacred temple, of which the wooden floors are the only undecorated surface, we learned more about Buddha’s path to enlightenment. On the birding front, Punakha’s two rivers held: Gadwall; Northern Pintail; Pied Avocet; Ibisbill; River Lapwing; Brown-headed Gull; Common and Crested Kingfishers; Brown Dipper; White Wagtail, and an adult Pallas’s Fish Eagle, and we saw Slender-billed Oriole in a pine habitat in town. Jigme Dorji National Park was a little quiet but still produced: Barred Cuckoo-Dove; Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon; Eurasian Hoopoe; Maroon Oriole; Slaty-bellied Tesia; Nepal Fulvetta; Rusty-fronted Barwing, and Slaty-backed and Little Forktails. The bird that made Punakha a birding destination, though, is the critically endangered White-bellied Heron. We dipped on our first attempt but managed to find a bird on our second, shortly before we were due to head back for breakfast. We also found a flock of Scaly-breasted Munias and watched a Golden Jackal (uncommon in Bhutan) trotting along a pebbly spit, so all in all it was a successful excursion.

Spirits were buoyant at breakfast, after which we departed for the Royal Botanical Garden near Dochula. Here we saw: Eurasian Sparrowhawk; the gorgeous Rufous-bellied Woodpecker; Eurasian Jay; Hoary-throated Barwing; Rufous Sibia; Brown Parrotbill; Sikkim Treecreeper; Grey-winged Blackbird, and Green-tailed Sunbird. Darjeeling Woodpecker also made an appearance, albeit a quick one, taking our woodpecker tally for the trip to 16 species! At Dochula itself the Himalayas were hidden behind layers of cloud, but we still admired the 108 chortens commemorating the Bhutanese military victory over Assamese rebels in the early 21st century. From there it was a
short drive to Thimpu - the capital - where, after dinner, we took in the splendour of the city’s dzong lit up in red, white and yellow.

Before leaving for our final destination we drove up to Thimpu’s Takin sanctuary, where a few of these quirky creatures were milling about, and had a quick scan about the city’s waste-water works – surely the least bird-filled of any such facility in the world?! We arrived in Paro mid-morning, where those up to the task set out on the hike up to Taktsang Palphug Monastery (Tiger’s Nest). The trek was quite taxing – especially as it's at an altitude of 3,000m – and the group broke up into smaller sets with some remaining at the cafeteria and only a few making it all the way to the monastery itself. Though not the main focus of the outing, we did see Wallcreeper and Nepal Grey Langur, and we had sensational views of an unperturbed Rufous-bellied Woodpecker drilling rows of sap wells around a close tree trunk. That afternoon, those who weren’t exhausted from their climb visited an area along the Paro Chhu where Ibisbill and Rosy Pipit were spotted.

For our final day of birding we rose early to ensure we were in the right place at the right time to find “the blue chicken” – aka Himalayan Monal. While driving up Chele La in the dark a Eurasian Woodcock ran across the tarmac, and as the sky lightened, Blood Pheasants showed on the roadside. At the top of the nearly 4,000m high pass thick mist wafted in and out. We spotted our first Monal, a distant silhouette that kept appearing (just!) and disappearing in the mist. Thankfully that wasn’t our only sighting. We saw two more male birds, both exceptionally well, their rainbow iridescence dazzling us in full light. How can this bird justify such an exquisitely outrageous appearance?! The avian treats were far from over: Spotted Nutcracker; Rufous-fronted Bushtit; Black-faced Laughingthrush; Rusty-flanked Treecreeper; White-collared Blackbird; Red-throated Thrush; Himalayan Bluetail; Alpine Accentor; White-winged Grosbeak; Plain Mountain Finch, and Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch all made it a memorable morning up the highest paved road in the country.

We lapped up the luxury of a lie-in and late breakfast on the last day, before heading to the airport for the technically difficult flight out of Paro, en route to Delhi. Our flight went via Kathmandu, which meant flying parallel to the Himalayas. It was a gloriously clear day and the pilot pointed out Mount Everest and other towering peaks. At Indira Ghandi
International Airport we all went our separate ways, bringing to a close a tiring, but unforgettable, few weeks in the Buddhist Kingdom.

**Annotated List of species recorded**

*List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.*

**Birds (451 in total: 442 seen, 9 heard)**

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.2).

**Status codes:**  
E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced  
**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

**Lesser Whistling Duck**  
Dendrocygna javanica  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Greylag Goose**  
Anser anser rubrirostris  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Bar-headed Goose**  
Anser indicus  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, Punakha 2.4 and Punakha 4.4.

**Ruddy Shelduck**  
Tadorna ferruginea  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Jia Bhorelli River 18.3, Bumthang Valley 28.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3 and observed Punakha 2-4.4.

**White-winged Duck**  
Asarcornis scutulata  
Nameri NP 18.3.

**Gadwall**  
Anas strepera strepera  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Punakha 2.4 and Punakha 3.4.

**Eurasian Wigeon**  
Anas penelope  
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Punakha 2.4 and Paro 5.4.

**Mallard**  
Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Indian Spot-billed Duck**  
Anas poecilorhyncha  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Northern Shoveler**  
Anas clypeata  
Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Northern Pintail**  
Anas acuta  
Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

**Garganey**  
Anas querquedula  
8 Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Eurasian Teal**  
Anas crecca crecca  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Tufted Duck**  
Aythya fuligula  
2 Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Common Merganser**  
Mergus merganser  
6 Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.

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### Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

**Swamp Francolin (VU)**  
Francolinus gularis  
5 Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Hill Partridge**  
Arborophila torqueola
1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3, 1 heard Sengor 26.3, 1 heard Thrumshingla pass 27.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, 1 heard Trongsa 30.3 and 1 heard Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Rufous-throated Partridge** *Arborophila rufogularis*
1 heard Morong 21.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Blood Pheasant** *Ithaginis cruentus*
2 Thrumshingla pass 27.3, 12 Thrumshingla pass 28.3 and 6 Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Satyr Tragopan (NT)** *Tragopan satyra*
3 Sengor 26.3 and 1 Sengor 27.3.

**Himalayan Monal** *Lophophorus impejanus*
3 Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus murghi*

**Kalij Pheasant** *Lophura leucomelanos*
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4 and Thimpu 5.4.

**Grebes Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Storks Ciconiidae**

**Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3.

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*
Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Woolly-necked Stork** *Ciconia episcopus episcopus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Black-necked Stork (NT)** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus asiaticus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Lesser Adjutant (VU)** *Leptoptilos javanicus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Guwahati 15.3.

**Greater Adjutant (EN)** *Leptoptilos dubius*
Guwahati 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**

**Black-headed Ibis (NT)** *Threskiornis melanocephalus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*
Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.

**Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**White-bellied Heron (CR)** *Ardea insignis*
Punakha 4.4.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea manilensis*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia intermedia*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Little Egret**

Egretta garzetta garzetta

Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Boreilli River 18.3.

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**Pelicans Pelecanidae**

Spot-billed Pelican (NT)

Pelecanus philippensis

Up to 100 Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

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**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Little Cormorant**

Microcarbo niger

Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Jia Borelli River 18.3 and Jia Borelli River 19.3.

**Great Cormorant**

Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis

Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Jia Borelli River 18.3 and Jia Borelli River 19.3.

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**Anhingas Anhingidae**

Oriental Darter (NT)

Anhinga melanogaster

Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

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**Osprey Pandionidae**

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus haliaetus

Kaziranga NP 17.3, Jia Borelli River 18.3, Nameric Eco Camp 19.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

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**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus vociferus

Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.

Crested Honey Buzzard

Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis

2 Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Slender-billed Vulture (CR)**

Gyps tenuirostris

1 Kaziranga NP 16.3.

Himalayan Vulture

Gyps himalayensis

Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Sengor 26.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

Crested Serpent Eagle

Spilornis cheela


Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus cirrhatus

Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus nipalensis nipalensis

Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3, Sengor 26.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4.

Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle

Lophotriorchis kienerii kienerii

Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Trongsa 29.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Black Eagle

Ictiniaetus malaiensis perniger


Indian Spotted Eagle

Clanga hastata

Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

Greater Spotted Eagle

Clanga clanga

Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.

Steppe Eagle

Aquila nipalensis nipalensis

Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Bonelli’s Eagle

Aquila fasciata fasciata

Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus

Morong 21.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Nameric Eco Camp 19.3.
Besra  
Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.  
**Accipiter virgatus**

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk**  
Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3, Punakha 3.4 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.  
**Accipiter nisus**

**Northern Goshawk**  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3 and Bumthang Valley 29.3.  
**Accipiter gentilis buteoides**

**Hen Harrier**  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  
**Circus cyaneus**

**Pied Harrier**  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  
**Circus melanoleucos**

**Black Kite**  
Guwahati 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.  
**Milvus migrans**

**Pallas's Fish Eagle (VU)**  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Jia Bhorelli River 18.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Punakha 3.4.  
**Haliaeetus leucoryphus**

**Grey-headed Fish Eagle**  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  
**Haliaeetus ichthyaeetus**

**Himalayan Buzzard**  
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Thrumsingla pass 28.3 and Trongsa 29.3.  
**Buteo burmanicus**

**Brown Crake**  
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.  
**Amaurornis akool akool**

**White-breasted Waterhen**  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3.  
**Amaurornis phoenicurus**

**Black-tailed Crake**  
2 Morong to Trashigang 22.3.  
**Porzana bicolor**

**Grey-headed Swamphen**  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  
**Porphyrio poliocephalus**

**Common Moorhen**  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.  
**Gallinula chloropus**

**Barred Buttonquail**  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.  
**Turnix suscitator**

**Indian Stone-curlew**  
Nameri NP 18.3.  
**Burhinus indicus**

**Great Stone-curlew**  
Nameri NP 18.3.  
**Esacus recurvirostris**

**Ibisbill**  
**Ibidorhynchus struthersii**  

**Pied Avocet**  
Punakha 3.4.  
**Recurvirostra avosetta**

**Northern Lapwing**  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.  
**Vanellus vanellus**

**River Lapwing (NT)**  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3 and observed Punakha 2-4.4.  
**Vanellus duvaucelii**
Grey-headed Lapwing  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Morong to Trashigang 22.3.  

Red-wattled Lapwing  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.  

Pacific Golden Plover  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  

Little Ringed Plover  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Kentish Plover  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Greaser Painted-snipe  
Guwahati 15.3.  

Pheasant-tailed Jacana  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Bronze-winged Jacana  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Eurasian Woodcock  
Chele La Pass 6.4.  

Common Snipe  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Spotted Redshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Common Redshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Common Greenshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Green Sandpiper  
Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Wood Sandpiper  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Common Sandpiper  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3 and Punakha 3.4.  

Temminck’s Stint  
Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Ruff  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  

Small Pratincole  
200 Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Brown-headed Gull  
Punakha 3.4.  

River Tern (NT)  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Rock Dove  

Painted-Snipes Rostratulidae  
Rostratula benghalensis  

Jacanas Jacanidae  
Hydrophasianus chirurgus  

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae  
Scolopax rusticola  

Greater Painted-snipe  
Rostratula benghalensis  

Pheasant-tailed Jacana  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Bronze-winged Jacana  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Eurasian Woodcock  
Chele La Pass 6.4.  

Common Snipe  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Spotted Redshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.  

Common Redshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Common Greenshank  
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Green Sandpiper  
Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Wood Sandpiper  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Common Sandpiper  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3 and Punakha 3.4.  

Temminck’s Stint  
Kaziranga NP 16.3.  

Ruff  
Kaziranga NP 15.3.  

Small Pratincole  
200 Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Brown-headed Gull  
Punakha 3.4.  

River Tern (NT)  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.  

Rock Dove  

Pratincoles and Courser Glareolidae  
Glareola lactea  

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae  
Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus  
Sterna aurantia  

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae  
Columba livia intermedia  

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Guwahati 15.3.
**Snow Pigeon** *Columba leuconota*
Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3 and Sengor 28.3.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*
Guwahati 15.3.

**Red Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*

**Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis cambayensis*
Tingtibi 1.4 and Punakha 3.4.

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

**Yellow-footed Green Pigeon** *Treron phoenicopterus*
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Pin-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron apicauda apicauda*
Nameri NP 18.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron sphenurus sphenurus*
Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3 and Punakha 3.4.

**Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea*
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia*
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3 and Morong 21.3.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae**

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis bengalensis*
Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.

**Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis tristis*
Kaziranga NP 17.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

**Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
1 heard Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, 1 heard Nameri NP 18.3 and 1 heard Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus querulus*
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*
Morong 21.3 and Morong 22.3.

**Owls Strigidae**

**Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilopthalmus*
1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3, 1 heard Trongsa 29.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 31.3 and 1 heard Trongsa 1.4.

**Himalayan Owl** *Strix nivicolum nivicolum*
1 heard Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3 and 1 heard Sengor 28.3.

**Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei brodiei*
Morong 21.3, 1 heard Morong 22.3 and up to 1 Lingmethang Road 23-25.3.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Nameri Eco Camp 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

**Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata*
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Frogmouths Podargidae**
Hodgson’s Frogmouth  
*Batrachostomus hodgsoni*

1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**

*Caprimulgus jotaka hazarae*

Grey Nightjar
Trashigang 22.3.

*Caprimulgus macrurus*

Large-tailed Nightjar
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Swifts Apodidae**

*Aerodramus brevirostris brevirostris*

Himalayan Swiftlet
Morong 21.3, Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Trongsa 30.3.

*Hirundapus cochinchnensis*

Silver-backed Needletail
Nameri NP 18.3.

*Cypsiorus balasiensis*

Asian Palm Swift

*Apus leuconyx*

Blyth’s Swift
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Paro 5.4.

*Apus acuticauda*

Dark-rumped Swift (VU)
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

*Apus nipalensis nipalensis*

House Swift
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

*Harpactes erythrocephalus erythrocephalus*

Red-headed Trogon
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

*Harpactes wardi*

Ward’s Trogon (NT)
Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Rollers Coraciidae**

*Coracias benghalensis*

Indian Roller
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

*Eurystomus orientalis*

Oriental Dollarbird
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

*Pelargopsis capensis*

Stork-billed Kingfisher
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

*Halcyon smyrnensis*

White-throated Kingfisher

*Alcedo atthis*

Common Kingfisher

*Megaceryle lugubris*

Crested Kingfisher
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and Punakha 3.4.

*Ceryle rudis*

Pied Kingfisher
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

*Nyctyornis athertoni athertoni*

Blue-bearded Bee-eater

*Merops orientalis*

Green Bee-eater
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.
Blue-tailed Bee-eater  
*Merops philippinus javanicus*  
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater  
*Merops leschenaulti*  

**Hoopoes Upupidae**

Eurasian Hoopoe  
*Kaziranga NP 15.3.*

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

Great Hornbill (NT)  
*Buceros bicornis*  

Oriental Pied Hornbill  
*Anthracoceros albirostris albirostris*  
Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Kaziranga NP 17.3.

Rufous-necked Hornbill (VU)  
*Aceros nipalensis*  

Wreathed Hornbill  
*Rhyticeros undulatus*  
4 Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Asian Barbets Megalaimidae**

Great Barbet  
*Psilopogon virens*  

Lineated Barbet  
*Psilopogon lineatus hodgsoni*  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Golden-throated Barbet  
*Psilopogon franklinii franklinii*  
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Morong 21.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Blue-throated Barbet  
*Psilopogon asiaticus asiaticus*  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

**Honeyguides Indicatoridae**

Yellow-rumped Honeyguide (NT)  
*Indicator xanthonotus*  
Morong to Trashigang 22.3 and Sengor 26.3.

Coppersmith Barbet  
*Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*  
Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

**Woodpeckers Picidae**

Speckled Piculet  
*Picumnus innominatus*  
Tingtibi 1.4.

White-browed Piculet  
*Sasia ochracea ochracea*  
Tingtibi 1.4.

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos hyperythus*  
Royal Botanical Park 4.4 and Paro 5.4.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos macei*  
Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos cathpharius cathpharius*  
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Sengor 26.3.

Darjeeling Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos darjellensis darjellensis*  
Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Greater Yellownape  
*Chrysophlegma flavinucha flavinucha*  
Royal Botanical Park 4.4.
Tingtibi 1.4.
Lesser Yellownape
Nameri NP 18.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Streak-throated Woodpecker
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Grey-headed Woodpecker
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Tingtibi 30.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Black-rumped Flameback
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Greater Flameback
Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri NP 19.3.

Pale-headed Woodpecker
Tingtibi 31.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Bay Woodpecker
1 heard Morong 21.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3, 1 heard Sengor 26.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Rufous Woodpecker
Tingtibi 1.4.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*
Nameri NP 18.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*
Kaziranga NP 15.3, Tingtibi 30.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*
Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri NP 19.3.

Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia grantia*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis pyrrhotis*
1 heard Morong 21.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3, 1 heard Sengor 26.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropterus brachyurus*
Tingtibi 1.4.

**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**

Common Kestrel
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Jia Borelli River 18.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Punakha 3.4.

Oriental Hobby
Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3.

Peregrine Falcon
Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Lingmethang Road 24.3.

Alexandrine Parakeet
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

Rose-ringed Parakeet
Guwahati 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Blossom-headed Parakeet
Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

Red-breasted Parakeet
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike
Morong 21.3, Tingtibi 30.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Large Woodshrike
Tingtibi 30.3.

Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

*Hemipus picatus*

*Psittacula eupatria*

Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

*Psittacula krameri*

Guwahati 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

*Psittacula roseata roseata*

Kaziranga NP 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

*Psittacula alexandri*

Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

Ashy Woodswallow
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.

**Ioras Aegithinidae**

Common Iora

Large Cuckoo Shrike
Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike
Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

Rosy Minivet  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

Small Minivet  
Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Grey-chinned Minivet  

Long-tailed Minivet  
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

Short-billed Minivet  
Morong 21.3.

Scarlet Minivet  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

Shrikes Laniidae

Brown Shrike  
Guwahati 15.3.

Long-tailed Shrike  

Grey-backed Shrike  

Vireos Vireonidae

White-bellied Erpornis  
Erpornis zantholeuca zantholeuca

Blyth's Shrike-babbler  
Pteruthius aeralatus validirostris

Green Shrike-Babbler  
Pteruthius xanthochlorus

1 heard Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3 and Thrumsingla pass 28.3.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler  
Pteruthius melanotis melanotis

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Slender-billed Oriole  
Oriolus tenuirostris

2 Punakha 4.4.

Black-hooded Oriole  
Oriolus xanthornus

Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.

Maroon Oriole  
Oriolus traillii traillii

Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Drongos Dicruridae

Black Drongo  
Dicrurus macrocercus

Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Kaziranga NP 16.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Ashy Drongo  
Dicrurus leucophaeus

Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

Bronzed Drongo  
Dicrurus aeneus aeneus

Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo  
Dicrurus remifer tectirostris

Morong 20.3 and Lingmethang Road 24.3.

Hair-crested Drongo  
Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus

Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Fantails Rhipiduridae
White-throated Fantail  \( Rhipidura albicollis \)
Observed Morong 20-22.3 and observed Lingmethang Road 23-25.3.

**Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**

Black-naped Monarch  \( Hypothymis azurea \)

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

Eurasian Jay  \( Garrulus glandarius \)
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie  \( Urocissa flavirostris \)
Sengor 27.3, Sengor 28.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4, Royal Botanical Park 4.4, Paro 5.4 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Common Green Magpie  \( Cissa chinensis chinensis \)

Rufous Treepie  \( Dendrocitta vagabunda \)
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Grey Treepie  \( Dendrocitta formosae \)

Eurasian Magpie  \( Pica pica \)
Ura Valley 28.3 and Bumthang Valley 29.3.

Spotted Nutcracker  \( Nucifraga caryocatactes macella \)
Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Thrumsingla pass 28.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Red-billed Chough  \( Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax himalayanus \)

House Crow  \( Corvus splendens \)
Guwahati 15.3, Thrumsingla pass 3.4 and Thrumsingla pass 4.4.

Large-billed Crow  \( Corvus macrorhynchos \)
Morong 22.3.

Eastern Jungle Crow  \( Corvus levaillantii \)
Guwahati 15.3.

**Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**

Yellow-bellied Fantail  \( Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus \)

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher  \( Culicicapa ceylonensis \)

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae**

Fire-capped Tit  \( Cephalopyrus flammiceps \)
16 Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

Yellow-browed Tit  \( Sylviparus modestus \)

Sultan Tit  \( Melanochlora sultanea sultanea \)
Lingmethang Road 24.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3, Tingtibi 30.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Rufous-vented Tit  \( Periparus rubidiventris \)
Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Bumthang to Trongsa 29.3 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Coal Tit  \( Periparus ater \)

Grey Crested Tit  \( Lophophanes dichrous \)
Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Thrumsingla pass 28.3, Bumthang to Trongsa 29.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4, Paro 5.4 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Cinereous Tit  \( Parus cinereus \)
Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Green-backed Tit**  
*Parus monticolus*  
Morong 20.3.

**Yellow-cheeked Tit**  
*Machlolophus spilonotus*  
Morong 21.3 and observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3.

**Larks Alaudidae**

**Bengal Bush Lark**  
*Mirafra assamica*  
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Oriental Skylark**  
*Alauda gulgula*  
Kaziranga NP 17.3, 1 heard Sengor 27.3 and Sengor 28.3.

**Sand Lark**  
*Alaudala raytal*  
Nameri NP 18.3.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

**Striated Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus striatus*  
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Black-crested Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus flaviventris flaviventris*  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Red-whiskered Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus jocosus*  

**Himalayan Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus leucogenys*  
Trashigang 23.3.

**Red-vented Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus cafer*  
Guwahati 15.3.

**White-throated Bulbul**  
*Alophoixus flaveolus flaveolus*  
Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3, observed Tingtibi 30-1.4 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

**Mountain Bulbul**  
*Ixos mcclellandii mcclellandii*  

**Ashy Bulbul**  
*Hemixos flavala flavala*  
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

**Black Bulbul**  
*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Swallows Hirundinidae**

**Grey-throated Martin**  
*Riparia chinensis chinensis*  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3, Jia Borelli River 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

**Barn Swallow**  
*Hirundo rustica*  
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

**Eurasian Crag Martin**  
*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3.

**Nepal House Martin**  
*Delichon nipalense nipalense*  
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

**Red-rumped Swallow**  
*Cecropis daurica*  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

**Striated Swallow**  
*Cecropis striolata mayri*  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

**Cupwings Pnoepygidae**

**Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler**  
*Pnoepyga albiventer*  
Morong 21.3.

**Pygmy Wren-babbler**  
*Pnoepyga pusilla pusilla*  
1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 heard Lingmethang Road 25.3, 1 heard Trongsa 29.3 and 1 heard Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

**Bush-Warblers and Allies Cettiidae**

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Yellow-bellied Warbler
Tingtibi 31.3.

Rufous-faced Warbler
Tingtibi 31.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Black-faced Warbler
Morong 21.3 and observed Lingmethang Road 23-25.3.

Mountain Tailorbird
1 heard Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Broad-billed Warbler
1 heard Lingmethang Road 26.3.

Brown-flanked Bush Warbler
1 heard Morong 21.3, 1 heard Morong 22.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3 and Trongsa 30.3.

Hume’s Bush Warbler
Thrumsingla pass 28.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Grey-sided Bush Warbler
Morong 21.3.

Chestnut-headed Tesia
Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Long-tailed Tits Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit

Rufous-fronted Bushtit
Thrumsingla pass 28.3 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Leaf-Warblers Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler
Guwahati 15.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler
Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3.

Buff-barred Warbler
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Sengor 27.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Ashy-throated Warbler

Lemon-rumped Warbler

Yellow-browed Warbler
Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Hume's Leaf Warbler
Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Greenish Warbler
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Trongsa 23.3.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3.

Yellow-vented Warbler
Sandrup Jongkhar 20.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Grey-hooded Warbler

Whistler's Warbler
Tingtibi 31.3.

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Grey-cheeked Warbler
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.
Seicercus poliogenys

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Grey-cheeked Warbler
Seicercus poliogenys
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Grey-cheeked Warbler
Seicercus poliogenys
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Grey-cheeked Warbler
Seicercus poliogenys
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps
Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 24-26.3 and Trongsa 29.3.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae
Iduna aedon aedon

Thick-billed Warbler
Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.
Yellow-throated Fulvetta  
*Alcippe cinerea*
Morong 21.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta  
*Alcippe castaneiceps castaneiceps*
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

Nepal Fulvetta  
*Alcippe nipalensis nipalensis*
Lingmethang Road 24.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

White-hooded Babbler  
*Gampsorhynchus rufulus*
Tingtibi 31.3.

Abbott's Babbler  
*Malacocincla abbotti*
Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.

Puff-throated Babbler  
*Pellorneum ruficeps*
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae*

Striated Babbler  
*Turdoides earlei*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Jungle Babbler  
*Turdoides striata*
Sandrup Jongkhar 20.3.

White-crested Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax leucolophus*
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax rufogularis*
Morong to Trashigang 22.3.

Spotted Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax ocellatus*
Thrumshingla pass 27.3 and Thrumshingla pass 28.3.

White-throated Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax albogularis*

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax monileger*
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax pectoralis melanotis*
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax ruficollis*
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

Striated Laughingthrush  
*Garrulax striatus*
Lingmethang Road 24.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Trongsa 30.3, Trongsa 2.4 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Bhutan Laughingthrush  
*Trochalopteron imbricatum*
Morong 20.3.

Black-faced Laughingthrush  
*Trochalopteron affine*

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush  
*Trochalopteron erythrocephalum*
Lingmethang Road 26.3 and Trongsa 30.3.

Himalayan Cutia  
*Cutia nipalensis nipalensis*
5 Morong 22.3, 5 Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 6 Lingmethang Road 26.3.

Blue-winged Minla  
*Minla cyanoureptera*
Tingtibi 31.3.

Bar-throated Minla  
*Minla strigula*
Lingmethang Road 25.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3, Trongsa 30.3 and Paro 5.4.

Red-tailed Minla  
*Minla ignotincta ignotincta*
Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3.

Rusty-fronted Barwing  
*Actinodura egertoni*

Hoary-throated Barwing  
*Actinodura nipalensis*
Lingmethang Road 23.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Silver-eared Mesia  
*Leiothrix argentauris*
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3.

**Rufous Sibia**

*Heterophasia capistrata*

Morong 21.3.

**Long-tailed Sibia**

*Heterophasia picaoides picaoides*

Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3.

**Old World Warblers Sylviidae**

**Golden-breasted Fulvetta**

*Lioparus chrysotis*

Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**White-browed Fulvetta**

*Fulvetta viniceps*

Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3, Thrumsingla pass 28.3, Trongsa 29.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4, Paro 5.4 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Great Parrotbill**

*Conostoma aemodium*

Thrumsingla pass 28.3.

**Brown Parrotbill**

*Cholornis unicolor*

Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Bumthang Valley 28.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

**Pale-billed Parrotbill**

*Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris*

Tingtibi 31.3.

**White-breasted Parrotbill**

*Psittiparus ruficeps*

Tingtibi 31.3.

**Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae**

**Striated Yuhina**

*Yuhina castaniceps*

Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

**White-naped Yuhina**

*Yuhina bakeri*

Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 24.3.

**Whiskered Yuhina**

*Yuhina flavicollis*


**Stripe-throated Yuhina**

*Yuhina gularis*

Sengor 26.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

**Rufous-vented Yuhina**

*Yuhina occipitalis occipitalis*

Lingmethang Road 24.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3, Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3, Sengor 28.3, Trongsa 29.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

**Black-chinned Yuhina**

*Yuhina nigrimenta nigrimenta*

Lingmethang Road 26.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.

**Oriental White-eye**

*Zosterops palpebrosus*

Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

**Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae**

*Irena puella*

Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Goldcrest**

*Regulus regulus*

Thrumsingla pass 27.3.

**Elachuras Elachuridae**

*Elachura formosa*

1 heard Morong 21.3 and 1 heard Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4.

**Nuthatches Sittidae**

*Sitta cinnamoventris*

Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

**Spotted Elachura**

*Sitta himalayensis*

Morong 21.3, Morong 22.3, observed Lingmethang Road 23-26.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch  
*Sitta frontalis frontalis*
4 Nameri NP 18.3.

Beautiful Nuthatch (VU)  
*Sitta formosa*
2 Lingmethang Road 24.3.

**Wallcreeper Tichodromidae**

Wallcreeper  
*Tichodroma muraria nepalensis*
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3, Morong 21.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Paro 5.4.

**Treecreepers Certhiidae**

Hodgson’s Treecreeper  
*Certhia hodgsoni*
Thrumsingla pass 27.3 and Thrumsingla pass 28.3.

Rusty-flanked Treecreeper  
*Certhia nipalensis*
Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Sikkim Treecreeper  
*Certhia discolor*
Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

**Starlings Sturnidae**

Spot-winged Starling  
*Saroglossa spiloptera*
10 Nameri NP 18.3.

Common Hill Myna  
*Gracula religiosa*
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

Great Myna  
*Acridotheres grandis*

Jungle Myna  
*Acridotheres fuscus*
Guwahati 15.3, Nameri Eco Camp 19.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

Common Myna  
*Acridotheres tristis tristis*
Guwahati 15.3.

Pied Myna  
*Gracupica contra*

Chestnut-tailed Starling  
*Sturnia malabarica*

**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

Plain-backed Thrush  
*Zoothera mollissima*
Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

White-collared Blackbird  
*Turdus albocinctus*

Grey-winged Blackbird  
*Turdus boulboul*
Morong 21.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

Chestnut Thrush  
*Turdus rubrocanus*
Sengor 27.3.

Black-throated Thrush  
*Turdus atrogularis*
Sengor 27.3.

Red-throated Thrush  
*Turdus ruficollis*
Sengor 27.3 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Dusky Thrush  
*Turdus eunomus*
Sengor 27.3.

**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

Oriental Magpie-Robin  
*Copsychus saularis*
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3.

White-rumped Shama  
*Copsychus malabaricus*
Kaziranga NP 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.
White-gorgeted Flycatcher
Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Pale Blue Flycatcher
Lingmethang Road 24.3.

Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher
Nameri NP 18.3.

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher
Tingtibi 31.3, Tingtibi 1.4 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Small Niltava
Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Lingmethang Road 24.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3 and 1 heard Trongsa 1.4.

Verditer Flycatcher
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

White-tailed Rubythroat
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

Siberian Rubythroat
1 heard Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

White-browed Bush Robin
Thrumsingla pass 27.3.

Rufous-breasted Bush Robin
Thrumsingla pass 27.3.

Himalayan Bluetail
Lingmethang Road 25.3, Thrumsingla pass 27.3 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

Golden Bush Robin
Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

Little Forktail
Lingmethang Road 26.3, Trongsa 29.3 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Slaty-backed Forktail
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3 and Jigme Dorji NP 3.4.

Spotted Forktail
Morong 20.3, Morong 21.3 and Trongsa 1.4.

Blue Whistling Thrush
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher
Lingmethang Road 25.3, Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Paro 5.4.

Taiga Flycatcher
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ultramarine Flycatcher
Lingmethang Road 25.3, Lingmethang Road 26.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher
Morong to Trashigang 22.3.

Sapphire Flycatcher
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3.

Pygmy Flycatcher
Morong to Trashigang 22.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

Black Redstart
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

Hodgson's Redstart
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3, Bumthang Valley 28.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

Daurian Redstart
Nameri Eco Camp 17.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

White-gorgeted Flycatcher
Anthipes monileger

Pale Blue Flycatcher
Cyornis unicolor unicolor

Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher
Cyornis poliogenys

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher
Cyornis rubeculoides rubeculoides

Small Niltava
Niltava macgregoriae

Verditer Flycatcher
Eumyias thalassinus thalassinus

White-tailed Rubythroat
Calliope pectoralis

Siberian Rubythroat
Calliope calliope

White-browed Bush Robin
Tarsiger indicus indicus

Rufous-breasted Bush Robin
Tarsiger hyperythrus

Himalayan Bluetail
Tarsiger rufilatus

Golden Bush Robin
Tarsiger chrysaeus

Little Forktail
Enicurus scouleri

Slaty-backed Forktail
Enicurus schistaceus

Spotted Forktail
Enicurus maculatus

Blue Whistling Thrush
Myophonus caeruleus

Slaty-backed Flycatcher
Ficedula hodgsonii

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher
Ficedula strophiata strophiata

Taiga Flycatcher
Ficedula albicilla

Little Pied Flycatcher
Ficedula westermanni

Ultramarine Flycatcher
Ficedula superciliaris

Slaty-blue Flycatcher
Ficedula tricolor

Sapphire Flycatcher
Ficedula sapphira sapphira

Pygmy Flycatcher
Muscicapella hodgsoni hodgsoni

Black Redstart
Phoenicurus ochruros

Hodgson's Redstart
Phoenicurus hodgsoni

Daurian Redstart
Phoenicurus auroreus leucopterus
Paro 5.4.

**Blue-fronted Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus frontalis*  

**Plumbeous Water Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus fuliginosus fuliginosus*  
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**White-capped Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
Jia Bhorelli River 18.3.

**Blue Rock Thrush**  
*Monticola solitarius*  
Tingtibi 31.3 and Punakha 3.4.

**Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush**  
*Monticola rufiventris*  

**Blue-capped Rock Thrush**  
*Monticola cinclorhynchus*  
Lingmethang Road 26.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

**Siberian Stonechat**  
*Saxicola maurus*  

**Grey Bush Chat**  
*Saxicola ferreus*  
Morong 20.3.

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**Dippers Cinclidae**  
*Cinclus pallasii*  
Brown Dipper  
Bumthang Valley 29.3, Bumthang Valley 30.3, Jigme Dorji NP 3.4 and Paro 5.4.

**Leafbirds Chloropseidae**  
*Chloropsis aurifrons*  
Golden-fronted Leafbird  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

**Orange-bellied Leafbird**  
*Chloropsis hardwickii hardwickii*  
Orange-bellied Leafbird  
Nameri NP 18.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and observed Tingtibi 30-1.4.

**Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**  
*Dicaeum chrysorrheum chrysochlore*  
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker  
Nameri NP 18.3.

**Plain Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum minullum olivaceum*  
Nameri NP 18.3.

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus*  
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker  
Morong 21.3, observed Lingmethang Road 23-25.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum cruentatum cruentatum*  
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker  
Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.

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**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**  
*Chalcoparia singalensis assamensis*  
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird  
Nameri Eco Camp 19.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3 and Morong 21.3.

**Mrs. Gould's Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga gouldiae*  
Mrs. Gould's Sunbird  
Morong 21.3, Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Paro 5.4.

**Green-tailed Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga nipalensis*  
Green-tailed Sunbird  
Morong to Trashigang 22.3.

**Black-throated Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga saturata*  
Black-throated Sunbird  
Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3.

**Crimson Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga siparaja*  
Crimson Sunbird  
Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Samdrup Jongkhar 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.

**Fire-tailed Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga ignicauda ignicauda*  
Fire-tailed Sunbird  
Sengor 26.3, Sengor 27.3 and Bumthang Valley 29.3.

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

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

**Russet Sparrow** *Passer rutilans cinnamomeus*
Morong 22.3.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus hepaticus*
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Weavers and Allies Ploceidae**

**Black-breasted Weaver** *Ploceus benghalensis*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae**

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
Tingtibi 30.3.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*
Punakha 4.4.

**Accentors Prunellidae**

**Alpine Accentor** *Prunella collaris*
Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiata*

**Maroon-backed Accentor** *Prunella immaculata*
Trongsa to Punakha 2.4 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.

**Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae**

**Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*
Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Guwahati 15.3.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea cinerea*
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Lingmethang Road 23.3 and Trongsa 2.4.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
Namir NP 18.3.

**Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3, Morong to Trashigang 22.3 and Paro 5.4.

**Buff-bellied Pipit** *Anthus rubescens japonicus*
Sengor 28.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

**Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae**

**Collared Grosbeak** *Mycerobas affinis*
Thrumsingla pass 27.3.

**Spot-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas melanozanthos*
Morong 21.3.

**White-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas carnipes carnipes*

**Red-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*
Sengor 26.3 and Thrumsingla pass 27.3.

**Golden-naped Finch** *Pyrrophlepus epaulette*
Morong 21.3, Lingmethang Road 25.3 and Lingmethang Road 26.3.

**Dark-breasted Rosefinch** *Procarduelis nipalensis*
Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Plain Mountain Finch** *Leucosticte nemoricola*
Sengor 27.3, Sengor 28.3, Bumthang Valley 29.3, Trongsa 2.4, Royal Botanical Park 4.4, Paro 5.4 and Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 23.3 and Tingtibi 30.3.

**Scarlet Finch** *Carpodacus sipahi*
Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 20.3, Morong 21.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

**Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch** *Carpodacus pulcherrimus pulcherrimus*
Sengor 27.3 and Ura Valley 28.3.

**Dark-rumped Rosefinch** *Carpodacus edwardsii rubicundus*
Thrumsingla pass 28.3.

**Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch** *Carpodacus thura*
Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Yellow-breasted Greenfinch** *Chloris spinoides*
Lingmethang Road 23.3 and Lingmethang Road 25.3.

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**Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae**

**Crested Bunting** *Emberiza lathami*
Morong to Trashigang 22.3, Trashigang 23.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Trongsa to Punakha 2.4.

**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*
Bumthang Valley 29.3.

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**Mammals (26 in total: 26 seen)**

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**Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus*
Punakha 4.4.

**Crab-eating Mongoose** *Herpestes urva*
Nameri NP 18.3.

**Hog Badger** *Arctonyx collaris*
Kaziranga NP 17.3.

**Smooth-coated Otter** *Lutrogale perspicillata*
8 Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.

**Yellow-throated Marten** *Martes flavigula*
Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Mangde Chhu Valley 1.4.

**Asian Buffalo** *Bubalus arnee*
Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Himalayan Goral** *Naemorhedus goral*

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Rockjumper Birding Tours
Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3.

**Deer Cervidae**

- **Hog Deer** *Axis porcinus*
  Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3 and Nameri NP 18.3.
- **Northern Red Muntjac** *Muntiacus vaginalis*
  Hathikuli Tea Estate 16.3, Tingtibi 30.3, Tingtibi 1.4 and Trongsa 2.4.
- **Barasingha** *Rucervus duvaucelii*
  Observed Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.
- **Sambar** *Rusa unicolor*
  Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Pigs Suidae**

- **Indian Flying Fox** *Pteropus giganteus*
  Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**

- **Indian Flying Fox** *Pteropus giganteus*
  Guwahati to Kaziranga 15.3 and Kaziranga NP 16.3.

**Pikas Ochotonidae**

- **Large-eared Pika** *Ochotona roylei*
  Thrumsingla pass 27.3, Thrumsingla pass 28.3 and Royal Botanical Park 4.4.
- **Royle's Pika** *Ochotona roylei*
  Chele La Pass 6.4.

**Rhinceroses Rhinocerotidae**

- **Indian Rhinoceros** *Rhinoceros unicornis*
  Up to 40 Kaziranga NP 15-17.3.

**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**

- **Assam Macaque** *Macaca assamensis*
  Morong 21.3.
- **Rhesus Monkey** *Macaca mulatta*
  Kaziranga NP 15.3, Kaziranga NP 17.3, Nameri NP 18.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 19.3.
- **Nepal Gray Langur** *Semnopithecus schistaceus*
  Paro 5.4.
- **Gee's Golden Langur** *Trachypithecus geei*
  Trongsa 29.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3, Tingtibi 31.3 and Tingtibi 1.4.
- **Capped Langur** *Trachypithecus pileatus*
  Kaziranga NP 16.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Elephants Elephantidae**

- **Asian Elephant** *Elephas maximus indicus*
  Observed Kaziranga NP 15-18.3.

**Squirrels Sciuridae**

- **Hoary-bellied Squirrel** *Callosciurus pygerythrhus*
  Kaziranga NP 15.3.
- **Hodgson's Giant Flying Squirrel** *Petaurista magnificus*
  Lingmethang Road 25.3.
- **Particoloured Flying Squirrel** *Hylomys alboniger*
  Lingmethang Road 25.3.
- **Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor*
  Kaziranga NP 16.3, Nameri NP 18.3, Mangde Chhu Valley 30.3 and Tingtibi 31.3.
Himalayan Striped Squirrel  
*Tamiops macclellandii*