

## Birding Trip Report: NE India: 06 Jan -21 Jan 2004

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### **Introduction**

The trip was mainly a birding tour with little sightseeing.

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### **The region-North East India**

North East India is a vast area comprising of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. The variations of altitude, diversity of habitat, and extreme precipitation are factors which are responsible for the diversity and abundance of resident birds in this region. Some of the rare birds which occur are the Bengal Florican, Dark rumped Swift, White-Winged Duck, and the Marsh Babbler, Black breasted Parrotbill, White-bellied Heron, Snowy-throated Babbler, Rufus -Vented Laughing thrush, Rufus-backed Sibia and the Beautiful Nuthatch..

### **Namdapa National Park**

Located in Arunachal Pradesh, Namdapa lies in the extreme North East of India. Spread over 1985 sq Kms, Its altitude varies from 200 m to 4578 m. However it is only approachable up to altitudes of 850 m.

Its avifauna is a unique blend of Indo-Burmese, Sino-Tibetan and Himalayan forms, which thrives in the bio-diverse habitat encompassing tropical, temperate and alpine. Largely unexplored 665 species of birds have been recorded, of which some are exotic - Blyth's Tragopan, Wards Trogon White- Winged Wood Duck, Rufus necked hornbill, Blue napped Pitta, Wedge-billed Wren Babbler, Snowy- throated Babbler, and Beautiful Nuthatch. Brown Hornbills may occur here, together with a fabulous list of pheasants, babblers and laughing-thrushes, which include the Arunachal endemic - Austen's Spotted Babbler. Whilst such truly rare and elusive species occur, the a sighting of any of them is as a real bonus.

The park is home to outstanding wet tropical forest. The remote and inaccessible nature of the park has preserved its pristine forests, and much of the area remains unexplored. It is as close to true wilderness as any of the many national parks and sanctuaries in India. I have explored the park, in all seasons, and this was my seventh trip.

## **Dibru - Saikhowa National Park**

Dibru-Saikhowa is a biosphere reserve. This little known site, is one of the biodiversity hot spots situated in the south bank of the river Brahmaputra. It is located in the alluvial flood plains of the Brahmaputra. Fashioned by nature - earthquakes and ever changing water courses it has numerous island pockets and water bodies providing an unusual habitat for varied wildlife and aqua fauna and avifauna. Contained between the Debang, Lohit & the Great Brahmaputra rivers, the 340 sq Kms reserve was set up with a view to protecting the grass land and swamp habitat. Its internal water channels & bodies, seasonally flooded forests, "beels", and grassy pockets, makes it an interesting birding destination for rare specialized grass land and swamp forest birds such as the threatened Marsh Babbler, Jerdon's Babbler, Black throated Parrotbill, Rufous-vented( swamp) Prinia, and Jerdons Bushcat. Altitudinal migrants such as Pale-capped pigeon, White-tailed Rubythroat, and Black - breasted Thrush, and various warblers, can also be seen.

## **Kaziranga National Park & Panbari Reserve Forest**

The World Heritage Kaziranga National Park is a highly reputed wild life protected area, located in Assam. The Park has more than 70% of the world's one-horned rhino. Population, 70% of the world population of the Eastern Swamp Deer and 75% of the world's wild Asiatic water buffalo. It has a significant population of the Asian Elephant.. Birding is by jeep and Elephant – as walking is restricted to certain view points. The Park has more than 450 species of birds, 18 of them are globally threatened species. Because of the varied habitat types that the Park comprises of, as also of the strict protection accorded to them, birding in Kaziranga is very special. The varied terrain provides habitat for wet land, grassland, and woodland species The Bengal Florican is one of the main attraction for birders. A good variety of raptors can be seen.

The Eastern Range of the park is good for water birds such as Falcated Teal, White-eyed Pochard and spot-billed pelican (a colony of 200 pairs is located in this range). For grassland birds the Western Range is ideal. The Bengal Florican can be seen during the elephant ride in the Central Range. The nearby Panbari Reserved Forest is good for woodland birds such as yellow-vented Warbler, great Hornbill, and redheaded Trogon. Other interesting birds include Green-backed Heron, White bellied Heron (rare), Lesser and greater Adjutants, Black-necked Storks, Spoonbill, Grey-headed and Pallas's Fish-eagle (common), Swamp Francolin (common), Grey-headed Lapwing, Black-bellied tern, Marsh Babbler, Jordan's Bushchat (rare) White-throated Bushchat. Lineated Barbet, Blue-eared Barbet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Spotted Redshank, River Lapwing, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Pied Harrier, Spot-billed Pelican, Black-necked Stork, Rosy Minivet, Spot-winged Starling, Dark-necked Tailorbird, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Streaked Spiderhunter, Forest Wagtail, Blyth's Pipit, Yellow-breasted Bunting..

## **Itinary & highlights of birds seen.**

**Day Minus 01-Jan 05 2004.** Dr Guna Arrived at Dibrugarh airport a day earliar. I took him out in the evening for birding at Borojan Forest. Highlights: *Long-billed Vulture, Eursian Griffon, White-rumped Vulture, Red-breasted Parakeets.*

**Day 01- Jan 06 2004.**Niel Poul Dyrer & Ketil Knudsen did not arrive at Diburugrah due to flight cancellation as their flight was terminated at Guwhati. So they decided to drive to Dibrugarh, reaching at 0400 hrs in the early hours on 07 Jan. Another trip by Dr Guna yeilded *Kaleej Pheasant, Small Niltava, Ultramarine Flycatcher & Hollock Gibbon.*

**Day 02- Jan 07 2004.** Birding drive from Dibrugrah to Deban. Highlights: *Black Stork, White-tailed Eagle, Common Kingfisher, Rufous Woodpecker, White-throated Bulbul, White-browed Shortwing, Ashy Prinia, Lesser-necklaced & Rufous-necked Laughingthrush.*

**Day 03-Jan 08 2004.**Birding trek to Camp Hornbill-Highlights.*Black Stork,River Lapwing, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Rusty-bellied Shortwing, Slaty-bellied Tesia ,Grey-hooded Warbler, Ches-nut- crowned Warbler, Streaked Wren Babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Long-tailed Sibia, and Sultan Tit.*

**Day 04-Jan 09 2004.**Birding trek Hornbill – Bulbulia – Ranijheel - FirmBase. Highlights:*White-winged Woodduck, Pied Falconet, Grey Peacock Pheasant, Mountain Imperial Piegion, Crested Kingfisher, Great Hornbill, Pale-headed Woodpecker, Ashy & White-throated Bulbuls, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, and the Beautiful Nuthatch.*

**Day 05-Jan 10 2004.**Birding trek Firmbase-Embong-Firmbase. Highlights:*Black Stork, Barred Buttonquail, Solitary Snipe, Brown Hornbill, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Green Cochoa, Rufous-rumped Grassbird, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, and Collared Treepie.*

**Day 06-Jan 11 2004.**Birding trek Firmbase-Ranijheel-Bulbulia-Hornbill. Highlights:*White-winged Woodduck, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Long-tailed Broadbill, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Large Scimitar Babbler, and Rufous-headed Parrotbill.*

**Day 07-Jan 12 2004.**Birding trek Hornbill-Haldibari-Deban. Highlights:*Pied Falconet, White-cheeked Partridge, Pale-capped Piegion, Red-headed Trogon, Bay Woodpecker, Silver-breasted Broadbill, White-tailed Robin ,Snowy-throated Babbler, and Brown Fulvetta,*

**Day 08-Jan 13 2004.**Birding Drive-Deban-Tinsukia. Highlights:*Rufous-bellied Eagle, Red-headed Trogon, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, White-browed Piculet, White-browed Shortwing, White-tailed Rubythroat ,Eye-browed Wren Babbler, Rufous-throated Fulvetta ,Asian Fairy Bluebird, and Spot-winged Starling.*

**Day 09-Jan 14 2004.** Birding boat safari and walks at Dibru-Saikhowa. Highlights: *Darter, Asian Openbill ,Bar-headed Goose, Feringous Pochard, Tufted Duck, Purple Swamphen, Northern Lapwing, Lesser Cocual, Zitting Cisticola, Bristled Grassbird, Black-hooded Oriole, and Black-faced Bunting.*

**Day 10-Jan 15 2004.** Birding drive Tinsukia- Kaziranga. Highlights ; *Great Egret* ,*Lesser Adjutant Stork*, *Mallard*, *Spot-billed Duck*, *Temminck's Stint*, *Pallas Gull*, *Pale-footed Bush Warbler*, *Smoky Warbler*, *Large Niltava*, and *Ruby-cheeked Sunbird*.

**Day 11-Jan 16 2004.**Kaziranga National Park. Highlights:*Indian Cormorant*, *White-rumped Vulture*, *Indian Vulture*, *Hen Harrier*, *Sand Lark*, *Yellow-bellied Prinia*, and *Chesnut-capped Babbler*.

**Day 12-Jan 17 2004.**Kaziranga National Park. Highlights: *Indian Cormorant*, *Greater Adujant Stork*, *Common Pochard*, *Brahminy Kite*, *Lesser-spotted Eagle*, *Changeable Hawk Eagle*, *Swamp Francolin*, *Red Junglefowl*, *Kaleej Pheasant*, *Bronzed-winged Jacana*, *Grey-headed Lapwing*, *Wood Sandpiper*, *River Tern* ,*Red-collared Dove*, *Oriental Pied Hornbill*, *Rufous-necked Laughingthrush*, and *Baya Weaver*.

**Day 13-Jan 18 2004.** Kaziranga National Park. Highlights: *Cinnamon Bittern*, *Grey-lag Goose*, *Ospery*, *Grey-headed Fish Eagle*, *Pied Harrier*, *Crested Goshawk*, *Northern Lapwing*, *Spotted Redshank*, *Red-breasted Parakeet*, *Spotted Owlet*, *Great Hornbill*, *Bengal Bushlark*, *Long-tailed Minivet*, *White-rumped Shama*, *Black-breasted Parrotbill*, and *White-vented Myna*.

**Day 14-Jan 19 2004.** Kaziranga National Park. Highlights: *Spotted Eagle*,*Peregrine Falcon*, *Bengal Florican*, *Common Moorhen* ,*Blossom-headed Parakeet*, *Green-billed Malhkhowa*, *Coppersmith Barbet*, *Dusky Warbler*, *Little Pied Flycatcher*, *Bluethroat*, and *Brown Shrike*.

**Day 15- Jan 20 2004. Birding at** Kaziranga National Park and drive to Guwahati. Highlights: *Greater Adjutant Stork*, *Brahminy Kite*, *Himalayan Griffon*, *Kaleej Pheasant*, *Green Imperial Pigeon*, *Plain Martin*, *Large Cuckooshrike*, *White-spectacled Warbler*, *Daurian Redstart*, *White-browed Scimitar Babbler*, *Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker*, *White-vented Myna*, *Baya Weaver*.

**Day 16-Jan 21 2004.** Transferred to Guwahati airport to fly out to Delhi.

List of birds seen. List prepared by Niels Poul Dreyer(Denmark).

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| Birds species seen on the trip 7-21 January 2004 | Namdapha | Dibru Saikhowa | Kaziranga | Note                 |
|--|----------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
|  | 7 days   | 3 days         | 5 days    | 15 days in the field |
| Great Cormorant<br><i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>    | 270      | 25             |           |                      |
| Little Cormorant<br><i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>   | 300      |                | 500       |                      |
| Oriental Darter<br><i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>   | 4        | 10             | 40        |                      |
| Spot-billed Pelican                              |          |                | 50        | Colonies             |

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| Pelecanus philippensis                             |   |      |           |                      |
| Gray Heron<br>Ardea cinerea                        |   |      | 8         |                      |
| Purple Heron<br>Ardea purpurea                     |   |      | 3         |                      |
| Great Egret<br>Ardea alba                          |   |      | +100      |                      |
| Little Egret<br>Egretta garzetta                   |   |      | +150      |                      |
| Intermediate Egret<br>Mesophoyx intermedia         |   |      | +40       |                      |
| Cattle Egret<br>Bubulcus ibis                      |   |      | common    |                      |
| Indian Pond-Heron<br>Ardeola grayii                |   | +250 | +250      |                      |
| Striated Heron<br>Butorides striatus               | 1 | 10   |           |                      |
| Yellow Bittern<br>Ixobrychus sinensis              |   |      | 2         |                      |
| Asian Openbill<br>Anastomus oscitans               |   |      | 100       |                      |
| Black Stork<br>Ciconia nigra                       | 6 | 8    | 14        |                      |
| Woolly-necked Stork<br>Ciconia episcopus           |   |      | 12        |                      |
| Black-necked Stork<br>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus   |   |      | 10        |                      |
| Lesser Adjutant<br>Leptoptilos javanicus           |   |      | 50        |                      |
| Greater Adjutant<br>Leptoptilos dubius             |   |      | 4         | 25 Guwahati          |
| Osprey<br>Pandion haliaetus                        |   |      | 2         |                      |
| Oriental Honey-Buzzard<br>Pernis ptilorhynchus     |   |      | 5         |                      |
| Black-winged Kite<br>Elanus caeruleus              |   |      | 2         |                      |
| Black Kite<br>Milvus migrans                       |   | 1    |           | +35 Guwahati         |
| Brahminy Kite<br>Haliastur indus                   |   |      | 2         |                      |
| Pallas's Sea-Eagle<br>Haliaeetus leucoryphus       |   |      | 5 +2 nest |                      |
| White-tailed Eagle<br>Haliaeetus albicilla         | 2 |      |           |                      |
| Gray-headed Fish-Eagle<br>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus |   | 1    | 12        |                      |
| White-rumped Vulture<br>Gyps bengalensis           |   | 5*   | 1         | Enroute to Dibrugarh |
| Long-billed Vulture<br>Gyps indicus                |   | 10*  | 5         | Enroute to Dibrugarh |
| Himalayan Griffon<br>Gyps himalayensis             |   |      | 2         |                      |
| Northern Harrier<br>Circus cyaneus                 |   | 1    | 3         |                      |

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| Pied Harrier<br><i>Circus melanoleucos</i>           |    |     | 5    |               |
| Crested Goshawk<br><i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>      |    |     | 1    |               |
| Shikra<br><i>Accipiter badius</i>                    | 1  |     |      |               |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk<br><i>Accipiter nisus</i>       | 1  |     | 2    |               |
| Lesser Spotted Eagle<br><i>Aquila pomarina</i>       |    |     | 9    |               |
| Rufous-bellied Eagle<br><i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>   | 1  |     |      | Hornbill      |
| Crested Hawk-Eagle<br><i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>     |    |     | 3    |               |
| Pied Falconet<br><i>Microhierax melanoleucus</i>     | 5  | 2   |      | 4 at Hornbill |
| Common Kestrel<br><i>Falco tinnunculus</i>           | 1  |     |      | Deban         |
| Peregrine Falcon<br><i>Falco peregrinus</i>          |    |     | 1    |               |
| Lesser Whistling-Duck<br><i>Dendrocygna javanica</i> |    |     | +150 |               |
| Graylag Goose<br><i>Anser anser</i>                  |    |     | 250  |               |
| Bar-headed Goose<br><i>Anser indicus</i>             |    |     | 1000 |               |
| Ruddy Shelduck<br><i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>          |    | 25  | 150  |               |
| White-winged Duck<br><i>Cairina scutulata</i>        | 1  |     |      | Ranijheel     |
| Eurasian Wigeon<br><i>Anas penelope</i>              |    |     | 125  |               |
| Gadwall<br><i>Anas strepera</i>                      |    | 25  | 75   |               |
| Common Teal<br><i>Anas crecca</i>                    |    |     | 3    |               |
| Mallard<br><i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>                 |    | +25 | 20   |               |
| Spot-billed Duck<br><i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>       |    | 250 | +50  |               |
| Northern Pintail<br><i>Anas acuta</i>                |    | 25  | 75   |               |
| Northern Shoveler<br><i>Anas clypeata</i>            |    | 18  | 12   |               |
| Common Pochard<br><i>Aythya ferina</i>               |    |     | 15   |               |
| Ferruginous Pochard<br><i>Aythya nyroca</i>          |    | 12  | 20   |               |
| Tufted Duck<br><i>Aythya fuligula</i>                |    | 10  | 50   |               |
| Common Merganser<br><i>Mergus merganser</i>          | 60 | 23  |      |               |
| Swamp Francolin<br><i>Francolinus gularis</i>        |    |     | 10   |               |
| Hill Partridge                                       | H  |     |      |               |

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| Arborophila torqueola                              |        |    |          |               |
| White-cheeked Partridge<br>Arborophila atrogularis | 1+ 2H  |    |          | Ranijheel     |
| Kalij Pheasant<br>Lophura leucomelanos             |        |    | 1        | Tea Gardens   |
| Red Junglefowl<br>Gallus gallus                    |        |    | 20       |               |
| Gray Peacock-Pheasant<br>Polyplectron bicalcaratum | 2 + 8H |    |          |               |
| Barred Buttonquail<br>Turnix suscitator            |        |    |          | Ketil Knudsen |
| White-breasted Waterhen<br>Amaurornis phoenicurus  | 2      |    |          | Enroute       |
| Common Moorhen<br>Gallinula chloropus              |        | 2  |          |               |
| Purple Swampphen<br>Porphyrio porphyrio            |        | 5  | 1        |               |
| Common Coot<br>Fulica atra                         |        | 16 |          |               |
| Bengal Florican<br>Eupodotis bengalensis           |        |    | 1 female | Elephant Ride |
| Bronze-winged Jacana<br>Metopidius indicus         |        |    | 50       |               |
| Northern Lapwing<br>Vanellus vanellus              |        | 10 | +50      |               |
| Gray-headed Lapwing<br>Vanellus cinereus           |        |    | 14       |               |
| Red-wattled Lapwing<br>Vanellus indicus            |        | 10 | +50      |               |
| River Lapwing<br>Vanellus duvaucellii              | 1      | 2  |          |               |
| Little Ringed Plover<br>Charadrius dubius          |        | 8  |          |               |
| Spotted Redshank<br>Tringa erythropus              |        |    | 4        |               |
| Common Redshank<br>Tringa totanus                  |        | 1  | 1        |               |
| Common Greenshank<br>Tringa nebularia              |        | 10 | 10       |               |
| Green Sandpiper<br>Tringa ochropus                 |        | 8  |          |               |
| Wood Sandpiper<br>Tringa glareola                  |        |    | 2        |               |
| Common Sandpiper<br>Tringa hypoleucos              |        | 5  | 10       |               |
| Solitary Snipe<br>Gallinago solitaria              | 1      |    |          |               |
| Pintail Snipe<br>Gallinago stenura                 |        |    | 1        |               |
| Jack Snipe<br>Lymnocyptes minimus                  |        |    | 1        | Guwahati      |
| Temminck's Stint<br>Calidris temminckii            |        | 3  |          |               |
| Great Thick-knee<br>Burhinus recurvirostris        |        |    | 1        |               |

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| Great Black-backed Gull<br><i>Larus marinus</i>           |       | 1        |      |                        |
| Great Black-headed Gull<br><i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>       |       | 1        |      |                        |
| River Tern<br><i>Sterna aurantia</i>                      |       |          | 15   |                        |
| Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon<br><i>Treron apicauda</i>         |       |          |      |                        |
| Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon<br><i>Treron sphenura</i>       | 1     |          |      |                        |
| Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon<br><i>Treron phoenicoptera</i> | +50   |          | 75   |                        |
| Green Imperial-Pigeon<br><i>Ducula aenea</i>              |       | 2 mating | +12  |                        |
| Mountain Imperial-Pigeon<br><i>Ducula badia</i>           | 10    |          |      |                        |
| Rock Pigeon<br><i>Columba livia</i>                       |       | x        | x    |                        |
| Pale-capped Pigeon<br><i>Columba punicea</i>              | 3     |          |      | Bulbulia               |
| Oriental Turtle-Dove<br><i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>    |       |          | 1    |                        |
| Red Collared-Dove<br><i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>    |       |          | 1    |                        |
| Spotted Dove<br><i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>             |       | x        | x    |                        |
| Alexandrine Parakeet<br><i>Psittacula eupatria</i>        |       |          | +100 |                        |
| Rose-ringed Parakeet<br><i>Psittacula krameri</i>         |       |          | +25  |                        |
| Red-breasted Parakeet<br><i>Psittacula alexandri</i>      |       |          | 3    | Eastside of Kazinranga |
| Blossom-headed Parakeet<br><i>Psittacula roseata</i>      |       |          | 25   | Tea Gardens            |
| Green-billed Malkoha<br><i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>     |       |          | 1    | Tea Gardens            |
| Greater Coucal<br><i>Centropus sinensis</i>               |       |          | 12   |                        |
| Jungle Owlet<br><i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>                | 1+4 H |          |      |                        |
| Asian Barred Owlet<br><i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>        | 1     | 2        | 8    |                        |
| Spotted Owlet<br><i>Athene brama</i>                      |       |          | 2    |                        |
| Asian Palm-Swift<br><i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>          | 5     | 12       | +25  |                        |
| Red-headed Trogon<br><i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>     | 4     |          |      |                        |
| Crested Kingfisher<br><i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>          | 1     |          |      |                        |
| Pied Kingfisher<br><i>Ceryle rudis</i>                    |       | 20       | 20   |                        |
| Common Kingfisher<br><i>Alcedo atthis</i>                 | 1     | 2        |      |                        |
| Stork-billed Kingfisher                                   |       | 4        | 4    |                        |



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| Pelargopsis capensis  |     |   |    |                 |
| White-throated Kingfisher<br><i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>      |     | 5 | 25 |                 |
| Blue-tailed Bee-eater<br><i>Merops philippinus</i>          |     |   | 1  | Tea Gardens     |
| Blue-bearded Bee-eater<br><i>Nyctiornis athertoni</i>       | 1   |   |    |                 |
| Indian Roller<br><i>Coracias benghalensis</i>               | 4   | 2 | 12 |                 |
| Eurasian Hoopoe<br><i>Upupa epops</i>                       |     |   | 1  |                 |
| Rufous-necked Hornbill<br><i>Aceros nipalensis</i>          | +10 |   |    |                 |
| Wreathed Hornbill@<br><i>Aceros leucocephalus</i>           | 12  |   |    |                 |
| Oriental Pied-Hornbill<br><i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>  | 12  |   | 1  |                 |
| Great Hornbill<br><i>Buceros bicornis</i>                   |     |   |    |                 |
| Great Barbet<br><i>Megalaima virens</i>                     | +10 |   |    |                 |
| Lineated Barbet<br><i>Megalaima lineata</i>                 |     | 4 | 10 |                 |
| Golden-throated Barbet<br><i>Megalaima franklinii</i>       | 1   |   |    |                 |
| Blue-throated Barbet<br><i>Megalaima asiatica</i>           | +25 |   |    | Flowering trees |
| Coppersmith Barbet<br><i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>         |     |   | 1  | Enroute to G    |
| Speckled Piculet<br><i>Picumnus innominatus</i>             | 2   |   |    |                 |
| White-browed Piculet<br><i>Sasia ochracea</i>               | 1   |   | 1  | Tea Gardens     |
| Rufous Woodpecker<br><i>Celeus brachyurus</i>               | 5   |   |    |                 |
| Gray-faced Woodpecker<br><i>Picus canus</i>                 |     |   |    |                 |
| Greater Yellownape<br><i>Picus flavinucha</i>               |     |   | 1  | Tea Gardens     |
| Lesser Yellownape<br><i>Picus chlorolophus</i>              | 8   |   |    |                 |
| Black-rumped Flameback<br><i>Dinopium benghalense</i>       |     |   | 4  |                 |
| Pale-headed Woodpecker<br><i>Gecinulus grantia</i>          | 1   |   |    |                 |
| Rufous-bellied Woodpecker<br><i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i> | 1   |   |    |                 |
| Stripe-breasted Woodpecker<br><i>Dendrocopos atratus</i>    | 2   |   |    |                 |
| Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker<br><i>Dendrocopos macei</i>     | 2   |   | 1  |                 |
| Bay Woodpecker<br><i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>              | 4   |   |    |                 |
| Silver-breasted Broadbill<br><i>Serilophus lunatus</i>      | 1   |   |    | Ketil Knudsen   |

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|--|---------|----|----|---------------|
| Long-tailed Broadbill<br><i>Parisomus dalhousiae</i>               | 5       |    |    |               |
| Rufous-winged Lark<br><i>Mirafra assamica</i>                      |         |    | 2  |               |
| Indian Short-toed Lark<br><i>Calandrella raytal</i>                |         | 5  |    |               |
| Sky Lark<br><i>Alauda arvensis</i>                                 |         |    | 1  |               |
| Plain Martin<br><i>Riparia paludicola</i>                          | 10 nest | x  | x  |               |
| Barn Swallow<br><i>Hirundo rustica</i>                             |         | x  | x  |               |
| Asian House-Martin<br><i>Delichon dasypus</i>                      | 20      |    |    |               |
| Yellow Wagtail<br><i>Motacilla flava</i>                           |         | 25 | 25 |               |
| Citrine Wagtail<br><i>Motacilla citreola</i>                       |         | 1  |    |               |
| White Wagtail<br><i>Motacilla alba</i>                             | 12      | x  | x  |               |
| Richard's Pipit<br><i>Anthus richardi</i>                          |         |    | 1  |               |
| Tree Pipit<br><i>Anthus trivialis</i>                              |         |    | 1  | Tea Gardens   |
| Olive-backed Pipit<br><i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>                       | 6       | 2  | 2  |               |
| Rosy Pipit<br><i>Anthus roseatus</i>                               |         | 2  | 5  |               |
| Large Cuckooshrike<br><i>Coracina macei</i>                        |         |    | 6  |               |
| Black-winged Cuckooshrike<br><i>Coracina melaschistos</i>          | 4       |    |    |               |
| Long-tailed Minivet<br><i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>               |         |    | 20 |               |
| Scarlet Minivet<br><i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>                    | +25     |    |    |               |
| Black-winged Flycatcher-<br>Shrike Hemipus<br><i>hirundinaceus</i> | 3       |    |    |               |
| Large Woodshrike<br><i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>                    | 2       |    |    |               |
| Common Woodshrike<br><i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>             | 1       |    |    |               |
| Red-whiskered Bulbul<br><i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>                  |         | x  | x  |               |
| Himalayan Bulbul<br><i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>                   | 15      |    |    |               |
| Red-vented Bulbul<br><i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>                       | 20      | x  | x  |               |
| White-throated Bulbul<br><i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>               | +100    |    |    |               |
| Ashy Bulbul<br><i>Hemixos flavala</i>                              | +25     |    |    |               |
| Mountain Bulbul<br><i>Hypsipetes mccllellandii</i>                 | 1       |    |    | Ketil Knudsen |

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| Black Bulbul<br><i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>                   | +500 |   |   | flocks                              |
| Common Iora<br><i>Aegithina tiphia</i>                            |      | 4 |   |                                     |
| Blue-winged Leafbird<br><i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>         | 1    |   |   |                                     |
| Golden-fronted Leafbird<br><i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>            | 5    |   |   | Flowering trees                     |
| Orange-bellied Leafbird<br><i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>           | +200 |   |   | Flowering trees                     |
| Asian Fairy-Bluebird<br><i>Irena puella</i>                       | 2    |   |   |                                     |
| Brown Shrike<br><i>Lanius cristatus</i>                           |      |   |   |                                     |
| Long-tailed Shrike<br><i>Lanius schach</i>                        |      |   |   |                                     |
| Gray-backed Shrike<br><i>Lanius tephronotus</i>                   | 25   |   |   |                                     |
| Rusty-bellied Shortwing<br><i>Brachypteryx hyperythra</i>         | 1    |   |   | Deban-Hornbill                      |
| Lesser Shortwing<br><i>Brachypteryx leucophrys</i>                | +5   |   |   |                                     |
| Bluethroat<br><i>Luscinia svecica</i>                             |      |   | 1 |                                     |
| White-tailed Rubythroat<br><i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>             | H    | 2 |   |                                     |
| Oriental Magpie-Robin<br><i>Copsychus saularis</i>                |      |   |   | Also enroute                        |
| White-rumped Shama<br><i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>                |      |   | 3 |                                     |
| Daurian Redstart<br><i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>                     |      |   | 1 |                                     |
| Plumbeous Water-Redstart<br><i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>         |      |   |   |                                     |
| White-tailed Robin<br><i>Cinclidium leucurum</i>                  | 5    |   | 2 |                                     |
| Slaty-backed Forktail<br><i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>              |      |   |   |                                     |
| White-crowned Forktail<br><i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>            |      |   |   |                                     |
| Green Cochoa<br><i>Cochoa viridis</i>                             | 2    |   |   | Forest walk from Embeong -Firm Base |
| Common Stonechat<br><i>Saxicola torquata</i>                      |      | x |   |                                     |
| White-capped Water-Redstart<br><i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i> | +10  |   |   |                                     |
| Blue Whistling-Thrush<br><i>Myiophonus caeruleus</i>              | x    |   |   |                                     |
| Streated Babbler<br><i>turdoides earlei</i>                       |      | 1 |   | Photograped by Ketil                |
| Spot-throated Babbler<br><i>Pellorneum albiventre</i>             | 1    |   |   | NPD at Ranjheel                     |
| Large Scimitar-Babbler<br><i>Pomatorhinus hypoleucos</i>          | 2    |   |   | Solitary singing                    |
| White-browed Scimitar-  |      |   | 1 | Tea Gardens                         |

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| Babbler<br><i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>                        |        |   |       |                                 |
| Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler<br><i>Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps</i>   | 4      |   |       | Bamboo flocks                   |
| Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler<br><i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i> | 2      |   |       | Bamboo flocks                   |
| Streaked Wren-Babbler<br><i>Napothera brevicaudata</i>            | 3      |   |       | Hornbill-Deban                  |
| Eye-browed Wren-Babbler<br><i>Napothera epilepidota</i>           | 1      |   |       | Ketil Knudsen<br>Hornbill       |
| Rufous-capped Babbler<br><i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>                |        |   | 1     | Tea Gardens                     |
| Golden Babbler<br><i>Stachyris chrysaee</i>                       | +5     |   |       | Bamboo flock                    |
| Gray-throated Babbler<br><i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>               | +5     |   |       | Bamboo flock                    |
| Snowy-throated Babbler@<br><i>Stachyris oglei</i>                 | 5      |   |       | Understory<br>Ranjheel-Bulbulia |
| Chestnut-capped Babbler<br><i>Timalia pileata</i>                 | 1      | 1 |       |                                 |
| Jerdon's Babbler<br><i>Chrysomma altirostre</i>                   |        | 2 | 1     |                                 |
| White-crested<br>Laughingthrush<br><i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>    | Flocks |   | Flock |                                 |
| Lesser Necklaced<br>Laughingthrush<br><i>Garrulax monileger</i>   | Flocks |   | Flock |                                 |
| Greater Necklaced<br>Laughingthrush<br><i>Garrulax pectoralis</i> | Flocks |   | Flock |                                 |
| Rufous-necked<br>Laughingthrush<br><i>Garrulax ruficollis</i>     |        |   | +25   | Tea Gardens                     |
| Silver-eared Mesia<br><i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>                | Flocks |   |       |                                 |
| Black-headed Shrike-Babbler<br><i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i>       | 1      |   |       |                                 |
| White-browed Shrike-Babbler<br><i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>      | 6      |   |       |                                 |
| White-hooded Babbler<br><i>Gampsorhynchus rufulus</i>             | 25     |   |       |                                 |
| Rusty-fronted Barwing<br><i>Actinodura egertoni</i>               | 2      |   |       |                                 |
| Blue-winged Minla<br><i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>                   | 2      |   |       |                                 |
| Rufous-winged Fulvetta<br><i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>             | Flocks |   |       | Midstory                        |
| Rufous-throated Fulvetta<br><i>Alcippe rufogularis</i>            | Flocks |   |       | Understory                      |
| Brown-cheeked Fulvetta<br><i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>             | Flocks |   |       | Midstory                        |
| Nepal Fulvetta<br><i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>                       | Flocks |   |       |                                 |
| Rufous-backed Sibia   | 2      |   |       |                                 |

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| Heterophasia annectens                                 |        |   |   |                     |
| Long-tailed Sibia<br>Heterophasia picaoides            | Flocks |   |   |                     |
| Striated Yuhina<br>Yuhina castaniceps                  | Flocks |   |   | Deban               |
| White-naped Yuhina<br>Yuhina bakeri                    | 2      |   |   |                     |
| Whiskered Yuhina<br>Yuhina flavicollis                 | Flocks |   |   | Mixed species       |
| Stripe-throated Yuhina<br>Yuhina gularis               | Flocks |   |   | Mixed species       |
| Black-chinned Yuhina<br>Yuhina nigrimenta              | Flocks |   |   | Mostly same sp.     |
| White-bellied Yuhina<br>Yuhina zantholeuca             | 10     |   |   |                     |
| Black-breasted Parrotbill<br>Paradoxornis flavirostris |        |   | 2 | Taped out           |
| Red-headed Parrotbill<br>Paradoxornis ruficeps         | +35    |   |   | Bamboo flocks       |
| Slaty-bellied Tesia<br>Tesia olivea                    | +5     |   |   |                     |
| Pale-footed Bush-Warbler<br>Cettia pallidipes          |        | 3 |   |                     |
| Striated Grassbird<br>Megalurus palustris              | +15    |   |   | Enroute out of park |
| Bristled Grassbird<br>Chaetornis striatus              | 4      |   |   | Very dark yellow    |
| Rufous-rumped Grassbird<br>Graminicola bengalensis     |        |   | 1 |                     |
| Zitting Cisticola<br>Cisticola juncidis                |        | 5 |   |                     |
| Rufous-vented Prinia<br>Prinia burnesii                |        | 1 |   | Ketil Knudsen       |
| Graceful Prinia<br>Prinia gracilis                     |        | 1 |   |                     |
| Yellow-bellied Prinia<br>Prinia flaviventris           |        | 3 |   |                     |
| Plain Prinia<br>Prinia inornata                        | +10    | 5 | 5 |                     |
| Common Tailorbird<br>Orthotomus sutorius               |        |   | 1 | Tea Gardens         |
| Dusky Warbler<br>Phylloscopus fuscatus                 |        |   | 1 |                     |
| Smoky Warbler<br>Phylloscopus fuligiventer             |        | 1 |   |                     |
| Tickell's Leaf-Warbler<br>Phylloscopus affinis         |        | 5 |   |                     |
| Ashy-throated Warbler<br>Phylloscopus maculipennis     | +3     |   |   |                     |
| Inornate Warbler<br>Phylloscopus inornatus             | 7      | 5 |   |                     |
| Greenish Leaf-Warbler<br>Phylloscopus trochiloides     |        | 5 |   |                     |
| Eastern Crowned-Warbler<br>Phylloscopus coronatus      |        | 2 |   | Very large          |

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| Blyth's Leaf-Warbler<br><i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>             | 2      | 1  |        |                             |
| Gray-hooded Warbler<br><i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>             | 2      |    |        |                             |
| White-spectacled Warbler<br><i>Seicercus affinis</i>               | 20     | 2  | 1      |                             |
| Chestnut-crowned Warbler<br><i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>           | 3      |    |        |                             |
| Broad-billed Warbler<br><i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i>                  |        | 2  |        | In bamboo flock<br>NPD only |
| Rufous-faced Warbler<br><i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>              |        | 7  |        | In bamboo flock<br>NPD only |
| Slaty-backed ficedula<br><i>hodgsonii</i>                          | 1      | 1  |        | Ketil Knudsen only          |
| Red-breasted Flycatcher<br><i>Ficedula parva</i>                   | 2      |    | 2      |                             |
| Little Pied Flycatcher<br><i>Ficedula westermanni</i>              |        |    | 1      | Tea Gardens                 |
| Large Niltava<br><i>Niltava grandis</i>                            | 2      |    |        |                             |
| Small Niltava<br><i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>                       | 3      |    |        |                             |
| Rufous-bellied Niltava<br><i>Niltava sundara</i>                   | 1      |    |        |                             |
| Gray-headed Canary-<br>Flycatcher<br><i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i> | +25    | +4 | +10    |                             |
| Yellow-bellied Fantail<br><i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>              | +10    |    |        |                             |
| White-throated Fantail<br><i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>              | +10    |    |        |                             |
| Black-throated Tit<br><i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>                  | Flock  |    |        |                             |
| Great Tit<br><i>Parus major</i>                                    |        | 5  | 5      |                             |
| Sultan Tit<br><i>Melanochlora sultanea</i>                         | Flocks |    |        | Very common at<br>Hornbill  |
| Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch<br><i>Sitta castanea</i>                 | 4      |    |        |                             |
| Beautiful Nuthatch<br><i>Sitta formosa</i>                         | 2      |    |        |                             |
| Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker<br><i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>           |        | 1  |        |                             |
| Ruby-cheeked Sunbird<br><i>Anthreptes singalensis</i>              |        | 1  |        |                             |
| Green-tailed Sunbird<br><i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>                | 5      |    |        |                             |
| Black-throated Sunbird<br><i>Aethopyga saturata</i>                | 5      |    |        |                             |
| Crimson Sunbird<br><i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>                       |        |    | 1      |                             |
| Streaked Spiderhunter<br><i>Arachnothera magna</i>                 | +50    |    |        | Flowering trees             |
| Oriental White-eye   | +25    | 5  | Flocks | Tea Gardens                 |

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| Zosterops palpebrosus   |               |     |    |                        |
| Black-faced Bunting<br><i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>               |               | 6   |    |                        |
| White-rumped Munia<br><i>Lonchura striata</i>                     | 25            | 10  | 20 |                        |
| Black-headed Munia<br><i>Lonchura malacca</i>                     |               | 15  |    |                        |
| House Sparrow<br><i>Passer domesticus</i>                         | x             | x   |    |                        |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow<br><i>Passer montanus</i>                   | x             | x   |    |                        |
| Baya Weaver<br><i>Ploceus philippinus</i>                         |               |     |    |                        |
| Spot-winged Starling<br><i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>              | +10           | +10 |    | Flowering tree         |
| Chestnut-tailed Starling<br><i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>            | 1             | 12  |    | Flowering tree         |
| Asian Pied Starling<br><i>Sturnus contra</i>                      |               |     |    |                        |
| Common Myna<br><i>Acridotheres tristis</i>                        | x             | x   | x  |                        |
| Bank Myna<br><i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>                      |               | 2   | 4  |                        |
| Jungle Myna<br><i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>                         | x             | x   | x  |                        |
| White-vented Myna<br><i>Acridotheres grandis</i>                  |               |     | 6  |                        |
| Hill Myna<br><i>Gracula religiosa</i>                             | +50           |     |    |                        |
| Black-hooded Oriole<br><i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>                  | 2             | 2   | 5  |                        |
| Maroon Oriole<br><i>Oriolus traillii</i>                          | 4             |     |    |                        |
| Ashy Drongo<br><i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>                        |               | 7   | 2  |                        |
| Bronzed Drongo<br><i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>                          | Flock<br>+200 |     |    |                        |
| Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo<br><i>Dicrurus remifer</i>            | 2             |     | 2  |                        |
| Spangled Drongo<br><i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>                     | 5             |     |    |                        |
| Greater Racket-tailed<br>Drongo<br><i>Dicrurus<br/>paradiseus</i> | 35            |     | 10 |                        |
| Ashy Woodswallow<br><i>Artamus fuscus</i>                         |               |     | 3  | Enroute to<br>Guwahiti |
| Green Magpie<br><i>Cissa chinensis</i>                            | 5             |     | 3  |                        |
| Rufous Treepie<br><i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>                    |               |     | 10 |                        |
| Collared Treepie<br><i>Dendrocitta frontalis</i>                  | 2             |     |    |                        |
| House Crow<br><i>Corvus splendens</i>                             | x             | x   | x  |                        |
| Large-billed Crow   | x             | x   | x  |                        |

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| Corvus macrorhynchos |  |  |  |  |
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