



## INDIA 2 – CLASSIC HIMALAYAS TOUR REPORT

15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Black Francolin
- Chukar
- Kalij Pheasant
- Koklass Pheasant
- Cheer Pheasant
- Black-necked Stork
- Cinereous Vulture
- Red-headed Vulture
- Lesser Fish-Eagle
- Pallas's Fish-Eagle
- Sarus Crane
- Great Thick-Knee
- Pallas's Gull
- Oriental Cuckoo
- Mountain Scops-Owl
- Brown Wood Owl
- Crested Kingfisher
- Great Hornbill
- Great Barbet
- Rufous-bellied Woodpecker
- Scaly-bellied Woodpecker
- Himalayan Woodpecker
- Collared Falconet
- Slaty-headed Parakeet
- Himalayan Shrike-Babbler
- Black-headed Jay
- Common Green Magpie
- Streak-throated Swallow
- Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler
- Black-faced Warbler
- Chestnut-crowned Bush-Warbler
- Grey-bellied Tesia
- Chestnut-headed Tesia
- Sulphur-bellied Warbler
- Tytler's Leaf Warbler
- Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush
- Long-billed Thrush
- Tickell's Thrush
- Spot-winged Starling
- Himalayan Rubythroat
- Golden Bush-Robin
- Spotted Forktail
- Brown Dipper
- Altai Accentor
- Upland Pipit
- Spot-winged Grosbeak
- Pink-browed Rosefinch
- Yellow-breasted Greenfinch
- White-capped Bunting
- Chestnut-eared Bunting

### SUMMARY:

Our short Classic Himalayas tour began in Corbett National Park, which really is the gateway to a feast of truly outstanding Himalayan birds. Our favourite memories from an excellent tour include the early morning sun revealing a calling Himalayan Rubythroat right beside our jeep and an exciting Elephant ride culminating in a Bengal Tiger running across the grassland in front of us. Corbett really is a very special place and is one of the most exciting parks in all India and the variety of species we encountered was amazing. We then moved up into the Himalayas to a delightful lodge at Pangot from where we found Scaly-bellied Woodpecker, Cheer and Koklass Pheasants and a daylight calling Mountain Scops-Owl. Amazing! The bird feeders attracted flocks of laughingthrushes, Black-headed Jay and even a Brown-fronted Woodpecker. Lower elevations around Sat Tal revealed Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush before we returned to Delhi and a whole new bunch of birds at Okhla Bird Sanctuary. In total we saw 311 species of birds and all set amidst some fantastic habitats, ranging from vast forests, grassland, tumbling rivers and marshes, with the mighty Himalayas in the background.

## Days 1 - 2 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March

These were travelling days from the UK, Johannesburg and USA and everyone met up with Nick in the evening of Day 2 for our first dinner together.

## Day 3 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We left early doors for the 7 hour drive to Tiger Camp, close to Corbett National Park at the base of the Himalayas, where we were due to have lunch. The drive was enlivened by lots of new birds for the group such as a pair of **Sarus Cranes**, **Indian Black Ibis**, **River Lapwing**, **Green** and **Wood Sandpipers**, **Egyptian Vulture**, **Bank Myna**, **Masked Wagtail** and **Brown Rock-Chat**.

Upon arrival at our lunch stop, which actually turned out to be a new hotel next door to Tiger Camp, we walked down to the river and had a quick look and picked up **White-browed Wagtail** and **Cinereous Tit**. After a great lunch we noticed some movement in the flowering trees at the edge of the garden and saw **Lineated Barbet**, **Himalayan Black Bulbul**, **Himalayan Bulbul**, and a fine looking **Alexandrine Parakeet** coming to a flowering tree.

Then we set off in our jeeps to the Dhanghari Gate of Corbett NP, making a quick stop along the river where **Crested Kingfisher**, **White-capped Water Redstart**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, **Verditer Flycatcher**, **Brahminy Starling** and **Grey-breasted Prinia** were seen. The drive to the gate was also memorable for a **Spot-winged Starling** feeding in a Bombax tree in company with lots of **Chestnut-tailed Starlings**, and also in the same few trees were both **Plum-headed** and **Red-breasted Parakeets**, **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker**, **Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** and a few **Spangled Drongos**. There was also a pair of **Indian Grey Hornbills** nearby, and a cracking **Maroon Oriole** was also seen beside the road.



The pristine forest & riverine habitat of Corbett.

After the paperwork and formalities at the entrance gate we were off into the park and I think everyone was excited to finally be here. The habitat of dense forest, fast-flowing rivers and dry riverbeds is home to an amazing variety of birds and other wildlife including Tiger. Well, we did see pug marks and scats of this most wanted of beasts, but other animals seen included **Spotted Deer**, **Barking Deer**, **Wild Boar**, and **Tarai Grey Langur**. Birds were well represented and I think the majestic **Pallas's Fish-Eagle** perched on a boulder beside a fast-flowing river was stunning. A few people managed to get on a **Long-billed Thrush** as it paused motionless on a close fallen tree, but it quickly dropped out of sight and was replaced by a **Grey-bellied Tesia**! Other goodies seen included **Black Stork**,

**Crested Serpent-Eagle**, 3 **Collared Falconets**, **Greater Yellownape**, both **Great** and **Oriental Pied Hornbills**, **White-throated Fantail**, **White-rumped Shama**, **Blue Whistling-Thrush**, and a small flock of **Red-billed Blue Magpies**.

We arrived at Dhikala compound around 6.20pm and during the obscenely lengthy check-in and form-filling nightmare lots of **Small Pratincoles** were seen flying over, a pair of **River Terns** flew by and a few **Asian Elephants** were feeding in the distance. A **Large-tailed Nightjar** was also seen at dusk.

#### Day 4 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

This turned out to be a very good day indeed, during which we saw an awful lot of really good birds and a few iconic Indian species to boot. We began with a jeep safari taking in the surrounding grassland and forest edge beginning with further views of **Large-tailed Nightjar** just before boarding our jeeps or as they are called locally - 'gypsies'. First of all we headed out into the open grassy plain and then along the edge of the huge forest



**Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker**

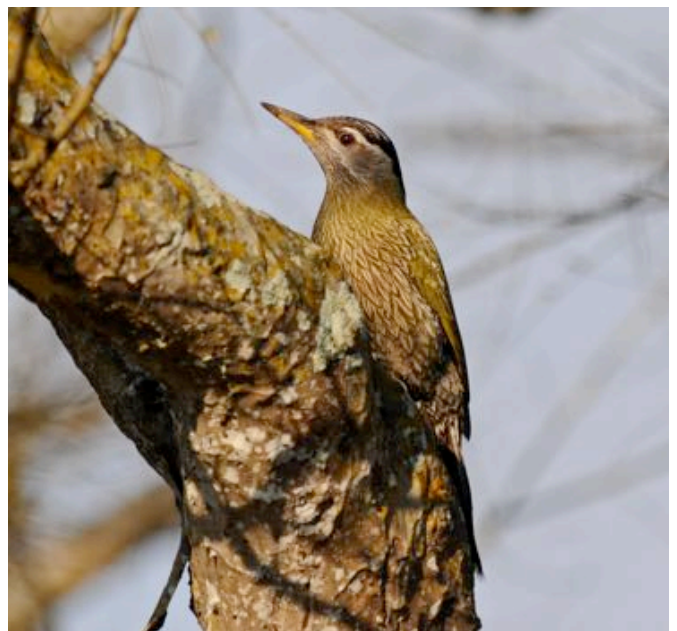
seeing **Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** and **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** – neither being new but nice views. Many new birds came our way here such as **Grey Bushchat**, **Lesser Yellownape**, **Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker**, **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Crested Treeswift**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike**, **Small, Long-tailed, Scarlet** and **Short-billed Minivets**, **Common Rosefinch**, and a brief **Black-throated Thrush**. Moving deeper into the forest a **Brown Fish-Owl** appeared, along with **Black-hooded Oriole** and **Rufous-bellied Niltava**.

Also in the grassland we saw **Streak-throated Woodpecker**, **Lesser Coucal**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Ashy Prinia**, **Yellow-eyed Babbler**, **Eastern Stonechat**, **Paddyfield Pipit**, and a cracking male **Chestnut-eared Bunting**. A fine male **Montagu's Harrier** quartering the grassland in the early morning light was also quite a sight. We spent the remainder of the late morning and early afternoon inside the Dhikhala compound and turned up a number of good birds with **Indian Grey Hornbill**, **Crimson Sunbird**, **Hume's**

**Warbler**, **Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler** and **Black-chinned Babbler** along the perimeter fence. Below us the view was spectacular with the Ramganga River and grassland harbouring a flock of **Small Pratincoles**, **Eurasian Spoonbill**, **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Black Stork**, **Great Thick-knee**, **Oriental Darter**, a couple of **Western Ospreys**, **Pallas's Gull**, many **River Terns**, **Pied Kingfisher**, **Grey-throated Martin**, a huge male **Gharial**, **Marsh Mugger** and **Hog Deer**.

We also had an amazing run of raptors with **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** flying over to start with, and then later a kettle of **Himalayan Griffons** was joined by a **Red-headed Vulture**, huge **Cinereous Vulture** and a couple of **Egyptian Vultures**, with a **Pallas's Fish-Eagle** joining in later. After lunch Lynne spotted an adult **Cinereous Vulture** and 2 **Red-headed Vultures** with a couple of **Steppe Eagles** standing around a small carcass on the plain below us. We watched them for quite some time through the scopes and another **Cinereous Vulture** flew in and landed before all these birds took flight which made for spectacular viewing. A male **Crimson Sunbird** also gave point-blank views.

At 2.30pm we headed out in the jeeps for a short jeep safari and didn't really see anything new but concentrated on looking for a recently reported **Tiger**, but again without success, although a **Lesser Fish-Eagle** was new. We had to sprint to get back to the compound in time for our 4pm Elephant safari and then spent the next two hours chasing after a **Tiger** that had just been reported. It caused quite some



**Streak-throated Woodpecker**



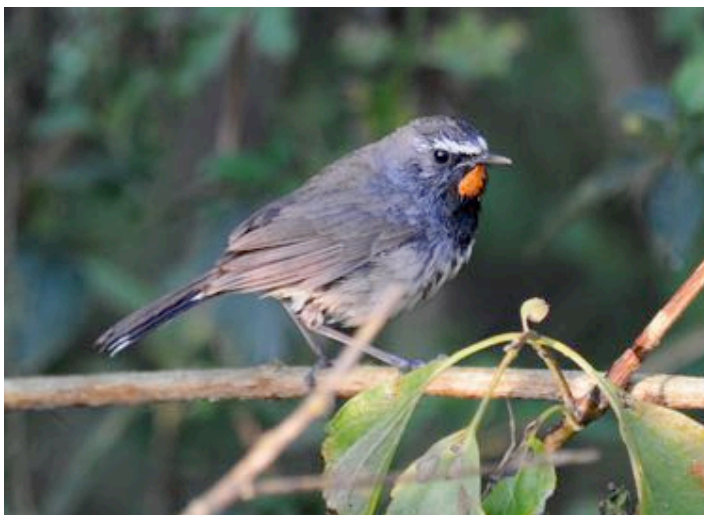
amusement to begin with but once we headed into the jungle and went crashing through the bushes and trees we had to fend off branches before reaching the open grassland. Well I'm very pleased to report we did get to see a young male **Tiger** that had been hiding in some dense bushes but he quickly ran away and out of view. But smiles all round and a huge weight had been lifted from my shoulders. On the walk back to camp we saw a **Crested Bunting** in company with a female **Chestnut-eared Bunting** to round the day off nicely. That was until our first **Jungle Owlet** was found perched in a bare tree at the viewpoint. What a day!



**A lone Asian Elephant at dusk amidst the Corbett grassland.**

### **Day 5 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

We spent the morning on a jeep safari around the grasslands from Dhikala and again went in search of **Tiger**, but has so often happened during my time this year in India, turned out negatively. There are plenty of Tigers here but we just don't seem to have the luck with us and I know of at least three other sightings this morning. But we did enjoy another good run of birds with a superb male **White-tailed (Himalayan) Rubythroat** sat out singing in the early morning sunshine. We also enjoyed fine views of a **Common Hawk-Cuckoo**, **Bright-headed Cisticola**, **Common Green Magpie**, **Oriental Skylark**, **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler**, and both **White-capped** and **Crested Buntings**.



**Himalayan Rubythroat**

After breakfast we packed up and left on the drive towards civilization, stopping at a forest lodge en-route for lunch. This was in a great location within the forest and of particular note was a **Tickell's Thrush** showing nicely around a fruiting tree. Driving out of the park we saw a **Besra**, several **Blue-throated Barbets**, **Coppersmith Barbet**, **Himalayan Flameback**, **Ashy Woodswallow**, **Large Cuckooshrike**, **Lemon-rumped Warbler**, **Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher**, **Plumbeous** and **White-capped Water-Redstarts**.

Other goodies seen today included **Red-headed Vulture**, **Western Osprey**, **Brown Fish-Owl**, **Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker**, **Crested**

**Kingfisher, Himalayan Black Bulbul, Rosy Pipit, and some Yellow-eyed Babblers.** In the evening I managed to call in a **Brown Bobook** outside the lodge – which was just one of eight owls seen on this tour.

### **Day 6 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

We paid a visit to the boulder-strewn river behind the lodge before breakfast and saw our first **Blue Rock Thrush**, as well as getting nice views of both **Plumbeous** and **White-capped Water-Redstarts**. Back at the lodge there was a male and 2 female **White-capped Buntings**, which was something of a surprise, along with our first **Large Grey Babblers**. A day-roosting scops-owl species looked to me like **Indian Scops-owl** but I am assured by the local birders that it is **Collared Scops-Owl**..... Mmmmm.....

So after breakfast we loaded the luggage onto the coach and began the drive up to Pangot, stopping along the way for our first **Ruddy Shelducks, Striated Heron, Little Swifts** and **Streak-throated Swallows** – the latter species was scoped when they alighted on a patch of mud to collect material to build their nests with. Once up in the mighty Himalayas we made our first stop along the road and this turned out to be very productive as we came across several very confiding **Grey-hooded Warblers, Russet Sparrow, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Grey-faced** and **Brown-fronted Woodpeckers, Blyth's Leaf-Warbler**, and a very close **Himalayan Black-lored Tit**. The next stop a little higher where we saw a close **Grey-sided Bush-Warbler**, a flock of **Black-throated Bushtits, Streaked Laughingthrush, Blue-fronted Redstart** and a very interesting warbler that had a long bill and lacked wing-bars - **Tytler's Leaf-Warbler**. Wow!



**Grey-winged Blackbird**



**Black-headed Jay**

Upon reaching the excellent Jungle Lore Birding Lodge we barely had time to get our kit into the cottages before new birds appeared from everywhere and a fine lunch really got in the way! But at the feeding station below the veranda a flock of **White-throated Laughingthrushes** were joined by several **Streaked Laughingthrushes, Russet Sparrows, Oriental Turtle-Doves**, the superb **Black-headed Jay**, and a cracking **Grey-winged Blackbird**. All of these birds were extremely close and confiding and it was a very unique experience to be able to study these birds at such close quarters.

Walking around the gardens we had amazing views of **Pink-browed Rosefinch, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Blue-fronted Redstart, Rufous Sibia**, a flyover **Mountain Hawk-Eagle**, exceptionally close views of **Black Eagle, Himalayan Griffon**, and **Common Rosefinch**, but only a couple of us managed to see a huge **Spot-winged Grosbeak** feeding in a fruiting tree. Hope it will be back tomorrow. A short walk into the forest in the late afternoon was rather quiet, although a male **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush** was nice, as was a **Green-backed Tit**.



## Day 7 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

An early morning drive produced a male **Kalij Pheasant** and a **Himalayan Bluetail** along the road before we headed up higher to search for **Cheer Pheasant** this morning. I'm never too confident for this species, but you should never give in to pessimism as we found a pair feeding on a grassy slope no more than 40m away and spent an enjoyable half an hour just watching them and taking photographs. It was a little distracting having an



Stunning scenery for pheasant watching

**Upland Pipit** displaying and then landing right in front of us during this time! A flock of **Altai Accentors** also kept flying overhead but never landed long enough to get a decent look, although a pair of **Chukars** was an exceptional sighting and very rare here. Some small trees above the road were attracting lots of birds and as well as the usual **Black-throated Bushtits**, we saw **Green-backed** and **Spot-winged Coal Tit** as well. We then drove further along the road and found the forest very busy with lots of birds such as **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, **Buff-barred Warbler**, superb **Black-faced Warbler**, a brief **Green Shrike-Babbler**, a pair of **Himalayan**

**Shrike-Babblers**, **Yellow-browed Tit**, **Bar-tailed Treecreeper**, **Ultramarine Flycatcher**, **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush**, **Rufous Sibia**, **Maroon Oriole**, a nest-hole excavating **White-tailed Nuthatch**, **Eurasian Jay**, **Mistle Thrush**, and even a **Collared Owlet** flew in right over our heads and posed rather nicely.

Driving back towards the lodge, we decided to walk a different section of forest and whilst admiring views of the snow-capped Himalayas in the distance I noticed a rare **Scaly-bellied Woodpecker** feeding on the slope below us. Having missed this species on my last visit, it was rather satisfying to not only see one but see it so well. Amazingly, as we walked around the next bend a **Mountain Scops-Owl** was heard and it called repeatedly from very close up the slope above us. With a bit of persuasion we managed to locate the bird and obtain a few quick photos before it flew away. This is one of the toughest owls in Asia to actually see and to get it in daytime



Cheer Pheasant



Scaly-bellied Woodpecker

was rather surreal! A pair of **Striated Laughingthrushes** was also very nice at the same spot as well. And that was our lot as we returned to the lodge, just in time to view 3 male and a female **Spot-winged Grosbeak** feeding in a fruiting tree next to the dining room.



**Pink-browed Rosefinch is a garden bird at Jungle Lore.**

After a rest over lunchtime, during which **Yellow-bellied Fantail**, **Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher**, and best of all a **Black Francolin** were seen, we drove down the valley. We walked along an area of scrub where a nice male **Common Rosefinch** was perched up in a bare tree, and shortly after a superb **Yellow-breasted (Himalayan) Greenfinch** also posed nicely at the top of a tree. I was surprised to see a **Sulphur-bellied Warbler** feeding on the hillside and we also had another bird later in the afternoon as well – this species is just beginning its return migration to areas further north.

A **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler** was spotted by David T after it had been bathing in a stream, and other birds in the area included **Grey-backed Shrike** found by Michael, **Jungle Myna**, **Siberian Rubythroat**, **Aberrant Bush-Warbler**, **Grey-sided Bush-Warbler** and a few other previously seen species. As we followed the stream down towards the coach an extremely obliging **Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler** put in the first of multiple appearances whilst waiting for a **Spotted Forktail** to show – which it did albeit only very briefly. The drive back to the lodge was punctuated by a..... puncture that meant we arrived back at 8pm and went to dinner straight away, but the beers were very much appreciated this evening!

### **Day 8 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Drove past Cheer Point this morning, after a short walk along an open area where some **Rock Buntings** were seen, we scoped a pair of **Koklass Pheasants** on a bare hillside. We did very well again in this forest with new birds such as **Himalayan Woodpecker**, **Chestnut Thrush**, **Slaty-backed Flycatcher** and **Great Barbet**, whilst **Alpine Swift** and **Bonelli's Eagle** were also new. Another highlight this morning was scope views of a flock of **Altai Accentors** feeding below us on a grassy slope. We also had really nice views of **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, **Maroon Oriole**, **Blyth's Leaf Warbler**, and several **Ultramarine Flycatchers**.

Lunchtime at the lodge produced a few **Red-billed Blue Magpies**, and then we were off again at 2.30pm driving down the road towards Nainital. We followed a stream for quite a way but didn't find anything, although views of a pair of **Spotted Forktails** back down on the road were very nice indeed. Whilst waiting for the forketails to appear an **Oriental Cuckoo** began calling and we had several flight views and one brief perched view through the scope – this is a rather early returning summer breeder and the first one to be recorded here this season. Further along the road a pair of **Brown Wood-Owls** posed superbly quite close below us and was something of



**Brown Wood Owl**



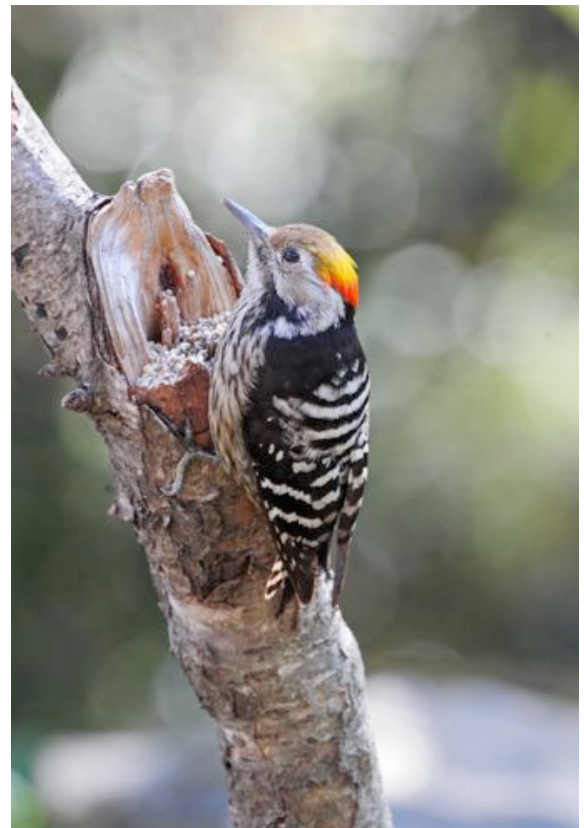
a surprise as they had not been seen for a quite some time at this traditional site. During our walk we also saw a male **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Black-faced Warbler** and **Bronzed Drongo**. Not a bad day huh...?

### Day 9 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Spent the best part of the morning following a track across an open hillside with some tall trees, flowering Rhododendron trees & scrub and enjoyed some quality views of some typical Himalayan birds. Of particular note were the exceptional prolonged looks at a **Great Barbet** feeding in a flowering Rhododendron tree. A pair of **Striated Laughingthrushes** also gave crippling views, and we enjoyed several good flocks coming in to mob the owl call. A few male **Fire-tailed Sunbirds** were new for our lists, and a group of **Whiskered Yuhinas** were also much appreciated, whilst numerous **Buff-barred Warblers** were always around, and we had a few **Himalayan Bluetails** and some really confiding **Ultramarine Flycatchers** and **Rock Buntings**. We also saw **Steppe Eagle**, **Himalayan Griffon Vulture**, a migrating **Hen Harrier** being mobbed by **Large-billed Crows**, **Eurasian Sparrowhawk**, yet more **Black-throated Bushtits** and plenty of other commoner species.

During the lunchtime period in the lodge gardens we finally had decent views of **Striated Prinia**, along with **Rufous-breasted Accentor**, **Lesser Yellownape**, brief **Common Green Magpie**, **Red-billed Blue Magpies** and **Siberian Chiffchaff**, whilst a male **Blue-fronted Redstart** posed nicely and a few **Spot-winged Grosbeaks** were still feeding in a fruiting tree.

After lunch at the wonderful Jungle Lore Birding Lodge we drove down through Nainital and descended lower to a great new hotel at Sat Tal. After dropping our bags into our rooms we drove a short distance and then walked along a road bordering a nice little forest stream where a pair of **Spotted Forktails** were seen on several occasions. There was also **Plumbeous** and **White-capped Water-Redstarts** sitting on boulders mid-stream. In the bushes bordering the river were a few **Lemon-rumped Warblers**, a pair of delightful **Small Niltavas** found by Martin and the male was seen displaying right in front of us, and we had our first albeit brief view of **Chestnut-headed Tesia**. Further along we scanned a larger boulder-strewn river where Tricia spotted our target, a nice **Brown Dipper**. Several **Crested Kingfishers** were also present, and the nearby fields held **Grey Treepie**, a **Tickell's Thrush** feeding in a flowering tree, and an **Asian Barred Owllet** being mobbed by **Green-backed Tits** and **Black-chinned Babblers**, plus a couple of **Eurasian Hoopoes** showed well.



**Brown-fronted Woodpecker**

### Day 10 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

A very nice morning was spent walking along the road between a couple of the lakes with some beautiful forest all around us, and we found birds to be numerous and rather cooperative. Better views of a calling **Asian Barred Owllet** got the ball rolling and the first section of road produced 3 scoped **Spot-winged Starlings** (a major surprise again), as well as **Red-breasted Flycatcher**, **Mountain Bulbul**, **Black-throated Sunbird** and **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**. Michael then found us a pair of **Blue-winged Minlas**, which we followed with another **Sulphur-bellied Warbler** and the main prize of the area, a pair of superb **Rufous-chinned Laughingthrushes** feeding in the leaf litter below us.

Then, after a short drive we followed a path down to a pond and found quite a few birds coming to bathe with **Golden Bush-Robin** being something of a surprise, with a few **Olive-backed Pipits** nearby. There was also another pair of **Rufous-chinned Laughingthrushes** here, two pairs of **Ultramarine Flycatchers**, male **Rufous-**



**bellied Niltava** and a female **Slaty-blue Flycatcher**. Further along a pair of **Red-billed Leiothrix** showed well eventually and a pair of **Whistler's Warblers** appeared in the same bush. A huge number of birds appeared when I played the owl call here with many **Lemon-rumped Warblers** and also lots of other common species,



**Upland Pipit**

but a **Speckled Piculet** was new. Returning towards the coach a pair of **Slaty-headed Parakeets** were inspecting a nesting hole and another mega-congregation of passerines included **White-throated Fantail** and **Blyth's Leaf-Warbler**. And finally a pair of **Greater Flamebacks** were feeding at the top of a dead tree quite avidly and looked fantastic through the telescope. It was very exciting to hear the alarm calls of **Langurs** and **Sambar** here, which betrayed the presence of a **Leopard** moving across the hillside opposite us. And also hearing **Rufous-throated Partridge** was another surprise for me here.

After lunch we had a siesta and returned to the same place although it was quieter than before. However, we did see an **Asian Emerald Dove** coming down to drink, along with some more leiothrix, **Tickell's Thrush** and further views of previously seen species. A **Pygmy Wren-Babbler** was also skulking under a fallen tree, and we even had views of the often tricky **Chestnut-headed Tesia** as well.

### **Day 11 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

We visited a wonderful valley this morning with plenty of birds to keep us occupied, including flocks of **Pink-browed Rosefinches**. Around the small houses dotted across the hillside were **Eurasian Hoopoes**, **Red-rumped Swallows**, **Grey Treepie**, **Red-billed Blue Magpie**, **Bar-tailed Treecreeper**, **Slaty-blue Flycatcher**, **Upland Pipit**, **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler**, **Streaked Laughingthrushes**, and both **Rock** and **White-capped Buntings**. At a narrow gully we saw another **Tyler's Leaf-Warbler** and had really good views of a **Maroon Oriole**, whilst higher up a **Rufous-breasted Accentor** fed by the roadside.

In the afternoon we only had a little time but managed to fit in a walk along a forested road and saw a **Thick-billed Flowerpecker** briefly, along with close **Black-chinned Babblers**, **Blue-winged Minla** and **Red-billed Leiothrix** before returning to the hotel for an early dinner and then going to Kathgodam train station for the overnight sleeper train to Delhi. Oh joy!

### **Day 12 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Following an overnight train journey we arrived in Delhi and went to a nearby hotel for a shower and breakfast before heading to Okhla Bird Sanctuary. We arrived just after sunrise and I was very surprised to see the Yamuna River totally empty – I mean no water at all! However, we picked up numerous new birds for the trip including the four species I always target here. First of all, there were more **Yellow-bellied Prinias** around than I have ever seen before here, followed by **Striated Babbler** which was equally as numerous. It took a while longer to catch up with **Striated Grassbird**, but eventually we had decent looks at a displaying bird. The final key species wasn't seen until we decided to return to the shade of the trees, and boy was it hot here today. But after a distant scope view of a probable female **White-tailed Stonechat**, a cracking male appeared much closer and began to sing and display by fanning its tail revealing the white inner webs....

There were numerous other good birds this morning and particular favourites were some **Red-naped (Indian Black) Ibis**, **Painted Stork**, **Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon**, flocks of **Bar-headed Goose** flying over, **Indian Spot-**

**billed Duck, Dusky Warbler, Taiga Flycatcher, and Brown-headed Barbet.** There was also **Glossy Ibis, Purple Heron, Western Marsh Harrier, Asian Koel, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Ashy Prinia, Indian Robin, Baya Weaver, Citrine Wagtail,** and some **Nilgai** as well.

And that was our birding finished in incredible India and we ended up with 311 species seen during our 10 day Classic India tour.

Nick Bray



Zoothera group at Corbett



Zoothera group in the grassland



Waiting for Tiger



And yet more waiting....



## SYSTEMATIC LIST – CLASSIC HIMALAYAS MARCH 2015

H – Heard Only    L – Leader Only Sighting

### ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>

### GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>
Common Hill Partridge (H)	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>
Rufous-throated Partridge (H)	
Chukar	
Koklass Pheasant	<i>Pucrasia macrolopha</i>
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
Cheer Pheasant	<i>Catreus wallichii</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>

### CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>

### PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Indian Black (Red-naped) Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>

### PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>

### SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>

**SULIFORMES: Anhingidae**

Oriental Darter

*Anhinga melanogaster***ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae**

Western Osprey

*Pandion haliaetus***ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Black-winged Kite

*Elanus caeruleus*

Egyptian Vulture

*Neophron percnopterus*

Crested Honey Buzzard

*Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Himalayan Vulture

*Gyps himalayensis*

Red-headed Vulture

*Sarcogyps calvus*

Cinereous Vulture

*Aegyptius monachus*

Crested Serpent Eagle

*Spilornis cheela*

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

*Nisaetus cirrhatus*

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

*Nisaetus nipalensis*

Black Eagle

*Ictinaetus malaiensis*

Steppe Eagle

*Aquila nipalensis*

Bonelli's Eagle

*Aquila fasciata*

Shikra

*Accipiter badius*

Besra

*Accipiter virgatus*

Eurasian Sparrowhawk

*Accipiter nisus*

Western Marsh Harrier

*Circus aeruginosus*

Hen Harrier

*Circus cyaneus*

Montagu's Harrier

*Circus pygargus*

Black Kite

*Milvus migrans*

Black-eared Kite

*Milvus lineatus*

Pallas's Fish Eagle

*Haliaeetus leucoryphus*

Lesser Fish Eagle

*Haliaeetus humilis***GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

White-breasted Waterhen

*Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Purple Swamphen

*Porphyrio porphyrio*

Common Moorhen

*Gallinula chloropus*

Eurasian Coot

*Fulica atra***GRUIFORMES: Gruidae**

Sarus Crane

*Grus antigone***CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae**

Great Thick-Knee

*Esacus recurvirostris***CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae**

Black-winged Stilt

*Himantopus himantopus***CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae**

River Lapwing

*Vanellus duvaucelii*

Red-wattled Lapwing

*Vanellus indicus*

Little Ringed Plover

*Charadrius dubius***CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae**

Bronze-winged Jacana

*Metopidius indicus*



**CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Western Black-tailed Godwit  
 Common Redshank  
 Common Greenshank  
 Green Sandpiper  
 Wood Sandpiper  
 Common Sandpiper  
 Ruff

*Limosa limosa*  
*Tringa totanus*  
*Tringa nebularia*  
*Tringa ochropus*  
*Tringa glareola*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
*Philomachus pugnax*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**

Small Pratincole

*Glareola lactea*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Brown-headed Gull  
 Great Black-Headed (Pallas's) Gull  
 Steppe Gull  
 River Tern

*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
*Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus*  
*Larus fuscus barabensis*  
*Sterna aurantia*

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

Rock Dove  
 Oriental Turtle Dove  
 Eurasian Collared Dove  
 Red Turtle Dove  
 Spotted Dove  
 Laughing Dove  
 Common Emerald Dove  
 Yellow-footed Green Pigeon

*Columba livia*  
*Streptopelia orientalis*  
*Streptopelia decaocto*  
*Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
*Spilopelia chinensis*  
*Spilopelia senegalensis*  
*Chalcophaps indica*  
*Treron phoenicopterus*

**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**

Greater Coucal  
 Lesser Coucal  
 Asian Koel  
 Large Hawk-Cuckoo  
 Common Hawk-Cuckoo  
 Oriental Cuckoo

*Centropus sinensis*  
*Centropus bengalensis*  
*Eudynamys scolopaceus*  
*Hierococcyx sparverioides*  
*Hierococcyx varius*  
*Cuculus opatus*

**STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae**

Mountain Scops Owl  
 Collared Scops Owl  
 Brown Fish Owl  
 Brown Wood Owl  
 Collared Owlet  
 Asian Barred Owlet  
 Jungle Owlet  
 Brown Hawk-Owl

*Otus spilocephalus*  
*Otus lettia*  
*Ketupa zeylonensis*  
*Strix leptogrammica*  
*Glaucidium brodiei*  
*Glaucidium cuculoides*  
*Glaucidium radiatum*  
*Ninox scutulata*

**CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae**

Grey Nightjar (H)  
 Large-tailed Nightjar

*Caprimulgus jotaka*  
*Caprimulgus macrurus*

**APODIFORMES: Hemiprocnidae**

Crested Treeswift

*Hemiprogne coronata*

**APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

Alpine Swift  
 Little Swift

*Tachymarptis melba*  
*Apus affinis*

**CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae**

Indian Roller

*Coracias benghalensis*

**CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae**

White-throated Kingfisher  
 Common Kingfisher  
 Crested Kingfisher  
 Pied Kingfisher

*Halcyon smyrnensis*  
*Alcedo atthis*  
*Megaceryle lugubris*  
*Ceryle rudis*

**CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae**

Green Bee-eater  
 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

*Merops orientalis*  
*Merops leschenaulti*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae**

Eurasian Hoopoe

*Upupa epops*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae**

Great Hornbill  
 Oriental Pied Hornbill  
 Indian Grey Hornbill

*Buceros bicornis*  
*Anthracoceros albirostris*  
*Ocyrceros birostris*

**PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae**

Great Barbet  
 Brown-headed Barbet  
 Lineated Barbet  
 Blue-throated Barbet  
 Coppersmith Barbet

*Megalaima virens*  
*Megalaima zeylanica*  
*Megalaima lineata*  
*Megalaima asiatica*  
*Megalaima haemacephala*

**PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Speckled Piculet  
 Rufous-bellied Woodpecker  
 Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker  
 Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker  
 Brown-fronted Woodpecker  
 Himalayan Woodpecker  
 Greater Yellownape  
 Lesser Yellownape  
 Streak-throated Woodpecker  
 Scaly-bellied Woodpecker  
 Grey-headed Woodpecker  
 Himalayan Flameback  
 Black-rumped Flameback  
 Greater Flameback  
 Great Slaty Woodpecker (H)

*Picumnus innominatus*  
*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*  
*Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
*Dendrocopos macei*  
*Dendrocopos auriceps*  
*Dendrocopos himalayensis*  
*Chrysophlegma flavinucha*  
*Picus chlorolophus*  
*Picus xanthopygus*  
*Picus squamatus*  
*Picus canus*  
*Dinopium shorii*  
*Dinopium benghalense*  
*Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*  
*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

**FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae**

Collared Falconet  
 Common Kestrel

*Microhierax caerulescens*  
*Falco tinnunculus*



**PSSITACIFORMES: Psittacidae**

Alexandrine Parakeet  
Rose-ringed Parakeet  
Slaty-headed Parakeet  
Plum-headed Parakeet  
Red-breasted Parakeet

*Psittacula eupatria*  
*Psittacula krameri*  
*Psittacula himalayana*  
*Psittacula cyanocephala*  
*Psittacula alexandri*

**PASSERIFORMES: Tephrodornithidae**

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

*Hemipus picatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae**

Ashy Woodswallow

*Artamus fuscus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae**

Common Iora

*Aegithina tiphia*

**PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Large Cuckooshrike  
Small Minivet  
Long-tailed Minivet  
Short-billed Minivet  
Scarlet Minivet

*Coracina macei*  
*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
*Pericrocotus ethologus*  
*Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
*Pericrocotus speciosus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Long-tailed Shrike  
Long-tailed Shrike  
Grey-backed Shrike

*Lanius schach tricolor*  
*Lanius schach erythronotus*  
*Lanius tephronotus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae**

Himalayan Shrike-babbler  
Green Shrike-babbler (H)

*Pteruthius ripleyi*  
*Pteruthius xanthochlorus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae**

Black-hooded Oriole  
Maroon Oriole

*Oriolus xanthornus*  
*Oriolus traillii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Black Drongo  
Ashy Drongo  
Bronzed Drongo  
Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo

*Dicrurus macrocercus*  
*Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
*Dicrurus aeneus*  
*Dicrurus hottentottus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae**

White-throated Fantail

*Rhipidura albicollis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae**

Asian Paradise Flycatcher (H)

*Terpsiphone paradisi*

**PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Eurasian Jay  
Black-headed Jay  
Red-billed Blue Magpie

*Garrulus glandarius*  
*Garrulus lanceolatus*  
*Urocissa erythroryncha*

Common Green Magpie  
Rufous Treepie  
Grey Treepie  
House Crow  
Large-billed Crow  
Indian Jungle Crow

*Cissa chinensis*  
*Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
*Dendrocitta formosae*  
*Corvus splendens*  
*Corvus macrorhynchos*  
*Corvus culminatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae**

Yellow-bellied Fantail  
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher

*Chelidorhynch hypoxantha*  
*Culicicapa ceylonensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

Yellow-browed Tit  
Coal Tit  
Cinereous Tit  
Green-backed Tit  
Himalayan Black-lored Tit

*Sylviparus modestus*  
*Periparus ater melanolophus*  
*Parus cinereus*  
*Parus monticolus*  
*Machlolophus xanthogenys*

**PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae**

Oriental Skylark

*Alauda gulgula*

**PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae**

Red-whiskered Bulbul  
Himalayan Bulbul  
Red-vented Bulbul  
Mountain Bulbul  
Himalayan Black Bulbul

*Pycnonotus jocosus*  
*Pycnonotus leucogenys*  
*Pycnonotus cafer*  
*Ixos mccllellandii*  
*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Grey-throated Martin  
Barn Swallow  
Eurasian Crag Martin  
Nepal House Martin  
Red-rumped Swallow  
Streak-throated Swallow

*Riparia chinensis*  
*Hirundo rustica*  
*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
*Delichon nipalense*  
*Cecropis daurica*  
*Petrochelidon fluvicola*

**PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae**

Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler  
Pygmy Wren-babbler

*Pnoepyga albiventer*  
*Pnoepyga pusilla*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae**

Black-faced Warbler  
Aberrant Bush Warbler  
Grey-bellied Tesia  
Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler  
Grey-sided Bush Warbler  
Chestnut-headed Tesia

*Abroscopus schisticeps*  
*Horornis flavolivaceus*  
*Tesia cyaniventer*  
*Cettia major*  
*Cettia brunnifrons*  
*Cettia castaneocoronata*

**PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae**

Black-throated Bushtit

*Aegithalos concinnus*



**PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae**

Siberian Chiffchaff  
 Dusky Warbler  
 Sulphur-bellied Warbler  
 Buff-barred Warbler  
 Lemon-rumped Warbler  
 Hume's Leaf Warbler  
 Greenish Warbler  
 Blyth's Leaf Warbler  
 Tytler's Leaf Warbler  
 Grey-hooded Warbler  
 Whistler's Warbler

*Phylloscopus collybita tristis*  
*Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
*Phylloscopus griseolus*  
*Phylloscopus pulcher*  
*Phylloscopus chloronotus*  
*Phylloscopus humei*  
*Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
*Phylloscopus reguloides*  
*Phylloscopus tytleri*  
*Phylloscopus xanthoschistos*  
*Seicercus whistleri*

**PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae**

Clamorous Reed Warbler (H)

*Acrocephalus stentoreus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae**

Striated Grassbird

*Megalurus palustris*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae**

Zitting Cisticola  
 Golden-headed Cisticola  
 Striated Prinia  
 Grey-breasted Prinia  
 Yellow-bellied Prinia  
 Ashy Prinia  
 Plain Prinia  
 Common Tailorbird

*Cisticola juncidis*  
*Cisticola exilis*  
*Prinia crinigera*  
*Prinia hodgsonii*  
*Prinia flaviventris*  
*Prinia socialis*  
*Prinia inornata*  
*Orthotomus sutorius*

**PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae**

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler  
 Black-chinned Babbler

*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*  
*Stachyridopsis pyrrhops*

**PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae**

Striated Babbler  
 Large Grey Babbler  
 Jungle Babbler  
 White-crested Laughingthrush (H)  
 Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush  
 White-throated Laughingthrush  
 Striated Laughingthrush  
 Streaked Laughingthrush  
 Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush (H)  
 Blue-winged Minla  
 Red-billed Leiothrix  
 Rufous Sibia

*Turdoides earlei*  
*Turdoides malcolmi*  
*Turdoides striata*  
*Garrulax leucolophus*  
*Garrulax rufogularis*  
*Garrulax albogularis*  
*Garrulax striatus*  
*Trochalopteron lineatum*  
*Trochalopteron erythrocephalum*  
*Minla cyanouroptera*  
*Leiothrix lutea*  
*Heterophasia capistrata*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae**

Lesser Whitethroat  
 Yellow-eyed Babbler

*Sylvia curruca*  
*Chrysomma sinense*

**PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae**

Whiskered Yuhina  
 Oriental White-eye

*Yuhina flavicollis*  
*Zosterops palpebrosus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae**

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch  
 White-tailed Nuthatch  
 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

*Sitta cinnamoventris*  
*Sitta himalayensis*  
*Sitta frontalis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae**

Bar-tailed Treecreeper

*Certhia himalayana*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae**

Spot-winged Starling  
 Jungle Myna  
 Bank Myna  
 Common Myna  
 Asian Pied Starling  
 Chestnut-tailed Starling  
 Brahminy Starling  
 Common Starling

*Saroglossa spiloptera*  
*Acridotheres fuscus*  
*Acridotheres ginginianus*  
*Acridotheres tristis*  
*Gracupica contra*  
*Sturnia malabarica*  
*Sturnia pagodarum*  
*Sturnus vulgaris*

**PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

Long-billed Thrush  
 Tickell's Thrush  
 Grey-winged Blackbird  
 Chestnut Thrush  
 Black-throated Thrush  
 Mistle Thrush

*Zoothera monticola*  
*Turdus unicolor*  
*Turdus boulboul*  
*Turdus rubrocanus*  
*Turdus atrogularis*  
*Turdus viscivorus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae**

Indian Robin  
 Oriental Magpie-Robin  
 White-rumped Shama  
 Rufous-bellied Niltava  
 Small Niltava  
 Verditer Flycatcher  
 Himalayan (White-tailed) Rubythroat  
 Siberian Rubythroat  
 Himalayan Bluetail  
 Golden Bush Robin  
 Spotted Forktail  
 Blue Whistling Thrush  
 Slaty-backed Flycatcher  
 Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher  
 Red-breasted Flycatcher  
 Taiga Flycatcher  
 Ultramarine Flycatcher  
 Slaty-blue Flycatcher  
 Black Redstart  
 Blue-fronted Redstart  
 Plumbeous Water Redstart

*Copsychus fulicatus*  
*Copsychus saularis*  
*Copsychus malabaricus*  
*Niltava sundara*  
*Niltava macgrigoriae*  
*Eumyias thalassinus*  
*Calliope pectoralis*  
*Calliope calliope*  
*Tarsiger rufilatus*  
*Tarsiger chrysaeus*  
*Enicurus maculatus*  
*Myophonus caeruleus*  
*Ficedula hodgsonii*  
*Ficedula strophciata*  
*Ficedula parva*  
*Ficedula albicilla*  
*Ficedula superciliaris*  
*Ficedula tricolor*  
*Phoenicurus ochruros*  
*Phoenicurus frontalis*  
*Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

White-capped Redstart  
Blue Rock Thrush  
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush  
Siberian Stonechat  
White-tailed Stonechat  
Pied Bush Chat  
Grey Bush Chat  
Brown Rock Chat

*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
*Monticola solitarius*  
*Monticola rufiventris*  
*Saxicola maurus*  
*Saxicola leucurus*  
*Saxicola caprata*  
*Saxicola ferreus*  
*Oenanthe fusca*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cinclidae**

Brown Dipper

*Cinclus pallasii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae**

Thick-billed Flowerpecker  
Pale-billed Flowerpecker  
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum agile*  
*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*  
*Dicaeum ignipectus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae**

Purple Sunbird  
Black-throated Sunbird  
Crimson Sunbird  
Fire-tailed Sunbird

*Cinnyris asiaticus*  
*Aethopyga saturata*  
*Aethopyga siparaja*  
*Aethopyga ignicauda*

**PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

House Sparrow  
Russet Sparrow

*Passer domesticus*  
*Passer rutilans*

**PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae**

Baya Weaver

*Ploceus philippinus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae**

Red Avadavat

*Amandava amandava*

**PASSERIFORMES: Prunellidae**

Altai Accentor  
Rufous-breasted Accentor

*Prunella himalayana*  
*Prunella strophiatea*

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Citrine Wagtail  
Grey Wagtail  
White Wagtail  
Masked Wagtail  
Himalayan Wagtail  
White-browed Wagtail  
Paddyfield Pipit  
Long-billed Pipit  
Olive-backed Pipit  
Rosy Pipit  
Upland Pipit

*Motacilla citreola*  
*Motacilla cinerea*  
*Motacilla alba dukhunensis*  
*Motacilla alba personata*  
*Motacilla alba alboides*  
*Motacilla maderaspatensis*  
*Anthus rufulus*  
*Anthus similis*  
*Anthus hodgsoni*  
*Anthus roseatus*  
*Anthus sylvanus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

Spot-winged Grosbeak

*Mycerobas melanozanthus*

Pink-browed Rosefinch  
Common Rosefinch  
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch

*Carpodacus rodochroa*  
*Carpodacus erythrinus*  
*Chloris spinoides*

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Crested Bunting  
Rock Bunting  
White-capped Bunting  
Chestnut-eared Bunting

*Emberiza lathamii*  
*Emberiza cia*  
*Emberiza stewarti*  
*Emberiza fucata*

**OTHER ANIMALS**

Rhesus Macaque  
Nepal Grey Langur  
Tarai Grey Langur  
Sambar  
Nilgai  
Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)  
Spotted Deer  
Hog Deer  
Ghoral  
Wild Boar  
Asian Elephant  
Golden Jackal  
Bengal Tiger  
Grey Mongoose  
Northern Palm Squirrel  
Indian Flying Fox  
Gharial  
Marsh Mugger  
Northern House Gecko  
Soft-shelled Turtle

*Macaca mulatta*  
*Semnopithecus schistaceus*  
*Semnopithecus hector*  
*Cervus unicolor*  
*Boselaphus tragocamelus*  
*Muntiacus muntjai*  
*Rusa alfredi*  
*Hyelaphus porcinus*  
*Naemorhedus goral*  
*Sus scrofa*  
*Elephas maximus*  
*Canis aureus*  
*Panthera tigris*  
*Herpestes edwardsii*  
*Funambulus pennanti*  
*Pteropus giganteus*  
*Gavialis gangeticus*  
*Crocodylus palustris*  
*Heidacylus flaviviridis*  
*Apalone ferox*







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