

Birding Trip Report: Bhutan, May 16-31,2004

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Introduction

In May 2004, I explored hot spots of Bhutan, in association with our Bhutan Partner **Rainbow Tours & Treks**, with a view to improving our birding tours in Bhutan. All logistics for my trip were provided in a very efficient manner by Rainbow Tours and treks. Norbu, who is the birding guide with Rainbow tours, and whom I had trained in the Western Himalayas in India, accompanied me on the entire trip. Norbu's local knowledge helped in uncovering some new hot spots.

The trip took 16 days. The weather throughout was overcast and sometimes there were lots of low clouds. It rained almost every day, with some very heavy showers. Despite the bad weather, spells of reasonable visibility, contributed to a rewarding trip. We saw 270 species of birds.

The region

Geographically Bhutan forms a giant staircase. Starting in the south, from a narrow strip of land in the plains of India at an altitude of 100 m, the elevation rises to high Himalayan peaks over 7000 m in the North on the borders with Tibet.

Bhutan retains its forests almost intact. The forest cover is about 65 per cent of the country's area of 46,000 sq. km. Birding in the untouched, primeval forests of Bhutan is a unique experience. Bhutan's forests are pristine and diverse. One finds subtropical broad leaf forests (1000-2000 m), coniferous forest (2000- 4200 m) that mainly consists of juniper, hemlock, Chir pine, and Blue pine, Spruce, Fir and Bamboo mixed with rhododendron and Juniper. The Alpine habitat (4000-4600m) consists of Alpine meadows with high altitude scrub. These diverse, rich and lovely habitat support most of the countries breeding birds, globally threatened birds, and Bhutan's restricted range birds. The Buddhist culture, which respects all forms of life, is an added factor which has resulted in an avifauna that is remarkably visible, approachable, and diverse. Some of the rare species which I targetted were: Rufous-necked Hornbill, Beautiful Nuthatch, White-bellied heron, Satyr Tragopan, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide, Rufous-throated Wren Babbler, Red-headed Parotbills. Ibisbill, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Rosefinches, and Sunbirds.

Western Bhutan is made up of the valleys of Ha,(2700 m), Paro, (2200 m), and Thimpu, (2300 m) - the capital of Bhutan, is the center of government, religion and commerce. Punakha and Wangdue Phodrang at 1300 m form a single long valley, separated from Thimpu by a high ridge crossed by the 3050 m high Dochu la pass. Punakha (1400 m), the ancient capital is situated at the confluence of the Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers, and is blessed by a wonderful, temperate climate. The mountain slopes are covered with coniferous and deciduous forests. All the valleys have reminders of the past – monasteries, temples, and fortresses. These valleys are the abode of the Ngalong; “the first to rise” meaning the first to convert to Buddhism. They speak Dzongka – the language of the Dzongs – now the national language of Bhutan.

Central Bhutan, is made up of several regions, which speak Kha with variations. The Black Mountains at an elevation of 5000 m, have traditionally marked the boundary between Western & Central Bhutan. The 3,300 m high Palela – covered with forests of magnolia and rhododendron, is the main crossing. The Shemgang District in the South is blessed with semi-tropical climate and covered with dense jungle – a birders paradise. Tronga is in the geographic center of the country. It lies astride the Central highway – its impressive Dzong strategically located to dominate a gorge cut by the Mangde River, which has been the ancient route over the Black Mountains. It is connected with the Bumthang group of valleys over the 3400 m high Yutongla pass. Bumthang is composed of a group of four valleys at altitude of 2700 – 4000 meters. Chumey and Choekhor are mainly agricultural, whilst Tang and Ura practice Yak and sheep herding. The mountains are covered with dark coniferous forests, rice gives way to buck wheat, and the houses are build of solid stone and are more sparsely decorated than in Western Bhutan. Bumthang is proud of its rich art and history. Its religious traditions are alive. Its monasteries are its main attraction.

Eastern Bhutan lies across the Donga range running North-South and crossed by the 3780 m high Thrumshing la. From this high pass the terrain drops precipitously to the Low valleys of the Kuri Chhu, 650 m (Lingmethang) The main habitations are Mongar and Trashigang at an elevation of 650 m – 1400 m. The landscape changes dramatically. Instead of rhododendron and pine forests, broadleaf subtropical forests overgrown with epiphytic orchids and waterfalls are encountered. One of the best birding areas in Bhutan the Lingmethang Area extends from Namalin to the Kuri la

The Southern Foothills

This mountain chain runs West to East and separates the *Doar plains* from the *Inner Himalayas* rising to an average elevation of over 2000 m The Daurs Plain drops sharply away from the Himalayas into the large tracts of semi-tropical forest, savannah grassland and bamboo jungle. No birding was possible in this region due to security constraints.

Summary of the journey (itinerary)

May.15.04 – Kalimpong-Phunsholing-Thimphu.

This day was taken up by travelling from Kalimpong to Thimpu via Phuntsholing. Overnight at Hotel Pemaling.

Day 01-May 16.04 – Thimpu – Cheri Valley – Thimpu.

We drove up to Cheri Valley in 45 Minutes. Spent the morning birding in Cheri valley upto 2575 m, but had to abandon the afternoon due to heavy rain. Night at Hotel Pemaling.



Birds seen/heard:*Hill Partridge-H, Great Barbet-H, Crested Kingfisher-1, Large Hawk Cuckoo-H, Eursian Cuckoo-H Oriental Cuckoo-H, Himalayan Swiflets-10, Speckled Wood Piegion-06, Mountain Imperial Piegion-03, Oriental Turtle Dove-20, Emerald Dove(Phuntsoling)02, Wedge-tail Green Piegion-10, Black Kite(Phuntsoling)08, Black*

Eagle-02, Eurasian Sparrowhawk-01, Steppe Eagle-01, Grey-back Shrike-04, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-03, Spotted Nutcracker-04, Large-billed Crow-10, Long-tail Minivet-02, Ashy Drongo-04, Blue Whistling Thrush -06, White-collared Blackbird-03, Grey-winged Blackbird-04, Dark-sided Flycatcher-02, Verditer Flycatcher-02, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher-02, White-capped Water Redstart-01, Plumbeous Water Redstart-04, Grey Bushchat-06, Common Myna-20, Green-backed Tit-10, Rufous-fronted Tit-02, Black Bulbul-30, Grey-bellied Tesia-H, Buff-barred Warbler-02, Yellow-browed Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-06, White-throated Laughingthrush-40, Spotted Laughingthrush-H, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler(phuntsoling)02, Rufous Sibia-04, Fire-tailed Sunbird-02, Green-tailed Sunbird-07, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-40, Yellow wagtail-01, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch-08.

Day 02-May 17-04 – Thimpu-Dochula pass – Wangdi (Punakha Valley)

Drove to Dochula pass and thereafter walked 05 hrs exploring several new areas discovered by Norbu, North of the pass and down to the Valley. Despite heavy and frequent showers, the birding was good. Stayed overnight at the lovely Meri Perisum Resort, 08 Km South of Punakha, near Wangdi Phodrang.

Birds seen/heard: *Hill Partridge-H, Kalij Pheasant-03, Darjeeling Woodpecker-01, Crested Kingfisher-01, Large Hawk Cuckoo-H, Indian Cuckoo-H, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Oriental Turtle Dove-20, Spotted Dove-09, Long-tail Shrike-01, Eurasian Jay-02, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-04, Grey Treepie-06, Spotted Nutcracker-09, Large-billed Crow-04, Short-billed Minivet-03, Ashy Drongo-07, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-05, Blue Whistling Thrush -10, Scaly Thrush-01, White-collared Blackbird-03, Grey-winged Blackbird-02, Snowy-browed Flycatcher-01, Ultramarine Flycatcher-02, Verditer Flycatcher-02, Small Niltava-02, Rufous-bellied Niltava-01, Oriental Magpie Robin-02, Plumbeous Water Redstart-01, Chestnut-tailed Starling-02, Common Myna-20, White-tail Nuthatch-01, Green-backed Tit-05, Mountain Bulbul-02, Black Bulbul-30, Red-vented Bulbul-15, Chestnut-headed Tesia-01, Oriental white-eye-02, Brownish-flanked Bush warbler-01, Ashy-throated Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-10, Grey-hooded Warbler-02, Chestnut-crowned Warbler-02, White-throated Laughingthrush-16, Striated Laughingthrush-06, Scaly Laughingthrush-03, Black-faced Laughingthrush-02, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-05, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler-01, Hoary-throated Barwing-03, Chestnut-tailed Minla-01, Red-tailed Minla-02, Rufous-winged Fulvetta-04, White-browed Fulvetta-03, Stripe-throated Yuhina-20, Rufous-vented Yuhina-05, Rufous Sibia-10, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-15, Green-tailed Sunbird-06, Black-throated Sunbird-02, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-10, Grey-headed Bullfinch-02.*

Day 03- May 18.04 Wangdi – Mo Chhu Valley – Wangdi

Drove from Wangdi to Tashitang in the Mo-chu valley and spent the day birding upstream of the Mochu river in subtropical forest up to 1850 meters. Returned to Wangdi in the evening.

Today my main target was the White belied heron. Local contacts were not hopeful. However scanning the river- bed at a location where I had seen the bird two years earlier, was rewarding. I was able to Video film it for more than a minute.



Birds Seen/heard: *Rufous-throated Partridge-02, Kaleej Pheasant-01, Ruddy Shelduck-05, Bay Woodpecker-07, Lesser Yellownape-02, Greater Yellownape-01, Grey-headed Woodpecker-02, Great Barbet-04, Golden-throated Barbet-07, Common Hoopoe-02, Common Kingfisher-01, White-throated Kingfisher-02, Crested Kingfisher-04, Oriental Turtle Dove-20, Spotted Dove-10, River Lapwing-12, Common Sandpiper-02, Ibisbill-06, Green Sandpiper-01, Crested Serpent Eagle-01, Eurasian Sparrow Hawk-01, Common Kestrel-02, White-bellied Heron-01, Orange-bellied Leafbird-02, Long-tailed Shrike-05, Grey Treepie-04, Maroon Oriole-03, Short-billed Minivet-02, Spangled Drongo-06, Brown Dipper-01, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-09, Blue Whistling Thrush-13, Verditer Flycatcher-03, Small Niltava-03, Oriental Magpie Robin-10, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, Slaty-backed Forktail-01, Common Myna-10, Chestnut-tailed Starling-02, Green-backed Tit-04, Red-vented Bulbul-10, Mountain Bulbul-02, Black Bulbul-20, Oriental White-eye-04, Grey-bellied Tesia-01, White-throated Laughingthrush-10, Straited Laughingthrush-06, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler-H, Spotted Wren Babbler-01, Nepal Fulvetta-10, Blacked-chinned Yuhina-06, Rufous Sibia-02, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-20.*

Day 04-May 19.04 – Wangdi - Mo Chhu Valley-Wangdi.

For the second day I birded along the Mo-Chu Valley in the morning. Afternoon birding had to be abandoned due to a gas cylinder fire; which burned down the Meri Perisum Resort. Managed to get my kit out just in time and shifted to Dragons Nest.

Birds Seen/heard: *Grey-headed Woodpecker-02, Blue-throated Barbet-05, Great Barbet-03, Great Hornbill-04, White-throated Kingfisher-03, Green-billed Malkhoa-02, Fork-tail Swift-20, Oriental Turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-15, Barred Cuckoo Dove-*



06, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-15, Long-tail Shrike-05, Grey Treepie-08, Slender-billed Oriole-02, Long-tail Minivet-02, Ashy Drongo-07, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-10, Oriental Magpie Robin-04, Plumbeous Water Redstart-05, Common Myna-06, Black-crested Bulbul-06, Red-vented Bulbul-15, Black Bulbul-20, Oriental White-eye-05.

Day 05-May 20.04 Wangdi-Gangtey.

Drove to Gangtey, with birding stops on the way. Overnight at Gangtey Guest House.

Birds seen/heard: Hill Partridge-H, Grey-headed Woodpecker-01, Great Barbet-04, Indian Cuckoo-H, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Himalayan Swiflet-10, Forktail Swift-06, Rock Pigeon-06, Oriental turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-04, Barred Cuckoo Dove-04, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-02, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Eurasian Jay-02, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-02, Grey Treepie-02, Spotted Nutcracker-15, Large-billed Crow-10, Marron Oriole-02, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-01, Long-tail Minivet-04, White-throated Fantail-03, Ashy Drongo-04, Brown Dipper-01, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-02, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-01, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, White-collared Blackbird-08, Grey-winged Blackbird-02, Dark-sided Flycatcher-02, Little-pied Flycatcher-02, Verditer Flycatcher-02, Rufous-bellied Niltava-H, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, White-tailed Robin-01, Grey Bushchat-02, Common Myna-10, White-tailed Nuthatch-01, Green-backed Tit-02, Red-vented Bulbul-12, Black Bulbul-20, Chestnut-headed Tesia-01, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-03, Golden-spectacled Warbler-05, White-throated Laughingthrush-17, Straited Laughingthrush-07, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush-02, Black-faced Laughingthrush-10, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-02, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler-03, Spotted Wren Babbler-01, Red-billed Leothrix-05, Black-headed Shrike-Babbler-02, White-browed Shrike Babbler-01, Chestnut-tailed Minla-10, Whiskered Yuhina-10, Rufous-capped Babbler-02, Rufous Sibia-12, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker-04, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-08, Black-throated Sunbird-02, Russet Sparrow-10, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-08, Rosy Pipit-03, Collared Grossbeak-12, Spot-winged Grossbeak-08.

Day 06-21.May.04 Gangtey-Trongsa

Drive cum trek over the Pelela pass. Overnight at Lodge.

Birds Seen/heard: Hill Partridge-H, Kalij Pheasant-02, Darjeeling Woodpecker-02, Large Hawk Cuckoo-02, Indian Cuckoo-01, Eurasian Cuckoo-02, Oriental Cuckoo-03, Lesser Cuckoo-01, Himalayan Swiflet-20, Forktail Swift-10, Rock Pigeon-20, Oriental Turtle Dove-10, Himalayan Griffon-02, Lammergeier-01, Orange-bellied Leafbird-01, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-06, Spotted Nutcracker-10, Yellow-billed Chough-02, Large-billed Crow-20, Long-tail Minivet-04, Scarlet Minivet-04, Yellow-bellied Fantail-05, Ashy Drongo-02, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-04, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-02, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, Long-tailed Thrush-

01, White-collared Blackbird-03, Grey-winged Blackbird-05, Lesser Shortwing-04, White-browed Shortwing-01, Darksided Flycatcher-06, Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher-05, Ultramarine Flycatcher-04, Verditer Flycatcher-07, Rufous-bellied Niltava-03, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher-04, White-capped Water Redstart-05, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, Grey Bushchat-06, Common Myna-14, White-tail Nuthatch-02, Coal Tit-05, Green-backed Tit-10, Asian House Martin-20, Black Bulbul-15, Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler-02, Grey-sided Bush Warbler-01, Buff-barred Warbler-02, Humes Warbler-03, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-04, Golden-spectacled Warbler-06, Broad-billed Warbler-04, Scaly Laughingthrush-05, Black-faced Laughingthrush-06, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-04, Hoary-throated Barwing-03, Chestnut-tailed Minla-10, Red-tailed Minla-06, Rufous-winged Fulvetta-06, White-browed Fulvetta-03, Whiskered Yuhina-20, Rufous-vented Yuhina-12, Rufous Sibia-12, Great Parrotbill-02, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-09, Russet Sparrow-10, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-20, Rosy Pipit-05, White-winged Grossbeak-12.

Day 07-May 22.04 Trongsa-Shembang-Tingtinbi.

Full day drive with stops for birding walks at various hot spots on the way. Overnight in camp South of Tingtinbi.

Birds Seen/heard: Hill Partridge-H, Speckled Piculet-10, Great Barbet-06, Golden-throated Barbet-02, Blue-throated Barbet-07, Great Hornbill-02, Rufous-necked Hornbill-12, Common Hoopoe-02, Oriental Cuckoo-02, Drongo Cuckoo-02, Greater Coucal-01, Forktail Swift-20, Mountain Scops Owl-H, Rock Pigeon-20, Oriental Turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-06, Barred Cuckoo Dove-06, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-10, Black Eagle-02, Orange-bellied Leafbird-02, Long-tailed Shrike-05, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Grey Treepie-03, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-06, Scarlet Minivet-04, Ashy Drongo-12, Bronzed Drongo-04, Spangled Drongo-07, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-15, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, White-collared Blackbird-03, Grey-winged Blackbird-06, Snowy-browed Flycatcher-02, Ultramarine Flycatcher-02, Verditer Flycatcher-10, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, Spotted Forktail-02, Grey Bushchat-04, Beautiful Nuthatch-01, Common Myna-20, Green-back Tit-07, Red-vented Bulbul-06, White-throated Bulbul-04, Black Bulbul-20, Hill Prinia-10, Striated Prinia-04, Oriental White-eye-08, Grey-hooded Warbler-02, White-throated Laughingthrush-10, White-crested Laughingthrush-12, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-05, Spotted Laughingthrush-H, Striated Laughingthrush-04, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-03, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler-02, Spotted Wren Babbler-01, Striated Yuhina-10, Rufous Sibia-07, Crimson Sunbird-02, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-10, Common Rosefinch-20, Crested Bunting-18.

Day 08-May 23.04 Tingtinbi-Tamala-Shemgang-Lanthel.

Full day birding drive cum walks. Overnight in local guest house at Lanthel Village..

Birds seen/heard: Hill Partridge-H, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Kalij Pheasant-1, Rufous Woodpecker-H, Great Barbet-06, Golden-throated Barbet-02, Blue-throated Barbet-02, Rufous-necked Hornbill-10, White-throated Kingfisher-02, Crested Kingfisher-01, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo-01, Large Hawk Cuckoo-01, Indian Cuckoo-H, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Lesser Cuckoo-H, Eurasian Cuckoo-01, House Swift-20, Forktail Swift-10, Brown Hawk Owl-H, Rock Pigeon-20, Oriental turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-

08, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-10, Crested Serpent Eagle-01, Steppe Eagle-02, Orange-bellied Leafbird-01, Long-tail Shrike-05, Eurasian Jay-02, Grey Treepie-04, Large-billed Crow, Maroon Oriole-03, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-09, Grey-chinned Minivet-02, Long-tailed Minivet-04, Scarlet Minivet-02, White-throated Fantail-03, Ashy Drongo-12, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo-02, Crow-billed Drongo-02, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-15, Blue Whistling Thrush-20, Grey-winged Blackbird-10, Lesser Shortwing-03, Verditer Flycatcher-06, Rufous-bellied Niltava-05, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher-02, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, White-tailed Robin-04, Spotted Forktail-03, Grey Bushchat-06, Common Myna-06, White-tailed Nuthatch-02, Green-back Tit-08, Striated Bulbul-10, Red-vented Bulbul-10, White-throated Bulbul-06, Black Bulbul-20, Chestnut-headed Tesia-02, Slaty-bellied Tesia-01, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler-02, White-spectacled Warbler-02, White-throated Laughingthrush-20, White-crested Laughingthrush-10, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-06, Striated Laughingthrush-12, Streaked Laughingthrush-04, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-06, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-02, Rufous-throated Wren Babbler-01, Silver-eared Mesia-10, Rusty-fronted Barwing-02, Chestnut-tailed Minla-10, Yellow-throated Fulvetta-06, Whiskered Yuhina-20, Rufous-capped Babbler-02, Golden Babbler-06, Rufous Sibia-06, Black-throated Sunbird-04, Russet Sparrow-10, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-20, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch-20, Scarlet Finch-02, Crested Bunting-04.

Day 09-May 24.04 Lanthel-Trongsang-Yotongla-Jakar

Birding drive back to Trongsang and continuing along the Central Highway to Jakar. Overnight at Riverside Lodge.

Birds seen/heard Hill Partridge-H, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide-02, Great Barbet-06, Large Hawk Cuckoo-H, Eurasian Cuckoo-01, Lesser Cuckoo-H, Drongo Cuckoo-02, Himalayan Swiflet-20, Rock Pigeon-09, Oriental Turtle Dove-20, Spotted Dove-02, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-12, Common Sandpiper-02, Ibisbill-07, Orange-bellied Leafbird-02, Long-tailed Shrike-03, Grey-backed Shrike-04, Eurasian Jay-01, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-04, Black-billed Magpie-07, Spotted Nutcracker-04, Red-billed Chough-10, Large-billed Crow-20, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-02, Ashy Drongo-03, Blue-capped Rockthrush-15, Chestnut-bellied Rockthrush-02, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, Grey-winged Blackbird-04, Verditer Flycatcher-10, Rufous-bellied Niltava-02, White-capped Water Redstart-01, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, White-tail Robin-01, Spotted Forktail-02, Slaty-backed Forktail-01, Grey Bushchat-04, Green-backed Tit-03, Asian House Martin-20, Red-vented Bulbul-12, Black Bulbul-20, Hill Prinia-05, Striated Prinia-01, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-03, White-throated Laughingthrush-12, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-10, Striated Laughingthrush-02, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-02, Spotted Wren Babbler-H, Rufous-winged Fulvetta-04, Striated Yuhina-10, Stripe-throated Yuhina-06, Whiskered Yuhina-03, Rufous-vented Yuhina-10, Rufous Sibia-06, Brown Parrotbill-02, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-10, Russet Sparrow-03, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-10, White Wagtail-04, Scarlet Finch-02, Crested Bunting-12.

Day 10-May 25.04 :Jakar-Thrumsingla-Sengor

Drive over the Thrumsingla Pass, with birding stops enroute.

Rewarding by clear views enabling video filming of a pair of Satyr Tragopan.

Birds seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Blood Pheasant-02, Satyr Tragopan-07, Large Hawk Cuckoo-01, Eurasian Cuckoo-02, Himalayan Swiflet-10, Rock Pigeon-10, Oriental Turtle Dove-08, Grey-backed Shrike-04, Black-billed Magpie-15, Spotted Nutcracker-06, Red-billed Cuckoo-30, Large-billed Crow-20, Short-billed Minivet-06, Yellow-bellied Fantail-05, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, White-collared Blackbird-04, Lesser Shortwing-H, Dark-sided Flycatcher-06, Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher-03, Golden Bush Robin-02, Rufous-breasted Bush Robin-01, White-capped Water Redstart-04, Rufous-vented Tit-03, Coal Tit-06, Green-backed Tit-07, Asian House Martin-10, Black Bulbul-10, Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler-02, Buff-barred Warbler-04, Humes Warbler-02, White-spectacled Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-05, White-throated Laughingthrush-20, Spotted Laughingthrush-02, Chest-crowned Laughingthrush-07, Black-faced Laughingthrush-06, Fire-tailed Myzornis-02, Chestnut-tailed Minla-06, Rufous-winged Fulvetta-04, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-10, Common Rosefinch-20, Collared Grossbeak-01, White-winged Grossbeak-40.*

Day 11-May 26.04 Sengor-Namling-Yongkola

Good birding along the Lingmethang Road between Namaling and Yongkola. Overnight in camp.

Birds seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Satyr Tragopan-02, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker-02, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker-02, Grey-hooded Woodpecker-01, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide-02, Great Barbet-04, Blue-throated Barbet-03, Blue-bearded Bee-eater-02, White-throated Kingfisher-02, Large Hawk Cuckoo-01, Indian Cuckoo-H, Eurasian Cuckoo-H, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Lesser Cuckoo-01, Drongo Cuckoo-02, Fork-tail Swift-10, Asian Barred Owllet-02, Speckled-wood Pigeon-10, Oriental Turtle Dove-10, Spotted dove-15, Emerald Dove-01, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-04, Black-tailed Crake-04, Mountain Hawk Eagle-02, Long-tailed Shrike-02, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-04, Grey Treepie-07, Spotted Nutcracker-03, Red-billed Cuckoo-16, Large-billed Crow-20, Maroon Oriole-02, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-06, Long-tailed Minivet-02, Short-billed Minivet-03, Scarlet Minivet-02, Yellow-bellied Fantail-10, White-throated Fantail-03, Ashy Drongo-03, Bronzed Drongo-02, Spangled Drongo-05, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-12, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-03, Blue Whistling Thrush-14, White-collared Blackbird-01, White Browed Shortwing-01, Dark-sided Flycatcher-03, Verditer Flycatcher-08, White-browed Bush Robin-02, Oriental Magpie Robin-10, White-capped Water Redstart-06, White-tailed Robin-01, Blue-fronted Robin-01, Little Forktail-01, Grey Bushchat-04, Green-backed Tit-10, Black-throated Tit-05, Asian House Martin-20, Straited Bulbul-05, Red-vented Bulbul-14, Black Bulbul-20, Hill Prinia-02, Straited Prinia-01, Oriental White-eye-10, Buff-barred Warbler-03, Ashy-throated Warbler-02, Yellow-vented Warbler-01, Grey-cheeked Warbler-02, White-throated Laughingthrush-20, White-crested Laughingthrush-04, Scaly Laughingthrush-02, Streaked Laughingthrush-04, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-05, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-06, Silver-eared Mesia-10, Black-headed Shrike Babbler-02, Hoary-throated Barwing-06, Chestnut-tailed Minla-03, Rufous-winged Fulvetta-05, Straited Yuhina-10, Whiskered Yuhina-20, Black-chinned Yuhina-08, Golden Babbler-06, Rufous Sibia-07, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-15, Russet Sparrow-03, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-10, Olive-backed Pipit-03, Scaly-breasted Munia-40, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch-30, Common Rosefinch-02, Collared Grossbeak-02, Spot-wing Grossbeak-02.*

Day 12-May 27.04: Yongkhola-Namling-Yongkola and Yongkola -Limethang-Yongkola.

In the morning drove back to Namling to bird down the road to Yongkola. Afternoon birded along the lower Lingmethang road. Overnight in camp at Yongkola.

Birds Seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Chestnut-breasted Partridge-02, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Bay Woodpecker-02, Greater Yellowthroat-02, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide-02, Great Barbet-03, Golden-throated Barbet-02, Blue-throated Barbet-03, Blue-bearded Bee-eater-04, White-throated Kingfisher-02, Large Hawk Cuckoo-01, Lesser Cuckoo-01, Indian Cuckoo-H, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Drongo Cuckoo-01, Mountain Scops Owl-H, Collared Owllet-H, Asian Barred Owllet-01, Grey Nightjar-01, Oriental Turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-06, Barred Cuckoo Dove-07, Emerald Dove-02, Black-tailed Crake-02, Black Eagle-01, Rufous-bellied Eagle-01, Long-tail Shrike-03, Grey Treepie-02, Large-billed Crow-10, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-04, Short-billed Minivet-04, Scarlet Minivet-04, White-throated Fantail-03, Ashy Drongo-10, Bronzed Drongo-03, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-10, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-01, Blue Whistling Thrush-06, Grey-winged Blackbird-02, Verditer Flycatcher-11, Rufous-bellied Niltava-02, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher-03, Oriental Magpie Robin-08, White-tailed Robin-02, Slaty-backed Forktail-01, Grey Bushchat-07, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch-02, Green-backed Tit-05, Straited Bulbul-05, Himalayan Bulbul-11, Red-vented Bulbul-04, Black Bulbul-20, Hill Prinia-02, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-01, Blyths Leaf Warbler-02, Grey-hooded Warbler-01, Chestnut-crowned Warbler-02, Broad-billed Warbler-01, White-crested Laughingthrush-12, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-06, Straited Laughingthrush-02, Spotted Laughingthrush-02, Streaked Laughingthrush-04, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-03, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-02, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler-02, Pygmy Wren Babbler-01, Cutia-12, Hoary-throated Barwing-02, Chestnut-tailed Minla-10, Golden-breasted Fulvetta-05, Yellow-throated Fulvetta-03, Whiskered Yuhina-10, Stripe-throated Yuhina-12, Black-chinned Yuhina-03, White-bellied Yuhina-04, Golden Babbler-02, Rufous Sibia-06, Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill-03, Black-throated Parrotbill-20, Plain Flowerpecker-01, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker-02, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-06, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-12, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch-20, Crested Bunting-02.*

Day 13-May 28.04 Yongkola-Limethang-Mongar-Kurila-Mongar.

Birding drive down lower Lingmethang Road, followed by drive through Mongar to Kurila exploring new hot spots. Returned to Mongar for overnight at Guest House.

Birds seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Bay Woodpecker-02, Grey-headed Woodpecker-02, Great Barbet-01, Blue-throated Barbet-02, Common Hoopoe-02, Blue-bearded Bee-eater-02, White-throated Kingfisher-02, large Hawk Cuckoo-H, Hodgsons Hawk Cuckoo-01, Eurasian Cuckoo-02, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Lesser Cuckoo-H, Drongo Cuckoo-01, House Swift-09, Forktail Swift-02, Asian Barred Owllet-H, Jungle Owllet-01, Collared Scops Owl-H, Rock Pigeon-15, Ashy-wood Pigeon-03, Oriental Turtle Dove-16, Spotted Dove-08, Emerald Dove-01, Black Eagle-02, Long-tailed Shrike-02, Eurasian Jay-01, Grey Treepie-06, Spotted Nutcracker-10, Large-billed Crow-20, Slender-billed Oriole-06, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-03, Short-billed Minivet-02, White-throated Fantail-01, Ashy Drongo-05, Spangled Drongo-02, Blue-*

capped Rock Thrush-10, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-02, Blue Whistling Thrush-10, Grey-winged Blackbird-03, Dark-sided Flycatcher-04, Verditer Flycatcher-07, Oriental Magpie Robin-09, White-capped Water Redstart-01, Plumbeous Water Redstart-02, Slaty-backed Forktail-02, Grey Bushchat-02, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch-03, Green-backed Tit-06, Barn Swallow-20, Striated Bulbul-02, Himalayan Bulbul-10, Red-vented Bulbul-02, Mountain Bulbul-02, Black Bulbul-20, Hill Prinia-02, Oriental White-eye-02, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler-H, Russet Bush Warbler-02, Common Tailor Bird-02, Mountain Tailor Bird-01, Broad-billed Warbler-03, Greenish Warbler-02, White-crested Laughingthrush-15, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-12, Striated Laughingthrush-05, Grey-sided Laughingthrush-02, Streaked Laughingthrush-05, Blue-winged Laughingthrush-02, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush-03, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-02, Red-billed Leothrix-06, Cutia-10, Hoary-throated Barwing-03, Whiskered Yuhina-10, Rufous Sibia-05, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-10, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-18, White-rumped Munia-10, Scaly-breasted Munia-20, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch-40, Scarlet Finch-02, Crested Bunting-03.

Day 14 –May 29.04 Mongar-Limethang-Yongkola-Namling- Sengor-Thrumsingla-Jakar.

Drove back to Jakar with birding stops along Lingmethang road

Birds seen/heard: *Satyr Tragopan-02, Great Barbet-02, Rufous-necked Hornbill-02, Blue-bearded Bee-eater-02, Rock Pigeon-10, Oriental Turtle Dove-18, Spotted Dove-07, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon-10, Long-tailed Shrike-06, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-06, Grey Treepie-05, Spotted Nutcracker-06, Red-billed Chough-10, Large-billed Crow-06, Yellow-bellied Fantail-04, Ashy Drongo-03, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-10, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-04, Blue Whistling Thrush-20, Dark-sided Flycatcher-10, Slaty-blue Flycatcher-02, Verditer Flycatcher-12, Oriental Magpie Robin-02, Hodgsons Redstart-01, White-capped Water Redstart-02, Little Forktail-02, Slaty-backed Forktail-02, Spotted Forktail-01, Grey Buschat-02, Eurasian Treecreeper-02, Green-back Tit-03, Asian House Martin-20, Striated Bulbul-02, Red-vented Bulbul-04, Black Bulbul-20, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-03, Broad-billed Warbler-04, White-crested Laughingthrush-10, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-06, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-04, Rufous-vented Yuhina-08, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-10, Fire-tailed Sunbird-03, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-10, White Wagtail-02, Dark-breasted Rosefinch-09, Scarlet Finch-02, Spot-winged Grossbeak-20.*

Day 15-May 30.04 Bumthang-Yotungla-Pelela-Dochula-Paro.

A long drive back to Thimpu and on to Paro. Overnight at hotel Gangtey Palace

Birds seen/heard *Hill Partridge-02, Great Barbet-07, Lesser Cuckoo-01, House Swift-10, Forktail Swift-15, Grey Nightjar-01, Rock Pigeon-16, Oriental Turtle Dove-12, Spotted Dove-10, Steppe Eagle-01, Eurasian Hobby-02, Long-tail Shrike-06, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Eurasian Jay-04, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie-05, Grey Treepie-09, Black-billed Magpie-04, Spotted Nutcracker-08, Large-billed Crow-10, Black-winged Cuckooshrike-01, Long-tailed Minivet-02, Ashy Drongo-04, Blue-capped Rock Thrush-06, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush-05, Blue Whistling Thrush-18, White-collared Blackbird-02, Grey-winged Blackbird-06, Dark-sided Flycatcher-05, Verditer Flycatcher-04, Rufous-bellied Niltava-05, White-capped Water Redstart-04, Plumbeous*

Water Redstart-03, Grey Bushchat-04, Common Myna-20, Fire-capped Tit-02, Rufous-vented Tit-10, Green-backed Tit-05, Yellow-browed Tit-04, Asian House Martin-10, Nepal House Martin-12, Red-vented Bulbul-10, Black Bulbul-20, Yellow-rumped warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-03, White-throated Laughingthrush-16, Straited Laughingthrush-04, Streaked Laughingthrush-01, Black-faced Laughingthrush-12, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler-01, Spotted Wren Babbler-02, White-naped Yuhina-06, Stripe-throated Yuhina-10, Rufous Sibia-08, Mrs Goulds Sunbird-06, Fire-tailed Sunbird-10, Eurasian Tree Sparrow-20, Olive-backed Pipit-10, Brown Bullfinch-20, White-winged Grossbeak-06.

Day 16-May 31.04 Paro-Chelela-Thimphu.

Drive up to Chelela pass for a short exploration high altitude habitat.

Birds seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Blood Pheasant-02, Himalayan Monal-10, White-collared Blackbird-05, Spotted Nutcracker-18, White-browed Finch-20.*

List of Birds Seen

Oriental Bird Club Checklist of birds of India.

No.	Scientific name	Common name
39	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	Hill Partridge
40	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>	Rufous-throated Partridge
43	<i>Arborophila mandellii</i>	Chestnut-breasted Partridge
64	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>	Blood Pheasant
66	<i>Tragopan satyra</i>	Satyr Tragopan
71	<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>	Himalayan Monal
78	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	Kalij Pheasant
143	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Ruddy Shelduck
205	<i>Indicator xanthonotus</i>	Yellow-rumped Honeyguide
207	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>	Speckled Piculet
221	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker
222	<i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i>	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker
223	<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>	Darjeeling Woodpecker
230	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>	Rufous Woodpecker
235	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	Lesser Yellownape
237	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>	Greater Yellownape
246	<i>Picus canus</i>	Grey-headed Woodpecker
248	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>	Himalayan Flameback
257	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>	Bay Woodpecker
268	<i>Megalaima virens</i>	Great Barbet
280	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>	Golden-throated Barbet
282	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	Blue-throated Barbet
302	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	Great Hornbill
313	<i>Aceros nipalensis</i>	Rufous-necked Hornbill
323	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Common Hoopoe
334	<i>Harpactes wardi</i>	Ward's Trogon
341	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher
359	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	White-throated Kingfisher
380	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	Crested Kingfisher
383	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>	Blue-bearded Bee-eater

393	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo
395	<i>Hierococcyx sparverioides</i>	Large Hawk Cuckoo
396	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	Common Hawk Cuckoo
398	<i>Hierococcyx fugax</i>	Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo
399	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	Indian Cuckoo
400	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Eurasian Cuckoo
401	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Oriental Cuckoo
402	<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>	Lesser Cuckoo
419	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	Drongo Cuckoo
420	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	Asian Koel
426	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	Green-billed Malkoha
444	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Greater Coucal
534	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	White-throated Needletail
538	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Asian Palm Swift
542	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Fork-tailed Swift
544	<i>Apus affinis</i>	House Swift
560	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>	Mountain Scops Owl
577	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	Collared Scops Owl
602	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	Collared Owlet
603	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	Asian Barred Owlet
605	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	Jungle Owlet
614	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	Brown Hawk Owl
636	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	Grey Nightjar
649	<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Pigeon
655	<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>	Speckled Wood Pigeon
656	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>	Ashy Wood Pigeon
668	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	Oriental Turtle Dove
670	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Dove
674	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>	Barred Cuckoo Dove
681	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Emerald Dove
710	<i>Treron sphenura</i>	Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon
744	<i>Ducula badia</i>	Mountain Imperial Pigeon
796	<i>Porzana bicolor</i>	Black-tailed Crake
848	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Green Sandpiper
851	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common Sandpiper
894	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	Ibisbill
919	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	River Lapwing
1018	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite
1027	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Lammergeier
1031	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	Himalayan Griffon
1036	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	Crested Serpent Eagle
1050	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Shikra
1062	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk
1073	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	Black Eagle
1077	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Steppe Eagle
1084	<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>	Rufous-bellied Eagle
1086	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>	Mountain Hawk Eagle
1099	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common Kestrel
1107	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Eurasian Hobby
1146	<i>Ardea insignis</i>	White-bellied Heron
1151	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Cattle Egret
1246	<i>Pitta nipalensis</i>	Blue-naped Pitta
1318	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	Orange-bellied Leafbird
1327	<i>Lanius schach</i>	Long-tailed Shrike
1328	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	Grey-backed Shrike
1353	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Eurasian Jay
1360	<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>	Yellow-billed Blue Magpie

1368	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	Grey Treepie
1377	<i>Pica pica</i>	Black-billed Magpie
1381	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	Spotted Nutcracker
1382	<i>Pyrhacorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Red-billed Chough
1383	<i>Pyrhacorax graculus</i>	Yellow-billed Chough
1394	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Large-billed Crow
1416	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>	Slender-billed Oriole
1420	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>	Maroon Oriole
1434	<i>Coracina striata</i>	Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike
1451	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>	Black-winged Cuckooshrike
1465	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	Small Minivet
1469	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>	Grey-chinned Minivet
1470	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	Long-tailed Minivet
1471	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>	Short-billed Minivet
1473	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Scarlet Minivet
1476	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>	Yellow-bellied Fantail
1481	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	White-throated Fantail
1496	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	Ashy Drongo
1499	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	Bronzed Drongo
1501	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	Spangled Drongo
1505	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	Greater Racket-tailed
Drongo		
1538	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	Brown Dipper
1539	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush
1540	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>	Blue-capped Rock Thrush
1542	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>	Chestnut-bellied Rock
Thrush		
1549	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	Blue Whistling Thrush
1567	<i>Zoothera dixonii</i>	Long-tailed Thrush
1568	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>	Scaly Thrush
1581	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>	White-collared Blackbird
1582	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>	Grey-winged Blackbird
1603	<i>Brachypteryx leucophrys</i>	Lesser Shortwing
1619	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>	Dark-sided Flycatcher
1620	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	Asian Brown Flycatcher
1632	<i>Ficedula strophiiata</i>	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher
1637	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	Snowy-browed Flycatcher
1648	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	Little Pied Flycatcher
1649	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>	Ultramarine Flycatcher
1650	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	Slaty-blue Flycatcher
1655	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	Verditer Flycatcher
1661	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>	Small Niltava
1663	<i>Niltava sundara</i>	Rufous-bellied Niltava
1677	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>	Hill Blue Flycatcher
1685	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	Grey-headed Canary
Flycatcher		
1701	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>	Golden Bush Robin
1702	<i>Tarsiger indicus</i>	White-browed Bush Robin
1703	<i>Tarsiger hyperythrus</i>	Rufous-breasted Bush Robin
1706	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Oriental Magpie Robin
1719	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>	Hodgson's Redstart
1723	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	Blue-fronted Redstart
1724	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	White-capped Water Redstart
1725	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>	Plumbeous Water Redstart
1728	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>	White-tailed Robin
1730	<i>Cinclidium frontale</i>	Blue-fronted Robin
1732	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>	Little Forktail

1736	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	Slaty-backed Forktail
1738	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>	Spotted Forktail
1749	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>	Grey Bushchat
1768	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	Chestnut-tailed Starling
1783	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common Myna
1804	<i>Sitta castanea</i>	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch
1805	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>	White-tailed Nuthatch
1816	<i>Sitta formosa</i>	Beautiful Nuthatch
1818	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Eurasian Treecreeper
1826	<i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>	Fire-capped Tit
1833	<i>Parus rubidiventris</i>	Rufous-vented Tit
1835	<i>Parus ater</i>	Coal Tit
1839	<i>Parus dichrous</i>	Grey-crested Tit
1842	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	Green-backed Tit
1851	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>	Yellow-browed Tit
1855	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>	Black-throated Tit
1857	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>	Rufous-fronted Tit
1869	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow
1879	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>	Asian House Martin
1880	<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>	Nepal House Martin
1887	<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>	Striated Bulbul
1893	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	Black-crested Bulbul
1901	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	Himalayan Bulbul
1902	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Red-vented Bulbul
1920	<i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>	White-throated Bulbul
1939	<i>Ixos maclellandii</i>	Mountain Bulbul 1-Jul-01
1944	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	Black Bulbul
1954	<i>Prinia criniger</i>	Striated Prinia
1956	<i>Prinia atrogularis</i>	Hill Prinia
1964	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied Prinia
1969	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Oriental White-eye
2006	<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>	Chestnut-headed Tesia
2007	<i>Tesia olivea</i>	Slaty-bellied Tesia
2008	<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>	Grey-bellied Tesia
2017	<i>Cettia fortipes</i>	Brownish-flanked Bush
Warbler		
2020	<i>Cettia major</i>	Chestnut-crowned Bush
Warbler		
2022	<i>Cettia acanthizoides</i>	Yellowish-bellied Bush
Warbler		
2023	<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>	Grey-sided Bush Warbler
2029	<i>Bradypterus mandelli</i>	Russet Bush Warbler
2060	<i>Orthotomus cuculatus</i>	Mountain Tailorbird
2061	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common Tailorbird
2074	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common Chiffchaff
2085	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	Buff-barred Warbler
2086	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	Ashy-throated Warbler
2088	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	Lemon-rumped Warbler
2091	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Yellow-browed Warbler
2092	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Hume's Warbler
2094	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Greenish Warbler
2097	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	Large-billed Leaf Warbler
2103	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>	Blyth's Leaf Warbler
2106	<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>	Yellow-vented Warbler
2114	<i>Seicercus burkii</i>	Golden-spectacled Warbler
2120	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	Grey-hooded Warbler
2121	<i>Seicercus affinis</i>	White-spectacled Warbler

2122	<i>Seicercus poliolegens</i>	Grey-cheeked Warbler
2123	<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>	Chestnut-crowned Warbler
2126	<i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i>	Broad-billed Warbler
2140	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	White-throated Laughingthrush
2141	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>	White-crested Laughingthrush
2145	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>	Striated Laughingthrush
2149	<i>Garrulax ruficollis</i>	Rufous-necked Laughingthrush
2159	<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>	Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush
2164	<i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>	Spotted Laughingthrush
2165	<i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>	Grey-sided Laughingthrush
2173	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>	Streaked Laughingthrush
2176	<i>Garrulax squamatus</i>	Blue-winged Laughingthrush
2177	<i>Garrulax subunicolor</i>	Scaly Laughingthrush
2183	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush
2215	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrolegens</i>	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler
2216	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>	Indian Scimitar Babbler
2219	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>	Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler
2222	<i>Xiphirhynchus superciliaris</i>	Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler
2239	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	Pygmy Wren Babbler
2241	<i>Spelaeornis caudatus</i>	Rufous-throated Wren Babbler
2244	<i>Spelaeornis formosus</i>	Spotted Wren Babbler
2250	<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>	Rufous-capped Babbler
2252	<i>Stachyris chrysaea</i>	Golden Babbler
2289	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>	Striated Babbler
2300	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	Silver-eared Mesia
2301	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	Red-billed Leiothrix
2302	<i>Cutia nipalensis</i>	Cutia
2303	<i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i>	Black-headed Shrike Babbler
2304	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>	White-browed Shrike Babbler
2309	<i>Actinodura egertoni</i>	Rusty-fronted Barwing
2312	<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>	Hoary-throated Barwing
2317	<i>Minla strigula</i>	Chestnut-tailed Minla
2318	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>	Red-tailed Minla
2319	<i>Alcippe chrysotis</i>	Golden-breasted Fulvetta
2321	<i>Alcippe cinerea</i>	Yellow-throated Fulvetta
2322	<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>	Rufous-winged Fulvetta
2323	<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>	White-browed Fulvetta
2336	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>	Nepal Fulvetta
2340	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	Rufous Sibia
2346	<i>Yuhina castaniceps</i>	Striated Yuhina
2349	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>	Whiskered Yuhina
2351	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>	Stripe-throated Yuhina
2353	<i>Yuhina occipitalis</i>	Rufous-vented Yuhina
2355	<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>	Black-chinned Yuhina
2356	<i>Yuhina zantholeuca</i>	White-bellied Yuhina
2357	<i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i>	Fire-tailed Myzornis
2359	<i>Conostoma oemodium</i>	Great Parrotbill

2361	<i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i>	Brown Parrotbill
2372	<i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i>	Black-throated Parrotbill
2376	<i>Paradoxornis ruficeps</i>	Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill
2442	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>	Plain Flowerpecker
2449	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker
2478	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>	Mrs Gould's Sunbird
2479	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	Green-tailed Sunbird
2482	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>	Black-throated Sunbird
2483	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>	Crimson Sunbird
2486	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>	Fire-tailed Sunbird
2501	<i>Passer rutilans</i>	Russet Sparrow
2504	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Eurasian Tree Sparrow
2514	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	White Wagtail
2518	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Yellow Wagtail
2526	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Olive-backed Pipit
2530	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>	Rosy Pipit
2562	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	White-rumped Munia
2567	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Scaly-breasted Munia
2582	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch
2596	<i>Callacanthus burtoni</i>	Spectacled Finch
2603	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>	Dark-breasted Rosefinch
2604	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Common Rosefinch
2614	<i>Carpodacus thura</i>	White-browed Rosefinch
2623	<i>Haematospiza sipahi</i>	Scarlet Finch
2626	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>	Brown Bullfinch
2630	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>	Grey-headed Bullfinch
2636	<i>Mycerobas affinis</i>	Collared Grosbeak
2637	<i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i>	Spot-winged Grosbeak
2638	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>	White-winged Grosbeak
2641	<i>Melophus lathamii</i>	Crested Bunting

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