

Spring Birding in Bhutan 2004-2006



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Introduction

In May 16-31 2004, April 07-26 2005 & April 21-05 May 2006 I explored hot spots of Bhutan, in association with Paul & Candy Prevett, Richard and Ericca Klim

The trip took 50 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 about 350 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 we targetted were: Rufous-necked Hornbill, Beautiful Nuthatch, White-bellied heron, Satyr Tragopan, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide, Rufous-throated Wren Babbler, Wedge-billed 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 built 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.

Annexure 01

Summary of the journey (itinerary)

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



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due to heavy rain.

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, Eursain 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 earliar, 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

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 Piegion-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.

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 Piegion-06, Oriental turtle Dove-10, Spotted Dove-04, Barred Cuckoo Dove-04, Wedge-tailed Green Piegion-02, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Eursian 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, Eursian 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.

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 Cough-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.

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.

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 Serpant 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, Straited 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, Straited 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-Trongsa-Yotongla-Jakar

Birding drive back to Trongsa and continuing along the Central High way to Jakar.

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, Straited Prinia-01, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler-02, Large-billed Leaf Warbler-03, White-throated Laughingthrush-12, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush-10, Straited 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.

Rewarded 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 Chough-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.

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 Owlet-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 Chough-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.

Birds Seen/heard *Hill Partridge-H, Chestnut-breasted Partridge-02, Rufous-throated Partridge-H, Bay Woodpecker-02, Greater Yellow-nape-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 Owlet-H, Asian Barred Owlet-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 Lingmithang Road, followed by drive through Mongar to Kurila exploring new hot spots

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, Eursian Cuckoo-02, Oriental Cuckoo-H, Lesser Cuckoo-H, Drongo Cuckoo-01, House Swift-09, Forktail Swift-02, Asian Barred Owlet-H, Jungle Owlet-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, Eursian 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, Straited 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, Eursian 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, Eursian 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, Eursian 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.

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, Eursian Hobby-02, Long-tail Shrike-06, Grey-backed Shrike-02, Eursian 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, Eursian 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i> | Red-billed Chough |
| 1383 | <i>Pyrrhocorax 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 strophiatea</i> | Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher |
| 1637 | <i>Ficedula hyperythra</i> | Snowy-browed Flycatcher |
| 1648 | <i>Ficedula westermanni</i> | Little Pied Flycatcher |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 mccllellandii</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 poliogenys</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 |

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| 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 erythrogenys</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 argenteauris</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 Siberia |
| 2346 | <i>Yuhina castaniceps</i> | Striated Yuhina |
| 2349 | <i>Yuhina flavicollis</i> | Whiskered Yuhina |
| 2351 | <i>Yuhina gularis</i> | Stripe-throated Yuhina |

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| 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 erythrurus</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 lathami</i> | Crested Bunting |

Annexure 02

Details concerning birding locations, dates, itinerary, etc are in the full narrative report.

Symbols and Abbreviations:

* We did not see the species during our trip to north-central India in February-March, 2003

x Used to mean "times" as in number of days or occasions

@ Means at/near or around/about/approximately

H The species was heard but not seen

JDNP Jigme Dorji National Park, which we accessed north of both Thimphu and Punakha

Place names are spelled according to local useage as indicated on road signs, etc. although this was variable

The order and bird names follow JF Clements: Birds Of The World, A Checklist. Names in parentheses are those used by Richard Grimmet et al. in their series of identification guides for the region.

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| | PELECANIFORMES | |
| | <i>Phalacrocoracidae</i> | |
| 1 | Great Cormorant | Just 4 on 1 day along the Mo Chu (river) near Punakha |
| 2 | Little Cormorant | A single near Trongsa |
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| | CICONIIFORMES | |
| | <i>Ardeidae</i> | |
| 3 | Cattle Egret | Only on our 1st day into Bhutan in the (relative) lowlands near Phuentsholing |
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| | ANSERIFORMES | |
| | <i>Anseridae</i> | |
| 4 | Bar-headed Goose | One flew up and down the river as we viewed Punakha dzong |
| 5 | Ruddy Shelduck | Again reflecting the lack of still-water habitat, only 12, same place as above |
| 6 | Eurasian Wigeon | 1-3 on 3 days. An injured bird was at our campsite at JDNP near Punakha |
| 7 | Gadwall | One on the river at Punakha |
| 8 | Common Pochard | A group of 12 at the river, Punakha |
| 9 | Common Merganser | Also at Punakha, a single flying up the river |
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| | FALCONIFORMES | |
| | <i>Pandionidae</i> | |
| 10 | Osprey | One along the Mo Chu at Punakha |
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| | <i>Accipitridae</i> | |
| 11 | Oriental Honey-buzzard | Consecutive days, Zhemgang Rd. Would you believe this - we round a curve @1900m and a honey-buzzard is on the road, gobbling down comb/honey/larvae, chunks strewn all around, and the hawk seemingly oblivious to a cloud of furious bees or wasps swarming all over it |
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| 12 | Black Kite | Only one, at low altitude (for Bhutan) near Phuentsholing |
| 13 | Himalayan Griffon | 2 days near Pelela; 1 day Chelela; 1 travel day along the central highway |
| 14 | Crested Serpent-Eagle | 2 seen 1 day on the upper Zhemgang Rd |
| 15 | Shikra | 1 at our lodge at Trongsa, 1 on the Zhemgang Rd |
| 16 | Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 4 days at scattered locations. 1 pesky bird hung around the honeyguide cliff on the Zhemgang Rd, so unsurprisingly, no honeyguides there |
| 17 | Eurasian (Common) Buzzard | 4 scattered days, the sightings at fairly high elevations |
| 18 | Black Eagle | On 7 days, making it the most frequent large raptor on the Bhutan trip |
| 19 | Booted Eagle | 1 on the day we birded south from Trongsa towards the camp at Tingtibi |
| 20 | *Rufous-bellied Eagle | 3 days: between Punakha and Wangdi, a bit S of Trongsa, near Mongar |
| 21 | Mountain Hawk-Eagle | 3 and 2 on consecutive days, Lingmethang Rd |
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| | <i>Falconidae</i> | |
| 22 | Eurasian (Common) Kestrel | 7 widely scattered days and locations |
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| | GALLIFORMES | |
| | <i>Phasianidae</i> | The avian stars of the Bhutan trip - many terrific birds, much anticipated |
| 23 | *Hill Partridge | H 6 days, high altitude slopes near the passes and on both Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads. Perhaps this partridge flew over the van Apr 24 |
| 24 | *Chestnut-breasted Partridge | Heard 2 days on the Lingmethang Rd only. We had a quick glimpse of one flying across the road as we were walking |
| 25 | *Rufous-throated Partridge | Much the same as for Hill Partridge. Heard 6 days on mountain slopes. One also flushed across a trail just above the Tingtibi campsite. |
| 26 | *Blood Pheasant | They almost stole the show, being more beautiful than anticipated, and because we got repeat killer views close to the van. Seen 3 days, 24 birds |

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| | | in all. Nearly all sightings were of pairs. Locations: High on the south slope of Thrumsingla and even better at Chelela. Exquisite birds. |
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| 27 | *Satyr Tragopan | First a lone female huddled on a landslide or avalanche scar. Later a male on the road in front of the van which ran off upslope. Both were on the south slope of Thrumsingla (Lingmethang Rd), 3100 and 2725 m |
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| 28 | Himalayan Monal | I had read several "glowing" descriptions of this bird. After a poor look in India in '03 I can now understand the hype. Close to the summits of Gangteyla and Chelela we saw superb males close to the road - all brilliant, shimmering iridescence in the first clear, crisp rays of early morning sunlight. Recorded 4 days, 15 birds in total - 11 were males, so most females already on nests? |
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| 29 | Kalij Pheasant | 12 days, 1 to 5 birds, and some terrific close looks. A lovely pheasant, likely underrated because they are fairly common. Mid to lower slopes and ravines in the intermontane valleys. We saw much variation in the amount of white on their backs, reflecting the 3+ races found in Bhutan |
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| | GRUIFORMES | |
| | <i>Rallidae</i> | A stop at an unremarkable little wetland among terraced farm plots on the lower Lingmethang Rd. I was not optimistic. But soon a vigorous response |

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| | | to the tape, and eventually fleeting but good looks by the road. |
| 30 | *Black-tailed Crake | |
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| | CHARADRIIFORMES | |
| | *Ibidorhynchidae <i>New Family</i> | There is nothing like seeing a new monotypic family, especially sweet because we missed it in '03 at the Kosi River in India. Quietly lovely in under-stated white, black and greys. Two were seen, among the rocks in the quite swift flowing rivers at Thimphu & Jakar |
| 31 | *Ibisbill | |
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| | Charadriidae | |
| 32 | River Lapwing | 8 and 15 on 2 days along the Mo Chu in the vicinity of Punakha |
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| | Scolopacidae | |
| 33 | *Eurasian Woodcock | A pleasant surprise. We flushed 3 below Chelela as we walked down through the forest between road switchbacks looking for pheasants |
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| 34 | Common Sandpiper | 4 at the Mo Chu, Punakha |
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| | COLUMBIFORMES | |
| | Columbidae | If the NE India list is combined with Bhutan's we saw 18 species |
| 35 | Rock Dove | Nearly every day. Interesting that even in its natural range it seems to have gravitated to towns and cities? A high proportion in "wild" plumage |
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| 36 | *Snow Pigeon | A bird that I'd taken a notion beforehand I wanted to see, without any great expectation. On the Zhemgang road @1200m Norbu carefully scans a cliff face and excitedly points up. Somehow he has spotted a Snow Pigeon half backed into a little rock grotto. Good scope looks. |
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| 37 | *Speckled Wood-Pigeon | Early AM scope views of 2 & 5, through some fog, 2150m, Lingmethang Rd |
| 38 | Oriental Turtle-Dove | Ticked every day in Bhutan, ranging from a couple to 30 or more |
| 39 | Spotted Dove | 8 days, well scattered though not at the highest levations |
| 40 | *Barred Cuckoo-Dove | 10 right at the Tingtibi camp on Zhemgang Rd. Got the scope on some |
| 41 | *Mountain Imperial-Pigeon | In contrast to many on the India leg, just a single sighting, Zhemgang Rd |
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| | CUCULIFORMES | |
| | <i>Cuculidae</i> | |
| 42 | *Chestnut-winged Cuckoo | Singing @1100m on Zhemgang Rd but only seen in flight |
| 43 | *Large Hawk-Cuckoo | Enthusiastic wolf whistles, all day & night. 13 days, low & and mid slopes |
| 44 | *Indian Cuckoo | Heard 4 days, Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 45 | *Common (Eurasian) Cuckoo | 8 scattered days, mostly heard but 2 seen well @1775m on Zhemgang Rd |
| 46 | *Oriental Cuckoo | As for the above: heard, less commonly seen, on 9 days, mountain slopes |
| 47 | *Banded Bay Cuckoo | Heard only, 2 days on the Zhemgang Rd |
| 48 | *Plaintive (Grey-bellied) Cuckoo | Peter identified 2 Grey-bellied Cuckoos on the first day above Phuentsholing. Clements does not recognize it as a full species |
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| 49 | *Asian Emerald Cuckoo | A day each on the Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 50 | *Asian Drongo-Cuckoo | Heard in the evening and seen next day at Tingtibi camp, Zhemgang Rd. Also somewhere on our long travel day from Jakar to Thimphu |
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| 51 | Asian Koel | Heard only, on the road above Phuentsholing |
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| | STRIGIFORMES | |
| | <i>Strigidae</i> | |
| 52 | *Tawny Owl | "Hoo-hoo" several times very early at the Gangtey Palace near Paro as we loaded our bags for the drive to the airport. Last tick of the trip |
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| 53 | *Collared Owlet | Seen once, heard once as we birded the Zhemgang road |
| 54 | Asian Barred Owlet | Heard 3 days, Lingmethang road |
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| | CAPRIMULGIFORMES | |
| | <i>Caprimulgidae</i> | Heard twice from our camp at Tingtibi (Zhemgang road) and once at the Sengor camp (Lingmethang road) |
| 55 | *Jungle (Grey) Nightjar | |
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| | APODIFORMES | |
| | <i>Apodidae</i> | |
| 56 | Himalayan Swiftlet | 3 days: @75 at JDNP near Punakha; 100+ twice on the Lingmethang road |
| 57 | *White-throated Needletail | We were pleased when a few flashed by us near the communications tower at the top of Korila, east of Mongar - @2285m. |
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| 58 | *Fork-tailed Swift | Seen 12 days including swirling around nesting cliffs |
| 59 | House Swift (<i>Apus nipalensis</i>) | 4 days, 2 to 15 or more, often but not always around towns |
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| | CORACIIFORMES | |
| | <i>Alcedinidae</i> | |
| 60 | White-throated Kingfisher | 3 days at relatively low altitudes: above Phuentsholing, JDNP, Tingtibi |
| 61 | Crested Kingfisher | 2 days along the Mo Chu in JDNP a bit north of Punakha |
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| | <i>Meropidae</i> | After several mediocre looks in NE India, superb views of 2 @1900m on Zhemgang Rd, the beards glittering in the sun and ruffling in the wind |
| 62 | *Blue-bearded Bee-eater | |
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| | <i>Upupidae</i> | |
| 63 | Eurasian Hoopoe | 3 scattered days, not always at the lowest elevations |
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| | <i>Bucerotidae</i> | |

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| 64 | Great Hornbill | 1 day as we descended the Zhemgang road above Tingtibi camp |
| 65 | *Rufous-necked Hornbill | 2 and 8 seen on 2 days, Zhemgang road; heard 2 other days. Very lovely |
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| | PICIFORMES | |
| | <i>Capitonidae</i> | |
| 66 | Great Barbet | 1 to 8, at least 11 days here and there, including I think my best looks ever |
| 67 | *Golden-throated Barbet | 5 days: JDNP near Punakha, 3 days on Zhemgang Rd, 1x Lingmethang Rd |
| 68 | Blue-throated Barbet | Fewer than in NE India - only at Phuentsholing and 2 days on Zhemgang Rd |
| 69 | *Blue-eared Barbet | I think a bird seen briefly by the central highway east of Wandi was a female of this species, though 2200m might be a bit high for it? |
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| | <i>Indicatoridae</i> | A specialty bird, patchily distributed only at cliffs with the requisite bee colonies. None 2 days at the 1st "stake-out" on Zhemgang road - due to a pesty Sparrowhawk! But luckier on the Lingmethang road at Namling, 2090m. Scope views of 2. Appreciative road workers all took a look |
| 70 | *Yellow-rumped Honeyguide | |
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| | <i>Picidae</i> | |
| 71 | *White-browed Piculet | Unfortunately by Peter only, in a bamboo patch on the Lingmethang road |
| 72 | *Stripe-breasted Woodpecker | 2 on the Zhemgang Rd. Note: the map in our copy of Grimmet et al does not show it as occurring in Bhutan but Peter says it is regular |
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| 73 | Rufous-bellied Woodpecker | On 6 days at scattered locations though none at highest elevations |
| 74 | *Darjeeling Woodpecker | A woodpecker at 1950m on the Zhemgang road provoked discussion, but Peter said there are always arguments because of the illustration in the field guide. In the end I think we were pretty much OK with it |
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| 75 | *Crimson-breasted Woodpecker | 1 at JDNP, Punakha & 1 on the travel day returning to Thimphu from Jakar |
| 76 | Rufous Woodpecker | 1 on the Zhemgang road and 1 while we were at JDNP north of Punakha |
| 77 | Lesser Yellownape | Only 1, at JDNP near Punakha |
| 78 | Greater Yellownape | Also 1 only, on the Zhemgang road |
| 79 | Grey-faced (headed) Woodpecker | Seen 2x and heard (by Peter) 3 other days. Distinctive and attractive |
| 80 | *Bay Woodpecker | I liked this new species. Pairs were seen along the river at JDNP in the Mo Chu valley near Punakha and also @2000m on Lingmethang road |
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| | PASSERIFORMES | |
| | *Pittidae | Heard by Peter, maybe others, on the lower Zhemgang road but it would not show itself. Seen, it would have been a new family for yours truly |
| 81 | *Blue-naped Pitta | |
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| | Hirundinidae | |
| 82 | Barn Swallow | 5 the first day in Bhutan above Phuentsholing and 1 farthest east in Mongar |
| 83 | *Nepal (House-) Martin | 1-200+ seen on each of 4 days, including at nesting cliffs: at Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads, and in the vicinity of Yotongla west of Jakar |
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| | Motacillidae | |
| 84 | White Wagtail | Two on the day we travelled from Trongsa to Jakar |
| 85 | Yellow Wagtail | Two days on the lower Zhemgang road |
| 86 | Olive-backed Pipit | After many in India, just 2 at the top of Chelela near Paro, @ 3988m |
| 87 | Rosy Pipit | Just the reverse - 1 day in India but 9 here, mostly at higher elevations near the various passes. Some with the delicate rosy breeding blush |
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| | Campephagidae | |
| 88 | Large Cuckoo-Shrike | Heard just 1 day, on the Zhemgang road |
| 89 | *Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike | 5 days, mid altitudes, and finally a very good look |

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| 90 | Long-tailed Minivet | 6 days, never too high |
| 91 | *Short-billed Minivet | 1 to 3 birds on 3 occasions: Zhemgang road and 2x on Lingmethang road |
| 92 | Scarlet Minivet | Much in evidence here too. Brilliant birds seen 8 days some quite high up |
| 93 | *Grey-chinned Minivet | 2 days on the lower Zhemgang road |
| 94 | Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike | Each of the 4 days we birded the Zhemgang road, but nowhere else |
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| | <i>Pycnonotidae</i> | |
| 95 | *Striated Bulbul | A fine new bulbul. Seen 5 days at mid altitudes: up from Phuentsholing on Day 1, and on both the Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
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| 96 | Black-crested Bulbul | Only 1 was seen, on our first day on the slopes above Phuentsholing |
| 97 | White-cheeked (Himalayan) Bulbul | 1 day each on the Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 98 | Red-vented Bulbul | As ever, common though not at higher elevations. 11 days |
| 99 | *White-throated Bulbul | On our first 2 days on the Zhemgang road |
| 100 | Ashy Bulbul | As for the above plus an additional sighting on Lingmethang road |
| 101 | *Mountain Bulbul | 2 days at JDNP N of Punakha; 1 day each, Zhemgang & Lingmethang rds |
| 102 | Black Bulbul | The commonest bulbul in Bhutan: 13 days, usually several up to 200 per day. As we noted in India they were migrating, sometimes in big flocks |
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| | <i>Chloropseidae</i> | |
| 103 | Golden-fronted Leafbird | 2 seen the day we returned to Trongsa via the Zhemgang Rd |
| 104 | Orange-bellied Leafbird | 4 days, lower areas: above Phuentsholing, Mo Chu valley, 2x Zhemgang Rd |
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| | <i>Cinclidae</i> | |
| 105 | Brown Dipper | 5 days - the rivers near Paro, Thimphu and Punakha; 1 to 4 birds |
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| | <i>Prunellidae</i> | |
| 106 | *Alpine Accentor | Great views 3x near high passes: 8 at Chelela, 10 Pelela, 3 Thrumsingla |

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| 107 | Rufous-breasted Accentor | 2-6 on 4 days. Interestingly, no overlap with the above and on average not as high: JDNP, near Yotongla, Lingmethang road, vicinity of Korila |
| | <i>Turdidae</i> | |
| 108 | *Blue-capped Rock-Thrush | 9 days, primarily on the Zhemgang (4 days) and Lingmethang (3) roads |
| 109 | *Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush | All 5 days on the Lingmethang road, and 1 other day ascending Chelea |
| 110 | Blue Rock-Thrush | Only a few, on 3 days: above Phuentsholing and 2x on the Zhemgang road |
| 111 | Blue Whistling-Thrush | Every day, 5 to 25. A common roadside bird, often around streams or seepages. They will duck down into road culverts when cars go by. |
| 112 | *Plain-backed Thrush | A nice bird close to the Sengor campsite @2800m |
| 113 | *Long-tailed Thrush | Poor look for most on our walk down the old road from Pelela, @3000m |
| 114 | Scaly Thrush | From the van @1900m on Lingmethang Rd as we searched for Tragopans |
| 115 | *White-collared Blackbird | 7 days, most quite high but a few in the valleys. Males are sharp looking |
| 116 | Gray-winged Blackbird | 3 days: above Phuentsholing, vicinity of Yotongla, 10 near Korila @2100m |
| 117 | Eurasian Blackbird | Just 1, from the van in Mo Chu valley driving to JDNP from Punakha |
| 118 | *Dusky Thrush | Good to see 6 near the top of Pelela, around 3300m |
| 119 | *Lesser Shortwing | Peter heard it 3 days, Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 120 | *White-browed Shortwing | Unfortunately also only a calling bird, Peter only |
| | <i>Cisticolidae</i> | |
| 121 | Striated Prinia | Apparently 1 on Shemgang road |
| 122 | *Hill Prinia | 4 days, most notably 20 the first day on the Zhemgang road from Trongsa |
| | <i>Sylviidae</i> | I must admit a few even came close to matching our Nth Am wood warblers |
| 123 | Chestnut-headed Tesia | Both days at JDNP N of Punakha, 1x Lingmethang Rd. Heard, and glimpses |
| 124 | *Slaty-bellied Tesia | A half decent look at JDNP, Punakha. And heard 4 days, Lingmethang road |
| 125 | *Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler | Heard 1 day Zhemgang Rd, 4x Lingmethang Rd where also a good look |
| 126 | *Chestnut-crowned Bush-Warbler | 1 came out of thick vegetation in a ravine for views, Zhemgang road |

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| 127 | *Aberrant Bush-Warbler | Evidently Peter heard it, Zhemgang road |
| 128 | *Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler | Also have it marked as heard by somebody, between Trongsa and Jakar |
| 129 | *Grey-sided Bush-Warbler | Sighted on Zhemgang road; heard 2x, on road to Jakar & Lingmethang Rd |
| 130 | *Spotted Bush-Warbler | Quite good looks at 2 on the Lingmethang road |
| 131 | Common Tailorbird | Seen 5 days, 1-4 birds, both Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 132 | Dusky Warbler | 1 on the last day we birded the Zhemgang road |
| 133 | *Tickell's Leaf-Warbler | Several in NE India. For Bhutan I have 1 tick mark only, Zhemgang road |
| 134 | Buff-barred Warbler | Sighted 5 consecutive days, 4 of them on Lingmethang road |
| 135 | *Ashy-throated Warbler | 4 days, from Phuentsholing in southwest to Lingmethang road in east |
| 136 | Pale-rumped Wa. (<i>chloronatus</i>) | 1 on Lingmethang rd. We called it <i>proregulus</i> but its range is farther east |
| 137 | *Yellow-browed Warbler | Very similar pattern to the Ashy-throated Warbler, above |
| 138 | Hume's Warbler | 1 seen on our last day in the field birding the Chelela area near Paro |
| 139 | *Large-billed Leaf-Warbler | Seen 4 days at quite high places: Dochula, Yotongla, Thrumsingla, Chelela |
| 140 | Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler | 1 at @1200m on the Zhemgang road |
| 141 | *Blyth's Leaf-Warbler | 7 days, 1 to 25. Mostly at relatively lower elevations. |
| 142 | *Yellow-vented Warbler | 1x at JDNP near Punakha, 2x on Zhemgang road |
| 143 | *Golden-spectacled Wa (<i>S burkii</i>) | One of the commonest warblers we saw: 9 days, as many as 30 |
| 144 | Whistler's Warbler (<i>S whistleri</i>) | 4 days, quite high: E Wangdi @2382m, near Yotongla, Korila, Thrumsingla |
| 145 | Grey-hooded Warbler | 7 days: JDNP, Zhemgang road (4 days), Lingmethang road (2 days) |
| 145 | *White-spectacled Warbler | 4 days and similar pattern to Whistler's, some at perhaps lower elevations |
| 147 | *Chestnut-crowned Warbler | 8 well distributed days. One of the nicer ones |
| 148 | *Black-faced Warbler | 3 consecutive days on Lingmethang road, and quite attractive |
| 149 | *Broad-billed Warbler | 2 days Zhemgang road, 3 days Lingmethang road |
| | Muscicapidae | Many variations on the theme of orange & blue! |
| 150 | Siberian (Dark-sided) Flycatcher | 4 days: JDNP at Punakha, and the roads Zhemgang/Lingmethang |
| 151 | Rusty-tailed Flycatcher | 1 just below Pelela at 3200m. Range maps suggest it must be scarce |
| 152 | Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher | The second commonest and most widespread flycatcher - 10 days all told |
| 153 | Red-breasted(throated) Flycatcher | Not as many as in India: 1 day above Phuentsholing, 1 each on the 2 "roads" |
| 154 | Little Pied Flycatcher | 3 seen on upper Zhemgang road, about 1775 m. Nice one |

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| 155 | *Ultramarine Flycatcher | 3 at Korila beyond Mongar. Very reminiscent of our Black-thr Blue Warbler |
| 156 | *Sapphire Flycatcher | Some apparently saw one near the lowest part of the Lingmethang road |
| 157 | *Verditer Flycatcher | Common, widespread: at least 12 days in a variety of situations |
| 158 | *Large Niltava | Singles on 2 days, Lingmethang road |
| 159 | Small Niltava | 4 birds 1 day at JDNP, Punakha entrance; 3 straight days Zhemgang road |
| 160 | Rufous-bellied Niltava | 1 day Zhemgang road, 3 consecutive days Lingmethang road |
| 161 | *Pale-chinned Blue-Flycatcher | Peter said he heard it, on the Zhemgang road |
| 162 | *Pale Blue-Flycatcher | We saw 1 the day we travelled from Punakha to the Phobjika Valley |
| 163 | *Blue-throated Flycatcher | 2 days Zhemgang road, 1 day Lingmethang road |
| 164 | Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher | 5 days, mid & lower elevation slopes: Phuentsholing and the 2 "roads" |
| 165 | Red-flanked Bluetail(Or-fl Bush-Rob) | 2 birds only, quite high as we walked down the far side of Chelela |
| 166 | *Golden Bush-Robin | There were 2 near the top of Yotongla at 3275m in fog |
| 167 | Oriental Magpie-Robin | 7 days. They always re-materialized in valleys and on lower slopes |
| 168 | *Hodgson's Redstart | 4 days: JDNP at Thimphu entrance, Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
| 169 | Blue-fronted Redstart | 5 days at fairly high elevations near Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Jakar |
| 170 | *Daurian Redstart | A male somewhere on Day 13 as we travelled from Thimphu to Punakha |
| 171 | White-capped (Water-) Redstart | Widespread and happily so because this is a strikingly beautiful bird: 13 days, potentially anywhere roads cross or border a stream/small river |
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| 172 | Plumbeous (Water-) Redstart | Another nice one. Almost identical situations to the above. 11 days |
| 173 | *White-tailed Robin | I have an "H" down for Zhemgang road, so I suspect Peter heard it |
| 174 | *Little Forktail | 4 scattered days, along mountain and valley streams |
| 175 | *Black-backed Forktail | Norbu and I spied 1 from the van as we left the lodge at Trongsa, 05:15 AM |
| 176 | Slaty-backed Forktail | 2 days along the Mo Chu, JDNP near Punakha, 1 day upper Zhemgang road |
| 177 | Siberian (Common) Stonechat | Just 2 on the day we travelled from the Phobjika Valley to Trongsa |
| 178 | Grey Bushchat | 10 days, 7 of them on the Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
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| | <i>Rhipiduridae</i> | |
| 179 | Yellow-bellied Fantail | 6 days, mountain slopes from Phuentsholing area east to Lingmethang rd |

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| 180 | White-throated Fantail | Also 6 days, 4 of which were along the Lingmethang road |
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| | <i>Timaliidae</i> (49 + 7 for NE India = 56) | A totally fabulous family. Some skulkers, yes, but worth every effort to see |
| 181 | White-throated Laughingthrush | By far the commonest and easiest to see. They go around in big unruly mobs. 13 of the 18 days, at a variety of altitudes. From a few to 200+ |
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| 182 | White-crested Laughingthrush | Also gregarious (as are many laughingthrushes). Roving packs break into loud, wild group vocalizations, as at our improvised camp in a fallow rice paddy on the lower Lingmethang road where we sat, beer in hand, enjoying scope views of 8 in that special soft but still brilliant light just before evening fades into dusk. 6 days, up to 15. Wonderful birds |
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| 183 | *Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush | Among the first birds we saw after entering Bhutan near Phuentsholing. Also 3 on another day on the Zhemgang road. Brief but good looks |
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| 184 | Striated Laughingthrush | A favorite from the '03 India trip and common here too - 12 days, 1 to 20. One of the loveliest and easy to see. At low/intermediate elevations |
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| 185 | *Rufous-necked Laughingthrush | I wanted to see it so missing 5 on the Zhemgang road was a bummer, but then a close pair @1300m on lower Lingmethang road. 4 days in all |
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| 186 | *Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush | We stop low on the Lingmethang rd (1250m) for something else when 5 great stonking laughingthrushes emerge onto the shoulders of the road. The expected race <i>rufogularis</i> (grey ears), but with striking white lores |
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| 187 | *Spotted Laughingthrush | A very top target, having dipped it in '03 in India. But it doesn't look good: 2 missed at JDNP, at 2 other places calling birds stay hidden, then I squander a golden opportunity on the 2nd last day. Last day: we ascend |

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| | | Chelela, mainly seeking pheasants. As we drink tea and shiver in the clouds at 3988m, Norbu grabs and drags me away, pointing down-slope. Just 20 feet below 2 exquisite birds forage on the ground and in low shrubs, then they slip away. A magic moment |
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| 188 | Streaked Laughingthrush | We are feasting on no.188 (below) when a pair appear in the same clearing, also offering prolonged scope views. Plus 3 subsequent days |
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| 189 | *Scaly Laughingthrush | Yet another charismatic laughingthrush seen point blank - 3 on the Lingmethang road and 2 the next day |
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| 190 | *Black-faced Laughingthrush | 7 scattered days, mostly higher elevations. Near Pelela 25+ fly about in a buzz of activity, but we can't really get on any. Later, en route from Trongsa to Jakar we stop in cloud and mist at Yotongla (3275m). Two Black-f Laughingthrushes are there, busily collecting nesting material |
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| 191 | Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush | The only Laughingthrush of the trip not seen really well: 6 scattered days |
| 192 | *Red-faced Liocichla | Peter heard them 2x in India, but got no response to tape. As we walk the Zhemgang road @1700m there is motion in a cleared plot near a house, and 2 Liocichlas perch and preen on a fence. For 5+ minutes! They are great birds, more colorful than portrayed in the books |
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| 193 | *Puff-throated Babbler | Seen OK on the NE India leg, here only heard by Peter |

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| 194 | Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler | 5 days: JDNP, Punakha; 2 days each on Zhemgang and Lingmethang rds |
| 195 | *White-browed Scimitar-Babbler | Singles on 2 days on the Zhemgang road, including 1 singing in clear view |
| 196 | *Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler | 2 days heard, 2 days seen, Lingmethang road. Really good roadside views |
| 197 | *Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler | A bird calling from deep in a tangle rushes out to the tape, perches fully exposed on a long, arching bamboo stem, then sings. Lingmethang Rd |
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| 198 | Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler | At @2900m on Yotongla 1 responded to tape, but allowed only glimpses |
| 199 | *Pygmy Wren-Babbler | 2 days with fragmentary looks at best for most on Lingmethang Rd. But for Candy, who is standing a bit apart from the rest, 1 hops momentarily into clear view right where she happens to be looking. 2168m |
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| 200 | *Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler | Calling @2000m on Lingmethang rd, but would not come out to be seen |
| 201 | *Spotted Wren-Babbler | A calling bird would not show at JDNP near Punakha. Better luck on the Zhemgang rd (1150m) where one in perpetual motion in thick cover eventually paused long enough to observe its characteristic markings. |
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| 202 | *Rufous-fronted Babbler | Apparently only the 1st day above Phuentsholing. Very similar to next |
| 203 | *Rufous-capped Babbler | Better views of this one: 6 days in all, 4 on Lingmethang road |
| 204 | *Golden Babbler | 8 days, 3 each on the Zhemgang & Lingmethang rds. Typically in dense vegetation and often in company with the above species. Hard to get clear views, but finally we even saw the striped head |
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| 205 | *Grey-throated Babbler | Unfortunately only marginal looks, 2x Zhemgang and 1x Lingmethang roads |
| 206 | *Striped Tit-Babbler | The only record was on the Phuentsholing road on our first day in Bhutan |
| 207 | Red-billed Leiothrix | Good looks on 2 days, Lingmethang road. A nice bird |
| 208 | *Cutia | 2 were in a fast moving flock at 1990m above Phuentsholing but we kept losing them in fog! Later, great looks at 6 on Lingmethang road, and 1 also next day there. Beautiful, exotic birds, more so than portrayed. They |

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| | | forage a lot on tree limbs & trunks. Somehow recalled a cotinga |
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| 209 | *White-browed Shrike-Babbler | Attractive. Gave us fits before seen well. 2x Zhemgang, 2x Lingmethang rd |
| 210 | *Green Shrike-Babbler | 1 briefly popped out of a mixed flock @3080m near Thrumsingla |
| 211 | *Black-eared Shrike-Babbler | A colorful tiny mite that we saw only on 1 day at 2150m on Lingmethang rd |
| 212 | *Rusty-fronted Barwing | I was happy to see a Barwing well, which we certainly did with 6 on Zhemgang road, and also pairs twice more on the Lingmethang road |
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| 213 | *Hoary-throated Barwing | 1 in the big flock @1990m, Phuentsholing rd. Later 6 @3100m at Dochala |
| 214 | Blue-winged Minla | 5 days, max of 35 on Lingmethang rd. Fast, real little beggars to see well |
| 215 | *Chestnut-tailed Minla | Turned out to be a very handsome bird. 9 scattered days, giving nice looks |
| 216 | *Red-tailed Minla | Only 1, down a bit from Korila, around 2200m |
| 217 | *Golden-breasted Fulvetta | All reports remark on its beauty. We saw 4 and 2 on 2 days, Lingmethang rd |
| 218 | *Yellow-throated Fulvetta | 3 days on the Lingmethang road, 6 to 12, eventually seen well |
| 219 | *Rufous-winged Fulvetta | 5 days: Phuentsholing rd, 3 days on Lingmethang rd, last day at Chelela |
| 220 | *White-browed Fulvetta | The most common, widespread fulvetta, and like the others typically in groups, move quickly and stay in cover. On 7 days, mostly quite high |
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| 221 | *Nepal Fulvetta | 6 days: 3 on Zhemgang rd, 1 in JDNP, 1 Lingmethang rd, 1 Chelela |
| 222 | Rufous Sibia | Just about every day, almost even becoming a bit of a nuisance at times |
| 223 | *Striated Yuhina | Iffy for me 2 days on Zhemgang rd. But 4 seen well on Lingmethang Rd @1300m were interesting, intermediate between 11a-11b as shown in Grimmet et al - orange cheeks and grey head but with orange forehead. Yuhinas travel in groups. They tend to be easier to see than fulvettas |
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| 224 | *White-naped Yuhina | It was good to see 6, on 1 day only, Zhemgang rd. |

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| 225 | *Whiskered Yuhina | Common on all 8 days on the mountain slopes of the Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads (3-25 birds), but seen nowhere else |
| 226 | *Stripe-throated Yuhina | 5 days, tending to higher elevations near the passes |
| 227 | *Rufous-vented Yuhina | Much as for the above - also 5 days, including at quite high elevations |
| 228 | *Black-chinned Yuhina | 2 days: JDNP near Punakha and above Tingtibi camp on Zhemgang road |
| 229 | *Fire-tailed Myzornis | High on Dochala (>3000m) - 2 stunning birds at flowering shrubs. |
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| | *Paradoxornithidae | A first introduction to the family in NE India and 3 nice additions in Bhutan |
| 230 | *Great Parrotbill | One of the tape successes: Peter played it at some likely bamboo near the top of Yotongla at 3275m - bingo, 2 great birds fly in and sing back |
| 231 | *Brown Parrotbill | 3 on the walk down into Phobjika valley, 1 Yotongla, 3 Kikila W of Jakar |
| 232 | *Fulvous Parrotbill | A big fast moving flock of 50+ @2100m Lingmethang rd above Namling |
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| | Aegithalidae | |
| 233 | Black-throated Tit | 8 of the black-throated race were E of Mongar at Korila and next day 4 of white-throated race were on the west side of Thrumsingla @3090m. Also 2 on Zhemgang rd. |
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| 234 | *Black-browed (Rufous-fronted) Tit | 3 days: near Thimphu (2564m), a bit below Pelela, near Thrumsingla |
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| | Paridae | I was quite pleased with our luck with this family - some nice new birds |
| 235 | *Coal Tit | 3 days at height: Twice in the vicinity of Thrumsingla and 1x Yotongla |
| 236 | *Rufous-vented Tit | 4 days, high: near Gangteyla, Pelela walk, vicinity of Thrumsingla, Chelela |
| 237 | *Grey-crested Tit | Came somewhat near missing it. Finally 1 in a mixed flock on Apr 22, returning back over Thrumsingla, then 2 at Chelela. Enjoyed them |
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| 238 | Green-backed Tit | Certainly among the loveliest tits, and happily common: at least 15 days |
| 239 | *Yellow-cheeked Tit | Saw its sister sp in India in '03. Here 3 days: Phuentsholing, Lingmethang |

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| 240 | *Yellow-browed Tit | A very nondescript little bird, but with a diagnostic domed head. 5 days |
| 241 | *Sultan Tit | Nice to have a repeat after NE India. 5 on the Zhemgang road @1150m |
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| | Sittidae | |
| 242 | Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch | Only 2, on the Zhemgang road above the Tingtibi camp, about 925 m |
| 243 | White-tailed Nuthatch | 1 on the first day above Phuentsholing, 2 days Lingmethang road, 1 Korila |
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| | Certhidae | The only treecreeper of the trip was near the top of Pelela (>3300m). It gave close views, even allowing photographs, as it foraged in fir trees |
| 244 | *Rusty-flanked Treecreeper | |
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| | Remizidae | A problem bird at the Sengor campsite caused much conflicting opinion. Then on our last field day 2 perched briefly in a big fir at Chelela, 3518m |
| 245 | *Fire-capped Tit | |
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| | Nectariniidae | |
| 246 | *Ruby-cheeked Sunbird | We saw 2 the first day in Bhutan above the border at Phuentsholing |
| 247 | Gould's Sunbird | The 1st 3 days, border to Thimphu area. Later, 3 days on Lingmethang rd |
| 248 | Green-tailed Sunbird | The characteristic sunbird of high elevations - near most passes, up to 25 |
| 249 | *Black-throated Sunbird | 3 days on Zhemgang road, 1 day on upper Lingmethang road |
| 250 | Crimson Sunbird | Singles on 2 days only, both on Zhemgang road |
| 251 | *Fire-tailed Sunbird | Also a high altitude species: 3 days near Pelela, Thrumsingla, Korila |
| 252 | *Streaked Spiderhunter | Seen 2 days on Zhemgang road, 1450m and lower |
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| | Dicaeidae | |
| 253 | Fire-breasted Flowerpecker | A drab female on the Zhemgang rd @925m was it for the flowerpeckers |
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| | Zosteropidae | |
| 254 | Oriental Whiteeye | The 1st day above Phuentsholing and twice on the Zhemgang road |

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| | Oriolidae | 11 days in all, up to 10. Mostly lower and mid altitude slopes and valleys. In good light a very attractive bird with its rich chestnut coloration |
| 255 | *Maroon Oriole | |
| | Laniidae | |
| 256 | Brown Shrike | 1 on 4 days, typically around mostly cleared agricultural land in valleys |
| 257 | Long-tailed Shrike | 6 days, also in open habitats and farm land. The attractive <i>tricolor</i> race |
| 258 | *Grey-backed Shrike | 9 days, often in more natural wooded habitat and higher than the above 2 |
| | Prionopidae | |
| 259 | Common Woodshrike | In Bhutan only a single near Phuentsholing, across the border from India |
| | Dicruridae | |
| 260 | Black Drongo | Apparently only 1 day on the lowest reaches of the Lingmethang road |
| 261 | Ashy Drongo | Common, seen every birding day, most notably 40+ hanging out at the bee colony (and Honeyguide stakeout) on the Zhemgang road |
| 262 | Bronzed Drongo | 2 days: 2 on the main road above Phuentsholing, and 6 Zhemgang road |
| 263 | Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo | 2 days on Zhemgang road, including 1 in full breeding dress with tail raquets |
| 264 | Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo | 6 days, 3 areas at lower elevations: Phuentsholing, Zhemgang, Lingmethang |
| | *Artamidae | |
| 265 | *Ashy Woodswallow | Only 1 bird, above Phuentsholing at 1772m |
| | Corvidae | |
| 266 | Eurasian Jay | 2 east of Mongar as we ascended Korila |
| 267 | *Gold-billed (Yel-billed Blue) Magpie | On 10 well scattered days: Phuentsholing in west to past Mongar in east |
| 268 | *Green Magpie | We finally caught up with this pretty bird at Tingtibi campsite, Zhemgang rd |
| 269 | Rufous Treepie | Seen only just into Bhutan near the border at Phuentsholing |

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| 270 | Grey Treepie | 10 days, at all the major birding sites except at the very highest locations |
| 271 | *Eurasian (Black-billed) Magpie | 3 days in the high Ura and Chumi valleys in Bumthang. An active nest |
| 272 | *Eurasian (Spotted) Nutcracker | 9 days, 2 to 15 birds, typically at high elevations near the various passes |
| 273 | *Red-billed Chough | 8 days, mostly open country at quite high elevations such as agricultural fields and around towns. 100+ on 2 days at Phobjika and Ura valleys. |
| 274 | House Crow | A low altitude bird seen only on the first day near Phuentsholing |
| 275 | Large-billed Crow | The typical higher country crow, every day in Bhutan up to highest passes |
| | <i>Sturnidae</i> | |
| 276 | *Common Hill Myna | 2 on our first day in the country, above Phuentsholing |
| 277 | Jungle Myna | 10 seen, same day and area as the above |
| 278 | Common Myna | More widespread, seen 8 days at lowest elevations |
| 279 | Asian Pied Starling | 5 on just the first day after entering Bhutan at Phuentsholing |
| | <i>Passeridae</i> | |
| 280 | House Sparrow | Ticked 4 days but likely under-recorded - around buildings in valley towns |
| 281 | Russet Sparrow | 5 days, usually near the road as we drove through agricultural areas |
| 282 | *Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 days, most often as we drove through towns or around our lodges |
| | <i>Estrildidae</i> | |
| 283 | *White-rumped Munia | 3 in drier, scrubby, partly cleared country on the lower Lingmethang road |
| | <i>Fringillidae</i> | Not a huge number of species but some nice new examples |
| 284 | *Crimson-browed Finch | 3 in the vicinity of Thrumsingla |
| 285 | *Dark-breasted Rosefinch | 5 seen on the walk down the old road from Pelela |
| 286 | Common Rosefinch | 2 days, 3 at 1560 m on the Zhemgang rd and 1 at Korila, 2290 m |
| 287 | *White-browed Rosefinch | 3-20 on 3 days, at or near the tops of Pelela, Thrumsingla and Chelela |
| 288 | *Brown Bullfinch | 3 seen near the male Tragopan on the Lingmethang road, 2725m |
| 289 | *Red-headed Bullfinch | 1 at Pelela |

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| 290 | *Collared Grosbeak | A beautiful male perched for a brief but excellent look, just below 4000m on the last birding day as we walked down from Chelela |
| 291 | *White-winged Grosbeak | We saw 2-10 on 4 days, all high: Pelela, Thrumsingla, Yotongla, Chelela |
| 292 | *Gold-naped Finch | A female puzzled me for awhile on the telecommunications road, Korila |
| 293 | *Scarlet Finch | We ran into a lovely flock of 6 brilliant males and 5 females feeding in fruiting trees at 1650m on the Lingmethang road. A female another day |
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| | Emberizidae | |
| 294 | Crested Bunting | 2 days Zhemgang rd, 1 day Lingmethang rd. Partly cleared low/mid slopes |
| 295 | *Little Bunting | 2 days on Zhemgang rd, similar habitat to above |
| | Number of species for entire trip including NE India is 462 | |
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| | MAMMALS | |
| | Primates | |
| 1 | Rhesus Macaque | 7 days, mostly at lower altitudes |
| 2 | Hanuman (Common) Langur | 3 days, east to Punakha area |
| 3 | Golden Langur (Leaf Monkey) | 3 days, all on the Zhemgang road. 100+ seen 1 day. Males are a lovely rich tawny-gold color while females have darker markings so that at first we confused them with the next species |
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| 4 | Capped Langur | 10 seen 1 day on the lower Lingmethang road |
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| | Rodentia | |
| 5 | Black Giant (Pied) Squirrel | Terrific looks at a really striking big squirrel. 2 days on Zhemgang road |
| 6 | Hoary-bellied Squirrel | None in western Bhutan? We started seeing it east and south of Trongsa. 2 or 3 daily, Zhemgang and Lingmethang roads |
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| 7 | Himalayan Striped Squirrel | 2 days in JDNP at Trongsa then 3 days Lingmethang road. Max of 8 |

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| 8 | Large-eared (Forrest's?) Pika | A bit of an unexpected treat. We saw 2-3 of these furry little guys by the road at 3 high passes: Chelela, Dochala, Pelela. 1 trip report suggests <i>O roylei</i> is now split and in Bhutan it is now Forrest's Pika (<i>O forresti</i>) |
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| | Carnivora | |
| 9 | Asiatic (Himalayan) Black Bear | There we were, motoring along back to Jakar after leaving the terrific Lingmethang road when we notice a big black bear lumbering about as fast as it could along the road in front of the car ahead. Finally it veered right, up the slope and out of view. |
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| 10 | Yellow-throated Marten | At a stop @2382m on the central highway below Nobding a lovely marten came on the road, ambled along it a bit, then off and downslope |
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| 11 | Himalayan Weasel | Lingmethang road. We were looking at skulking babblers when a weasel appeared briefly among some rocks. ID based mainly on the "bushy" tail |
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| | Artiodactyla | |
| 12 | Wild Boar | We have it down as heard 1 day |
| 13 | Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer) | Heard 3 days on Zhemgang road; 1 seen 2 days on Lingmethang road |
| 14 | Yak | Apparently all domestic animals; many have bells and good luck amulets on them. Several seen around Pelela and Chelela at least |
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| 15 | Common Goral | When we were at JDNP north of Thimphu somebody caught sight of 2 on the steep slope above and across the creek from our trail |
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| REPTILES | |
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| 1 | <p>Rock Lizard</p> <p>Seen along the Zhemgang road. I tried to remove one that had got on the wind screen of the van but it retreated into a crevice below the wipers so its anybody's guess where it is now. We also saw a few on the exposed rock faces along the road</p> |
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| 2 | <p>snake</p> <p>Peter ushered a taciturn brownish snake with darker patterning, close to 3 ft long, off the Lingmethang road. It had been basking on the warm pavement. Quite similar to the road kill at Nameri in NE India</p> |

Annexure 03
21April to 04 May 2006

- 21 April Paro Valley
- 22 April Chelela
- 23 Cheri Valley
- 24 Dochula
- 25 Gangtey
- 26 Pelela
- 27 Yongtola-Thrumshila
- 28 Sengor
- 29 Namling
- 30 Sengor-Namling
- 01 Thrumshila
- 02 Trongsa - Pelela
- 03 Dochula
- 04 Chelela

| Bird | English Name | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| <i>Arborophila torqueola</i> | Hill Partridge | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| <i>Ithaginis cruentus</i> | Blood Pheasant | | X | | | | | | X | | | X | | | X |
| <i>Tragopan satyra</i> | Satyr Tragopan | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | X |

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| <i>Cuculus micropterus</i> | Indian Cuckoo | | | | X | X | X | | | X | X | | | X |
| <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | Cuckoo | | | | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | X |
| <i>Cuculus (saturatus) saturatus</i> | Himalayan Cuckoo | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i> | Lesser Cuckoo | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>[Chrysococcyx maculatus]</i> | [Asian Emerald Cuckoo] | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| <i>[Eudynamys scolopaceus]</i> | [Koel] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Otus spilocephalus</i> | Mountain Scops Owl | | | | | | X | | | | | | | X |
| <i>Glaucidium brodiei</i> | Collared Owlet | | | | X | | | | | X | X | | | X |
| <i>Strix (aluco) nivicola</i> | Chinese Tawny Owl | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| <i>Caprimulgus (indicus) jotaka</i> | Grey Nightjar | X | | | | | / | | X | X | | X | / | |
| <i>Aerodramus (brevirostris) brevirostris</i> | Himalayan Swiftlet | | | | X | | X | X | | | X | | | |
| <i>Apus pacificus</i> | Pacific Swift | | | | X | | | X | X | X | | | | X |
| <i>[Apus affinis]</i> | [Little Swift] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>[Cypsiurus balasiensis]</i> | [Asian Palm Swift] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Harpactes wardi</i> | Ward's Trogon | | | | | | X | | | | X | | | X |
| <i>[Halcyon smyrnensis]</i> | [White-breasted Kingfisher] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>[Nyctyornis athertoni]</i> | [Blue-bearded Bee-eater] | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| <i>Upupa epops</i> | Hoopoe | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| <i>Megalaima virens</i> | Great Barbet | | | | X | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X |
| <i>[Megalaima franklinii]</i> | [Golden-throated Barbet] | | | | | | x | | | | | | | |
| <i>[Megalaima asiatica]</i> | [Blue-throated Barbet] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Indicator xanthonotus</i> | Yellow-rumped Honeyguide | | | | X | | X | | | X | | | | X |
| <i>Hypopicus hyperythrus</i> | Rufous-bellied Woodpecker | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | X |
| <i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i> | Darjeeling Woodpecker | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i> | Crimson-breasted Woodpecker | | | | | | | | | X | | | | X |
| <i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i> | Bay Woodpecker | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| <i>Delichon nipalense</i> | Nepal House Martin | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | X |
| <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i> | Olive-backed Pipit | | X | | X | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X |
| <i>Anthus roseatus</i> | Rosy Pipit | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | | X |
| <i>Motacilla (alba) alba</i> | White Wagtail | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Motacilla (alba) alboides</i> | Himalayan Wagtail | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | | X | | X |

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| <i>Zoothera mollissima</i> | Plain-backed Thrush | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Turdus albocinctus</i> | White-collared Blackbird | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Turdus boulboul</i> | Grey-winged Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>Turdus atrogularis</i> | Black-throated Thrush | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| <i>Enicurus scouleri</i> | Little Forktail | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| <i>Oligura castaneocoronata</i> | Chestnut-headed Tesia | | | | X | X | X | | | X | | X | | | |
| <i>Tesia cyaniventer</i> | Grey-bellied Tesia | | | | | | X | | | | X | | | | |
| <i>Cettia fortipes</i> | Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler | | | | | | | | | | X | | | X | |
| <i>Cettia major</i> | Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler | | | | | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| <i>Cettia (acanthizoides) brunnescens</i> | Hume's Bush Warbler | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | |
| <i>Cettia brunnifrons</i> | Grey-sided Bush Warbler | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| <i>[Orthotomus cucullatus]</i> | <i>[Mountain Tailorbird]</i> | | | | | | | | | | x | x | | | |
| <i>Seicercus burkii</i> | Golden-spectacled Warbler | | | | | | X | | | | X | X | | X | |
| <i>Seicercus whistleri</i> | Whistler's Warbler | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i> | Grey-hooded Warbler | | | | | | X | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Seicercus affinis</i> | White-spectacled Warbler | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| <i>Seicercus poliogenys</i> | Grey-cheeked Warbler | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| <i>Seicercus castaniceps</i> | Chestnut-crowned Warbler | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i> | Blyth's Leaf Warbler | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Phylloscopus (trochiloides) trochiloides</i> | Greenish Warbler | | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i> | Large-billed Leaf Warbler | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i> | Buff-barred Warbler | | X | | | | | | X | | | X | | | X |
| <i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i> | Ashy-throated Warbler | | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | | |
| <i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i> | Lemon-rumped Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i> | Tickell's Leaf Warbler | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Regulus (regulus) regulus</i> | Goldcrest | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Niltava grandis</i> | Large Niltava | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Niltava sundara</i> | Rufous-bellied Niltava | | | | | X | X | | | X | | | | | |
| <i>[Cyornis unicolor]</i> | <i>[Pale Blue Flycatcher]</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| <i>Muscicapella hodgsoni</i> | Pygmy Blue Flycatcher | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Eumyias thalassinus</i> | Verditer Flycatcher | | | | X | | X | | | X | X | | X | | |

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| <i>Muscicapa (sibirica) cacabata</i> | Himalayan Flycatcher | | | | | / | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Ficedula tricolor</i> | Slaty-blue Flycatcher | | X | X | | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Ficedula superciliaris</i> | Ultramarine Flycatcher | X | | | | | X | | | | | X | X |
| <i>Ficedula strophciata</i> | Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i> | Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher | | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i> | Yellow-bellied Fantail | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | |
| <i>Rhipidura albicollis</i> | White-throated Fantail | | | | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| <i>[Pomatorhinus erythrogegens]</i> | [Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler] | | | | / | / | | | | | | | |
| <i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i> | Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler | | | | | | | | | X | | | X |
| <i>Xiphirhynchus superciliaris</i> | Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler | | | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| <i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i> | Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| <i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i> | Pygmy Wren Babbler | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | |
| <i>Spelaeornis caudatus</i> | Rufous-throated Wren Babbler | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| <i>Spelaeornis troglodytoides</i> | Bar-winged Wren Babbler | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| <i>[Spelaeornis formosus]</i> | [Spotted Wren Babbler] | | | | | x | | | | | | | |
| <i>[Stachyris chrysaee]</i> | [Golden Babbler] | | | | | x | | | | | | | |
| <i>Stachyris ruficeps</i> | Rufous-capped Babbler | | | X | X | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>Conostoma oemodium</i> | Great Parrotbill | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| <i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i> | Brown Parrotbill | | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Paradoxornis (nipalensis) poliotis</i> | Blyth's Parrotbill | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| <i>Garrulax albogularis</i> | White-throated Laughingthrush | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| <i>Garrulax striatus</i> | Striated Laughingthrush | | | X | X | | X | | X | X | | X | |
| <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i> | Spotted Laughingthrush | | | | X | X | | | | | X | | X |
| <i>Garrulax (lineatus) imbricatus</i> | Bhutan Laughingthrush | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Garrulax subunicolor</i> | Scaly Laughingthrush | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| <i>Garrulax affinis</i> | Black-faced Laughingthrush | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| <i>Garrulax (erythrocephalus) nigrimentum</i> | Black-eared Laughingthrush | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| <i>[Liocichla phoenicea]</i> | [Red-faced Liocichla] | | | | | x | | | | | | | |
| <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> | Red-billed Leiothrix | | X | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | |
| <i>[Cutia nipalensis]</i> | [Cutia] | | | | | x | | | x | x | | x | |

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| <i>Oriolus trailii</i> | Maroon Oriole | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X |
| <i>[Oriolus xanthornus]</i> | [Black-hooded Oriole] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Lanius (schach) tricolor</i> | Black-headed Shrike | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Lanius tephronotus</i> | Grey-backed Shrike | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>[Dicrurus macrocercus]</i> | [Black Drongo] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i> | Ashy Drongo | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| <i>Garrulus (glandarius) bispecularis</i> | Himalayan Jay | | | | X | | X | | | | | | X | X | |
| <i>Urocissa flavirostris</i> | Yellow-billed Blue Magpie | | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | X |
| <i>[Dendrocitta vagabunda]</i> | [Rufous Treepie] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dendrocitta formosae</i> | Grey Treepie | | | | | / | | | | | | | | X | |
| <i>Pica (pica) bottanensis</i> | Himalayan Magpie | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | | | |
| <i>Nucifraga (caryocatactes) caryocatactes</i> | Nutcracker | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i> | Chough | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | | X | | X | X |
| <i>[Corvus splendens]</i> | [House Crow] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Corvus (macrorhynchos) macrorhynchos</i> | Large-billed Crow | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> | Common Myna | k | | | / | / | | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>[Passer (domesticus) indicus]</i> | [Indian Sparrow] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Passer rutilans</i> | Russet Sparrow | X | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | X | X | |
| <i>Passer montanus</i> | Tree Sparrow | X | | | X | | | X | | | | X | X | | |
| <i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i> | Plain Mountain Finch | | X | X | | | X | | X | | | | | | X |
| <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i> | Common Rosefinch | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| <i>Carpodacus (thura) thura</i> | Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch | | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | X |
| <i>Pinicola subhimachala</i> | Crimson-browed Finch | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Haematospiza sipahi</i> | Scarlet Finch | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i> | Brown Bullfinch | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| <i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i> | Grey-headed Bullfinch | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| <i>Mycerobas affinis</i> | Collared Grosbeak | X | | | | | X | | | | | | X | X | |
| <i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i> | Spot-winged Grosbeak | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Mycerobas carripes</i> | White-winged Grosbeak | | | | | | | | X | | | X | | | X |

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