

Birds & Mammals seen in Arunachal Pradesh & Assam, North Eastern India

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Girls working on the Mandala Road

Seton Craven and I were guided by the incomparable Peter Lobo on the well established route in NE India including Nameri National Park, Dirang, Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary and Kaziranga National Park. We were fortunate to be guided personally by Peter (though he has a competent team of assistants). I do not believe there is anyone else who can provide the expertise, logistics and detailed bird knowledge in this area. He is also a great companion who goes out birding with energy and enthusiasm every day. He can be contacted by e-mail: peterlobo65 AT gmail.com.



Peter calls up a Wren Babbler!



Lunching in style, Eaglenest

Recent events have somewhat changed the areas possible to bird and this has impacted the chances of seeing some species. Following the death of a birder killed by an elephant in

Panbari forest it is no longer permitted to walk in this area. Secessionist activity and the kidnap of a forest guard have closed the parts Eaglenest below c. 1000m down to Khelong as well as Sessni and Bhompu Camps. The road back into Assam is now closed at Khelong. It is still possible to bird as low as Sessni but it takes more than an hour to drive there from Sunda View camp. The bamboo specialists below Sessni like Pale headed Woodpecker are no longer available but there are so many other species to see in this fantastic forest this was only a momentary disappointment.

It was cold and wet almost the whole time. Our only full day at Nameri it rained heavily all day which made birding difficult and caused a land slip and ensuing eight hour delay on the road up to Dirang the following day. It was below freezing and windy at Sella Pass but this can be expected at 4100m. Take warm, waterproof clothes – lots of them. The altitude readings are taken from a Suunto barometric altimeter calibrated at Guwahati and are probably only correct to +/- 100m.

Friday 18th March: Delhi – Guwahati -Nameri

We arrived in Guwahati at midday to grey sky and drizzle brightened only by Peter's smiling face. It was a long drive not least due to a one and a half hour delay caused by gridlock on a section of road under construction. Nameri Eco Lodge was fully booked so we stayed 20km (about 45 mins drive) further up the road at the Govt Rest Houses at Bhalukpong, arriving after dark.

Saturday 19th March: Nameri

We were on the road by 5:15am and drove back to Nameri passing troops with metal detectors checking for roadside bombs – which gave us a warm comforting feeling. I mean you wouldn't want to drive down a road that had not been checked for bombs, would you? After breakfast at the Eco Lodge we set off in steady rain, crossed the river Jha Bharelli and then walked into the park accompanied by an armed guard who was apparently there to protect us against the dangerous wild animals rather than dangerous secessionists. We learnt subsequently that this chap's real skill was in flushing White winged Duck. As you guessed we saw the most special bird in Nameri – in flight. We did however see lots of other nice stuff. We went back to the lodge for an early lunch; the rain got heavier but we saw a lovely Oriental Hobby in the garden. A party of soaked, freezing near dead birders who had done the river raft trip in the morning and failed to see Ibisbill came in. We decided to throw the planned afternoon raft trip and opt for another walk in the forest. We did have the exciting sight of fresh Tiger prints in the wet mud and a great pair of Black backed Forktail but it was very wet and the leeches were hungry. One of the standout sights of the day was a party of five, Lancaster bomber-like Great black headed Gulls in full breeding plumage flying down the river.

Sunday 20th March: Bhalukpong - Dirang

Today was not a good day! There was heavy rain and hail in the night. We were on the road at 6am to get a jump on the traffic for our long drive to Dirang. At the Inner Line Permit control on the Assam – Arunachal boundary we were told of a land slip 20km further up the road.



The mother of all mud slides creates the mother of a traffic jam, Bhalukpong

We went back to the cottages for breakfast and hoped the road would be cleared. Having set off again it wasn't much beyond Bhalukpong that we were stationary in a very long line of traffic and it was still raining. We did manage to see a few nice birds beside the road including Great pied Hornbill, Bay banded Cuckoo, Little Flycatcher, Streaked Spiderhunter and a flock of Dark (Red) throated Thrushes. It wasn't until 2pm – that's eight hours after we set out that we finally got under way. We arrived in Dirang, where it had not rained, to a beautiful starlit evening at 7pm.

Monday 21st March: Dirang

We were on our way at 5:30 for the Mandala Rd. We stopped a couple of times on the way up to the top seeing cracking Hodgson's Redstarts and a nice flock of Tibetan Siskins but our first proper birding was c. 25km up the road at its highest point at 3100m. It was a clear sunny day but cold and there were fantastic views of the Himalayas. A combination of fire and deforestation have left the area around Mandala pretty heavily degraded. Nevertheless wonderful birds came thick and fast: Yellow billed blue Magpie, Nutcracker, Green tailed Sunbird, Brown throated Fulvetta and Rufous fronted Tit. Peter tried hard with the tape to get Bar winged Wren Babbler to respond (lots more of this later). We gradually birded our way down the road lunching at 2700m. We had an incredible purple patch at c. 2100m where we found Himalayan Cutia, Striated Bulbul, Fire throated Flowerpecker and Mrs Gould's Sunbird plus a host of other species.

Tuesday 22nd March: Dirang

We were on the road by 3:30am which was pretty gruesome for the long, bumpy drive up a spectacular mountain road to the Sella Pass at 4100m. We stopped at a watch point at 3250m for breakfast where we had great views of Spotted Laughingthrushes and Red billed Chough. The next stop was at a gully at 3680m.

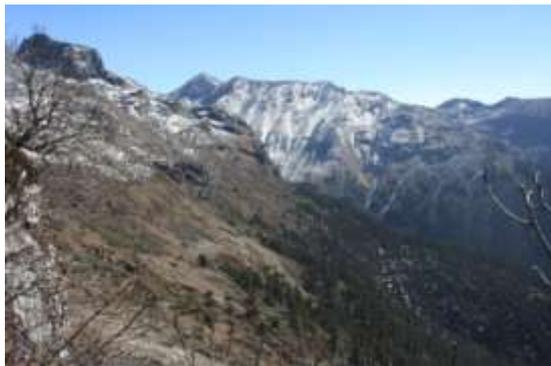


Sella Pass looking back to Dirang



Frozen country above Sella Pass at 4100m

Here we had great views of a pair of Blood Pheasants called out of the scrub by tape; the males with a superb deep red breast and the dainty female with chestnut ear covets. We also had a cracking Fire tailed Sunbird here. It was then on up to Sella Pass at 4149m. It was blowing a howling gale and was freezing cold. We walked round into the Silent valley beyond the pass. This was an apt name as there were absolutely no birds to be heard or seen. Eventually with a lot of looking we found two coveys of nice Snow Partridge and also saw Alpine Accentors and the dark Himalayan race of Wren.



Lovely views but no Monal or Grandala!



Before altitude sickness

We walked quite a distance round to the left traversing at a constant 4100m but couldn't find a Grandala flock, Rosefinches or Snow Pigeons let alone a Monal which was disappointing but there were stupendous views. Some Flemish birders we met at Nameri had not even been able to get out of the car at Sella the weather had been so bad. We walked much further than Peter normally takes groups up here and by the time we got back to the car three hours later Seton and Peter were feeling pretty grotty with altitude sickness. We drove slowly down the far side of the pass towards Tawang for 12km in the hope of seeing Grandala's but birding is extremely difficult as the whole area is a military camp and we did not have any luck on the mountain sides we were able to scan. We dropped back down and had lunch at the Blood Pheasant gully but it was 1pm by now and where there had been lots of birds in the morning it was now deathly quiet. On the way back we passed the big War Memorial above Dirang commemorating the Indian soldiers who died repulsing the Chinese invasion of Arunachal in November 1962. We got back to the hotel at 3:45pm pretty shattered and a bit disappointed to have missed a number of the special high altitude birds.

Wednesday 23rd March: Dirang

We left the hotel at 6am for the short drive to the Sangti valley. It was a warm, sunny morning and it was nice to know that we didn't have to contend with hours and hours

bouncing over rough roads today. We checked the river below Dirang on the off chance for Ibisbill but it is really still too early up here for them; we did however have a nice Brown Dipper. As we entered the valley we had a cracking breeding plumage Wallcreeper right beside the road which was great. Seton also brilliantly spotted a stunning Blue throated Flycatcher from the moving car. In a tiny patch of rough grass probably not more than a couple of acres after a bit of tape playing we had great scope views of two Black tailed Crake – always an exciting family.



School boys eager to get Black tailed Crake on their list, Sangti valley



Long billed Plover, Sangti valley

Then down on the shingle river islands we found a nice Long billed Plover easily. The few Black necked Cranes that winter here had moved on. We walked the river at the entrance of the valley seeing a fly-by Crested Kingfisher and another Wallcreeper. We picked up our packed lunch from the hotel and then headed off to the Mandala Rd. We worked our way downhill from 2650m trying hard for Myzornis without luck but did have great views of the stunning Golden breasted Fulvetta. A Bar winged Wren Babbler again failed to respond. At the spot where we saw the Cutia two days ago we found a stunning Scarlet Finch and Golden throated Barbet. At c. 1780m we had a really fantastic last hour or so with stunning Slaty backed Flycatcher, Red tailed Minla, Rufous breasted Bush Robin and a little lower, Small Niltava, Blue throated, Verditer and Ultramarine Flycatcher.

Thursday 24th March: Dirang – Lama Camp, Eaglenest

We left Dirang at 5:30am heading for Lama Camp, Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary. A few kilometres below Dirang there had been a serious rock fall during the night. The road was completely blocked and it was going to require hours of blasting to clear it. Peter made a quick decision to drive on a much longer route through the mountains via the Mandala Rd. This gave us another chance for some birding at the top of the Mandala Rd where we had fantastic views of the bizarre Slender billed Scimitar Babbler; prolonged minimum focus views of Green shrike Babbler were a close second. Then Peter did what he always does when giving a chance – he tried calling up a Wren Babbler, in this case, Bar winged. One responded on the far side of a ravine. We drove round to the spot and clambered down through the flowering Rhododendrons only to find another ridge between us and the place the bird called. But Peter wasn't to be beaten Up we went and down we went until we found the spot from which the bird had called. With eager anticipation Peter gave the ipod a blast and but answer came there none. We had lost the muffler on Peter's microphone during the descent and spent time looking for it. Weirdly the only thing we found on the densely wooded hillside was a full, still sealed bottle of Indian whisky – a true vagrant in these parts.

We hit the road again at 9:30 passing through the village of Phuduny with its large, partially complete Buddhist temple. Here we discovered that a new road under construction was passable which saved us 60km of winding unmade-up mountain roads. We did have to drive across a very rickety wooden bridge. The valley we drove through was beautiful and probably stuffed with birds. We got to Lama Camp shrouded in an eerie mist at 1pm for lunch.



Dodgy bridge on the road to Eaglenest



The famous Lama Camp shrouded in mist

We were out again at 2pm heading down hill. At the very first gully below the camp Peter gave 'the Bugun' as it is known a blast and Seton picked up a bird responding. Exciting or what! A bird only described in 2006, with a known population of a few tens, was calling in the shrubbery below us but would we see this skulker? After a few tense moments we had fantastic views of a pair feeding in the open hanging upside down and plucking whatever it was they were eating just like Waxwings. Absolutely brilliant! Why these birds are restricted to just one valley is truly intriguing. And to cap it we found a few stunning Gold naped Finches lurking the same bushes. We enjoyed the rest of the walk with fantastic views of a flock of Scarlet Finches and a Rufous throated Wren Babbler.

Friday 25th March: Lama Camp – Sunda View Camp, Eaglenest

We left Lama camp after a cold night at 5:30am for Sunda View camp. We stopped at Eaglenest Pass at 2600m where it was pretty windy and difficult to bird. The best sighting here was a Gaur creeping through the dying-back bamboo. How such a vast animal, six foot at the withers can hide then melt away is extraordinary but that's what it did. We did also finally get our Bar winged Wren Babbler but didn't have any luck with Fire tailed Myzornis.



Flowering Rhodies, Eaglenest Pass



The hillsides at Eaglenest had wonderful flowering Magnolia trees

We got to Sunda View at 9:45 dropped off our stuff and continued birding down hill. There were wonderful flowering Magnolia trees everywhere. We tried a lot of gullies for Ward's Trogon without luck but we did add Chestnut tailed Minla, Broad billed Warbler, Darjeeling

Woodpecker and Rufous winged Fulvetta. At 3:15 a tremendous thunder storm started with heavy rain; we sat it out in the car for ¾ hour then headed back to camp.

We had an early supper then headed out again in the car up to Eaglenest Pass in hope of seeing some mammals. Almost immediately we struck the jackpot with a fantastic pair of what were almost certainly Hodgson's Porcupine. We had a prolonged view as they ran along the road in front of us. Later we also had a brief view of a Himalayan Weasel.

Saturday 26th March: Sunda View, Eaglenest

We left Sunda View in the dark at 4:30am for the long drive down to Sessni. Near Bhompu camp we had a brief view of a male Blyth's Tragopan beside the road and several nice Kalij Pheasant sightings of the smart, black race. We also had a brief view of a pair of Chestnut breasted hill Partridge crossing the track. There was torrential rain for an hour until 7:40. There were tons of birds in the forest around Sessni and in only half an hour we added lots of great new species including Rusty fronted Barwing, Silver eared Mesia, Maroon Oriole, Mountain imperial Pigeon and the lovely Grey chinned Minivet. Shortly afterwards we found a nice Pale blue Flycatcher that was a bit elusive at first and a stunning Black throated Sunbird and White naped Yuhina. As we walked back up hill from Sessni Peter brilliantly spotted a wonderful Green Cochoa perched right out in the open above the canopy and we had fantastic scope views. After lunch at 1800m we finally got to grips with the cute but secretive White gorgetted Flycatcher. We then drove back down to Sessni thrashing the moss covered trees for Beautiful Nuthatch, Sultan Tit and Long tailed Broadbill which was frustrating but we did have nice views of Rufous necked Hornbill and Greater Yellownappe.



The wonderful forest at Sessni c. 1100m Eaglenest



Green tailed Sunbird, one of the jewels of the forest

We hoped to see some mammals at dusk as we drove back up to Sunda View but a thick fog descended and there was minimal visibility which was a bit hairy on the hairpin bends but

master driver (and ace bird spotter to boot) Chitri saw us home safely. There was heavy rain and thunder at night.

Sunday 27th March: Sunda View, Eaglenest

We were up early again for the drive down to Sessni stopping en route to successfully lure out a tiny Spotted Wren Babbler. Peter was on a Wren Babbler mission today and we stopped at many gullies trying for Long billed and Wedge billed. Eventually after a lot of effort we had brilliant views of a cracking Wedge billed Wren Babbler literally at our feet. At Sessni we added Long tailed Sibia and Mountain Bulbul to our Eaglenest list. We saw a great hunting party of 3 or 4 Yellow throated Marten and had two sightings of the striking Malayan giant Squirrel as well as a magnificent Black faced Langur; there were signs of elephant everywhere and we also saw bear prints. We saw a troop of Pig tailed Macaque yesterday so our Eaglenest mammal list was pretty respectable. We spent most of the morning looking for Beautiful Nuthatch around Sessni. We heard distant birds and eventually had rather unsatisfactory flight views. We did however have fantastic views of a cracking male Red headed Trogon. We also came across a nice flock of Greater rufous headed Parrotbill which also contained two Lesser rufous headed Parrotbill. Eventually in a mixed feeding party we found a stunning Long tailed Broadbill which gave us fantastic views. There were probably two and we saw another later in the day.

After lunch we birded again from 1250m down to Sessni continuing the fruitless Nuthatch search but we did add White bellied Erpornis, Black eared Shrike-Babbler and Greater necklaced Laughing Thrush and we heard Grey Peacock Pheasant. Driving back up to Sunda we had a fantastic view of a Rufous throated Partridge right by the car easing by conscience at having ticked them on fleeting views the previous day. After a brief stop at Sunda View we headed off for a night drive up to Eaglenest Pass. We had a good view of a Scops Owl in the searchlight that was probably Indian Scops Owl (certainly not Mountain Scops Owl). We didn't see any mammals. There was a massive thunder storm and torrential rain in the night.

Monday 27th March: Sunda View – Lama Camp, Eaglenest

We left Sunda View at 5:30 to give the gullies below the camp one last try for Ward's Trogon but we were not hopeful as they have not been responding for a couple of weeks and our previous efforts had been fruitless. At the very first attempt a bird responded. The male remained lurking in the bottom of the valley but the female came up to us and gave pretty goods views. We then collected our kit and drove back up to Eaglenest Pass for the last time. Here at 2600m it was freezing cold, windy and thick fog; in other words not great conditions for birding and reduced to zero our last chance of finding the wonderful Fire tailed Myzornis. We started walking down hill towards Lama camp. As we got below the fog at c. 2500m and it was a bit more sheltered, we started seeing birds again. Soon we were amongst a big feeding party when Seton and I simultaneously saw a flash of bright grass green and red fly across the track – there was no doubting what that was. Sure enough moments later Peter had called the truly wonderful Myzornis to within a few feet of us; we drank in wonderful views of this one of our most wanted species. A few hundred yards further on we found another; apparently they are much scarer on the Lama side of the pass so our luck here made up for the lack of it on the Sund View side and on the Mandala Rd. Relief and elation in equal measure! We walked the 9km all the way down to Lama which was nice and the pressure was off with no particular target birds so we could just enjoying seeing whatever popped up which included a nice party of the rare Fire capped Tit, Black chinned Yuhina and point blank views of Crimson breasted Woodpecker with a fiery orange nape. We got to Lama at 3pm had a

brief stop then headed on down hill. A skulking Golden bush Robin frustratingly would not play ball and Peter had a flight view a Bugun Liocichla but it was low key birding. We had a candlelit dinner for two in an ancient canvas army tent and it was freezing cold.



Candlelit dinner for two, Lama Camp

Tuesday 29th March: Lama Camp, Eaglenest – Jurpuri Bhagh, Kaziranga

We were up at 3:30am for a 4am departure for the long drive to Kaziranga. We stopped for breakfast at 6:30 at 1180m below Tenga and stopped a few times over the next few kilometres to check roadside valleys for birds including last chances for Sultan Tit and a final crack at a proper view of Beautiful Nuthatch both of which were unsuccessful. We added Bar winged Flycatcher Shrike and a secretive Grey throated Babbler. We then drove and drove and drove. The road before Tezpur was awful and it was congested getting through the town. Once over the mighty Bhrmaputra the road improved and we arrived at the very nice, comfortable Jurpuri Bhagh at 12:40 after 8 ½ hours on the road ready for lunch, a beer and a wash (first for five days!).

At 2pm we set off for the 15 minute drive to the Diring Tea estate. This tea estate is unusual in having bamboo gullies within the plantation where another of our most wanted birds lurked. The estate was beautiful with waist high, manicured tea bushes stretching away in neat rows beneath shade trees full of Black headed Orioles and Large Cuckoo Shrikes. We also had nice sightings of Rufous naped and Lesser necklaced Laughingthrush. There was only one problem with the tea estate there was absolutely no sight or sound of a Blue naped Pitta and even Peter could not work his usual magic with his ipod. It was looking decidedly iffy. Suddenly Peter's young protégé, Baskar, saw an unmistakable movement amongst the tea bushes; the four of us made to encircle the bird but it slipped out of our net, Seton catching a glimpse as it darted for the safety of an impenetrable, dark bamboo thicket in which Peter said one could never find the Pitta. A half glimpse here, a movement there, creeping on all fours this wasn't birding it was hunting and it seemed we hadn't eaten for weeks. And then right there in front of us perched on a horizontal bamboo cane not one but two amazing Blue naped Pittas no more than a few meters from us. We watched them for ten, maybe fifteen minutes absorbing every subtle detail as their beady black eyes surveyed us questioningly until fear got the better of them and they slid deeper into the bamboo and out of sight. It was a very happy group of birders that strolled back to the car through the rolling tea plantation in the late evening sun.



Blue naped Pitta on our list!



The lovely Diring tea estate

Wednesday 30th March: Jupuri Bhagh, Kaziranga

We were up at 6:15; excitement of our first foray into Kaziranga National Park running high. Now, as you know, India is famous for its vast, inefficient, corrupt bureaucracy. The Forest Department, which runs the national parks, is right up there with the worst. Petty rules prevent access to the park until 7:30 (which means 8:00 by the time tickets are obtained and a guard assigned); India, despite its huge longitudinal span, is on a single time zone so this hour is more like late morning here in eastern India – not exactly the best time of day for seeing wildlife. One has to leave the park for several hours in the middle of the day which means the limited tracks closest to the gates are heavily driven but vast areas of the park are virtually unvisited which only makes it easier for poachers to operate. Rather than offering a fantastic wildlife experience and charging appropriately to fund the protection of the park, visitors are treated as an inconvenience and the park an expense not an asset. The Indian experience is incomparably poor compared to East Africa despite the potential being every bit as great. One has to be accompanied by an armed guard in the park (which is a pretty good waste of time but at least provides some local employment) but on the morning we went to the Eastern Range Gate no guard could be found for an hour and the only one to be seen was so drunk he could hardly walk – not exactly desirable with loaded weapons around. For a country that exploits images of tigers extensively in its tourism promotion it really is pathetic. Whilst the park authorities enthusiastically enforce the rules on visitors (because it is easy and the odd flexibility on their part no doubt profitable, nothing is done to prevent the incursion of thousands of cattle into the park particularly in the area favoured by the critically rare Bengal Florican. This is not !ncredible India, not by a very long chalk. Arghh, got that off my chest!

Once in the park there is no doubting its splendour. A mosaic of grassland, huge shallow jheels and lowland forest that can't have changed much for thousands of years. The place is covered with rare mammals that can be seen in few other places including Indian Rhinos, Elephant, Barasinga, Asian Buffalo as well as the more common Hog Deer, Muntjac and Wild Boar. We also had several sightings of Smooth Indian Otter including a hunting pack. There is a healthy population of Tiger in the park (and other cats) but you have to be very lucky to see them – at a guess the chances of Tiger are one 'game drive' in twenty. We visited the Central Range (busiest of the entrance gates) in the morning and the Western Range in the afternoon. Once away from the immediate entrance we only saw a couple of other vehicles and visitor numbers were not intrusive. It was heavily overcast but didn't rain.



Bull Asian Elephant



Don't mess!

Birds are everywhere in Kaziranga. Storks, pelicans, cormorants, herons, kingfishers, a few lingering duck and waders including the elegant Grey headed Lapwing all featured strongly. It was nice to see several Greater Adjutants and not to have to go to the awful Guwahati refuse dump to tick them. Raptors featured very strongly with numerous Pallas's and Grey headed Fish Eagle, Great spotted Eagle, a stunning male Pied Harrier, great views of a rare Black Baza, Red headed Falcon, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Osprey and Crested Goshawk but we couldn't find Pied Falconet. Birds special to the lowland grasslands we found included Swamp Francolin, Slender billed Babbler and Finn's Weaver.

Tonight India beat Pakistan in the semi-final of the Cricket World Cup. We joined the throng around the TV at Jurpuri Bhagh and shared the excitement of India's win. The village burst into life with firecrackers at 11:30pm when the last Pakistan wicket fell.

Thursday 31st March: Jurpuri Bhagh, Kaziranga

I spent an hour before breakfast birding in the hotel garden trying to claw back Ruby cheeked Sunbird that Seton had seen yesterday. No luck with this but did see nice Greater racket tailed Drongo. It was very overcast and soon started spitting which during breakfast turned to torrential rain. The park closes during heavy rain because the tracks become undrivable. This was agony. We left at 7:00 anyway in the hope that we would be allowed in. On the 15 minute drive to the Eastern Gate we saw the sad sight of a man dead in the road, his face half eaten by dogs or crows and everyone walking by ignoring the body. We then had the fiasco at the gate where no guard was available to accompany us in the park. At least the rain had slackened though it did rain on and off all morning. We eventually got into the park at 8:30. Sohola Jheel was covered with birds but the water's edge was quite distant. A scope was 100% necessary. In the afternoon we entered at the Central Range gate and scanned the grassland on the left hand side on the entry track (the area with vast number of illegally grazing cattle) for Bengal Florican. After some looking we found a nice male creeping through the long grass but the views were distant and a scope essential. We then did the grockle thing and went for an elephant ride which was actually quite fun but uncomfortable. We thrashed the grassland for Floricans without luck but did have flight views of a couple of Blue breasted Quail.



Open billed Stork



India's most successful export

Friday 14th March: Jupuri Bhagh, Kaziranga - Guwahati

Up at 5:00 for a last hour and a half birding around the hotel and adjacent tea garden. I was lucky to find a fantastic breeding plumage male Siberian Rubythroat and ran back to get Seton but it wouldn't really play ball a second time. We did have nice and unexpected views of a Black backed Forktail on an unpromising ditch, great views of a pair of Painted Snipe, a nice party of Rufous necked Laughingthrushes, Plaintive Cuckoo, Ashy Wood Swallows and a Green billed Malkoha making it a wonderful last session. We said our goodbyes to Peter who was heading east to meet another group and set off for the long drive to Guwahati. We arrived home in Hampshire a gruelling 30 hours later.

Birds

Grebes

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| 1 | Little Grebe | Tachybaptus ruficollis | A few seen at Sohola, Kaziranga |
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Cormorants & Pelicans

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| 2 | Great Cormorant | Phalacrocorax carbo | A large feeding flock of c. 200 at Nameri; several per day at Kaziranga |
| 3 | Little Cormorant | Phalacrocorax niger | 100's per day at Kaziranga |
| 4 | Spot billed Pelican | Pelicanus philippensis | 20 - 50 seen per day, Kaziranga |
| 5 | Oriental Darter | Anhinga melanogaster | 20 - 50 seen per day, Kaziranga |

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| 6 | Little Egret | Egretta garzetta | Up to 100 per day, Kaziranga |
| 7 | Great Egret | Egretta alba | Up to 100 per day, Kaziranga |
| 8 | Intermeditae Egret | Egretta intermedia | Up to 30 per day, Kaziranga |
| 9 | Eastern cattle Egret | Bubulcus coromandus | Up to 100 per day, Kaziranga; also common in farmland in the Assam plains |
| 10 | Grey Heron | Ardea cinerea | 5 seen on one beel in the Central Range, Kaziranga |
| 11 | Purple Heron | Ardea purpurea | Up to 5 per day, Kaziranga |
| 12 | Indian pond Heron | Ardeola grayii | Up to 20 per day, Kaziranga |
| 13 | Chinese pond Heron | Ardeola bacchus | One bird possibly this species in the Western Range, Kaziranga |

Storks & Ibis

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| 14 | Asian Openbill | Anastomus oscitans | Up to 100 per day at Kaziranga; also common in farmland in the Assam plains |
| 15 | Wooly necked Stork | Ciconia episcopus | Up to 20 per day, Kaziranga |
| 16 | Black necked Stork | Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus | Up to 10 per day, Kaziranga |
| 17 | Lesser Adjutant | Leptoptilos javanicus | Up to 20 per day, Kaziranga |
| 18 | Greater Adjutant | Leptoptilos dubius | 2 in the Western Range and 1 on Sohola, Kaziranga |
| 19 | Black headed Ibis | Threskiornis melanocephalus | 1 on Sohola, Eastern Rabge, Kaziranga |

Geese & Ducks

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| 20 | Bar headed Goose | Anser indicus | 15 flying South (!) over the Sela Pass at 4000m; a flock of c. 125 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga |
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21	Ruddy Shelduck	tadoena ferruginea	c. 15 at Nameri; up to 75 per day, Kaziranga
22	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	2 at Nameri
23	Shoveler	Anas clypeata	c. 10 on Sohola, Kaziranga
24	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca	Up to 50 on Sohola, Kaziranga
25	Garganey	Anas querquedula	At least 1 male, maybe additional distant females, Sohola, Kaziranga
26	Gadwall	Anas strepera	Up to 50 on Sohola, Kaziranga
27	Wigeon	Anas Penelope	Up to 200 on Sohola and smaller numbers in the Western Range, Kaziranga
28	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1 in the Central Range, Kaziranga
29	Spot billed Duck	Anas poocilorhyncha	Up to 15 per day at Kaziranga
30	White winged Duck	Cairina scutulata	2 in flight at Nameri
31	Cotton pigmy Goose	Nettapus coromanelianus	Up to 20 on Sohola, Kaziranga
Raptors			
32	Black shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1 in the Western Range, Kaziranga
33	Black (eared) Kite	Milvus migrans	c. 10 in the Assam Plains and 1 in the Western Range, Kaziranga
34	Shikra	Accipiter badius	1 - 2 per day in Kaziranga
35	Himalayan Buzzard	Buteo burmanicus	Up to 3 per day on the Mandala Rd, Dirang
36	Oriental Honey Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus	1 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
37	Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela	1 at Nameri and 1 in the Central Range, Kaziranga
38	Rufous bellied Eagle	Hieraaetus kienerii	Seen twice at Eaglenest
39	Black Baza	Aviceda leuphotes	A superb bird seen well in flight and perched at the entrance to the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
40	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	3 on Sohola, Kaziranga
41	Great spotted Eagle	Aquila clanga	Up to 5 in the Central Range, Kaziranga
42	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis	1 at the Sela Pass, Dirang
43	Mountain Hawk Eagle	Spizaetus nipalensis	1 seen at Eaglenest WS.
44	Changeable Hawk Eagle	Spizaetus limnaeetus	2 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
45	Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malayensis	Seen twice over the Mandala Rd, Dirang
46	Grey headed Fish Eagle	Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus	Up to 7 on Sohola and singles elsewhere in Kaziranga
47	Pallas's Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus leucoryphus	A total of 8 sightings in Kaziranga
48	Pied Harrier	Circus melanoleucos	A female at Nameri and a stunning male at the entrance to the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
49	Slender (Long) billed Vulture	Gyps tenuirostris	1 in a nesting tree in the Central Range, Kaziranga
50	Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	3 sightings in Kaziranga
51	Oriental Hobby	Falco severus	Great scope views despite the rain of a bird perched at Nameri Eco Lodge
52	Red headed Falcon	Facon chicquera	1 possibly 2 at the entrance to the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
Pheasants			
53	Swamp Francolin	Francolinus gularis	1 in flight Central Range and 2 feeding, Western Range, Kaziranga
54	Snow Partridge	Lerwa lerwa	2 coveys of 6 - 8 birds each at the Sela Pass
55	(Common) Hill Partridge	Arborophila torqueola	Heard at Eaglenest
56	Chestnut breasted Partridge	Arborophila mandellii	2 briefly across the road at Eaglenest
57	Rufous throated Partridge	Arborophila rufogularis	2 briefly across the road and the following day a great sighting on one frozen beside the road at Eaglenest
58	Blue breasted Quail	Coturnix chinensis	2 seen in flight flushed during our elephant ride in the Central Range, Kaziranga
59	Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus	c. 10 seen at Nameri and up to 10 per day at Kaziranga
60	Grey peacock Pheasant	Polyplectron bicalcaratum	Heard a couple of times at Eaglenest
61	kalij Pheasant	Lophura leucomelanos	c. 12 of a great black race with white scallops on the rump seen at Eaglenest
62	Blood Pheasant	Ithaginis cruentis	A superb pair called out at 3680m below Sella Pass
63	Blyth's Tragopan	Tragopan blythii	a brief view of a male clambering up a bank beside the road at c. 1800m, Eaglenest
Thick-Knees			
64	Bengal Florican	Houbaropsis bengalensis	a superb male seen with scope views in the Central Range, Kaziranga in the large open area on the left at the entrance
Crakes & Rails			
65	Black tailed Crane	Porzana bicolor	Great scope views of a pair called out in a small area of wet, rough grassland in the Sangti Valley, Dirang
66	Bronze winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus	Up to 15 per day at Kaziranga
67	Pheasant tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus	3 on Sohola, Kaziranga
Waders			

68	Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea	c. 20 over the river at Nameri
69	River Lapwing	Vanellus duvaucelli	1 on the river at Nameri
70	Grey headed Lapwing	Vanellus cinereous	2 at the Western Range, Kaziranga
71	Nothern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	2 on Sohola, Kaziranga
72	Red wattled Plover	Vanellus indicus	2 at Nameri and a total of 5 at Kaziranga
73	Long billed Plover	Charadrius placidus	Great views of a confiding bird on a shingle island in the Sangti Valley, Dirang
74	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	1 on the river at Nameri
75	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1 at Nameri and up to 10, Kaziranga
76	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	1 on Sohola, Kaziranga
77	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1 on the river at Nameri
78	Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii	At least 1 on Sohola, Kaziranga scores of small distant waders probably this species
79	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	1 on Sohola, Kaziranga
80	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus	10 on Sohola and 5 elsewhere, Kaziranga
81	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	6 Snipe sightings at Kaziranga probably this species; the three seen in flight below the Jurpuri Bagh looked very dark.
82	Painted Snipe	Rostratula benghalensis	Great views of a pair including a cracking female on the wet ground below Jurpuri Bagh, Kaziranga
Gulls & Terns			
83	Great black headed Gull	Larus ichthyaetus	5 full breeding plumage, Lancaster bomber like, birds flying down the river at Nameri
84	River Tern	Sterna aurantia	5 at Nameri and 2 at Kaziranga
Pigeons			
85	Oriental turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis	5 seen in the Sangti Valley, Dirang
86	Eurasian collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	A few seen from the car in the Assam plains
87	Red collared Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica	2 seen at Kaziranga
88	Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	Up to 50 per day in Kaziranga
89	Barred Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia unchall	1 seen at Nameri
90	Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	Up to 5 per day feeding on the track, Eaglenest
91	Thick billed Green Pigeon	Treron curvirostra	Good scope views of two together in the Central Range, Kaziranga
92	Pin tailed Green Pigeon	Treron apicauda	c. 10 seen at Nameri
93	Wedge tailed Green Pigeon	Treron sphenura	c. 10 seen at Nameri
94	Yellow footed Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicopterus	6 seen in the Western Range, Kaziranga
95	Green Imperial Pigeon	Ducula aenea	1 at Nameri and up to 10 per day at Eaglenest WS
96	Mountain Imperial Pigeon	Ducula badia	5 sightings, Eaglenest
97	Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	Small numbers in the Assam plains
Parrots			
98	Vernal hanging Parrot	Loriculus vernalis	c. 20 of these great miniature parrots seen at Nameri
99	Rose ringed Parakeet	Psittacula roseata	Up to 50 per day Kaziranga
100	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	5 in the Western Range, Kaziranga
101	Red breasted Parakeet	Psittacula alexandri	c. 20 at Nameri and up to 50 per day at Kaziranga c. 20 at Nameri and up to 50 per day at Kaziranga
Cuckoos			
102	Banded bay Cuckoo	Cacomantis sonneratii	1 at Bhalukpong whilst waiting for the mudslide to be cleared
103	Large Hawk Cuckoo	Heirococyx sparveroides	Seen twice and heard at Eaglenest
104	Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus micropterus	1 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
105	Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulinus	1 in the tea garden below Jurpuri Bagh, Kaziranga
106	Green billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus tristis	1 in the tea garden below Jurpuri Bagh, Kaziranga
107	Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	6 sightings in Kaziranga and surrounding tea gardens
Owls & Frogmouths			
108	Collared Owlet	Galucidium brodiei	Heard at Eaglenest
109	Mountain Scops Owl	Otus spilocephalus	Heard at Eaglenest
110	Oriental Scops Owl	Otus sunia	A Scops Owl seen perched after flushing it off the track at 2500m on the Sunda View side of Eaglenest Pass on a night drive was probably this species. A largish Scops Owl, very grey with black edging to the face, prominent ear tufts and prominent black streaks on the breast. Said by Kazmierczak to occur only up to 1500m so this is very high
111	Asian barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides	1 seen at Nameri and 8 sightings at Kaziranga including 4 in one day. Hunting during the day on a grey, overcast day.

112	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	2 seen together in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
Swifts			
113	Himalayan Swiftlet	Aerodramus brevirostris	100's over the river at Nameri
114	Little Swift	Apus affinis	10's in the Assam plains and a similar number over the river at Nameri
115	Asian Palm Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	100's over the river at Nameri; also c. 10 over tea gardens at Jurpuri Bagh
Trogons			
116	Red headed Trogon	Hapactes erythrocephalus	Great views of a cracking male below Sessni, Eaglenest at c. 1100m.
117	Ward's Trogon	Harpactes wardi	After a lot of trying over several days we eventually got a bird to respond just below Sunda View camp at c. 2360m. We had reasonable views of a female; the male was calling further down the gully but would not come up to us
Kingfishers			
118	White throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	Common in Nameri and Kaziranga
119	(Himalayan) Crested Kingfisher	Ceryle lugubris	1 on the river below Dirang
120	Stork billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis	Great views of a cracking bird in the Central Range, Kaziranga
121	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	5 sightings at Kaziranga
122	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	2 at Nameri and 1 at Kaziranga
Bee-Eaters & Rollers			
123	Little green Bee-Eater	Merops orientalis	Just 1 seen dust bathing on the track in the Western Range, Kaziranga
124	Chestnut headed Bee-Eater	Merops leschenaulti	c. 10 at Nameri and up to 5 per day, Kaziranga
125	Blue tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus	Up to 10 in the Eastern and 5 in the Central Range, Kaziranga
126	Black billed (Indian) Roller	Coracias affinis	1 at Nameri, 2 Bhalukpong and up to 20 per day Kaziranga
127	Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	1 at Nameri and 2 in the Central Range, Kaziranga
128	Hoopoe	Upupa epops	1 at Nameri and 3 Kaziranga
Hornbills			
129	Oriental pied Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris	1 at Nameri and 2 at the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
130	Great pied Hornbill	Buceros bicornis	2 in flight across the river at Bhalukpong and a perched bird in the Western Range, Kaziranga
131	Rufous necked Hornbill	Aceros nipalensis	6 sightings at Eaglenest between c. 1500 - 1100m
132	Wreathed Hornbill	Aceros undulatus	5 sitting out heavy rain, Nameri
Barbets			
133	Great Barbet	Megalaima virens	5 seen on the Mandala Rd, Dirang; up to 5 per day at Eaglenest where heard commonly
134	Golden throated Barbet	Megalaima franklinii	1 seen on the lower part of the Mandala Rd, Dirang and up to 5 per day between 1500 - 1100m at Eaglenest
135	Blue throated barbet	Megalaima asiatica	1 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
136	Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala	1 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
137	Lineated Barbet	Megalaima lineata	Heard at Nameri; up to 5 per day, Kaziranga
Woodpeckers			
138	Crimson breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos cathpharius	2 near Lama camp, Eaglenest including a male with a fiery orange nape
139	Grey capped Woodpecker	Dendrocopos canicapillus	1 at Nameri; seen twice at Kaziranga
140	Fulvous breasted woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei	1 at Nameri
141	Darjeeling Woodpecker	Dendrocopos darjellensis	1 near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
142	Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus	Singles seen at Nameri and Mandala Rd
143	Greater Yellownape	Picus flavinucha	2 together near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
144	Grey headed (faced) Woodpecker	Picus canus	2 at Nameri; 1 at Bhalukpong and 2 at Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
145	Greater Flameback	Chrysocolaptes lucidus	2 together, eastern range, Kaziranga
146	Black rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense	4 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
147	Bay Woodpecker	Blythipicus pyrrhotis	Heard and one seen briefly from the car near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
Broadbill & Pitta			
148	Long tailed Broadbill	Psarisomus dalhousiae	2 together in a bird party and later another near Sessni camp, Eaglenest; a really fantastic bird that took quite a bit of finding
149	Blue naped Pitta	Pitta nipalensis	Stunning close prolonged views of a pair first found amongst tea plants and then in bamboo at the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga.
Larks			

150	Bengal (Rufous winged) Bushlark	Mirafrassamica	Head singing from elephant back in the Central Range, Kaziranga
151	Sand Lark	Calandrella raytal	2 on the banks of the Jha Bharelli river, Nameri
Swallows			
152	Asian house Martin	Delichon dasypus	100's over the river at Nameri
153	Nepal house Martin	Delichon nipalense	10's over the river, Nameri
154	Grey throated Sand Martin	Riparia chinensis	100's over the river at Nameri
155	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	10's over the river, Nameri; similar numbers at Kaziranga
Wagtails & Pipits			
156	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	1 in the Central Range, Kaziranga. There were a lot of distant Wagtails on Sohola
157	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	2 in the Sangti valley, Dirang
158	Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola	At least 10+ Sohola, Eastern Range, Kaziranga where many distant Wagtails; also seen below Jupuri Bhagh where there were males coming into breeding plumage of both the nominate and calcarata ssp
159	Himalayan (White) Wagtail	Motacilla alba	Stunning black backed, white faced birds seen widely at Nameri, Sella Pass, Sangti valley and Kaziranga
160	Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus	5 together Nameri
161	Olive backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	Seen widely at Nameri, Mandala Rd, Sangti valley, Eaglenest and Kaziranga
162	Rosy Pipit	Anthus roseatus	c. 20 on wet margins of Sohola Bheel, Kaziranga
Cuckoo-shrikes & Minivets			
163	Large Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina macei	5 sightings in tea gardens, Kaziranga
164	Black winged Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina melachistos	5 at Nameri
165	Bar winged (Pied) Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus Picatus	3 at a roadside stop between Tenga and Sessa
166	Grey chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus solaris	Up to 10 per day between 1200 - 1000m at Eaglenest
167	Long tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus	c. 20 at Nameri
168	Short billed Minivet	Pericrocotus brevirostris	seen widely at Nameri, Bhalukpong, Sangti valley, lower portions of the Mandala Rd and Eaglenest
169	Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus speciosus	1 in Jupuri Bhagh garden, Kaziranga
Bulbuls			
170	Striated Bulbul	Pyconotus striatus	Up to 10 per day on the Mandala Rd; also seen at lower elevations of Eaglenest and at Kaziranga
171	Black crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus flaviventris	2 at Nameri, 2 at Bhalukpong and 3 at the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
172	Red whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	c. 10 at Nameri and Bhalukpong and 5 in the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
173	Red vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	Common throughout
174	White throated Bulbul	alophoixus flaveolus	2 at Bhalukpong
175	Mountain Bulbul	Hypsipetes mcclenandii	A flock of c. 20 at Sessni camp, Eaglenest, c. 1150m
176	Himalayan black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	5 at Bhalukpong; 10's on the Mandala Rd; 2 Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
Leafbirds & Iora			
177	Orange bellied Leafbird	Chloropsis hardwickii	5 at Bhalukpong and 2 c. 1250m, Eaglenest
178	Golden fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons	5 at Nameri
179	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	5 at Nameri
Dipper			
180	Brown Dipper	Cinclus pallasi	1 on the river below Dirang
Wren & Accentors			
181	Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	3 very dark birds on the boulder scree at 4100m below Sella Pass
182	Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris	5 confiding birds on the boulder scree at 4100m below Sella Pass
183	Rufous breasted Accentor	Prunella strophia	2 at the bottom of the Mandala Rd; also seen along the river below Dirang
Thrushes & Shortwings			
184	Blue rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	3 sightings at Nameri and Bhalukpong
185	Chestnut bellied rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris	1 near Lama Camp, Eaglenest and a cracking male beside the road between Tenga and Sessa
186	Long tailed Thrush	Zoothera dixonii	1 flushed by the car at c. 1250m, Eaglenest
187	White collared Blackbird	Turdus albocinctus	Up to 10 per day on the Mandala Rd; also seen at Eaglenest Pass at 2600m
188	Grey winged Blackbird	Turdus boulboul	3 sightings on the Mandala Rd at c. 2100m
189	Chestnut Thrush	Turdus rubrocanus	1 flushed by the car on the Mandala Rd

190	Dark throated Thrush	<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	1 at Nameri; c. 10 inc great ssp ruficollis, Bhalukpong; a mixed ruficollis & atrogularis flock at 3000m at the top of the Mandala Rd; a few birds also seen at Eaglenest
191	Long billed Thrush	<i>Zoothera monticola</i>	1 heard singing in the evening, after rain below Sunda View camp, Eaglenest. It did not respond the following morning
192	Blue whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	Seen widely at higher elevations with up to 10 on the road between Tenga and Sessa; also seen in the Jurpuri Bhagh garden
Warblers			
193	Black throated (Hill) Prinia	<i>Prinia atrogularis</i>	4 on the lower Mandala Rd; 2 in the scrub below Sessni camp, Eaglenest
194	Chestnut headed Tesia	<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>	4 sightings including birds called in to our feet at c. 2280m
195	Slaty bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia olivea</i>	2 secretive birds called in to our feet at c. 1250m, Eaglenest
196	Grey sided Bush Warbler	<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>	2 seen very well at 3000m at the top of the Mandala Rd. A rather nicer bird than its name suggests
197	Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus cuculatus</i>	2 seen well near Sessni camp at 1100m, Eaglenest
198	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	1 in the garden at Nameri Eco Lodge; also seen below Jupuri Bhagh, Kaziranga
199	Tickells's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	2 sightings in Kaziranga
200	Buff (Orange) barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	1 seen at c. 2260m at Eaglenest
201	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	A few individuals seen at higher elevations at Eaglenest including just below Lama camp
202	Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Common seen at Nameri and throughout lower portions of Eaglenest with 10's per day
203	Mandelli's (Hume's) Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus mandellii</i>	Up to 5 per day at higher elevations on the Mandala Rd
204	Ashy throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	Common on the Mandala Rd and Eaglenest with up to 20 per day
205	(Simla) Lemon rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	2 sightings at Eaglenest
206	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	2 sightings at Eaglenest
207	Grey hooded Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>	Common with up to 10 per day at lower elevations of Eaglenest
208	Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	1 nice bright yellow bird at 2360m near Sunda View camp, Eaglenest
209	Grey cheeked Warbler	<i>Seicercus ploigenys</i>	Common with up to 10 per day at lower elevations of Eaglenest
210	Green crowned (Golden spectacled) Warbler		1 at roadside stop between Tenga and Sessa
211	White spectacled Warbler	<i>Seicercus affinis</i>	1 at c. 2600m on the Mandala Rd
212	Chestnut crowned Warbler	<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>	2 seen on the lower Mandala Rd and up to 5 per day at lower elevations 1500 - 1100m at Eaglenest
213	Black faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>	Up to 20 per day on the Mandala Rd and also seen at lower elevations at Eaglenest
214	Broad billed Warbler	<i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i>	Great views at 2 birds called-in near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
215	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	c. 5 birds seen at 3000m at the top of the Mandala Rd
Flycatcher, Niltavas & Fantails			
216	Slaty backed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hodgsoni</i>	2 stunning birds at c. 1780m on the Mandala Rd
217	Orange (Rufous) gorgetted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophitata</i>	1 -2 per day at higher elevations on the Mandala Rd and at Eaglenest
218	Red throated (Taiga) Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	3 widely spaced sightings at Bhalukpong, near Tenga and in the Jurpuri Bhagh garden
219	White gorgetted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula monileger</i>	A cracking, minute, secretive flycatcher seen well in response to its call in thick cover at c. 1800m; also seen below Sessni Camp at c. 1000m, Eaglenest
220	Little pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westmanni</i>	1 female at Nameri, a cracking male at Bhalukpong; also seen on the Mandala Rd and at Eaglenest
221	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>	1 male lacking the white brow at c. 1680m at the bottom of the Mandala Rd
222	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	5 at Nameri, up to 10 per day on the Mandala Rd and 5 per day at lower elevations of Eaglenest
223	Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>	1 female at Bhalukpong, also seen on the Mandala Rd and lower elevations of Eaglenest where 2 males in territorial was one of the sightings of the trip
224	Pigmy blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapella hodgsoni</i>	A pair together at the unusually high elevation of c. 2650m on the Mandala Rd; also seen above Lama camp at c. 2300m
225	Pale blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>	a nice male seen after responding to its calls nr Sessni camp, Eaglenest at c. 1100m
226	Blue throated Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>	3 birds including two stunning males in riverside bushes at the entrance to the Sangti valley at c. 1500m; 1 also seen at c. 1680 at the bottom of the Mandala Rd
227	Grey headed canary Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	One of the most common birds on the Mandala Rd and at Eaglenest with up to 20 per day
228	White throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	Up to 10 per day below c. 1200m at Eaglenest

229	Yellow bellied Fantail	Chelidorhynch hypoxantha	Up to 20 per day below c. 1200m at Eaglenest
Chats, Robins & Forktails			
230	Himalayan red flanked Bluetail	Tarsiger rufilatus	Seen a couple of times on the Mandala Rd and c. 5 times at Eaglenest all in female type plumage
231	Rufous breasted Bush Robin	Tarsiger hyperythrus	a stunning breeding plumage male at c.1700m at the bottom of the Mandala Rd
232	Siberian Rubythroat	Luscinia calliope	a fantastic male in breeding plumage in scrub between Jupuri Bhagh and the adjoining tea garden
233	Golden Bush Robin	Tarsiger chrysaeus	1 heard at c. 2300 below Lama camp, Eaglenest
234	Oriental magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	Quite common at Nameri, Bhalukpong and Kaziranga
235	White rumped Shama	Copsychus malarbaricus	3 sightings at Kaziranga including in the garden at Jupuri Bhagh
236	Hodgson's Redstart	Phoenicurus hodgsoni	Up to 20 seen in the lower sections of the Mandala Rd and Sangti valley; 3 seen at Kaziranga
237	Blue fronted Redstart	Phoenicurus frontalis	Up to 10 per day on the Mandala Rd; also 5 seen near Lama camp, Eaglenest
238	White capped Redstart	Chaimarrornis leucocephalus	Seen at Bhalukpong; c. 10 on the river below Dirang and in the Sangti valley and 1 near Lama camp, Eaglenest
239	Plumbeous Redstart	Rhyacornis fuliginosa	Up to 20 seen on the river below Dirang and in the Sangti valley
240	White throated Redstart	Phoenicurus schisticeps	A loose flock of c. 10 mainly males seen at c. 3000m at the top of the Mandala Rd. A really great bird
241	Black backed Forktail	Enicurus immaculatus	A pair seen together at Nameri and then a single bird unexpectedly on a muddy ditch below Jupuri Bhagh, Kaziranga
242	Green Cochoa	Cochoa viridis	Fantastic scope view of a bird perched in the open at c. 1800m, Eaglenest
243	Siberian Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	2 at Nameri; 2 in farmland at the bottom of the Mandala Rd and up to 20 per day in Kaziranga
244	Grey Bushchat	Saxicola ferreus	Up to 20 in farmland at the bottom of the Mandala Rd
Laughingthrushes, Babblers, Fulvettas & Yuhinas			
245	Bhutan Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron imbricatum	Up to 10 per day in higher areas of Eaglenest
246	Chestnut crowned (Red headed) Laughingthrush		A party of c. 5 seen at c. 2280m and 1 near lama camp, Eaglenest
247	Black faced Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron affinis	A party of c. 5 seen at c. 2500m on the Mandala Rd
248	Spotted Laughingthrush	Lanthocinclia ocellata	3 great birds called into the open at c.3250m below the Sela Pass; also heard on the Mandala Rd and at Eaglenest
249	Rufous necked Laughingthrush	Dryonastes ruficollis	Parties of c. 5 birds seen at Diring tea estate and in the scrub below Jupuri Bhagh, Kaziranga
250	Grey sided Laughingthrush	Dryonastes caerulatus	c. 10 at c. 2100m on the Mandala Rd
251	Striated Laughingthrush	Grammatoptila striata	A party of 6 seen on the Mandala Rd; up to 10 per day around Sessni camp at c. 1100m, Eaglenest
252	White crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus	c. 10 around Sessni camp, Eaglenest
253	Lesser necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger	3 in the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
254	Greater necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax pectoralis	1 seen briefly at c. 1100m, Eaglenest
255	Bugun Liocichla	Liocichla bugunorum	Fantastic views of two birds feeding out in the open first called in the gully immediately below Lama camp at c. 2300m
256	Abbott's Babbler	Malacocinclia abbotti	1 seen at Nameri
257	Puff throated Babbler	Pellorneum ruficeps	3 great sightings of very responsive birds at Kaziranga
258	White browed Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus schisticeps	1 seen at the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
259	Streak breasted Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus ruficollis	2 seen at c. 2300m, Eaglenest
260	Large Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus hypoleucos	1 heard at c.1000m below Sessni camp, Eaglenest
261	Coral billed Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus ferruginosus	A party of 3 seen well near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
262	Slender billed Scimitar-Babbler	Xiphirhynchus superciliaris	Seen twice at c. 2260m, Eaglenest
263	Long billed Wren-Babbler	Rimator malacoptilus	Heard near Sessni camp, Eaglenest but it failed to respond
264	(Sikkim) Wedge billed Wren-Babbler	Sphenocichla humei	Great views eventually of a very secretive bird at c. 1150m, Eaglenest
265	Rufous throated Wren-Babbler	Spelaeornis caudatus	A total of 5 sightings of this great bird down to a few feet in response to its own call
266	Bar winged Wren-Babbler	Spelaeornis troglodytoides	This bird gave us the run around at the top of the Mandala Rd. Both here and at several normally reliable spots at Eaglenest they were completely unresponsive. Eventually we had great views of this attractive Wren Babbler at c. 2000m, Eaglenest
267	Spotted Wren-Babbler	Spelaeornis formosus	1 seen in response to its call at c. 2000m, Eaglenest
268	Rufous capped Babbler	Stachyris ruficeps	Up to 10 per day on the Mandala Rd below c. 2700m and similar numbers at Eaglenest
269	Golden Babbler	Stachyris chrysaea	Great views of a responsive pair at c. 1270m, Eaglenest

270	Grey throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps	Heard at c.1100m, Eaglenest; Rather poor views of a very secretive bird at a roadside stop between Tenga and Sessa where several were calling but were not responsive
271	(Pin) Striped Tit Babbler	Macronous gularis	5 seen at Nameri
272	Slender billed Babbler	Turdoides longirostris	A party of 3 seen in the Western Range, Kaziranga
273	Fire tailed Myzornis	Myzornis pyrrhoura	We searched and searched for this bird without luck and they seemed not to be responding to the tape. Eventually we struck gold finding 1 in a big mixed feeding party at c. 2500m on the Lama camp side of Eaglenest Pass which was highly responsive and was called in to a few feet and then we saw another about 50m lower
274	Silver eared Mesia	Leiothrix agentauris	Common with up to 20 per day below c. 1200m at Eaglenest
275	Himalayan Cutia	Cutia nipalensis	2 seen in a big feeding party unexpectedly at c. 2100m on the Mandala Rd; 1 seen at c. 1200m near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
276	Black headed Shrike-Babbler	Pteruthius rufiventer	Hear near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
277	Green Shrike-Babbler	Pteruthius xanthochlorus	Fantastic view of a confiding bird that responded to its own call in the background whilst recording Slender billed Scimitar Babbler at c. 3000m on the Mandala Rd; also seen near Lama camp, Eaglenest
278	Black eared Shrike Babbler	Pteruthius melanotis	4 sightings of this great bird all at c. 1200 - 1400m, Eaglenest
279	Rusty fronted Barwing	Actinodura agertoni	Common with up to 20 per day below c. 1200m at Eaglenest
280	Blue winged Minla (Siva)	Minla cyanouroptera	5 seen at c. 1200m near Sessni, Eaglenest
281	Chestnut tailed (Bar throated) Minla	Minla strigula	A total of seven seen in two feeding parties at c. 1200m near Sessni, Eaglenest
282	Red tailed Minla	Minla igotincta	2 great birds on the lower part of the Mandala Rd at c. 1780m
283	Golden breasted Fulvetta	Alcippe chrysotis	A really cracking little bird; c. 30 seen in total in several feeding parties at c. 2640m on the Mandala Rd and at c. 2275m at Eaglenest
284	Yellow throated Fulvetta	Alcippe cinerea	c. 20 seen in total in feeding parties nr Lama Camp at c. 2100m
285	Rufous winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneiceps	c. 8 seen in feeding parties at c. 2250m near Sunda View camp and at a similar altitude near Lama camp
286	Ludlow's (Brown throated) Fulvetta	Alcippe ludlowi	Just two birds seen on one occasion at the top of the Mandala Rd at c. 3100m
287	Rufous backed Sibia	Heterophasia annectens	1 seen nr Sessni Camp at c. 1100m
288	Long tailed Sibia	Heterophasia picaoides	Up to 12 seen in single species parties on several occasions near Sessni camp, Eaglenest at c. 1100m
289	Beautiful Sibia	Heterophasia puchella	Very common with up to 20 per day on the Mandala Rd and in higher areas of Eaglenest including Eaglenest Pass at 2600m;
290	White naped Yuhina	Yuhina bakeri	c. 35 seen in feeding parties at c. 1800m and at similar altitude on the road between Tenga and Sessa
291	Whiskered Yuhina	Yuhina flavicollis	c. 7 seen in total at both the Mandala Rd and Eaglenest between 1700 - 1800m
292	Stripe throated Yuhina	Yuhina gularis	c. 25 seen on three different days at Mandala Rd and Eaglenest over a broad altitudinal range
293	Rufous vented Yuhina	Yuhina occipitalis	c. 50 seen in total on three different days at Mandala Rd and Eaglenest over a broad altitudinal range
294	Black chinned Yuhina	Yuhina nigrimenta	A flock of c. 10 seen just below Eaglenest Pass at c. 2500m on the Lama camp side
295	White bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)	Erpornis zantholeuca	Just 1 bird seen but very well near Sessni camp, Eaglenest at c. 1100m.
	Parrotbills		
296	Black throated Parrotbill	Paradoxornis nipalensis	A flock of at least 5 zoomed through the bamboo on the Mandala Rd at c. 2400m
297	Greater rufous headed Parrotbill	Paradoxornis ruficeps	A really superb bird; a flock of c. 15 seen near Sessni camp at c. 1100m
298	Lesser rufous headed Parrotbill	Paradoxornis atosuperciliaris	At least 2 birds in the same flock as the Greater R H Parrotbills near Sessni camp at c. 1100m
	Tits		
299	Black throated (Red headed) Tit	Aegithalos concinnus	c. 25 seen on three dates at both Mandala Rd and Eaglenest
300	Rufous fronted Tit	Aegithalos iouschistos	3 birds on two dates in the highest part of the Mandala Rd at c. 3100m
301	Coal Tit	Parus ater	2 seen at the top of the Mandala Rd at c. 3100m
302	Rufous vented Tit	Parus rubiventris	1 seen on the Mandala Rd
303	Grey (Cinereous) Tit	Parus cinereus	Quite common seen at Nameri, lower part of Mandala Rd and Kaziranga
304	Green backed Tit	Parus monticolus	Common with up to 20 per day around Dirang, Mandala Rd and higher parts of Eaglenest
305	Yellow browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus	c. 13 seen on three dates on Mandala Rd c. 2600m and at similar altitude nr Lama camp

306	Fire capped Tit	Cephalopyrus flammiceps	3 cracking, minute birds including a brightly marked male above Lama camp at c. 2380m
	<i>Nuthatches and Creepers</i>		
307	White tailed Nuthatch	Sitta himalayensis	A total of c. 8 seen on the Mandala Rd
308	Velvet fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis	2 seen in a feeding flock at Nameri NP
309	Beautiful Nuthatch	Sitta formosa	We worked very hard trying to find this bird walking the forest near Sessni between c. 1250 - 1000m carefully searching the moss covered branches of larger trees for many hours over several days. We eventually had rather unsatisfactory flight views and heard distant calls a couple of times
310	Rusty flanked Treecreeper	Certhia nipalensis	4 seen on higher parts of the Mandala Rd
311	Brown throated Treecreeper	Certhia discolor	1 was positively identified on the Mnadala Rd at c. 2700m was calling vociferously and responded well to the tape
312	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris	2 birds very distinctively white below esp compared to the preceding two species were seen at the top of the Mandala Rd at c. 3100m. This is the ssp mandelli which some are splitting
313	Wallcreeper	Tichodroma muraria	2 classic birds in fine breeding plumage were seen on the side of the road at the entrance to the Sangti valley
	<i>Sunbirds & Spiderhunters</i>		
314	Mrs Gould's Sunbird	Aethopyga gouldiae	5 sightings on four dates including some stunning males but they never seem to hang around for long. Seen at Mandala Rd and Eaglenest between c. 2500 - 2000m
315	Green tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis	Common above c. 2500m seen on four dates with c. 50 seen over a three hour walk from Eaglenest Pass down to Lama camp
316	Black throated Sunbird	Aethopyga saturata	a stunning bird seen really well at c. 1800m, Eaglenest and another on the road between Tenga - Sessa at c. 1180m
317	Ruby cheeked Sunbird	Anthreptes singalensis	2 seen by SC in the garden at Jurpuri Bhagh, Kaziranga
318	Crimson Sunbird		A stunning male at Balukpong whilst waiting for the road to be cleared
319	Fire tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga ignicauda	a fantastic male was seen at 3680m on the way up to Sella Pass and another near Eaglenest Pass on the Sunda View side of the Pass
320	Streaked Spiderhunter	Arachnothera magna	6 seen on four dates at Balukpong, Dirang, and Eaglenest - a great bird with a monstrous beak
	<i>Flowerpeckers</i>		
321	Scarlet backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatulum	1 female seen at the Diring tea estate, Kaziranga
322	Fire breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus	A nice male seen on the Mandala Rd at c. 2100m and a female in almost exactly the same place a couple of days later
	<i>White-eye, Orioles & Bluebird</i>		
323	Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	Only 3 seen in lower parts of the Mandala Rd
324	Black hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	.c 7 great sightings including birds in full song at the Diring tea estate and the NP, Kaziranga
325	Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii	Quite common with up to 10 per day between c. 1200 - 1000m at Eaglenest
	<i>Shrikes</i>		
326	Long tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	9 handsome black headed birds seen on the road throughout the Assam Plains, in the Sangti valley and at Kaziranga
327	Grey backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	12 seen on the road throughout the Assam Plains, in the Sangti valley and at Kaziranga
328	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	1 seen at the entrance to the Eastern Range, Kaziranga
	<i>Drongos & Woodswallow</i>		
329	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	Common in more open country at Nameri and Kaziranga but not seen in forest at Eaglenest
330	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	c. 20+ seen at Nameri, Lama camp and Kaziranga. Nice grey birds
331	Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	Up to 20 per day around Sessni camp, Eaglenest at c. 1100m
332	Lesser racket tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer	c. 15 seen at Eaglenest between c. 1200 - 1000m
333	Greater racket tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	2 seen together from the Jurpuri Bhagh garden one morning
334	Hair crested (Spangled) Drongo	Dicrurus hottentotus	c. 25 seen in lower areas of Eaglenest
335	Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	3 seen near the entrance to the Eastern Range, Kaziranga and 2 in the tea estate next to Jurpuri Bhagh

Crows

336	Yellow billed blue Magpie	Urocissa flavirostris	A party of 5 seen at the top of the Mandala Rd; also seen briefly and heard near Eaglenest Pass
337	Common Green Magpie	Cissa chinensis	7 sightings in total on two dates between 1200 - 1000m at Eaglenest.
338	Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	6 seen on three dates at Kaziranga
339	Grey Treepie	Dendrocitta formosae	2 seen on the lower Mandala Rd at c. 2000m
340	Nutcracker	Nucifraga caryocatactes	11 seen in total over four dates at the top of the Mandala Rd at 3100m and in the highest areas of Eaglenest between 2600 - 2400m
341	Red billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	8 seen between 3700 - 4000m below the Sella Pass, Dirang
342	House Crow	Corvus splendens	Common in the Assam Plains
343	(Eastern) Jungle Crow	Corvus culminatus	c. 20 seen over four date in and around Kaziranga NP
344	Large billed Crow	Corvus japonensis	c. 14 seen in the highest areas of the Mandala Rd. This species has a deep, almost Raven like croaking call
<i>Mynas & Starlings</i>			
345	Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus	Very common in and around Kaziranga
346	White vented (Great) Myna	Acridotheres grandis	6 of these great birds with brill creamed forelocks seen in and around Kaziranga
347	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	Common in the Assam Plains and Kaziranga
348	Bank Myna	Acridotheres ginginianus	1 identified retrospectively from a photograph sitting on the back of an Asian Buffalo, Kaziranga
349	Asian pied Starling	Gracupica contra	c. 15+ in farmland surrounding Kaziranga NP
350	Chestnut tailed (Grey headed) Starling	Sturnus malabaricus	Quite common at Nameri and Kaziranga with up to 20+ per day
<i>Weavers, Munia & Buntings</i>			
351	Finn's Weaver	Ploceus megarhynchus	3 non-breeding plumage birds in reeds at a place they are known to frequent in the Western Range, Kaziranga. They were large, unstreaked with a yellow wash and with heavy all dark bills
352	Little Bunting	Emberiza pusilla	1 nice male in the lower Mandala Rd and 1 at the entrance to Eaglenest WS
353	Crested Bunting	Melphus lathami	1 cracking male seen beside the road just below Dirang
<i>Finches & Sparrows</i>			
354	Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus	5 seen at Nameri
355	Dark breasted Rosefinch	Carpodacus nipalensis	5, including 1 male, seen near the top of the Mandala Rd at c 2950m
356	Yellow breasted Greenfinch	Carduelis spinoides	7 seen on the lower Mandala Rd and at the entrance to Eaglenest WS
357	Tibetan Siskin	Carduelis thibetana	Two flocks totalling c. 20 birds seen on the lower Mandala Rd
358	Gold naped Finch	Pyrrhoptectes epauletta	A great bird. The first 2 we saw were skulking in bushes whilst we were watching the Bugun Liocichlas; subsequently saw c. 8 further below Lama camp
359	Scarlet Finch	Haematospiza sipahi	Another amazing bird first seen just below Lama camp; a total of c. 15 seen below Lama and around Sessni camp
360	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Small numbers in the Assam Plains and villages next to Kaziranga. Seen with the more common Tree Sparrow at the entrance gate to the Eastern Range
361	Russet (Cinnamon) Sparrow	Passer rutilans	6 seen in highest areas of Mandala Rd and Eaglenest
362	Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	Common around habitation in the Assam Plains and Kaziranga

Mammals

1	Indian flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus	A large rosst in a village bordering Kaziranga NP near the Western Range gate
2	Pig tail Macaque	Macaca nemestrina	A troop of c. 10 seen near Sessni camp, Eaglenest
3	Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta	A troop of c. 20 seen at Nameri; also seen at Kaziranga
4	Capped Langur	Semnopithecus pileatus	One great individual seen below Sessni camp, Eaglenest at c. 1000m
5	Himalayan (Siberian) Weasel	Mustela sibirica	One seen on a night drive from Sunda View camp, Eaglenest at c. 2400m
6	Yellow throated Marten	Mustela kathiah	A great sight of 3 or 4 hunting along the track at Eaglenest below Sunda View camp
7	Smooth Indian Otter	Lutrogale moschata	Fantastic sight of a hunting pack of c. 8 near the entrance to the Central Range, Kaziranga and later one in the Western Range
8	Tiger	Panthera tigris	I couldn't not include this on the list! We saw fresh pugmarks at Nameri NP
9	Indian Elephant	Elephas maximus	Common in Kaziranga NP where scores were seen including the rare sight of a mating pair
10	Indian Rhinoceros	Rhinoceros unicornis	Common at Kaziranga were we had 50 in view at one point in the Western Range. There was evidence of a lot of Elephant activity throughout

Eaglenest

11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	c. 20 seen at Kaziranga NP
12	Barasingha	<i>Cervus duvaucelli</i>	c. 100 seen at Kaziranga NP
13	Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>	100's seen at Kaziranga NP
14	Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	One seen near Sessni camp, Eaglenest and one in the tea estate below Jurpuri Bhargh
15	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	One seen in dying back bamboo at Eaglenest Pass c. 2600m; also a lot of hoof prints at Nameri NP
16	Asian water Buffalo	<i>Bos mutus</i>	100's seen at Kaziranga NP
17	Malayan giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>	Three sightings of this spectacular animal in Eaglenest all between c. 1200 - 1000m
18	Hoary bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Tamiops pygerythrus</i>	seen at Nameri, Bhalukpong and Eaglenest
19	Himalayan striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops macclellandi</i>	Seen several times on the Mandala Rd and at Eaglenest
20	Hodgson's Porcupine	<i>Hystrix hodgsoni</i>	A fantastic view of a pair of this rare and seldom seen animal on a night drive from Sunda View, Eaglenest at c. 2400m. Prater: Book of Indian Animals records this species only up to 1500m so this would seem to be a very high record



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