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Trip Report

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Tour Summary

There can hardly be a greater contrast on a birding tour than this tour through Assam and the Buddhist kingdom of Bhutan! We began our tour with an impromptu birding session in the hotel gardens, where we located Oriental Turtle Dove, Asian Koel, Black-hooded Oriole, Black Drongo, House Crow, Great, Common and Pied Mynas, Oriental Magpie-Robin and Red-vented Bulbul before navigating through the bustling Indian city of Guwahati. Our next birding stop began in the centre of Guwahati, at the city landfill to be more specific, where the towering mounds of waste provided refuge for a few target species and allowed us birders to get our fix of a waste treatment facility – *which all birders are attracted to, like moths to a flame*. It is here, among the swathes of trash, where we began our search for the endangered Greater Adjutant. Considered by many as the best place in the world to view these rather grotesque birds, we were not disappointed!! We managed, thankfully, to find these storks in close proximity to the main entrance, which limited our need to explore the wonderfully fragrant site. The surrounding area yielded Striated Grassbird, Black Kite, Black-winged Stilt, Barn Swallow, Citrine and White Wagtails, Temminck’s Stint, a single Lesser Adjutant, Indian Pond Heron, Spotted Dove, droves of Eastern Cattle Egret, Black-headed Ibis, Grey-headed Swamphen, Little Ringed Plover and Rosy Pipits. After our visit to the picturesque landfill site, we traversed many kilometres of cultivation and villages dotted with occasional Asian Openbills, Bar-headed Goose, Red Junglefowl, Woolly-necked Stork, Indian Roller, White-throated Kingfisher, Brown Shrike and Lesser Adjutants; while also catching a few glimpses of Rhesus Monkey. A coffee stop turned up Large Cuckooshrike, Jungle Myna, Green Bee-eater and Cinereous Tit. Having fed our caffeine cravings, we continued the long drive before finally arriving at Kaziranga National Park and our conveniently appointed accommodation. We enjoyed a tasty lunch while adding Slender-billed Vulture, Common Tailorbird and Crimson Sunbird in the lodge gardens before heading into the national park in open game viewers.

From the grasslands to the wetlands and sparsely scattered broad-leaved woodland of the Kaziranga biome, we collected a range of desirable species. Waterbirds included Indian Spot-billed Duck, Eurasian Teal, Black-necked Storks, Grey Heron, Common Snipe, Great and Little Egrets, Spot-billed Pelican, Little and Great Cormorant, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Oriental Darter, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, and Red-wattled Lapwing. Among the vast array of species was Swamp Francolin –
Asian Elephant, Smooth-coated Otter, Indian Rhinoceros, Wild Boar, Barasingha, Hog Deer and Asian Buffalo were all seen in good numbers around the floodplains, feeding on the new plant growth. Birds of the woodland and open areas included a juvenile Himalayan Vulture, Asian Barred Owlet, Eurasian Wryneck, Long-tailed Minivet, Grey-backed Shrike, Hair-crested Drongo, Eastern Jungle Crow, Yellow-browed Warbler, the difficult Spot-winged and striking Chestnut-tailed Starlings, Siberian Stonechat, Red Avadavat, Stork-billed, Common and Pied Kingfishers, Green-billed Malkoha, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Blossom-headed, Alexandrine, Rose Ringed and Red-breasted Parakeets, Rufous Treepie and wonderful looks at a pair of Puff-throated Babbler. A short while later, we returned to camp for dinner and a welcome night’s rest.

On our second morning in Kaziranga, we woke early and headed off to the Agoratoli section of Kaziranga National Park. At the entrance gate, we located White-breasted Waterhen, Paddyfield Pipit, Spotted Owlet, Himalayan Swiftlet, Asian Palm Swift, Lineated Barbet, Long-tailed Shrike and Changeable Hawk-Eagle. We also enjoyed the leisure of exploring a huge wetland which supported a vast array of species, including Ruddy Shelduck, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Gadwell, Eurasian Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Garganey, Tufted Duck, Eurasian Lapwing, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacana on the large lily beds, Temminck’s Stint, and Green and Common Sandpipers completed the impressive collection gathered in this amazing area. The broad-leaved woodland on the wetland edges was no less spectacular, and aside from holding Asian Elephant, a single Sambar and Hog Deer, it also provided some incredibly beautiful species for us to view. Among them was the wonderful Great Hornbill excavating a nest, Red Turtle Dove, Green Imperial Pigeon, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Common Kestrel, Short-billed and Scarlet Minivets, Red-whiskered Bulbul, the secretive White-rumped Shama and the tiny Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, which all performed beautifully for us before we returned to camp for lunch.

After lunch, we made our way to Bagori, in the western section of the park, collecting Dusky Warbler en route. While driving around through the Elephant Grass with intermixed woodland, we also managed to locate Daurian Redstart, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Black-rumped Flameback and Grey Bush Chat. The wetlands produced Hen Harrier, Pallas’s Fish Eagle, Pacific Golden Plover,
Lesser Coucal, Striated Babbler, and Spotted and Common Redshanks. We also added Indian Roofed Terrapin and Tockaaiy Gecko before returning to camp for an excellent dinner and a welcome rest.

We rose before dawn the following day to make our way back into Kaziranga National Park to enjoy an Elephant-back safari. The ride was sadly very quiet, as an impending storm inhibited most species from showing well; although we still managed to see Jungle Myna, Black-necked Stork, Crested Serpent Eagle and many Rosy Pipits scurrying through the grassy thickets before we completed this adventure. A short while later, we departed Kaziranga and headed to Nameri. A local tea farm provided us with our first birding stop, and here we managed to view a stunning cast of species, including Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Greater Coucal, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Blue-throated and Blue-eared Barbets, Grey-headed Woodpecker, a very distant Pied Falconet, a small group of Ashy Woodswallow, a couple of Common Iora, Bronze Drongo, Black-crested Bulbul, a very large flock of Black Bulbul, Striated Swallow, Tickell’s Leaf Warbler, a very obliging Pin-striped Tit-Babbler, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Verditer Flycatcher, and Golden-fronted and Orange-bellied Leafbirds before settling for a breakfast in the field. We then departed the tea farm, stopping en route to see an Oriental Dollarbird. After a quick break in Tezpur, we made the final stretch of our journey to Nameri, collecting Little Grebe and Oriental Hobby en route. We stopped for lunch at our accommodations in the company of a couple of Common Hill Mynas.

With our hunger sated, we headed upstream along the river Jia Bholeli, meeting with a small ground crew, where we would raft back downstream to camp. The relaxing ride produced some wonderful species, including Greylag Goose, Common Merganser, Striated Heron, River Lapwing, Small Pratincole, Wreathed Hornbill, Grey-rumped Pygmy Woodpecker, Blue Whistling Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, River Tern and a surprise in the form of a flock of migrating Eurasian Curlew; but the undoubted highlight was a wonderful Ibisbill feeding in the choppy, rocky flow of water. We then returned to camp and a spot of owling revealed a Brown Hawk-Owl before we all set off for a restful night while a storm broke around us.

An early morning departure from our lodge saw us cross the Jia Bholeli River, in a large dug-out canoe, to explore the forests of Nameri. With a howling gale and the threat of a heavy storm blowing in from
nearby, we made our way into the sheltered understorey of the forest, where we began to connect with some awesome species. A pair of Black Stork circling overhead, Indian and Great Stone-curlews feeding on the rocky islands in the middle of the river, a single handsome Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, a perched Mountain Imperial Pigeon, a very vocal Banded Bay Cuckoo perched in a tall tree, a pair of stunning Greater Flameback, a Peregrine Falcon in flight over the river, a number of Vernal Hanging Parrots in the canopy, a wonderful pair of Large Bushshrike, a single Black-winged Cuckooshrike feeding in a dead tree, a single Maroon Oriole which showed all too briefly, a Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo which had moulted its streamers, the outrageous Sultan Tit feeding on a large, hairy caterpillar, a couple of inquisitive Oriental White-eyes, a gorgeous Chestnut-bellied and a pair of very busy Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, a fantastic Yellow-vented and a very simple Plain Flowerpecker, and a female Grey-winged Blackbird all provided excellent viewing. We also had ample entertainment during our breakfast stop, where we had both Plumbeous Water and White-capped Redstarts moving around us. We also witnessed a displaying Sand Lark, but the highlight of the morning was undoubtedly a magnificent Green Cochlea which provided jaw-dropping views. We arrived back at camp for a brief lunch and to connect with a Dark-sided Thrush before returning to the forest in the afternoon.

We crossed the river to the forest in the late afternoon again, connecting with Common Shelduck before a Slaty-backed Flycatcher captured our attention. We proceeded into the forest a short while later, where we connected with a pair of Lesser Yellownape, Eurasian Hoopoe, a small flock of House Swift and a Plaintive Cuckoo before returning to dinner at the camp later in the evening. As we began to settle for the evening, the call of a Collared Scops Owl changed the scenario and a hunt ensued as we followed the call. Finally, we managed decent views of a single bird high in a tree before retiring for the night.

The final morning of our Assam extension found us exploring the gardens of our lodge before breakfast, where we managed to add rather vociferous Thick-billed Warbler, and for some in the group: a brief view of a Siberian Rubythroat in the thickets and a feeding flock of Baya Weaver, before we departed for Guwahati to complete the Assam Extension.
After lunch, we departed Guwahati for the Bhutan border. A long drive saw us reach the border in the late afternoon, where we crossed Samdrap Jongkhar border post and met our ground crew, who then transferred us to our overnight accommodations and the base from which we would explore the Buddhist kingdom.

Our Bhutanese adventure began while birding from the deck of our wonderful accommodations the next morning. While enjoying a hearty breakfast, we had great views of Common Emerald Dove, White-rumped Shama, Common Woodshrike, Black-naped Monarch, Ashy Bulbul and Jungle Babbler. After breakfast, we embarked on the first of many winding journeys through the foothills of this magnificent country. As we began to ascend to higher elevations, the scenery became more dramatic and spectacular with every passing moment. The verdant forested gorges with precipitous drops hid many jewels, and we managed to pry a few from the dense thickets, including a small flock of ten Long-tailed Broadbill, Grey-chinned Minivet, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, White-throated Fantail, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Green-backed Tit, Striated and Mountain Bulbuls, Black-throated Bushtit, Lemon-rumped, Greenish and Grey-hooded Warblers, Rufescent Prinia, Rusty-fronted Barwing, Long-tailed Sibia, Black-chinned Yuhina, Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher, Small Niltava, Streaked Spiderhunter, Black-throated Sunbird, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, and Rufous-gorgeted and Little Pied Flycatchers. The flowing streams also produced Brown Dipper, and Slaty-backed, Black-backed, Spotted and Little Forktails. Overhead, Crested Honey Buzzard, Black Eagle, Crested Goshawk and Himalayan Vultures were seen flying along the forest fringes. We arrived at camp and took a short stroll, locating Large Hawk-Cuckoo and Bhutan Laughing Thrush before settling for a good dinner prepared by the ground team and into our rustic accommodation.

We set out early the following morning to try and locate one of the major targets in the area: the Beautiful Nuthatch. The early session produced many good species, including the easily identifiable Large-billed Crow, soaring Mountain Hawk-Eagle, good views of Barred Cuckoo-Dove, scintillating views of a pair of Rufous-necked Hornbills, large numbers of Great Barbet, a vocal pair of Golden Barbet, the first of many sightings of Ashy Drongo, the cute Yellow-bellied Fantail, flashy Yellow-cheeked Tit, very active Buff-barred and Grey-cheeked Warblers, tiny Chestnut-crowned Warbler, raucous Striated Laughingthrush, flighty Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, conspicuous Rufous Sibia, active White-naped, Whiskered and Rufous-vented Yuhinas, striking Blue-fronted Redstart, minute Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Mrs
Gould’s and Green-tailed Sunbirds, Olive-backed Pipit and – just when we thought our luck had run its course – we heard the piercing call of our target. In a flash, we located the Beautiful Nuthatch moving through the lichen-strewn boughs of the old trees in the valley and watched intently until he vanished into the dense foliage deeper in the forest. We returned to camp a short while later to enjoy lunch before heading out in the afternoon in search of more specials.

Our afternoon session was a little slower, as we tried to focus on a few species we had missed earlier. A combination of heat and degraded vegetation from ongoing construction meant our chosen area turned up substantially fewer species; although we did manage to view Russet Sparrow, Speckled Piculet and Crimson-breasted Woodpecker before we returned to camp for another excellent meal and a night’s rest.

We began the next morning early, with a quick breakfast before departing our camp as we headed to Trashigang, birding along the way. As we progressed, we managed to turn up Blyth’s Swift, the oddly comical Bay Woodpecker, the strikingly beautiful Blyth’s Shrike-Babbler, an energised Ashy-throated Warbler, a superb White-tailed Nuthatch, incredible Himalayan Cutia, wonderful Bar-throated Minla and a skulking flock of Blue-winged Laughingthrush. The resplendent colouring of a Fire-tailed Myzornis took our breath away before we settled for lunch.

After a good lunch, we were over the moon to add the secretive Hill Partridge, demure Yellow-browed Tit, gorgeous Black-faced Tit, Stripe-throated Yuhina and a garrulous bunch of White-throated Laughingthrush to our growing lists. As the drive progressed, we stopped to find a Yellow-rumped Honeyguide feeding actively around an Asian Rock Bee nest – providing wonderful views, a Hodgson’s Redstart feeding in a quiet stream, and, as we approached our destination, we encountered a series of rice paddies which produced a wonderful Black-tailed Crake, a colourful Grey Wagtail and a handsome Long-tailed Shrike. We finally arrived at our ornately decorated lodgings for the night as the sun set on another fantastic day of birding.

Our departure the next morning saw us head out of the lodge early before being caught in roadworks on a very unproductive stretch of road. After a lengthy wait, we managed to push on, stopping regularly to add some much-desired species, including the fantastic Wallcreeper clambering up a sheer cliff face, brief views of a Red-rumped Swallow, an extremely vocal Striated Prinia, strangely evasive and localised Himalayan Bulbul, a visually pleasing Black Redstart and a scope view of a Rufous-breasted Accentor.

Speckled Piculet by Markus Lilje

Long-tailed Shrike by Adam Riley

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After a wonderful lunch prepared by the ground crew, we made headway to our accommodation in Yongkola, situated at a height of 1,800m along the famous Lingmethang Road. To reach it, we covered a range of altitudes, including passing over the 2,300m high Cori La pass. A short stop further down the hill produced Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Nepal Fulvetta, our first Silver-eared Mesia, and White-crested and Rufous-necked Laughingthrushes. The amazingly agile Himalayan Goral was seen climbing what appeared to be a sheer cliff. After a very long day on the road, we checked into our lodgings, where a lovely dinner was followed by a welcome night’s rest.

For the next two and a half days, we covered the lower and middle sections of the Lingmethang Road, where we added an array of forest and bamboo-dwelling species despite the rather variable weather. Our first day dawned with hazy and humid conditions; which seemed to aid our initial attempts, as we added a Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler which had us behaving like contortionists to view it, a difficult view of a Sikkim Treecreeper, White-gorgeted Flycatcher, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, Speckled Wood Dove, Greater Yellownape, a wonderful Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, incredible Scarlet Finch, Grey Treepie, and Red-billed Leiothrix. A break for lunch in the field yielded our first views of Nepal House Martin before a wonderful bird party presented itself with numerous species, including Golden-breasted Fulvetta and a brief glimpse of a Black-throated Parrotbill.

The return to the lodge, however, proved less successful, as the gathering humidity soon transformed into large clouds accompanied by thunder and large raindrops which saw us retreat to camp; but not before adding Yellow-throated and Rufous-winged Fulvettas, Plain-backed Thrush, Dark-breasted Rosefinch, Golden-naped Finch, a pair of active Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, and Golden and Rufous-capped Babblers.

The next morning dawned with more mixed weather, changing at will it seemed, between sunshine, clouds and rainfall. Our morning excursion started with some intent, as we headed out to locate Ward’s Trogon, which we had missed the previous day. However, the previous night’s rainfall had caused a landslide which blocked the road for a time. As a result, we began birding the areas in the immediate vicinity and managed to locate Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Spot-winged Grosbeak, White-bellied Erpornis and Blyth’s Leaf Warbler. After a long wait, we finally managed to pass the area affected by the landslide, but by this time the temperature had risen and activity seemed low, and try as we might the Ward’s Trogon refused to show itself. We returned to camp a little downcast for lunch and an afternoon siesta a short while later.
With the heat of the day having passed and more storms brewing, we headed back to the forest, with large, heavy raindrops falling. Thankfully, the rain cleared quickly and we were alerted to a distinctive call from the undergrowth. A quick bit of work to reach the call location soon had us catching brief glimpses of Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler through tiny windows in the thickets. Having managed good views of the babbler, we focused our attention on a nearby bamboo thicket, where we managed to pick up a beautiful White-breasted Parrotbill moving in the company of a flock of Rusty-throated Barwing before the heavens opened, forcing us to return to camp only to be interrupted by a pair of Kalij Pheasant in the road. We arrived at camp and enjoyed a good dinner before setting out once again after the storms had passed for a night drive. After a sustained period of effort, we located the very difficult Hodgson’s Frogmouth calling in a nearby tree; while also getting good but brief views of a Hodgson’s Giant Flying Squirrel before returning to camp for a restful night.

An early breakfast followed our departure from the wonderful area of Yongkola. We still managed to entertain a little bit of birding as we traversed the forests uninterrupted. Deflated, we stopped for a coffee break, when the unmistakable call of the Ward’s Trogon captured our attention. We immediately reacted and moved quickly into the area. After a short and intense search, we managed brief flight views of a bright yellow female but nothing further. As we were about to give up and leave the area, a brief pink flash caught our attention and we were treated to fantastic views of a spectacular male Ward’s Trogon sitting in the open. Having satisfied our visual desires, he returned to the deep forest and left us all with large grins across our faces!! We continued to bird, paying particular attention to the bamboo stands, when suddenly the shout of “SATYR TRAGOPAN” got us scrambling for a brief but satisfying view of an active male foraging below us. Black-headed Shrike-Babbler, Grey-sided Bush Warbler, Whistler’s Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush and a rewarding view of a Red-headed Bullfinch all provided fantastic views before we stopped for lunch on the Latong La Pass.

As with most meals on tour, intrusions were almost guaranteed – today was no exception. On sitting to enjoy a meal in the cooler conditions, a Fire-tailed Myzornis and a spectacular male Fire-tailed Sunbird decided to reveal themselves, providing mouth-watering views. Aside from the myzornis, the higher altitudes allowed us to locate and add a new suite of species associated with the cooler montane forest and Rhododendron scrub. With a little work, we were fortunate to first locate a very active Bar-winged Wren-Babbler who allowed us some
excellent views; while, a short time later, we connected with a small bird party which included Green Shrike-Babbler, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Spotted Nutcracker, Coal Tit, Rufous-fronted Bushtit, White-browed Fulvetta and a large group of migrating White-collared Blackbird before we arrived at our campsite in Sengor. A short siesta allowed us to connect with a Short-eared Owl perched on a fence post near a fallow field close to our camp; while Red-billed Chough became a regular sighting around the rolling hills near our base. We set out for a final attempt to connect with an obliging tragopan. A short while later, we only to managed fleeting glimpses in the gloom; although a Red Crossbill and a magnificent pair of Eurasian Sparrowhawk showed well before we returned to camp for a warm dinner and a night’s rest.

The next morning began accompanied by icy-cold conditions, as we all enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee before setting out for the day’s birding. We headed into the Hemlock forest from the open farmlands, finding some spectacular species as we went up in altitude toward the Thrumshing La Pass, providing us with a prime opportunity to connect with many new species, including a family of fantastic Blood Pheasant moving along the forest floor foraging. The Himalayan Hemlock trees hosted Rufous-vented and Grey-crested Tits, striking Black-faced Laughingthrush, cryptic Hodgson’s and Rusty-flanked Treecreeper, active Dark-rumped Rosefinch, and beautiful Rufous-breasted and White-browed Bush Robins. The nearby bamboo thickets produced amazing views of Great Parrotbill and the only mammal of the day, the adorable Large-eared Pika, was seen regularly scurrying away from us. We then settled for lunch at a slightly lower altitude where, as tradition had it, a Spotted Laughingthrush intruded on our meal to have everyone scurrying for their binoculars to get looks at this incredibly skulky bird.

Having exhausted our options in the Hemlock forest, we headed back toward camp in the mid-afternoon, managing to connect with two birds – Black-throated and Dusky Thrushes – sitting high in a group of Juniper trees. A single female White-throated Redstart was seen at some distance flying around in a valley near the tree. After a short break at camp, we set out again to try our luck at locating the “Red Chicken” nearby; but we were left to accept defeat and the consolation of fantastic views of three Crimson-browed Finches feeding near the road before returning to a frosty camp, where many members of the touring party enjoyed a Dragon Warmer – a local drink – which kept the cold at bay before a great dinner and another welcome night’s rest in our tented camp.
At first light the next morning, we were out and about when we heard a Himalayan Owl, which we managed to locate before a large flock of Snow Pigeon arrived on the sunlight-warmed hillside. A Eurasian Skylark displayed in the sunlight. We finally departed the cold Sengor and headed toward Jakar. Again, we passed through the Himalayan Hemlock forest, locating another great group of Blood Pheasant while also adding some excellent species en route to lunch, including Himalayan Bluetail, Eurasian Wren, a large flock of Plain Mountain Finch, a stunning White-throated Redstart male, and our first White-winged Grosbeak in the company of a small group of Alpine Accentors before arriving at our lunch stop – where we located Eurasian Magpie before we had even raised a fork to our mouths.

The afternoon was dedicated to travelling through to our accommodation along a scenic, swiss-like rural area. We managed to add a Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch in a flock of Plain Mountain Finch feeding at a grain barrel before we arrived in Bumtang, and were immediately presented with scope views of the monotypic Ibisbill. We still had a few minutes of daylight remaining, so we visited an area of dense Bamboo, where we managed to get good views of a group of foraging Brown Parrotbill before arriving at our luxurious camp for an overnight stay.

The following day was essentially a travel day from Jakar to Trongsa via the Yutong La pass. Although we had a long distance to cover, we still tried our hand at some birding. Despite the bitterly cold conditions at this high altitude, we still managed to get good views of a few of the more common species we’d seen before, including Green-tailed and Fire-tailed Sunbirds, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Black-throated Bushtit, Rock Dove, Blyth’s Swift and Rusty-flanked Treecreeper; while adding a single Hoary-throated Barwing as we birmed through the flowering Rhododendron’s. On arrival in Trongsa, we were greeted by the site of a massive fort, turned monastery, spread across a nearby ridge. We arrived at our hotel, where we enjoyed lunch a short while later.

The afternoon was set aside for the exploration of the fort-like Trongsa Dzong, which we first viewed as we arrived. We explored the monastery, taking in the culture while also being afforded the opportunity to intrude upon a couple of learners, training to be monks, who were practising playing a large brass trumpet under the tutelage of a senior monk. Having enjoyed the cultural visit, we decided to try our hand at birding once more and headed off to a nearby site in the hope of adding other species to the list; but sadly the activity was low, and after a little effort we decided to return to camp for dinner and a good rest.
The next morning we departed Trongsa, heading for the bamboo thickets of Tingtibi. We stopped early on when a liquid note caught our attention as the sun warmed the hillside. Suddenly, two Slender-billed Scimitar Babblers shot out from cover to provide a wonderful show. We then made headway as we traversed a scenic road along the Mangdue Chu River, which allowed us to get excellent views of Eurasian Crag Martin, Golden Bush Robin and Crested Bunting before stopping for lunch on another scenic pass.

Our afternoon began with a search for the critically endangered White-bellied Heron but sadly nothing showed and we were only able to add Common Rosefinch and Blue-capped Rock Thrush to our lists before settling into our final tented camp in Tingtibi.

The next morning, we set out with two major missions in mind. Firstly, we wanted to target White-bellied Heron – *having missed this rare and sensitive species the day before*. Secondly, we wanted to search the Bamboo thickets which were prevalent in the region. Having enjoyed awesome views of Crested Honey Buzzard, we reached the top of a deep valley and decided to scan the wide flowing river below. We were gifted with a view of the White-bellied Heron. After initial viewing, we made an effort to get closer, managing to get decent looks through the scope as this seemingly young bird practised his hunting technique with a leaf. Having completed one mission, we then made our way to a good stand of bamboo to search for a few targets. We managed to add Yellow-bellied and Yellow-vented Warbler, White-browed Scimitar Babbler and Striated Yuhina; while Gee’s Golden Langur and Black Giant Squirrel provided wonderful mammal viewing. We returned to camp for lunch as heavy clouds built up over the humid valley, forming a series of minor thunderstorms, meaning we had to wait for a window before we returned to birding in the afternoon.

Fortunately, a window appeared, allowing us to return to the bamboo stands to try locate a few more specials. We were not disappointed when we located a dainty set of White-browed and Speckled Piculets, another family of gaudy Long-tailed Broadbills, a large group of foraging White-throated Bulbuls and a group of inquisitive White-hooded Babblers. We also added Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush and Blue-winged Minla before the heavens once again opened, forcing us to return to our final night in the camping tents.

We departed our base early the next morning to return to Trongsa. Our route took us through a quiet stretch of mature forest where activity was excellent. We eagerly began searching the surrounds,
adding Himalayan Cuckoo in the company of a very confiding Large Hawk-Cuckoo, better views of Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike, incredible views of Common Green Magpie, a difficult pair of Red-tailed Minla and the monotypic Spotted Elachura creeping through the undergrowth; also getting excellent views of Yellow-throated Marten. We then made our way toward our lunch stop en route to Trongsa, when the bus suddenly emptied as the word “Trogon” passed through the lips of a team member. Moments later, we were privileged to be viewing two pairs of Red-headed Trogon at close proximity. We finally stopped for lunch before making a final push for Trongsa.

With the afternoon being dedicated to travel, we had one chance to add a Black-throated Prinia, and managed to get very good views of an individual calling from an exposed perch before arriving at our camp, where we relaxed for the afternoon before enjoying a good meal and a very good night’s rest.

A slightly relaxed morning saw us depart Trongsa for Kuruthang in the mid-morning through the Phodrang and Pele La passes following a very scenic river. Along the way, we stopped to view a Eurasian Jay, a large kettle of Himalayan Vulture, a high flying Besra identified by a few photographs and a loud Russet Bush Warbler acting like a mouse running through the undergrowth, before pushing on to our destination. As we approached Kurutang, we stopped along a river which offered us the chance to connect with a few waterbirds, including Common and Ruddy Shelduck, Eurasian Widgeon, Common Merganser, Green and Common Sandpipers, Grey-throated Martin and another set of new bird in the form of a striking breeding male Kentish Plover and a distinctive White-browed Wagtail. We arrived at our accommodation and were afforded a short siesta for the rest of the afternoon before dinner and another restful night.

The next morning, we departed our accommodation early to visit the Jigma Dorji Reserve, where we set about to locate a few missing species. The morning started off with good looks at Kalij Pheasant, a couple of much better views of Crested Kingfisher scanning the river from exposed perches, an active foraging pair of Small Niltava, an obliging Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, a very relaxed Crested Serpent Eagle and a Brown Dipper catching insects by dipping between the rocks. A scintillating pair of Asian Emerald Cuckoo captured the imagination with their amazing colours, a very entertaining view was had of a Fire-capped Tit pair feeding on nearby flowering shrubs, and we got brief glimpses of a Slaty-bellied Tesia flitting between...
thickets before stopping at a local park. Here, we were able to witness the Bhutanese locals enjoying a game of local darts, which included many victory dances and a game of the national sport, Archery, with all the men clad in traditional attire using wooden longbows. We then settled for lunch before heading back to camp.

With the morning’s activities behind us, we made our way to the Punakha Dzong for another round of cultural exploration in this ornate monastery before trying our hand at one last stretch of river for some more species, where we managed better views of River Lapwing, Bar-headed Goose, Mallard, Indian Spot-billed Duck and Northern Pintail before returning to our camp for dinner.

The next morning, we departed Khurutang and made our way toward the country’s capital: Thimpu. First, however, we had some new species to add to our bulging trip lists. We stopped a short way out of the bustling small town, where a very obliging Slender-billed Oriole showed well for all to see. We then pushed hard to the top of Dochu La pass, where we enjoyed unobstructed views of the Eastern Himalayas before a Hume’s Bush Warbler managed to catch our attention – first with its 2001: A Space Odyssey replica call, and then with its quick flights between shrubs around us. We then returned to the Royal National Botanical Gardens a little way down the pass, where a short walk produced Brown-flanked Bush Warbler and a family of Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush following a large group of White-throated Laughingthrush. We then enjoyed a well-prepared lunch in an idyllic setting next to a small lake in the company of some entertaining Sambar Deer.

We took a short trail after dinner, adding wonderful views of Chestnut-headed Tesia and good views of plain looking Brown-flanked Bush Warbler before making a final push through to Thimpu in the mid-afternoon. We encountered a large storm as we approached Thimpu, stopping us from birding any further, but not from admiring the craftsmanship of a fifty-one-metre tall Buddha statue overlooking the city. A short while later, we settled into our comfy accommodation before joining Yangphel staff for an enjoyable and festive meal; finally retiring to our hotel later that evening.

The next morning, we set out to explore the mountainous monastery at Tiger’s Nest, which entailed a hike of approximately eight kilometres, ascending 800m from the parking area to the monastery. While some participants made it to the top with a little effort, and others stopped at the halfway point, all enjoyed views of Darjeeling Woodpecker feeding on some pine trees and a family flock of Red-headed Bullfinch moving restlessly around the pathway before parting ways. The two groups managed, all in all, to view Long-tailed Crested Serpent Eagle by David Hoddinott

Darjeeling Woodpecker by Markus Lilje

Crested Serpent Eagle by David Hoddinott

Darjeeling Woodpecker by Markus Lilje
Minivet, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Spotted Nutcracker, Rufous-fronted Bushtit, Spotted, White-throated, Black-faced and Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrushes, Little Forktail, Hodgson’s Redstart and Mrs Gould’s Sunbird. The successful hikers joined those who reached the halfway mark for lunch at the restaurant before returning to the hotel to take an afternoon break and receive a massage in the local spa before enjoying dinner and a wonderful rest.

The next morning, we awoke before the sun had risen and rode out from camp with a group of sleepy participants determined to locate a Himalayan Monal. After a long drive, we reached the freezing Chelela Pass at 3,986m above sea level. Here, the search began, and after much effort we suddenly got a good in-flight view of an individual flying down the valley. Still not satisfied, we searched the open patches, eventually locating a single bird in the open, which provided awesome scope views. With the “bird of the tour” successfully located, we explored this high altitude area, managing to add another Hen Harrier to our lists while also finding the tiny Goldcrest, the plain but rare Altai Accentor, stunning Collared Grosbeak and scintillating Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch before enjoying our final meal in the field on tour. We then returned to our lodge to pack and prepare for our final morning in Bhutan, but first, we had leisure to enjoy a festive group dinner on the final evening of the tour.

Our final morning dawned clear and beautiful, with many of us enjoying the luxury of an hour of extra sleep before breakfast. We were then transferred to the Paro International Airport, where we said our farewells and parted ways after a successful tour through the wonderful Buddhist kingdom of Bhutan, where we recorded 442 bird species seen and thirteen heard; while also adding twenty-four mammals by completion of a very successful tour.

### Annotated List of species recorded

**Note:** Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

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**Birds (455 in total: 442 seen, 13 heard)**


**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

#### Bhutan

**Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae**

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**Bar-headed Goose**

(2) 4 Punakha 1.4 and 1 Paro 3.4.

**Common Shelduck**
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(1) 1 ♀ Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.  
**Ruddy Shelduck**  
*Tadorna ferruginea*  
(2) 4 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 150 Punakha 1.4.  
**Eurasian Wigeon**  
*Anas penelope*  
(2) 8 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 2 ♂ Punakha 1.4.  
**Mallard**  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
(1) 1 ♂ Punakha 1.4.  
**Indian Spot-billed Duck**  
*Anas poecilorhyncha*  
(1) 1 Punakha 1.4.  
**Northern Pintail**  
*Anas acuta*  
(1) 1 ♂ Punakha 1.4.  
**Common Merganser**  
*Mergus merganser*  
(1) 1 ♀ Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.  

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**

**Hill Partridge**  
*Arborophila torqueola*  
(9) 1 ♂ Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 heard en route 27.3, 1 heard en route 31.3, 1 heard Royal Botanical Park 2.4, 1 heard Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 1 heard Chele La Pass 4.4.  
**Rufous-throated Partridge**  
*Arborophila rufogularis*  
(3) 1 heard Tingtibi 30.3, 2 heard en route 30.3 and 4 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.  
**Chestnut-breasted Partridge (VU)**  
*Arborophila mandellii*  
(1) 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.  
**Blood Pheasant**  
*Ithaginis cruentus*  
(3) 7 Thrumshing La 25.3, 30 Thrumshingla pass 26.3 and 1 heard Chele La Pass 4.4.  
**Satyr Tragopan (NT)**  
*Tragopan satyra*  
(3) 2 ♂ Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 ♂ Sengor 24.3, 1 heard Sengor 26.3 and 1 heard Dochu La 2.4.  
**Himalayan Monal**  
*Lophophorus impejanus*  
(1) 2 Chele La Pass 4.4.  
**Red Junglefowl**  
*Gallus gallus*  
(1) 1 ♂ Tingtibi 29.3.  
**Kalij Pheasant**  
*Lophura leucomelanos*  
(2) 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 3 en route 1.4.  

**Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

**White-bellied Heron (CR)**  
*Ardea insignis*  
(1) 1 Tingtibi 29.3.  
**Little Egret**  
*Egretta garzetta*  
(2) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 1 Tingtibi 28.3.  

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Little Cormorant**  
*Microcarbo niger*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.  
**Great Cormorant**  
*Phalacrocorax carbo*  
(7) 5 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 Bumthang Valley 27.3, 10 en route 28.3, 5 Tingtibi 29.3, 1 en route 31.3 and 5 Punakha 1.4.  

**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**
Crested Honey Buzzard  
*Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
(2) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 1 Tingtibi 29.3.

Himalayan Vulture (NT)  
*Gyps himalayensis*  
(1) 40 en route 31.3.

Crested Serpent Eagle  
*Spilornis cheela*  
(3) 3 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 1 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle  
*Nisaetus nipalensis*  
(8) 2 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 juvenile Kori La 21.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 en route 28.3, 2 en route 30.3 and 1 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Black Eagle  
*Ictiniaetus malaiensis*  
(6) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Kori La 21.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 2 en route 30.3.

Crested Goshawk  
*Accipiter trivirgatus*  
(3) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 en route 28.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Shikra  
*Accipiter badius*  
(1) 1 adult Tingtibi 29.3.

Besra  
*Accipiter virgatus*  
(1) 2 en route 31.3.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk  
*Accipiter nisus*  
(6) 2 adult ♀ Latong La 24.3, 1 adult ♀ Sengor 25.3, 1 adult ♀ Ura Valley 26.3, 1 adult ♀ en route 31.3, 1 adult ♀ Dochu La 2.4 and 1 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Hen Harrier  
*Circus cyaneus*  
(1) 1 adult ♀ Chele La Pass 4.4.

Himalayan Buzzard  
*Buteo burmanicus*  

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

Black-tailed Crake  
*Porzana bicolor*  
(2) 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3 and 4 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

Ibisbill *Ibidorhynchidae*

Ibisbill  
*Ibidorhynchus struthersii*  
(4) 2 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 27.3, 1 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 en route 3.4.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

River Lapwing (NT)  
*Vanellus duvaucelii*  
(3) 1 Tingtibi 29.3, 20 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 10 Punakha 1.4.

Little Ringed Plover  
*Charadrius dubius*  
(2) 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 Punakha 1.4.

Kentish Plover  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*  
(1) 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*

Common Greenshank  
*Tringa nebularia*  
(1) 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

Green Sandpiper  
*Tringa ochropus*  
(1) 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.
(3) 1 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 3 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 Punakha 1.4.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

(4) 1 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 1 en route 28.3, 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 Punakha 1.4.

### Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*

(13) Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3 and Morong to Trashigang 20.3.

**Snow Pigeon** *Columba leuconota*

(2) 30 Chele La Pass 4.4, 2 Chele La Pass 4.4 and 130 en route 4.4.

**Speckled Wood Pigeon** *Columba hodgsonii*

(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*

(17) 1 Morong 18.3, 3 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, observed 23.3 and 2 Tingtibi 28.3.

**Red Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

(1) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3.

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*

(5) 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3, 3 Tingtibi 29.3 and 5 Punakha 2.4.

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall*

(4) 2 Morong 19.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*

(3) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3 and 5 Tingtibi 29.3.

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

(2) 4 Tingtibi 28.3 and 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia*

(3) 3 Morong 19.3, 7 Morong 20.3 and 2 Tingtibi 29.3.

### Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

**Asian Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculatus*

(1) 3 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

(8) Up to 2 Morong 18-20.3, 1 heard observed 21.3, 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 en route 30.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 1 heard Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Himalayan Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*

(1) 1 en route 30.3.

### Owls *Strigidae*

**Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilocephalus*

(5) 1 heard Morong 19.3, 1 heard Morong 20.3, 1 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 28.3 and 1 heard Tingtibi 29.3.

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia*

(1) 1 heard Tingtibi 28.3.

**Himalayan Owl** *Strix nivicolum*

(3) Up to 1 Sengor 24-25.3 and 1+1 heard Sengor 26.3.

**Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei*

(4) 1 heard Morong 18.3, 3 heard Morong 19.3, 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 3 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*

(4) 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 28.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route
30.3.
**Short-eared Owl**  
*Asio flammeus*  
(1) 1 Sengor 24.3.

**Frogmouths Podargidae**

**Hodgson's Frogmouth**  
*Batrachostomus hodgsoni*  
(1) 1 ♀ Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**

**Grey Nightjar**  
*Caprimulgus jotaka*  
(1) 2+1 heard Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Swifts Apodidae**

**Himalayan Swiftlet**  
*Aerodramus brevirostris*  
(6) 30 Morong 19.3, 20 observed 21.3, 100 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 10 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 10 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Blyth's Swift**  
*Apus leuconyx*  
(3) 15 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 30 en route 28.3.

**House Swift**  
*Apus nipalensis*  
(2) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 3 en route 30.3.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

**Red-headed Trogon**  
*Harpactes erythrocephalus*  
(2) 1 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 4 en route 30.3.

**Ward's Trogon (NT)**  
*Harpactes wardi*  
(2) 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

**White-throated Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon smyrnensis*  
(5) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 en route 28.3 and 1 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Crested Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle lugubris*  
(1) 3 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

**Blue-bearded Bee-eater**  
*Nyctyornis athertoni*  
(4) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 2 en route 30.3.

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**  
*Merops leschenaulti*  
(1) 1 Tingtibi 28.3.

**Hoopoes Upupidae**

**Eurasian Hoopoe**  
*Upupa epops*  
(6) 1 Morong 18.3, 1 heard observed 24.3, 2 en route 27.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 1 Punakha 1.4.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

**Great Hornbill (NT)**  
*Buceros bicornis*  
(3) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3 and 1 Tingtibi 30.3.

**Rufous-necked Hornbill (VU)**  
*Aceros nipalensis*
(8) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 7 Morong 19.3, 1 heard Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 2 en route 28.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 4 en route 30.3.

**Asian Barbets Megalaimidae**

**Great Barbet**

*Psilopogon virens*

(11) 6+0 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 6 Morong 19.3, 5 heard Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, up to 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 1 en route 28.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Golden-throated Barbet**

*Psilopogon franklinii*

(9) 1 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 4 Morong 19.3, 3 heard Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 1 heard en route 28.3, 4 en route 30.3 and 1 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Blue-throated Barbet**

*Psilopogon asiaticus*

(6) 2+0 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Morong 19.3, 1 heard Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 Tingtibi 28.3 and 2 en route 30.3.

**Honeyguides Indicatoridae**

**Yellow-rumped Honeyguide (NT)**

*Indicator xanthonotus*

(1) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3.

**Woodpeckers Picidae**

**Speckled Piculet**

*Picumnus innominatus*

(2) 1 Morong 19.3 and 1 Tingtibi 29.3.

**White-browed Piculet**

*Sasia ochracea*

(1) 1 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker**

*Yungipicus canicapillus*

(2) 1 ♂ Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 1 Tingtibi 28.3.

**Crimson-breasted Woodpecker**

*Dryobates cathpharius*

(5) 1 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 Sengor 24.3 and 1 ♀ en route 31.3.

**Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**

*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*

(2) 2+1 heard Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 1 heard en route 4.4.

**Darjeeling Woodpecker**

*Dendrocopos darjellensis*

(2) 1 heard Dochu La 2.4 and 1 ♂ Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

**Greater Yellownape**

*Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

(2) 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Lesser Yellownape**

*Picus chlorolophus*

(1) 2 Tingtibi 28.3.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker**

*Picus canus*

(2) 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 1+2 heard Tingtibi 29.3.

**Bay Woodpecker**

*Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

(4) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 1 heard en route 30.3.

**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**

**Common Kestrel**

*Falco tinnunculus*

(5) 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 en route 30.3, 1 en route 31.3 and 1 Punakha 2.4.
**Broadbills Eurylaimidae**

**Long-tailed Broadbill**  
*Psarisomus dalhousiae*  
(3) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 28.3 and 5 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae**

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**  
*Hemipus picatus*  
(2) 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Common Woodshrike**  
*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3.

**Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies Artamidae**

**Ashy Woodswallow**  
*Artamus fuscus*  
(1) 7 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Ioras Aegithinidae**

**Common Iora**  
*Aegithina tiphia*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**

**Black-winged Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina melaschistos*  
(1) 2 en route 30.3.

**Grey-chinned Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus solaris*  
(8) 1 ♂ Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 5 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 5 en route 30.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Long-tailed Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus ethologus*  
(1) Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 1 en route 30.3, 1 en route 1.4, 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 1 en route 3.4.

**Short-billed Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
(3) 1 ♂ Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Morong 19.3 and 3 Morong to Trashigang 20.3.

**Scarlet Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus speciosus*  
(3) 15 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Tingtibi 29.3 and 5 en route 30.3.

**Shrikes Laniidae**

**Long-tailed Shrike**  
*Lanius schach*  
(6) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 3 observed 22.3, 1 observed 23.3, 1 en route 28.3, 2 en route 30.3 and 1 Punakha 2.4.

**Grey-backed Shrike**  
*Lanius tephronotus*  
(7) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 1 en route 30.3, 1 en route 1.4, 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 1 en route 3.4.

**Vireos Vireonidae**

**White-bellied Erpornis**  
*Erpornis zantholeuca*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

**Black-headed Shrike-Babbler**  
*Pteruthius rufiventer*  
(1) 1+1 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3.

**Blyth's Shrike-babbler**  
*Pteruthius aeralatus*  
(4) 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 ♂ + 3 heard Trongsa 28.3 and 2 Tingtibi 29.3.
Green Shrike-Babbler  
*Pteruthius xanthochlorus*  
(3) 3 Sengor 24.3, 10 Sengor 25.3 and 2 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler  
*Pteruthius melanotis*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

Slender-billed Oriole  
*Oriolus tenuirostris*  
(1) 1 Punakha 2.4.

Maroon Oriole  
*Oriolus traiillii*  
(5) 1 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Trongsa 28.3, 1 ♂ Tingtibi 29.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 2 ♂ Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Drongos Dicruridae**

Ashy Drongo  
*Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
(11) 15 Morong 19.3, 10 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 1 en route 27.3.

Bronzed Drongo  
*Dicrurus aeneus*  
(5) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 10 Tingtibi 28.3 and Fairly Common Tingtibi 29.3.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo  
*Dicrurus remifer*  
(3) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

Hair-crested Drongo  
*Dicrurus hottentottus*  
(2) 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 4 en route 30.3.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo  
*Dicrurus paradiseus*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**Fantails Rhipiduridae**

White-throated Fantail  
*Rhipidura albicollis*  
(10) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 3 Morong 19.3, 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 7 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 1 Tingtibi 29.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 2 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**

Black-naped Monarch  
*Hypothymis azurea*  
(2) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3 and 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

Eurasian Jay  
*Garrulus glandarius*  
(1) 2 en route 31.3.

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie  
*Urocissa flavirostris*  
(8) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 10 Sengor 25.3, 7 en route 31.3, 1 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 2 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Common Green Magpie  
*Cissa chinensis*  
(3) 2 heard Tingtibi 29.3, 4 en route 30.3 and 1 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Grey Treepie  
*Dendrocitta formosae*  
(8) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, up to 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3 and 2 Tingtibi 29.3.

Eurasian Magpie  
*Pica pica*
(2) 20 en route 26.3 and 5 en route 27.3.

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**Chickadees and Tits Paridae**

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Eurasian Skylark  
*Alauda arvensis*  
(1) 3 Sengor 26.3.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**  
(5) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 10 en route 30.3.

**Striated Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus striatus*  
(2) 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Black-crested Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus flaviventris*  
(2) 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Red-whiskered Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus jocosus*  
(1) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**Himalayan Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus leucogenys*  
(2) 15 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 2 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Red-vented Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus cafer*  

**White-throated Bulbul**  
*Alophoixus flaveolus*  
(2) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 7 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Mountain Bulbul**  
*Ixos mcclellandii*  
(4) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 15 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 5 en route 30.3 and 1 en route 1.4.

**Ashy Bulbul**  
*Hemixos flavala*  
(3) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

**Black Bulbul**  
*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  

**Swallows Hirundinidae**  
(1) 10 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Grey-throated Martin**  
*Riparia chinensis*  
(1) 10 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Barn Swallow**  
*Hirundo rustica*  
(2) 5 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 10 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Eurasian Crag Martin**  
*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
(3) 2 en route 28.3, 2 en route 30.3 and 1 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Nepal House Martin**  
*Delichon nipalense*  
(5) Up to 75 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 200 en route 30.3 and 30 en route 31.3.

**Red-rumped Swallow**  
*Cecropis daurica*  
(1) 7 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

**Cupwings Pnoepygiidae**  
(2) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 1 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler**  
*Pnoepyga albiventer*  
(4) 3 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 3 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 2 heard Trongsa 27.3 and 1 en route 28.3.

**Pygmy Wren-babbler**  
*Pnoepyga pusilla*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 1 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Bush-Warblers and Allies Cettiidae**
Yellow-bellied Warbler  \textit{Abroscopus superciliaris}  
(1) 2 Tingtibi 29.3.

Black-faced Warbler  \textit{Abroscopus schisticeps}  
(7) 5 Morong 19.3, 5 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 20 Kori La 21.3, up to 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3 and 2 Trongsa 28.3.

Brown-flanked Bush Warbler  \textit{Horornis fortipes}  
(8) 1 heard Morong 18.3, 3 heard Morong 19.3, 1 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 2 heard Trongsa 27.3 and 1 heard Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Hume's Bush Warbler  \textit{Horornis brunnescens}  
(1) 1 Dochu La 2.4 and 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Slaty-flanked Tesia  \textit{Tesia olacea}  
(4) Up to 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3 and 2+10 heard Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Grey-sided Bush Warbler  \textit{Cettia brunnifrons}  
(5) 1 Morong 19.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 en route 28.3, 1 heard en route 30.3 and 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Chestnut-headed Tesia  \textit{Cettia castaneocoronata}  
(3) 1 heard Tingtibi 29.3, 1 heard Tingtibi 30.3 and 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Long-tailed Tits \textit{Aegithalidae}**

Black-throated Bushtit  \textit{Aegithalos concinnus}  
(9) 4 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 15 Morong 19.3, 5 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 3 Trongsa 27.3, 5 Trongsa 28.3, 2 en route 31.3 and 2 Dochu La 2.4.

Rufous-fronted Bushtit  \textit{Aegithalos iouschistos}  
(5) 2 Sengor 24.3, 10 Yutong La 27.3, 5 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 3 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Leaf-Warblers \textit{Phylloscopidae}**

Tickell's Leaf Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus affinis}  
(2) 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Buff-barred Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus pulcher}  
(6) 15 Morong 19.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 Thrumshing La 25.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Ashy-throated Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus maculipennis}  

Lemon-rumped Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus chloronotus}  
(11) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Morong 19.3, 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 Sengor 24.3, 2 en route 26.3, 2 Trongsa 27.3, 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Yellow-browed Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus inornatus}  
Observed 1 day in total.

Greenish Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus trochiloides}  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

Blyth’s Leaf Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus reguloides}  
(5) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 2 Trongsa 28.3, 1 en route 31.3, 3 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Yellow-vented Warbler  \textit{Phylloscopus cantator}  
(2) 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.
Grey-hooded Warbler  
*Phylloscopus xanthoschistos*  
(10) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 5 Morong 19.3, 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3, 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Whistler's Warbler  
*Seicercus whistleri*  
(3) 1 Morong 19.3, 1 Sengor 24.3 and 1 Sengor 25.3.

Grey-cheeked Warbler  
*Seicercus poliogenys*  
(5) 5 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 15 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler  
*Seicercus castaniceps*  
(8) 7 Morong 19.3, up to 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3, 2 Trongsa 28.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 3 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae**

Russet Bush Warbler  
*Locustella mandelli*  
(1) 2 en route 31.3.

**Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae**

Striated Prinia  
*Prinia crinigera*  
(5) 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 heard observed 22.3, 1 observed 23.3, 1+2 heard en route 28.3 and 1+1 heard en route 30.3.

Black-throated Prinia  
*Prinia atrogrularis*  
(2) 1 en route 30.3 and 1 en route 31.3.

Rufescent Prinia  
*Prinia rufescens*  
(1) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

Common Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus sutorius*  
(5) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 observed 23.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3 and 2 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Babblers Timaliidae**

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler  
*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*  
(5) 2 observed 22.3, 2 observed 23.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3, 4 en route 30.3 and 1 en route 1.4.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler  
*Pomatorhinus schisticeps*  
(3) 1 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 3 Tingtibi 29.3 and 2 en route 30.3.

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler  
*Pomatorhinus ruficollis*  
(4) 1+1 heard Morong 19.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 en route 28.3 and 4 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler  
*Pomatorhinus ferruginosus*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler  
*Pomatorhinus superciliaris*  
(3) 3 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3 and 2 Trongsa 28.3.

Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler (NT)  
*Spelaeornis caudatus*  
(2) 1+2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 2 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3.

Bar-winged Wren-Babbler  
*Spelaeornis troglodytoides*  
(1) 2 Sengor 24.3.

Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler (NT)  
*Sphenocichla humei*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.
Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*  
(2) 3 heard Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 1 heard en route 30.3.

Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyridopsis ruficeps*  
(5) Up to 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 5 Trongsa 28.3 and 2 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea*  
(3) Up to 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis*  
(2) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 1 Morong 19.3.

**Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pelloreidae**

Yellow-throated Fulvetta *Alcippe cinerea*  
(1) 7 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*  
(6) 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 Sengor 24.3, 1 Sengor 25.3, 2 Trongsa 28.3, 10 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 4 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis*  
(3) 3 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*  
(1) 10 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**

Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striata*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*  
(4) 20 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 10 observed 23.3, 3 Tingtibi 29.3 and 20 en route 30.3.

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush *Garrulax rufogularis*  
(2) 4 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Spotted Laughingthrush *Garrulax ocellatus*  
(3) 4 Sengor 25.3, 2 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 1 heard Chele La Pass 4.4.

White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis*  
(8) 50 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 40 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 50 Trongsa 27.3, 20 en route 30.3, 50 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 10 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*  
(1) 10 en route 30.3.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*  
(2) 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 5 en route 30.3.

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax ruficollis*  
(3) 20 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 5 observed 22.3 and 30 Tingtibi 29.3.

Striated Laughingthrush *Garrulax striatus*  
(8) 7 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 4 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 en route 30.3 and Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Bhutan Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron imbricatum*  
(6) Up to 10 Morong 18-20.3, 4 Kori La 21.3 and 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3.

Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron squamatum*  
(1) 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3.

Scaly Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron subunicolor*  
(1) 1 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Black-faced Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron affine*
(6) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 20 Sengor 25.3, 2 en route 27.3, 5 en route 31.3, 2 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4, 8 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 15 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum*

(6) 2 Sengor 24.3, 5 en route 28.3, 1 en route 30.3, 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4, 4 Royal Botanical Park 2.4, 3 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 4 en route 3.4.

**Himalayan Cutia** *Cutia nipalensis*

(1) 4 Morong to Trashigang 20.3.

**Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera*

(2) 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 3 en route 30.3.

**Bar-throated Minla** *Minla strigula*

(5) 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 2 Sengor 25.3 and 1 Dochu La 2.4.

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

(1) 2 en route 30.3.

**Rusty-fronted Barwing** *Actinodura egertoni*

(5) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 3 Morong 19.3, 30 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 30 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 30 en route 30.3.

**Hoary-throated Barwing** *Actinodura nipalensis*

(1) 1 en route 27.3.

**Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argentauris*

(3) 5 en route 19.3, 3 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 10 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea*

(1) 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**Rufous Sibia** *Heterophasia capistrata*

(15) 20 en route 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

**Long-tailed Sibia** *Heterophasia picaoides*

(1) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**Old World Warblers Sylviidae**

**Fire-tailed Myzornis** *Myzornis pyrrhoura*

(2) 1 ♂ Morong to Trashigang 20.3 and 1 ♂ Latong La 24.3.

**Golden-breasted Fulvetta** *Lioparus chrysotis*

(1) 20 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**White-browed Fulvetta** *Fulvetta vinipectus*


**Great Parrotbill** *Conostoma aemodium*

(1) 2 Thrumshing La 25.3.

**Brown Parrotbill** *Cholornis unicolor*

(1) 10 Bumthang Valley 26.3.

**Fulvous Parrotbill** *Suthora fulvifrons*

(1) 1 heard Thrumshing La 25.3.

**Black-throated Parrotbill** *Suthora nipalensis*

(1) 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**White-breasted Parrotbill** *Psittiparus ruficeps*

(2) 20 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

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

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Striated Yuhina  
*Yuhina castaniceps*  
(1) 7 Tingtibi 29.3.

White-naped Yuhina  
*Yuhina bakeri*  
(3) 3 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3 and 20 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

Whiskered Yuhina  
*Yuhina flavicollis*  
(9) 5 Morong 19.3, 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 5 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, up to 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 10 en route 28.3, 5 en route 30.3 and 10 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

Stripe-throated Yuhina  
*Yuhina gularis*  
(5) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 10 Sengor 25.3, 5 en route 27.3 and 3 Pelela Pass 31.3.

Rufous-vented Yuhina  
*Yuhina occipitalis*  
(6) 5 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 15 Sengor 24.3, 5 Sengor 25.3, 10 en route 27.3 and 2 Pelela Pass 31.3.

Black-chinned Yuhina  
*Yuhina nigrimenta*  

Oriental White-eye  
*Zosterops palpebrosus*  
(11) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 5 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3, up to 15 Tingtibi 28-30.3, 1 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 Punakha 1.4.

Fairy-bluebirds *Irenidae*  
*Irena puella*  
(1) 15 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

Kinglets *Regulidae*  
*Regulus regulus*  
(1) 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Eurasian Wren  
*Troglodytes troglodytes*  
(2) 1 Thrumsingla pass 26.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Nuthatches *Sittidae*  
*Sitta cinnamoventris*  
(3) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 2 Tingtibi 28.3.

White-tailed Nuthatch  
*Sitta himalayensis*  
(7) 3 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 3 Trongsa 28.3 and 1 en route 31.3.

Beautiful Nuthatch (VU)  
*Sitta formosa*  
(1) 2 Morong 19.3.

Wallcreeper  
*Tichodromidae*  
*Tichodroma muraria*
(2) 3 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 1 Punakha 2.4.

**Treecreepers Certhiidae**

**Hodgson's Treecreeper** *Certhia hodgsoni*
(2) 2 Thrumsing La 25.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Rusty-flanked Treecreeper** *Certhia nipalensis*
(3) 1 Yutong La 27.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Sikkim Treecreeper** *Certhia discolor*
(4) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 heard Trongsa 28.3 and 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Starlings Sturnidae**

**Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis*
(1) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**Jungle Myna** *Acridotheres fuscus*
Observed 1 day in total.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
(5) 1 en route 28.3, 10 Tingtibi 29.3 and 20 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica*
(3) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Tingtibi 29.3 and 5 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

**Plain-backed Thrush** *Zoothera mollissima*
(2) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3.

**White-collared Blackbird** *Turdus albocinctus*
(7) 50 Sengor 24.3, 10 Sengor 25.3, 2 en route 27.3, 2 Royal Botanical Park 2.4, 1 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 20 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*
(1) 1 Sengor 25.3.

**Red-throated Thrush** *Turdus ruficollis*
(1) 2 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Dusky Thrush** *Turdus eunomus*
(2) 1 Sengor 25.3 and 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

**Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*
(13) 3 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 4 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, observed 23.3, 1 observed 24.3, 1 ♀ Trongsa 27.3, 5 Tingtibi 29.3, en route 31.3, 1 Punakha 2.4 and 1 Thimpu 3.4.

**White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*
(1) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**White-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Anthipes monileger*
(1) 1 heard Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis rubeculoides*
(3) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 ♂ Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 ♂ en route 30.3.

**Small Niltava** *Niltava macgrigoriae*
(4) 2 ♂ Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 4 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus*
(11) 3 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 15 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 10 Tingtibi 29.3 and 15 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Siberian Rubythroat**  
*Calliope calliope*

(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**White-browed Bush Robin**  
*Tarsiger indicus*

(3) 1 ♂ Thrumshing La 25.3, 3 heard Thrumshingla pass 26.3 and 1 ♂ Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Rufous-breasted Bush Robin**  
*Tarsiger hypyrithrus*

(2) 2 ♂ + 1 heard Thrumshing La 25.3 and 1 heard Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

**Himalayan Bluetail**  
*Tarsiger rufilatus*

(3) 1 adult ♂ Thrumshingla pass 26.3, 1 Yutong La 27.3 and 7 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Golden Bush Robin**  
*Tarsiger chrysaeus*

(4) 1+3 heard Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 ♂ en route 28.3 and 1 heard en route 30.3.

**Little Forktail**  
*Enicurus scouleri*

(4) 1 Morong 18.3, 1 Sengor 25.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3 and 1 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

**Black-backed Forktail**  
*Enicurus immaculatus*

(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

**Slaty-backed Forktail**  
*Enicurus schistaceus*

(4) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3, 3 en route 30.3 and 2 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Spotted Forktail**  
*Enicurus maculatus*

(2) 2 Morong 18.3 and 1 Morong 19.3.

**Blue Whistling Thrush**  
*Myophonus caeruleus*

(17) 2 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 7 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 observed 21.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, en route 31.3, 1 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4 and 1 Paro 4.4.

**Slaty-backed Flycatcher**  
*Ficedula hodgsonii*

(1) 1 ♂ Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher**  
*Ficedula strophiata*

(6) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 ♂ Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 Sengor 25.3 and 1 Jigme Dorji NP 1.4.

**Little Pied Flycatcher**  
*Ficedula westermanni*

(5) 1 ♂ Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 ♂ Morong 19.3, 1 Kori La 21.3 and 4 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

**Slaty-blue Flycatcher**  
*Ficedula tricolor*

(1) 1 ♂ Morong 19.3.

**Black Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus ochruros*

(2) 1 ♂ Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 2 ♂ Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Hodgson’s Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*

(7) 1 ♂ Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 ♂ Bumthang Valley 26.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 27.3, up to 2 en route 30.1-4, 1 ♂ Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 1 ♂ Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

**White-throated Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus schisticeps*

(2) 2 ♂ Sengor 25.3 and 10 en route 26.3.

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


**Plumbeous Water Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

White-capped Redstart  
*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  

Blue Rock Thrush  
*Monticola solitarius*  
(2) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and 3 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush  
*Monticola rufiventris*  
(8) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 ♂ Morong 19.3, 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, up to 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22-24.3, 1 ♂ observed 23.3, 1 Sengor 25.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Blue-capped Rock Thrush  
*Monticola cinclorhynchus*  
(3) 4 Tingtibi 28.3, 2 ♂ Tingtibi 29.3 and 3 en route 30.3.

Siberian Stonechat  
*Saxicola maurus*  
(4) 2 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 1 en route 2.4.

Grey Bush Chat  
*Saxicola ferreus*  
(12) Up to 7 Morong 18-20.3, 10 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, observed 22.3, observed 24.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3, en route 31.3 and 2 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Brown Dipper  
*Cinclidae*  
*Cinclus pallasii*  
(5) 3 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3, 1 en route 31.3, 1 adult Jigme Dorji NP 1.4, 1 juvenile Punakha 1.4, 2 Thimpu 3.4 and 1 en route 3.4.

Orange-bellied Leafbird  
*Chloropsis hardwickii*  
(6) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 1 ♀ Morong 19.3, 1 ♂ Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 ♂ Tingtibi 28.3 and 3 Tingtibi 29.3.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum ignipectus*  
(7) 4 Morong 19.3, 1 ♀ Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 1 ♀ Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 1 ♂ Trongsa 28.3.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar 18.3.

Plain Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum minullum*  
(1) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3.

Mrs. Gould’s Sunbird  
*Aethopyga gouldiae*  
(5) 4 ♂ Morong 19.3, 1 ♂ Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 ♂ Latong La 24.3, 1 en route 28.3 and 4 ♂ Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Green-tailed Sunbird  
*Aethopyga nipaensis*  
(9) 5 ♂ Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3 and Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Black-throated Sunbird  
*Aethopyga saturata*  
(10) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, Fairly Common Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 Trongsa 27.3 and 1 Tingtibi 29.3.

Crimson Sunbird  
*Aethopyga siparaja*  
(3) 15 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

Fire-tailed Sunbird  
*Aethopyga ignicauda*  
(3) 15 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

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(5) 1 ♂ Morong 19.3, 2 ♂ Latong La 24.3, 1 ♂ Thrumsing La 25.3, 2 ♂ en route 27.3 and 1 ♂ Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Streaked Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera magna*

(7) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 10 Morong 19.3, Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 1 Tingtibi 28.3, 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and en route 30.3.

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**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**

**House Sparrow**  
*Passer domesticus*

(3) 1 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3 and Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

**Russet Sparrow**  
*Passer rutilans*


**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**  
*Passer montanus*

(9) 20 Samdrup Jonghar 17.3, 10 Samdrup Jonghar to Morong 18.3, Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, observed 23.3 and 3 Trongsa 27.3.

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**Accentors Prunellidae**

**Alpine Accentor**  
*Prunella collaris*

(1) 4 en route 26.3.

**Altai Accentor**  
*Prunella himalayana*

(1) 50 Chele La Pass 4.4.

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

(10) 1 Morong 19.3, 1 Kori La 21.3, 2 observed 23.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 Sengor 25.3, 4 Ura Valley 26.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 27.3, 1 en route 30.3, 3 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 3 Chele La Pass 4.4.

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**Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae**

**Grey Wagtail**  
*Motacilla cinerea*

(3) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 26.3 and 1 Bumthang Valley 27.3.

**White Wagtail**  
*Motacilla alba*

(6) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 3 Bumthang Valley 26.3, 3 Bumthang Valley 27.3, 30 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3 and 5 en route 3.4.

**White-browed Wagtail**  
*Motacilla maderaspatensis*

(1) 2 Puna Tsang Chu 31.3.

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


**Rosy Pipit**  
*Anthus roseatus*

(3) 2 Thrumsingla pass 26.3, 1 Bumthang Valley 27.3 and 4 Chele La Pass 4.4.

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**Finches, Euphoniases Fringillidae**

**Collared Grosbeak**  
*Mycerobas affinis*

(2) 1 heard Pelela Pass 31.3 and 40 Chele La Pass 4.4.

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

(2) 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 10 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

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

(2) 1 en route 26.3, 1 en route 26.3 and Fairly Common Chele La Pass 4.4.

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Red-headed Bullfinch  $\textit{Pyrrhula erythrocephala}$
(2) 4 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3 and 4 Tiger’s Nest hike 3.4.

Golden-naped Finch  $\textit{Pyrrhoplectes epauletta}$
(1) 3 ♀ Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Dark-breasted Rosefinch  $\textit{Procarduelis nipalensis}$
(1) 8 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3.

Plain Mountain Finch  $\textit{Leucosticte nemoricola}$
(2) 5 Ura Valley 26.3, 150 en route 26.3 and 200 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Common Rosefinch  $\textit{Carpodacus erythrinus}$
(2) 2 Morong 20.3 and 4 Tingtibi 28.3.

Scarlet Finch  $\textit{Carpodacus sipahi}$
(2) 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 15 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch  $\textit{Carpodacus pulcherrimus}$
(1) 1 ♂ Ura Valley 26.3 and 1 ♂ en route 26.3.

Dark-rumped Rosefinch  $\textit{Carpodacus edwardsii}$
(1) 1 ♀ Thrumsing La 25.3.

Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch  $\textit{Carpodacus thura}$
(2) 1 ♀ en route 27.3 and 10 Chele La Pass 4.4.

Crimson-browed Finch  $\textit{Carpodacus subhimachalus}$
(1) 3 Sengor 25.3.

Yellow-breasted Greenfinch  $\textit{Chloris spinoides}$
(3) 10 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 2 Morong 19.3 and 50 en route 30.3.

Red Crossbill  $\textit{Loxia curvirostra}$
(4) Up to 15 Sengor 24-25.3, 1 en route 26.3 and 12 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

Crested Bunting  $\textit{Emberiza lathami}$
(2) 1 ♂ en route 28.3 and 2 ♂ en route 30.3.

India

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl $\textit{Anatidae}$

Lesser Whistling Duck  $\textit{Dendrocygna javanica}$
(1) 30 Brahmaputra River 17.3.

Greylag Goose  $\textit{Anser anser}$
(1) 2 Jia Borelli River 15.3.

Bar-headed Goose  $\textit{Anser indicus}$
(3) 50 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 500 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Common Shelduck  $\textit{Tadorna tadorna}$
(1) 1 ♀ Jia Borelli River 16.3.

Ruddy Shelduck  $\textit{Tadorna ferruginea}$
(3) 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Jia Borelli River 16.3.

Cotton Pygmy Goose  $\textit{Nettapus coromandelianus}$
(1) 20 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Gadwall  $\textit{Anas strepera}$
(3) 15 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Brahmaputra River 17.3.

Eurasian Wigeon  $\textit{Anas penelope}$
(2) 75 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 7 Brahmaputra River 17.3.
**Mallard**  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
(2) 4 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 3 Jia Borelli River 15.3.

**Indian Spot-billed Duck**  
*Anas poecilorhyncha*  
(4) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 20 en route 13.3 and Brahmaputra River 17.3.

**Northern Shoveler**  
*Anas clypeata*  
(3) 15 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 2 Brahmaputra River 17.3.

**Northern Pintail**  
*Anas acuta*  
(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Jia Borelli River 15.3.

**Garganey**  
*Anas querquedula*  
(2) 30 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Eurasian Teal**  
*Anas crecca*  
(3) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 40 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Baer's Pochard (EN)**  
*Aythya baeri*  
(1) 1 ♂ Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Ferruginous Duck (NT)**  
*Aythya nyroca*  
(1) 75 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Tufted Duck**  
*Aythya fuligula*  
(1) 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Common Merganser**  
*Mergus merganser*  
(2) 20 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and Jia Borelli River 16.3.

**Swamp Francolin (VU)**  
*Francolinus gularis*  
(2) 4 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Red Junglefowl**  
*Gallus gallus*  
(4) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 7 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 en route 13.3, 3 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and 1 heard Nameri NP 16.3.

**Little Grebe**  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
(1) 50 Brahmaputra River 15.3.

**Asian Openbill**  
*Anastomus oscitans*  
(4) 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and en route 17.3.

**Black Stork**  
*Ciconia nigra*  
(1) 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Woolly-necked Stork (VU)**  
*Ciconia episcopus*  
(3) 1 en route 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 2 Kaziranga NP 15.3.

**Black-necked Stork (NT)**  
*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*  
(3) Up to 10 Kaziranga NP 13-15.3.

**Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**  
*Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
(2) 75 Guwahati 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
(3) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 15 Kaziranga NP 15.3 and 2 en route 17.3.

**Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

- **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
  (3) 2 Borgos Lodge, S of Goroimari 13.3, 1 Borgos Lodge, S of Goroimari 14.3 and 10 Kaziranga NP 15.3.
- **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*
  (2) 1 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 1 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.
- **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeo grayii*
  (4) 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and en route 17.3.
- **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*
  (4) 300 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and en route 17.3.
- **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
  (4) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 2 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.
- **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
  (3) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 3 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and en route 15.3.
- **Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
  (3) 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
- **Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia*
  (2) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
- **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
  (4) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

**Pelicans Pelecanidae**

- **Spot-billed Pelican (NT)** *Pelecanus philippensis*
  (2) 30 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 15 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

- **Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger*
  (4) Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.
- **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
  (3) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 30 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

**Anhingas Anhingidae**

- **Oriental Darter (NT)** *Anhinga melanogaster*
  (2) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 20 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Osprey Pandionidae**

- **Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*
  (3) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 2 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**

- **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
  (1) 1 en route 13.3.
- **Slender-billed Vulture (CR)** *Gyps tenuirostris*
  (2) 1 Borgos Lodge, S of Goroimari 13.3 and 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
- **Himalayan Vulture (NT)** *Gyps himalayensis*
  (2) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
Crested Serpent Eagle  
*Spilornis cheela*  
(3) 3 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle  
*Nisaetus cirrhatus*  
(2) 3 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Indian Spotted Eagle  
*Clanga hastata*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Greater Spotted Eagle (VU)  
*Clanga clanga*  
(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 adult Nameri NP 16.3.

Booted Eagle  
*Hieraaetus pennatus*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Shikra  
*Accipiter badius*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Hen Harrier  
*Circus cyaneus*  
(1) 2 adult ♂ Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Black Kite  
*Milvus migrans*  
(2) en route 17.3.

Pallas's Fish Eagle (VU)  
*Haliaeetus leucoryphus*  
(1) 4 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle  
*Haliaeetus ichthyaeus*  
(2) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 1 adult Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Himalayan Buzzard  
*Buteo burmanicus*  
(1) 1 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

White-breasted Waterhen  
*Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
(3) 1 Kaziranga--Area 14.3, 1 Nameri NP 16.3 and 1 en route 17.3.

Grey-headed Swamphen  
*Porphyrio poliocephalus*  
(1) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

Eurasian Coot  
*Fulica atra*  
(3) 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 3 Brahmaputra River 15.3 and 3 Brahmaputra River 17.3.

Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

Barred Buttonquail  
*Turnix suscitator*  
(1) 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

Indian Stone-curlew  
*Burhinus indicus*  
(1) 1 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

Great Stone-curlew (NT)  
*Esacus recurvirostris*  
(2) 2 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 2 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

Ibisbill *Ibidorhynchidae*

Ibisbill  
*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*  
(1) 2 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Northern Lapwing  
*Vanellus vanellus*  
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
River Lapwing (NT)  
(2) 5 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 4 Jia Bholelli River 16.3.

Grey-headed Lapwing  
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Red-wattled Lapwing  
(4) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Pacific Golden Plover  
(1) 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Little Ringed Plover  
(4) 1 Guwahati 13.3, 1 ♂ Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 1 Jia Bholelli River 16.3.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana  
(1) 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Bronze-winged Jacana  
(1) 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Pin-tailed Snipe  
(1) 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

Common Snipe  
(2) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Eurasian Curlew (NT)  
(1) 27 Jia Bholelli River 15.3.

Spotted Redshank  
(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Kaziranga NP 15.3.

Common Redshank  
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Common Greenshank  
(4) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 5 en route--Kaziranga to Nameri 15.3 and 30 Brahmaputra River 17.3.

Green Sandpiper  
(3) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Wood Sandpiper  
(2) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 20 Guwahati 13.3.

Common Sandpiper  
(2) 2 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 2 Jia Bholelli River 16.3.

Temminck's Stint  
(3) 200 Guwahati 13.3, 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Jia Bholelli River 15.3.

Ruff  
(1) 1 Guwahati 13.3.

Small Pratincole  
(2) 400 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and Jia Bholelli River 16.3.

River Tern (NT)  
Sterna aurantia

Vanellus duvaucelii

Vanellus cinereus

Vanellus indicus

Pluvialis fulva

Charadrius dubius

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

Metopidius indicus

Gallinago stenura

Gallinago gallinago

Numenius arquata

Tringa erythropus

Tringa totanus

Tringa nebularia

Tringa ochropus

Tringa glareola

Actitis hypoleucos

Calidris temminckii

Philomachus pugnax

Glareola lactea

Sternaa urianta
(1) 4 Jia Borelli River 15.3.

**Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**

**Rock Dove**  
*Columba livia*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Oriental Turtle Dove**  
*Streptopelia orientalis*  
(4) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 10 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and 50 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Red Turtle Dove**  
*Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and 3 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Spotted Dove**  
*Spilopelia chinensis*  
Observed 5 days in total.

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove**  
*Macropygia unchall*  
(2) 1 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Common Emerald Dove**  
*Chalcophaps indica*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Yellow-footed Green Pigeon**  
*Treron phoenicopterus*  
(2) 40 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 1 Namrei Eco Camp 17.3.

**Pin-tailed Green Pigeon**  
*Treron apicauda*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 3 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon**  
*Treron sphenurus*  
(1) 5 Namrei NP 16.3 and 30 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Green Imperial Pigeon**  
*Ducula aenea*  
(3) 2 Kaziranga--Area 14.3, 3 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon**  
*Ducula badia*  
(1) 2 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae**

**Greater Coucal**  
*Centropus sinensis*  
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Lesser Coucal**  
*Centropus bengalensis*  
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Green-billed Malkoha**  
*Phaenicophaeus tristis*  
(3) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Asian Koel**  
*Eudynamys scolopaceus*  
(2) 1 Guwahati 13.3, 1 Namrei Eco Camp 17.3 and 1 en route 17.3.

**Banded Bay Cuckoo**  
*Cacomantis sonneratii*  
(1) 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

** Plaintive Cuckoo**  
*Cacomantis merulinus*  
(1) 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo**  
*Hierococcyx sparverioides*  
(2) 1 heard Namrei Eco Camp 16.3, 2 heard Namrei Eco Camp 17.3 and 2 heard Namrei NP 16.3.

**Owls Strigidae**

**Collared Scops Owl**  
*Otus lettia*  
(1) 1 Namrei Eco Camp 16.3.

**Asian Barred Owlet**  
*Glaucidium cuculoides*  
(4) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Spotted Owlet**  
*Athene brama*
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Brown Hawk-Owl**  
*Ninox scutulata*

(3) Up to 2 Nameri Eco Camp 15-17.3.

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**Swifts Apodidae**

**Himalayan Swiftlet**  
*Aerodramus brevirostris*

(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Asian Palm Swift**  
*Cypsiurus balasiensis*

(3) 20 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and 15 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3.

**House Swift**  
*Apus nipalensis*

(2) 2 Nameri NP 16.3 and 10 en route 17.3.

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**Rollers Coraciidae**

**Indian Roller**  
*Coracias benghalensis*

(5) 30 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and en route 17.3.

**Oriental Dollarbird**  
*Eurystomus orientalis*

(3) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3, 2 Nameri NP 16.3 and 2 Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

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**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

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

(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

**White-throated Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon smyrnensis*

(5) 5 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and en route 17.3.

**Common Kingfisher**  
*Alcedo atthis*

(3) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 1 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 2 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

**Crested Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle lugubris*

(2) 1 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 1 Jia Bhorelli River 16.3.

**Pied Kingfisher**  
*Ceryle rudis*

(5) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Brahmaputra River 17.3.

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**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

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

(2) 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3, 1 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3 and 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Green Bee-eater**  
*Merops orientalis*

(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 1 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

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

Observed 1 day in total.

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

(4) 4 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 15 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3, 50 Nameri NP 16.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

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**Hoopoes Upupidae**

**Eurasian Hoopoe**  
*Upupa epops*

(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

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**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

**Great Hornbill (NT)**  
*Buceros bicornis*

(4) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 2 Jia Bhorelli River 15.3, 4 Nameri NP 16.3 and 4 Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Oriental Pied Hornbill**  
*Anthuraceros albirostris*
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(3) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Jia Bholelli River 15.3.

**Wreathed Hornbill** *Rhyticeros undulatus*

(2) 8 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 10 Nameri NP 16.3.

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**Asian Barbets** *Megalaimidae*

**Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens*

(1) 1 heard Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus*

(4) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3, 1 Jia Bholelli River 16.3 and 1 Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

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

Observed 3 days in total.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

(1) 1+1 heard Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

(3) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 3 heard Kaziranga NP 14.3.

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**Woodpeckers** *Picidae*

**Eurasian Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*

(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus canicapillus*

(2) 2 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 4 Namiri NP 16.3.

**Lesser Yellownape** *Picus chlorolophus*

(1) 3 Namiri NP 16.3.

**Streak-throated Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus*

(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus*

(2) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

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

(2) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Nameri Eco Camp 16.3.

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*

(1) 2+3 heard Nameri NP 16.3.

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**Falcons and Caracaras** *Falconidae*

**Pied Falconet** *Microhierax melanoleucos*

(1) 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

(2) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Oriental Hobby** *Falco severus*

(1) 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

(1) 1 adult ♀ Jia Bholelli River 16.3.

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**Old World Parrots** *Psittaculidae*

**Blossom-headed Parakeet (NT)** *Psittacula roseata*

(3) 100 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 30 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 10 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Red-breasted Parakeet (NT)** *Psittacula alexandri*

(5) 50 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 20 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.
Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)  
Psittacula eupatria  
(3) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 5 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and up to 5 Kaziranga NP 13-13.3.

Rose-ringed Parakeet  
Psittacula krameri  
(3) 150 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

Vernal Hanging Parrot  
Loriculus vernalis  
(1) 6 Nameri NP 16.3.

Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike  
Hemipus picatus  
(1) 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

Large Woodshrike  
Tephrodornis virgatus  
(1) 4 Nameri NP 16.3.

Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow  
Artamus fuscus  
(2) 3 en route 13.3 and 20 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora  
Aegithina tiphia  
(2) 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 10 Nameri NP 16.3.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike  
Coracina macei  
(2) 1 en route 13.3 and 1 Nameri Eco Camp 15.3.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike  
Coracina melaschistos  
(1) 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Ashy Minivet  
Pericrocotus divaricatus  
(1) 3 Nameri NP 16.3.

Long-tailed Minivet  
Pericrocotus ethologus  
(1) 15 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

Short-billed Minivet  
Pericrocotus brevirostris  
(1) 15 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Scarlet Minivet  
Pericrocotus speciosus  
(3) 20 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 10 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 15 Nameri NP 16.3.

Shrikes Laniidae

Brown Shrike  
Lanius cristatus  
(2) 1 en route--Guwahati to Kaziranga 13.3 and 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Long-tailed Shrike  
Lanius schach  
(1) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Grey-backed Shrike  
Lanius tephrontus  
(5) 2 en route--Guwahati to Kaziranga 13.3, 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Jia Bholelli River 15.3 and 3 Nameri NP 16.3.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Black-hooded Oriole  
Oriolus xanthornus  
(5) 1 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 5 Nameri NP 16.3 and 5 Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

Maroon Oriole  
Oriolus traillii  
(1) 6 Nameri NP 16.3.
(1) 3 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Dongos Dicruridae**

Black Drongo
- *Dicrurus macrocercus*
  - Observed 1 day in total.

Bronzed Drongo
- *Dicrurus aeneus*
  - (2) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo
- *Dicrurus remifer*
  - (1) 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Hair-crested Drongo
- *Dicrurus hottentottus*

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

Common Green Magpie
- *Cissa chinensis*
  - (1) 1 heard Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

Rufous Treepie
- *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
  - (2) 4 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 20 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

House Crow
- *Corvus splendens*
  - (2) 2 en route 17.3.

Eastern Jungle Crow
- *Corvus levaillantii*
  - Observed 4 days in total.

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae**

Sultan Tit
- *Melanochlora sultanae*
  - (1) 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

Cinereous Tit
- *Parus cinereus*
  - (4) 1 en route--Guwahati to Kaziranga 13.3, 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

**Larks Alaudidae**

Oriental Skylark
- *Alauda gulgula*
  - (1) 1 heard Kaziranga NP 13.3.

Sand Lark
- *Alauda rualtai*
  - (1) 1 Jia Borelli River 16.3.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

Black-crested Bulbul
- *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
  - (2) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and 3 Nameri NP 16.3.

Red-whiskered Bulbul
- *Pycnonotus jocosus*
  - (3) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Fairly Common Nameri NP 16.3.

Red-vented Bulbul
- *Pycnonotus cafer*
  - (5) Fairly Common Nameri NP 16.3.

White-throated Bulbul
- *Alophoixus flaveolus*
  - (1) 1 Nameri NP 16.3.

Black Bulbul
- *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*
  - (1) 25 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Swallows Hirundinidae**

Grey-throated Martin
- *Riparia chinensis*
Barn Swallow  
Hirundo rustica

Striated Swallow  
Cecropis striolata

Leaf-Warblers Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler  
Phylloscopus fuscatus

Tickell's Leaf Warbler  
Phylloscopus affinis

Yellow-browed Warbler  
Phylloscopus inornatus

Greenish Warbler  
Phylloscopus trochiloides

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae

Thick-billed Warbler  
Iduna aedon

Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae

Striated Grassbird  
Megalurus palustris

Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola  
Cisticola juncidis

Plain Prinia  
Prinia inornata

Common Tailorbird  
Orthotomus sutorius

Babblers Timaliidae

White-browed Scimitar Babbler  
Pomatorhinus schisticeps

Rufous-fronted Babbler  
Stachyridopsis rufifrons

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler  
Macronus gularis

Chestnut-capped Babbler  
Timalia pileata

Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

Puff-throated Babbler  
Pellorneum ruficeps

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

**Striated Babbler**
(1) 4 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Slender-billed Babbler (VU)**
(1) 1 heard Kaziranga NP 13.3.

**Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush**
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

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

**Oriental White-eye**
(1) 10 Namrei NP 16.3.

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**Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae**

**Asian Fairy-bluebird**
(3) 4 Kaziranga--Area 15.3, 10 Namrei NP 16.3 and 2 Namrei Eco Camp 17.3.

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**Nuthatches Sittidae**

**Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch**
(1) 2 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**
(2) 1 Jia Bhoarelli River 15.3 and 5 Namrei NP 16.3.

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**Starlings Sturnidae**

**Spot-winged Starling**
(2) 500 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 2 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.

**Common Hill Myna**
(2) 2 Namrei Eco Camp 15.3 and 2 Namrei Eco Camp 16.3.

**Great Myna**
(2) 7 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

**Jungle Myna**
(5) 40 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and Namrei NP 16.3.

**Common Myna**
Observed 5 days in total.

**Pied Myna**
Observed 1 day in total.

**Chestnut-tailed Starling**
(5) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 50 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and Common Namrei NP 16.3.

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**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

**Dark-sided Thrush**
(1) 1 Namrei Eco Camp 16.3.

**Black-breasted Thrush**
(1) 1 ♂ Namrei NP 16.3.

**Grey-winged Blackbird**
(1) 3 Namrei NP 16.3.

**Green Cochoa**
(1) 1 ♀ Namrei NP 16.3.

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**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**
Oriental Magpie-Robin  
*Copsychus saularis*  
(5) 1 en route--Guwahati to Kaziranga 13.3 and 10 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

White-rumped Shama  
*Copsychus malabaricus*  
(2) 1 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 heard Namri NP 16.3.

Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher  
*Cyornis poliogenys*  
(1) 2 heard Namri NP 16.3.

Verditer Flycatcher  
*Eumyias thalassinus*  
(3) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3, 1 Jia Borelli River 15.3 and Common Namri NP 16.3.

Siberian Rubythroat  
*Calliope calliope*  
(1) 1 Namri Eco Camp 17.3.

Blue Whistling Thrush  
*Myophonus caeruleus*  
(2) 1 Jia Borelli River 15.3, 1 Namri Eco Camp 15.3 and 1 Namri Eco Camp 16.3.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher  
*Ficedula hodgsonii*  
(1) 1 ♂ Namri NP 16.3.

Taiga Flycatcher  
*Ficedula albicilla*  
(3) 5 heard Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Namri NP 16.3 and 1 ♂ Namri Eco Camp 17.3.

Little Pied Flycatcher  
*Ficedula westermanni*  
(2) 1 ♀ Namri NP 16.3 and 1 heard Namri Eco Camp 17.3.

Daurian Redstart  
*Phoenicurus auroreus*  
(2) 1 ♂ Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 ♀ Namri NP 16.3.

Plumbeous Water Redstart  
*Phoenicurus fuliginosus*  
(1) 1 ♀ Namri NP 16.3.

White-capped Redstart  
*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
(1) 1 ♀ Namri NP 16.3.

Blue Rock Thrush  
*Monticola solitarius*  
(1) 1 Jia Borelli River 15.3.

Siberian Stonechat  
*Saxicola maurus*  
(4) 3 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3, 1 Namri NP 16.3 and 1 ♀ Namri Eco Camp 17.3.

Grey Bush Chat  
*Saxicola ferreus*  
(2) 1 ♀ Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 ♀ Namri Eco Camp 17.3.

*Leafbirds Chloropseidae*

Golden-fronted Leafbird  
*Chloropsis aurifrons*  
(2) 4 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and Fairly Common Namri NP 16.3.

Orange-bellied Leafbird  
*Chloropsis hardwickii*  
(2) 3 Kaziranga--Area 15.3 and Fairly Common Namri NP 16.3.

*Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae*

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*  
(1) 1 Namri NP 16.3.

Plain Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum minullum*  
(1) 1 Namri NP 16.3.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker  
*Dicaeum cruentatum*  
(1) 2 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

*Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae*

Crimson Sunbird  
*Aethopyga siparaja*  
(3) 1 Kaziranga--Area 15.3.
Streaked Spiderhunter  
**Arachnothera magna**  
(1) Nameri NP 16.3.

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**  
**Passer domesticus**  
House Sparrow  
Observed 3 days in total.

**Weavers and Allies Ploceidae**  
**Ploceus philippinus**  
Baya Weaver  
(1) 15 Nameri Eco Camp 17.3.

**Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae**  
**Amandava amandava**  
Red Avadavat  
(1) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3.

**Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae**  
**Motacilla citreola**  
Citrine Wagtail  
(2) 15 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

**Motacilla alba**  
White Wagtail  
(4) 20 Kaziranga--Area 14.3 and Jia Borelli River 16.3.

**Anthus rufulus**  
Paddyfield Pipit  
(1) 1 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

**Anthus roseatus**  
Rosy Pipit  
(4) 5 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 10 Guwahati 13.3 and 5 Kaziranga--Area 14.3.

**Mammals (24 in total: 24 seen)**

**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced  
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**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**  
**Macaca assamensis**  
Assam Macaque  
(8) 15 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 2 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3, 3 Trongsa 27.3, 30 en route 28.3, 5 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 2.4.

**Macaca mulatta**  
Rhesus Monkey  
(2) 5 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3 and 1 en route 28.3.

**Trachypithecus geei**  
Gee's Golden Langur  
(3) 8 en route 28.3 and 15 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Trachypithecus pileatus**  
Capped Langur  
(5) 5 Samdrup Jongkhar to Morong 18.3, 7 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 10 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3 and 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

**Ochotona macrotis**  
Large-eared Pika  
(3) 1 Thrumsing La 25.3, 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4 and 10 Chele La Pass 4.4.
**Squirrels Sciuridae**

**Hoary-bellied Squirrel**  
*Callosciurus pygerythrus*  
(3) 1 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3, 2 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

**Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel**  
*Dremomys lokria*  
(4) 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 3 Upper Lingmethang Road 22.3, 5 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3 and 1 en route 28.3.

**Hodgson's Giant Flying Squirrel**  
*Petaurista magnificus*  
(1) 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 23.3.

**Black Giant Squirrel**  
*Ratufa bicolor*  
(2) 1 Tingtibi 29.3 and 1 en route 30.3.

**Himalayan Striped Squirrel**  
*Tamiops macclellandii*  
(5) 7 Morong 19.3, 1 Morong to Trashigang 20.3, 1 Upper Lingmethang Road 24.3, 1 en route 30.3 and 1 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Cats Felidae**

**Leopard**  
*Panthera pardus*  
(1) 1 Chele La Pass 4.4.

**Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae**

**Eurasian Otter**  
*Lutra lutra*  
(1) 1 Tingtibi 29.3.

**Yellow-throated Marten**  
*Martes flavigula*  
(2) 1 Latong La 24.3 and 2 en route 30.3.

**Deer Cervidae**

**Northern Red Muntjac**  
*Muntiacus vaginalis*  
(1) 1 Tingtibi 28.3.

**Sambar**  
*Rusa unicolor*  
(1) 3 Royal Botanical Park 2.4.

**Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**

**Serow**  
*Capricornis sumatraensis*  
(1) 1 Morong 19.3.

**Himalayan Goral**  
*Naemorhedus goral*  
(1) 2 Trashigang to Yongkola 21.3.

**India**

**Elephants Elephantidae**

**Asian Elephant**  
*Elephas maximus*  
(3) 2 Kaziranga NP 13.3, 30 Kaziranga NP 14.3 and 1 ♂ Nameri NP 16.3.

**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**

**Rhesus Monkey**  
*Macaca mulatta*  
(4) 20 Kaziranga--Area 14.3, 30 en route 15.3 and Nameri NP 16.3.

**Capped Langur**  
*Trachypithecus pileatus*  
(1) 3 Nameri Eco Camp 16.3.
Squirrels Sciuridae
Hoary-bellied Squirrel
(3) 2 Nameri NP 16.3.

Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae
Smooth-coated Otter
(2) 12 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 10 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Rhinoceroses Rhinocerotidae
Indian Rhinoceros
(3) Up to 60 Kaziranga NP 13-15.3.

Pigs Suidae
Wild Boar
(3) Up to 5 Kaziranga NP 13-15.3.

Deer Cervidae
Hog Deer
(3) 75 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 200 Kaziranga NP 14.3.
Northern Red Muntjac
(1) 1 Nameri Eco Camp 16.3.
Barasingha
(3) 50 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 50 Kaziranga NP 14.3.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae
Asian Buffalo
(3) 40 Kaziranga NP 13.3 and 100 Kaziranga NP 14.3.