



## **YUNNAN TOUR REPORT**

**17th January to 2nd  
February 2019**

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

- Bar-headed Goose
- Hill Partridge
- Rufous-throated Partridge
- Mountain Bamboo-Partridge
- Mrs Hume's Pheasant
- Jerdon's Baza
- Grey-headed Lapwing
- Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon
- Himalayan Owl
- Red-headed Trogon
- White-browed Piculet
- Crimson-breasted Woodpecker
- Rufous-bellied Woodpecker
- Pale-headed Woodpecker
- Bay Woodpecker
- Grey-headed Parakeet
- Burmese Shrike
- Black-headed Shrike-Babbler
- Slender-billed Oriole
- Black-bibbed Tit
- Black-faced Warbler
- Grey-bellied Tesia
- Chestnut-headed Tesia
- Black-browed Bushtit
- Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler
- Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler
- Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler
- Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler
- Grey-bellied Wren-Babbler
- Yellow-throated Fulvetta
- Rusty-capped Fulvetta
- Yunnan Fulvetta
- Streaked Wren-Babbler
- White-hooded Babbler
- Spot-throated Babbler
- Chinese Babax
- Rufous-necked Laughingthrush
- Grey-sided Laughingthrush
- Blue-winged Laughingthrush
- Black-faced Laughingthrush
- Scaly Laughingthrush
- Elliot's Laughingthrush
- Assam Laughingthrush
- Red-tailed Laughingthrush
- Himalayan Cutia
- Streak-throated Barwing
- Grey Sibia
- Black-headed Sibia
- Fire-tailed Myzornis
- Rufous-tailed Babbler
- Spectacled Fulvetta
- Manipur Fulvetta
- Great Parrotbill
- Brown-winged Parrotbill
- Pale-billed Parrotbill
- Rufous-headed Parrotbill
- Spotted Elachura
- Yunnan Nuthatch
- Giant Nuthatch
- Himalayan Thrush
- Long-tailed Thrush
- Dark-sided Thrush
- Red-throated Thrush
- Grey-backed Thrush
- Chinese Thrush
- White-browed Shortwing
- White-browed Bush-Robin
- Golden Bush-Robin
- Wallcreeper
- White-crowned Forktail
- White-throated Redstart
- Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker
- Maroon-backed Accentor
- Grey-headed Bullfinch
- Scarlet Finch
- Sharpe's Rosefinch
- Crimson-browed Finch
- Tibetan Serin
- Black-headed Greenfinch
- Slaty Bunting

## SUMMARY:

Yunnan provides a startling mix of Eastern Himalayan, Chinese and Thai species that results in a fantastic variety of mouth-watering species. Coupled with the rising trend in feeding stations and photo blinds and on this tour you often get crippling close views of typically skulking species that are hard to see well under normal field conditions. During the course of this tour we visited around 10 of these blinds resulting in a staggering 90+ species being seen from the relative comfort of our armchairs! Where else can you do that? So we began our adventure in the modern city of Kunming and once the group had assembled we were off to another large city of Chuxiong and the first of a series of excellent hotels used on this tour. Zi Xi Shan is just outside the city and was a great place to begin birding with Himalayan Owl, Yunnan and Giant Nuthatches, both Yunnan and Manipur Fulvettas and a surprising Slaty Bunting being stand-out birds. Moving on to Lijiang, this site failed to produce Biet's Laughingthrush although Black-bibbed Tit and Rufous-tailed Babbler were some compensation. Our detour to Pianma Pass resulted in very slow birding for two days but eventually we did find a pair of Fire-tailed Myzornis and a bonus Red Panda and both these latter 2 sites will not feature in our next tour. Much better experiences were to follow at the feeding station capital of China – Gaoligongshan (Baihualing). Crippling views and some of the best photo opportunities were had here offering so many stand-out highlights: Mountain Bamboo-Partridge, 6 species of laughingthrush, Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler, White-browed Shortwing, Long-tailed Thrush, Golden Bush-Robin, the list goes on! Next up was the city of Tengchong and yet another great hotel, with the forested mountain park of Laifengshan where Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Slender-billed Oriole, and a large flock of Tibetan Serins were found. Nabang and Ruilli provided a fitting finale to a great tour with yet another photo blind and some great bamboo birding with Pale-headed Woodpecker, Rufous-necked Laughingthrush, Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler, Black-headed Shrike-Babbler, Pale-billed and Rufous-headed Parrotbills, Spotted Elachura, stunningly close Streaked Wren-Babbler, displaying Slaty-bellied Tesia and more. Yunnan provided us with so many great birds and we just can't wait to return!

### Day 1 KUNMING - CHUXIONG – ZI XI SHAN

Our flight arrived in Kunming 11.15am local time and after meeting up with the rest of the group who had arrived earlier we ate lunch before setting out on the 3 hour drive to Chuxiong. Along the way a few common birds were seen such as **Eastern Cattle Egret**, **Little Egret**, **Oriental Turtle Dove** and others. Approaching Zi Xi Shan around 4pm the road had become blocked by a large crane so with no other alternative we began walking along the road through degraded habitat and feeling like luck was not on our side, with a close **Long-tailed Shrike** the only bird of note. Luckily our coach appeared pretty quickly and we continued up the mountain, eventually entering much better habitat. Our main targets here were nuthatches, and after leaving the coach and having a quick look at some **Green-backed Tits**, we had well and truly nailed **Yunnan Nuthatch** within 10 minutes! This individual was very confiding and paraded around us for a good while, allowing everyone to soak up the views and take some great photos. Just a few hundred metres further along the road and we were watching **Giant Nuthatch** reacting quite strongly to my ipod in the canopy of some tall pines right over the road. And that was a wrap. We left and drove just half an hour to a decent hotel and some much needed sleep.

### Day 2 ZI XI SHAN - LIJIANG

We were parked and ready to bird on Zi Xi Shan about 25 minutes before daybreak and after a few random calls from my iPod we had a



Yunnan Nuthatch

response from a **Himalayan Owl**. With no time to spare we walked quickly along the road to a point just below where we thought the owl was and I played the call again but there was no response. With the eastern horizon getting ever brighter I thought we had no chance but just then it flew out of the trees above us and across the road into the forest. And that was it! With the day arriving we saw a **White-crowned Forktail** several times, and then enjoyed stunning views of a **Chinese Thrush** appearing frozen to the roadside. A nice, hot cup of coffee revived us all and the bird activity began to increase dramatically with the sun's rays. A few **Black-headed Sibilias** appeared close by and a couple of the group glimpsed a **Spectacled Fulvetta**. Our field breakfast was brief as more birds appeared and our first really big flock mobbing my owl impersonation was truly spectacular. Pride of place went to several **Yunnan Fulvettas** who were joined by a flock of **Black-browed Bushtits**, a pair of **Chestnut-vented Nuthatches**, a flock of **Black-headed Greenfinches**, **Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker**, a few **Long-tailed Minivets**, **Mountain Bulbul** and **Black-faced Warbler**. We watched all the commotion for quite a while before walking back along the road towards our parked coach. The more open habitat alongside an orchard held female **Blue-fronted Redstart**, **Japanese** and **Green-backed Tits**, **Godlewski's Bunting**, **Grey-capped Woodpecker** and a flock of over 30 **Brambling**. Further activity near the coach added the delightful **Yellow-cheeked Tit** to our list and we enjoyed further views of **Yunnan Fulvetta** as well.



Chinese Thrush

We then drove higher up the mountain and walked along the road and a trail and amazingly found a male **Slaty Bunting** – a Chinese endemic and I'm guessing a very rare bird in Yunnan. As soon as we exited the coach there was more activity with yet more **Black-browed Bushtits** and a bunch of **Pallas's Warblers** accompanying them, plus a **Goldcrest**, **Bar-throated Minla** and **White-collared Yuhina**. A **Buff-barred Warbler** posed nicely in an open area and a flock of **Olive-backed Pipits** showed nicely. Further on a group of **Manipur Fulvettas** gave point-blank views, with more **Black-faced Warblers**, tits, minivets and phylloscops all high up in the canopy above us. A little trail took us into excellent forest where a **Chestnut Thrush** appeared and at the same spot a **Himalayan Forest Thrush** perched in a bush below us was a great spot by Jason and David. This newly recognised species was formerly part



Slaty Bunting

of what we used to call Plain-backed Thrush and which is split into 3 species now: Himalayan Forest Thrush, Sichuan Forest Thrush and Alpine Thrush. Further along the trail another flock held **Pallas's**, **Buff-barred** and **Ashy-throated Leaf-Warblers**, and a few **Blyth's Shrike-Babblers** were also seen. Leaving here we returned to Nuthatch Road and sure enough, we scored both birds again. A **Giant Nuthatch** was scoped singing away from an exposed perch for some 10 minutes allowing everyone to have their fill of this great species, whilst an even closer **Yunnan Nuthatch** sang away from a dead tree. What an amazing experience to have these two great birds right next to us. And that was us finished so we set out on the 6 hour drive to Lijiang where we ended up at a very nice hotel.



### Day 3 LIJIANG

This was a tough day as we searched unsuccessfully for Biet's Laughingthrush in a remote corner of Yunnan. Bird activity at 2800m was general extremely quiet and it took a great deal of determination to track down a few quality species. We began the day with a nice western-style buffet breakfast at the hotel followed by a 7am departure and a short hour's drive to the site. It was much colder than we had experienced so far and there was nothing moving at all for a while after our arrival. Some 'scratching' sounds in the leaf litter led us to the first of several brief glimpses of **Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler**, although some **Red-billed Blue Magpies** were a little more obvious. As the day progressed we walked along the quiet road with the sun shining and clear blue skies once again. Just around the corner a **Red-throated Thrush** was found by Kristian but was a bit distant and only a couple of us managed to see it. However, a pair of **Elliot's Laughingthrushes** were much more obliging as they fed along the roadside in front of us. Our best flock of the day was next up with **Rusty-capped Fulvettas** being joined by a pair of superb **Black-bibbed Tits**, with the usual **Black-browed Bushtits** in attendance.

Then we drove to another spot for our main target and despite some extensive searching we still drew a blank, although **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Blue-fronted Redstart**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**, **Godlewski's**



Rufous-tailed Babbler

**Bunting** and several groups of **Grey-headed Bullfinch** were appreciated. Then we returned to the first site but it was very, very quiet apart from **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush** and a group of 3 **Maroon-backed Accentors**. So after a picnic lunch we drove a few kilometres further and enjoyed our most productive session of the day with an outstandingly confiding pair of **Rufous-tailed Babblers** performing a mere 10 feet away from us. The same area held **White-browed Fulvetta**, as well as a gang of **Chinese Babax** feeding quietly on the slope above us.

One last throw of the dice saw us return to the first site in search of the enigmatic Biet's, but they just weren't around. Instead we enjoyed a mixed group of **Spectacled** and **White-browed Fulvettas** feeding in a conifer at eye-level to end the day.

### Day 4 LIJIANG – LASHIHAI WETLAND PARK - LUSHUI

Can you believe we left the hotel at 8am? We drove out of Lijiang and headed to a nearby wetland. Along the way we checked out some interesting habitat near the road, which turned out to be a good move as we discovered a flock of **Red-throated Thrushes** – a lifer for yours truly and a bogey bird finally laid to rest. In the same area we found **Spectacled Fulvetta**, **Black-headed Sibia**, **Little**, **Godlewski's**, our first **Elegant Bunting**, and a flock of **Greylag Geese** flew over. A short distance away was a nice lake where we spent just an hour and a half but it would have warranted more time. There was a mass of birds out on the water with a flock of **Bar-headed Geese**, **Ruddy Shelduck**, 2 red-headed **Smew**, several **Common Goldeneye**, lots of **Ferruginous Ducks** and **Red-crested Pochards**, **Goosander**, **Purple Swamphen**, **Brown-headed** and **Black-headed Gulls**, some **Common Cranes**, and lots of more familiar wildfowl such as **Mallard**, **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Northern Pintail**, **Gadwall** etc. There was also a **Common Kingfisher**, **Grey-backed Shrike**, **Plain Prinia** and **Dusky Warbler**. Some of the group wandered out into the fields and found **Brown Crake**, **Common Snipe** and 2 **Chestnut Buntings**.

It was a very long 8 hour drive to Lushui, but our lunch stop at a service station was productive with flocks of **Red-rumped Swallows** moving around the valley, several **House Swifts**, **Asian House Martins** and best of all, a cracking **Cook's Swift** flying back and forth behind the buildings.

### Day 5 GAOLIGONGSHAN RESERVE – PIANMA

We were really looking forward to birding this seldom visited site and the day got off to a good start with a flock of **Brown-winged Parrotbills** found whilst the coach was being fixed over some mechanical problem! A flyby **Wallcreeper** followed before we eventually approached the pass way later in the morning than I was happy with. But a sleeping **Red Panda** in the bright sunshine at 3200m was absolutely fantastic and I thought thing would only get better from there, but as it turned out the pass area was hard going and the birding was very slow. We did find **Black Eagle**, a gang of **Black-faced Laughingthrushes**, **White-browed Fulvetta**, **White-winged Grosbeak** and a couple of **Alpine Accentors** but that was it so we drove a few kilometres lower. The habitat was absolutely unbelievable with huge swathes of bamboo and then great moss-encrusted forest lower down but it was still slow going. Leading up to our picnic lunch we saw very little apart from an **Eurasian Wren** and several **White-browed Fulvettas**. But during lunch a **Himalayan**



Red Panda



Fire-tailed Myzornis

**Griffon** drifted over, **Slaty-headed Parakeet** appeared, and both **Great** and **Golden-throated Barbets** were spotted by Kristian and David. Then we had a real **Collared Owlet** teed up in the scope with **Stripe-throated Yuhinas** and **Coal Tits** mobbing it.

We then drove lower and began walking and things picked up with more **Black-faced Laughingthrushes**, several **Assam Laughingthrushes**, **Himalayan Cutia**, **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker**, **Whiskered Yuhina**, **Streak-throated** and **Rusty-fronted Barwings**, **Dark-rumped Rosefinch**, 3 **Crimson-browed Finches**, and a **Spotted Forktail** being the highlights.

### Day 6 GAOLIGONGSHAN

Headed back up to the pass where we quickly found a few **Sharpe's Rosefinches** and a **Rufous-breasted Accentor**. It was much better this morning and we followed this with a calling **Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler** we tracked down in an extensive stand of bamboo. It took quite a while to get a decent view but we did and followed this up with a group of 5 **Brown Parrotbills** beside the road. As we watched them 3 **Great Parrotbills** appeared higher up the hill and flew down towards us where they fed in the bamboo right in front of us. There was also a group of **Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babblers** seen by Jason and Haydn, several calling **Spotted Laughingthrushes** and **White-throated Redstart** as well.

Moving lower down the mountain things were very quiet until we came across a hillside covered in fruiting bushes where there were lots of **Black-faced Laughingthrushes**, as well as quite a few **Assam Laughingthrushes**. At least 6 **Dark-rumped Rosefinches** were here, along with numerous **Stripe-throated** and a few **Whiskered Yuhinas**, and a **Blue-throated Redstart** as well. But the best was yet to come as Kristian spotted a **Fire-tailed Myzornis** on the slope below the road. Pretty quickly we had a pair performing right in front of us to the delight of everyone. What an amazing bird and such a relief to finally find this most wanted species. Leaving here we saw **Yellow-browed Tit**, **Beautiful Sibia** and **Blue Whistling-Thrush** before heading back to the hotel.

## **Day 7 BAIHUALING - GAOLIGONGSHAN**

We left Pianma and headed back up to the pass, where we stopped for a short time in the forlorn hopes of spotting a Sclater's Monal. There is, in fact, very little chance of seeing this here and it was pretty obvious that was the case from the moment we arrived a few days ago. However, we did some more scanning and birded along the road for a bit in the sunshine seeing a few things such as **Himalayan Buzzard**, **Chinese Babax** and the same group of **Sharpe's Rosefinches**. Lower down we had a flock of **Black-browed Bushtits** and **Mrs Gould's Sunbird** before setting out on the drive to Baihualing, seeing **Nepal House Martin**, **Pied Bushchat** and **Indian Roller** along the way.

After another reasonably long drive we arrived at our next, much-anticipated destination for a late lunch, and it's one of the undiscovered gems of Asia. On this mountain there are 25 active feeding stations/photo blinds enticing a veritable feast of avian gems in to feed. And there are some outstandingly cool birds that are really hard to locate in the forest. So after lunch at the hotel we headed up the hill to a hide that was just off the main track where we saw 30 species coming down to feed in just a few hours observation.

Here's a list of birds at this feeding station:

<b>2 Rufous-throated Partridges</b>	<b>Sichuan Leaf Warbler</b>
<b>Chestnut-headed Tesia</b>	<b>Buff-barred Warbler</b>
<b>Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler</b>	<b>Ashy-throated Warbler</b>
<b>Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler</b>	<b>Chestnut-crowned Warbler</b>
<b>Rusty-capped Fulvetta</b>	<b>Golden Babbler</b>
<b>Yunnan Fulvetta</b>	<b>Red-billed Leiothrix</b>
<b>Red-tailed Laughingthrush</b>	<b>Black-headed Sibia</b>
<b>Blue-winged Laughingthrush</b>	<b>Whiskered Yuhina</b>
<b>Scaly Laughingthrush</b>	<b>Black-breasted Thrush</b>
<b>Assam Laughingthrush</b>	<b>Blue Whistling-Thrush</b>
<b>White-browed Shortwing</b>	<b>Chestnut-vented Nuthatch</b>
<b>Golden Bush Robin</b>	<b>Large Niltava</b>
<b>Himalayan Bluetail</b>	<b>Hill Blue Flycatcher</b>
<b>Scarlet-faced Liocichla</b>	<b>Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher</b>
<b>Rusty-fronted Barwing</b>	<b>Flavescent Bulbul</b>

It was an amazing experience to see a really good selection of quality birds at close range and to get the opportunity to photograph them. Feeling very satisfied we returned to the hotel for a few beers and dinner.

## **Day 8 BAIHUALING**

This morning we headed up to the higher reaches of the mountain and birded from the park road through conifers and up into more deciduous forest. This is meant to be the area to search for **Gould's Shortwing** that is meant to winter here, but we never had a sniff of that one. They sometimes come to the feeding stations but not this year. There's also **Cachar Wedge-billed Wren-Babbler** up here, but again none were calling. And it took most of the morning to find the other main bird up here, the tricky **Grey-bellied Wren-Babbler**, but we scored big-time with some great views of a bird calling back at us from a vegetated gully.



We had walked up the mountain track for a few kilometres in search of this bird and back down, and then up and down again focussing on its favourite gulleys until this bird was found and it was with much relief that we eventually saw it I can tell you! Other birds up here that were a bit easier included **Great Barbet**, **Orange-bellied Leafbird**, **White-bellied Erpornis**, **Grey-chinned Minivet**, **Maroon Oriole**, Glenn saw a **Fire-tailed Sunbird**, and we had a flock of **Yellow-throated Fulvettas**. So not a bad haul.

In the afternoon we visited another feeding station where amongst the 37 species seen, new birds included **Spot-throated Babbler**, **Long-tailed Sibia**, **Grey-throated Babbler**, **Red-tailed** and **Blue-winged Minla**, **Long-tailed Thrush**, a pair of **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush**, 2 **Maroon-backed Accentors**, **Black-throated Sunbird**, and also a **Davison's Leaf Warbler**. Add to this 3 female and a male **Himalayan Bluetail**, a pair of **Golden Bush-Robins**, 2 **Rufous-throated Partridges**, **Blue-fronted Redstart**, a group of **Rusty-capped Fulvettas**, 4 **Black-breasted Thrush**, 2 **Chestnut-vented Nuthatches**, **Large Niltava**, 4 **Yellow-cheeked Tits** and lots more. The photo opportunities were amazing and it's a total privilege to see so many birds at such close range and it was becoming very apparent that this was the best birding of the trip so far.



Photos clockwise: Grey-sided Laughingthrush (top right), Blue-winged Laughingthrush, Scaly Laughingthrush, Assam Laughingthrush.

## Day 9 BAIHUALING

We visited a feeding station each side of lunchtime beginning with a stake-out for **Chinese Bamboo Partridge** that failed to materialise. However, this feeding station produced a female **Scarlet Finch** that came into a nearby tree and showed to everyone before flying off into the valley. New birds here included several **Crested Finchbills**, **Streaked Spiderhunter** and **Vinaceous Rosefinch**. And we also saw **Grey-chinned**

**Minivet, Golden-throated Barbet, Long-tailed Sibia**, a flock of **Black Bulbuls** including a few of the white-headed race, at least 9 **Olive-backed Pipits**, another **Spot-throated Babbler** that actually came into the hide, **Himalayan Bluetail, Orange-bellied Leafbird**, a pair of **Golden Bush-Robins**, brief **White-browed Shortwing, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Hill Prinia**, a pair of **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrushes**, and a pair of awesome **Slender-billed Scimitar-Babblers**. On the walk back to the hotel we enjoyed fine views of a pair of **Spot-breasted Parrotbills**.

In the afternoon we visited the highest feeding station where at least 5 **Grey-sided Laughingthrushes, Hill Partridge** and saw a flock of 50+ **Black-throated Parrotbills** moving quickly through the bushes were the stand-out birds. There were all the usual suspects present but we added **Grey-winged Blackbird** and **Grey-backed Thrush** to our list, as well as getting further views of **Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler, Red-tailed Laughingthrush** and **Long-tailed Thrush**. This was the quietest feeding station overall but it still gave us superb views of everything. Just a shame we were 3 days late for the **Ward's Trogon** that was seen here!



Photos clockwise: Red-tailed Laughingthrush (top right), Maroon-backed Accentor, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Long-tailed Thrush.

## Day 10 BAIHUALING - TENGCHONG

We split the group this morning with some of us going back up to the top of the road in search of **Gould's Shortwing**, with the same result as last time. We dipped. A pair of **Brown Bullfinches** and a brief pair of **Mrs Hume's Pheasants** our only compensations for a tricky walk along an overgrown path. The group in the hide were much more successful with a group of 9 **Mountain Bamboo-Partridges** performing right in front of the same hide as yesterday morning, as well as further great views of many previously seen species.



After lunch we had to pack up and leave this wonderful area and drove 3 hours to the city of Tengchong where we enjoyed another fine hotel and more great food.

### **Day 11 LAIFENGSCHAN - NABANG**

We birded the forested mountain of Laifengshan all morning, a good area right on the edge of Tengchong and we found it to be quite productive. It is rather popular with the locals for their early morning walk and the habitat is a little more like parkland and manicured gardens on the lower slopes and as a result we didn't see too much to begin with. Walking up the paved road to the temple at the top of the mountain we got into much better habitat and found **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, the hoped for **Slender-billed Oriole**, **Large Hawk-Cuckoo**, a pair of **Bar-tailed Treecreepers**, **Black-breasted Thrush**, a singing **Davison's Leaf Warbler**, **Blyth's Shrike-Babbler**, **Grey-winged Blackbird** and a bunch of common species. At the top a few of the group got on to **White-browed Piculet**, whilst **Darjeeling Woodpecker** showed well and there were further views of the oriole. A flock of approx. 70+ **Tibetan Serins** were making quite a noise up here, and there was also **Fire-tailed Sunbird** and **Bay Woodpecker** as well. We came across a photo blind and feeding station up here that was a surprise and lots of birds were coming down to the pool to drink and bathe such as **Red-billed Leiothrix**, **White-tailed Robin**, all 3 minlas, **Mountain Bulbul**, **Maroon-backed Accentor** and even some **Tibetan Serins**. At 1pm we left on the drive to our next base at Nabang and the most basic hotel of the entire tour. It's the only hotel in the small town and was really dilapidated but had a hot shower and I found the bed to be quite comfortable. A restaurant just a few doors up the street served us a pretty decent meal and there were cold beers too. What more do you need?!



**Tibetan Serin, Mountain Bulbul, Yunnan Fulvetta and Black-breasted Thrush**

### **Day 12 NABANG**

We birded the forest near Nabang all day and found a number of interesting birds... We spent most of the day checking out areas of extensive bamboo and near one such patch we found a group of 4 **Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeons** and a couple of exquisite **Pin-tailed Green-Pigeons**, but best of all was a group of **Black-**

headed **Shrike-Babblers** and a **Spotted Elachura**. Along the road a flock of 7 **Red-billed Scimitar-Babblers** held at least 1 **Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler** and a single **Rufous-backed Sibia**. Later on a **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker** put in an appearance, whilst a clearing below the road held a few **White-browed Laughingthrushes**. Other birds seen included **Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, **White-bellied Erpornis**, **Maroon Oriole**, **Hair-crested** and **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Black-crested Bulbul**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, and several **Slaty-backed Forktails**. It was yet another beautiful sunny day and that encouraged a few raptors to show themselves and we saw **Crested Serpent Eagle**, **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, **Eastern Buzzard** and **Crested Goshawk**.

Lunch in the nearby town was enlivened by a singing **Striated Grassbird** and a **River Lapwing** patrolling the stream before we returned to the forest. The afternoon was slow but we did find a **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Blyth's Leaf Warbler**, a flock of **Striated Yuhinas**, **Golden Babbler**, and a large flock of **Silver-eared Mesia**. In the evening we tried for **Hodgson's Frogmouth** in vain.

### Day 13 NABANG

We birded a different area for most of the day and enjoyed a number of really good sightings. Around the area where the bus was parked **Mountain Tailorbirds** were calling and a male **Hill Blue Flycatcher** was

spotted by David. The trail we followed wound its way up the hill and we found ourselves in **Streaked Spiderhunter** heaven, with literally dozens being seen! A perched **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** was nice but most of the birds we were seeing were all pretty common, however our discovery of a recently established photo hide and feeding station in the forest proved to be a godsend. For the first half an hour there was nothing but all of a sudden birds began to arrive with the first of 3 different male **White-tailed Robins**.

This was followed by a pair of **Large Niltavas**, **Rufous-faced** and **Marten's Warblers**, male **Little Pied Flycatcher**, female **Snowy-browed Flycatcher**, male **Himalayan Bluetail**, a pair of **Velvet-fronted Nuthatches**, female **White-tailed Robin**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, a pair of **White-crowned**



White-crowned Forktail

**Forktails** were amazing to see so close, and both **Grey-bellied Tesia** and **Pygmy Cupwing** skulked just a few metres away in front of us but were tricky to see well. And there was also a **White-crested Laughingthrush** skulking in the background but it never came in to the feeding station.

After a few hours here we walked further uphill and found **Red-headed Trogon** and a group of **Red-billed Scimitar-Babblers**, whilst around the next bend there was a group of 7 **White-hooded Babblers** showing well in an extensive stand of bamboo. All of a sudden some **Rufous-headed Parrotbills** appeared briefly, but not long enough for us to i.d them for sure. We spent a while looking for them again and heard **Long-tailed Broadbill** and **Streaked Wren-Babbler** in the process.

After lunch and a flock of **Pin-striped Tit-Babblers** we walked downhill and found a small group of **Rufous-headed Parrotbills** that showed briefly, as well as a flock of **Striated Yuhinas**, **Hair-crested** and **Bronzed Drongos**, **Pin-tailed** and **Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeons**, **White-browed Piculet**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, and best of all a **Pale-headed Woodpecker** that fortunately John managed to photograph. An **Asian Emerald Dove** was on the track as we drove back to the hotel.

## Day 14 NABANG - RUILI

Following another abortive attempt for **Hodgson's Frogmouth** pre-dawn we got the ball rolling with a flyover **Jerdon's Baza**, followed by displaying **Crested Goshawk**, with the distinctive white undertail coverts fluffed up across the rump. At a huge stand of bamboo we had **Bay Woodpecker**, **Red-headed Trogon**, **Blue-throated Barbet**, lots of **Hair-crested Drongos**, **Scarlet Minivet**, **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Asian House Martin**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, a heard only **Broad-billed Warbler**, and a **Mountain Tailorbird**. Moving on we had **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker** in a flock consisting of **Black-headed** and **Blyth's Shrike-Babblers** and **Rufous-backed Sibias**, with some **Ashy Woodswallows** nearby. Also seen were **Crested Finchbill**, **Grey Treepie**, and other commoner species.

Driving to our next destination of Ruili we stopped on a ridge and found a flock of **Grey-breasted Prinias**, **Hill Prinia**, **Red-whiskered Bulbul**, **Eastern Buzzard**, and a **Little Bunting** before reaching our next decent hotel and enjoying the best meal of the trip.

## Day 15 MOLI RAINFOREST PARK – RUILI RESERVOIR

We visited the delightful Moli Rainforest Park notching up a decent run of good sightings. Our main quarry was **Streaked Wren-Babbler**, which showed on several occasions at close range giving everyone excellent views. Kristian also pulled the proverbial 'rabbit out of the hat' with a cracking **Dark-sided Thrush** quietly feeding on a leaf-covered slope. A flock of **Red-billed Scimitar-Babblers** and **White-hooded Babblers** also held a few **Pale-billed** and **Rufous-headed Parrotbills** but they were a little distant at the top of a slope. There was also 4 species of forktail: **Spotted**, **Little**, **Slaty-backed** and **White-crowned**, as well as **Eastern Crowned Warbler**, **White-tailed Robin**, lots of **White-throated Bulbuls**, **Rufous-bellied Niltava**, a pair of **Red-headed Trogons** and we had a couple great views of a displaying **Slaty-bellied Tesia** as well.

We had lunch at one of the restaurants here before checking out the flowering tree we saw on our walk in to the park where **Grey Sibia** (for some), **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Slender-billed Oriole**, **Long-tailed Sibia**, **Maroon Oriole**, and numerous **Streaked Spiderhunters** were seen.

After lunch we paid a visit to Ruili Reservoir, arriving about 4pm. It was still hot but walking alongside the water we found a flock of approx. 30 **Rufous-necked Laughingthrushes** going about their business in the dense secondary growth. A **Burmese Shrike** was much appreciated and there was also **Common Iora**, a group of 3 **Rufous Woodpeckers**, **Striated Grassbird**, **Greenish Warbler**, **Verditer** and female **Slaty-blue Flycatcher**. Out on the water were quite a few **Indian Spot-billed Ducks**, a few **Mandarins**, **Little Grebe** and both **Great** and **Little Cormorants** – the latter species is quite hard to get in China. And that was our day.

## DAY 16 NANJINGLI RIDGE

Our last morning's birding was pretty quiet and mainly comprised seeing a wide range of species already on our lists. Our proposed birding spot was overrun with a film crew shooting a local tv show so we had to drive a few kilometres further along the road from where we spent the remainder of the morning ambling slowly.

We added **Himalayan Swiftlet**, **Brown-flanked Bush-Warbler** and **Common Rosefinch** to our list, although we enjoyed a fine time with a group of **Red-billed Scimitar-Babblers** and a couple of **Rufous-headed Parrotbills** feeding close to the road. We also saw **Blyth's** and **Black-headed Shrike-Babblers**, **Cook's Swift**, **White-browed Laughingthrush**, **Olive-backed Pipit**, **Rufous-backed Sibia**, **Davison's Leaf Warbler**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, **Crested Finchbill**, **Ashy** and **Mountain Bulbuls**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, and a **Great Barbet**. After lunch back in town we drove to the airport and took an evening flight to Kunming where we spent our last night at an airport hotel and finished off a great tour with a few beers.

Nick Bray





Photos clockwise: Golden Bush Robin (top right), Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler, Hill Partridge, Streaked Wren-Babbler, Manipur Fulvetta, Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler.

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST – YUNNAN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

### **ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**

Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>

### **GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**

Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>
Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>
Mountain Bamboo Partridge	<i>Bambusicola fytchii</i>
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
Mrs. Hume's Pheasant	<i>Syrmaticus humiae</i>

### **PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
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### **PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae**

Chinese Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>

### **SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae**

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

### **ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Jerdon's Baza	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>

Crested Goshawk  
Eurasian Sparrowhawk  
Eastern Marsh Harrier  
Black Kite  
Eastern Buzzard  
Himalayan Buzzard

*Accipiter trivirgatus*  
*Accipiter nisus*  
*Circus spilonotus*  
*Milvus migrans lineatus*  
*Buteo japonicus*  
*Buteo burmanicus*

**GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

White-breasted Waterhen  
Ruddy-breasted Crake  
Grey-headed Swamphen  
Common Moorhen  
Eurasian Coot

*Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
*Porzana fusca*  
*Porphyrio poliocephalus*  
*Gallinula chloropus*  
*Fulica atra*

**GRUIFORMES: Gruidae**

Common Crane

*Grus grus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae**

Northern Lapwing  
River Lapwing  
Grey-headed Lapwing

*Vanellus vanellus*  
*Vanellus duvaucelii*  
*Vanellus cinereus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Common Snipe  
Common Sandpiper  
Green Sandpiper

*Gallinago gallinago*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
*Tringa ochropus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Brown-headed Gull  
Black-headed Gull

*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

Rock Dove  
Oriental Turtle Dove  
Spotted Dove  
Barred Cuckoo-Dove  
Common Emerald Dove  
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon  
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon  
Green Imperial Pigeon  
Mountain Imperial Pigeon

*Columba livia*  
*Streptopelia orientalis*  
*Spilopelia chinensis*  
*Macropygia unchall*  
*Chalcophaps indica*  
*Treron apicauda*  
*Treron sphenurus*  
*Ducula aenea*  
*Ducula badia*

**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**

Large Hawk-Cuckoo

*Hierococcyx sparverioides*

**STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae**

Mountain Scops Owl (H)  
Collared Scops Owl (H)  
Himalayan Owl  
Collared Owlet  
Asian Barred Owlet

*Otus spilocephalus*  
*Otus lettia*  
*Strix nivicolium*  
*Glaucidium brodiei*  
*Glaucidium cuculoides*



**APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

Himalayan Swiftlet  
 Cook's Swift  
 House Swift

*Aerodramus brevirostris*  
*Apus cooki*  
*Apus nipalensis*

**TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae**

Red-headed Trogon

*Harpactes erythrocephalus*

**CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae**

Indian Roller

*Coracias benghalensis*

**CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae**

White-throated Kingfisher  
 Common Kingfisher

*Halcyon smyrnensis*  
*Alcedo atthis*

**CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae**

Blue-bearded Bee-eater

*Nyctyornis athertoni*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae**

Eurasian Hoopoe (H)

*Upupa epops*

**PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae**

Great Barbet  
 Golden-throated Barbet  
 Blue-throated Barbet  
 Coppersmith Barbet

*Psilopogon virens*  
*Psilopogon franklinii*  
*Psilopogon asiaticus*  
*Psilopogon haemacephalus*

**PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Speckled Piculet (H)  
 White-browed Piculet  
 Grey-capped Woodpecker  
 Crimson-breasted Woodpecker  
 Rufous-bellied Woodpecker  
 Stripe-breasted Woodpecker  
 Darjeeling Woodpecker  
 Great Spotted Woodpecker  
 Greater Yellownappe  
 Greater Flameback (H)  
 Pale-headed Woodpecker  
 Bay Woodpecker  
 Rufous Woodpecker

*Picumnus innominatus*  
*Sasia ochracea*  
*Yungipicus canicapillus*  
*Dryobates cathpharius*  
*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*  
*Dendrocopos atratus*  
*Dendrocopos darjellensis*  
*Dendrocopos major*  
*Chrysophlegma flavinucha*  
*Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*  
*Gecinulus grantia*  
*Blythipicus pyrrhotis*  
*Micropternus brachyurus*

**FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae**

Common Kestrel  
 Eurasian Hobby  
 Peregrine Falcon

*Falco tinnunculus*  
*Falco subbuteo*  
*Falco peregrinus*

**PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae**

Grey-headed (Finsch's) Parakeet

*Psittacula finschii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae**

Long-tailed Broadbill (H)

*Psarisomus dalhousiae***PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae**

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

*Hemipus picatus***PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae**

Ashy Woodswallow

*Artamus fuscus***PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae**

Common Iora

*Aegithina tiphia***PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Grey-chinned Minivet

Short-billed Minivet

Long-tailed Minivet

Scarlet Minivet

Large Cuckooshrike (H)

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

*Pericrocotus solaris**Pericrocotus brevirostris**Pericrocotus ethologus**Pericrocotus speciosus**Coracina macei**Lalage melaschistos***PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Burmese Shrike

Long-tailed Shrike

Grey-backed Shrike

*Lanius colluriooides**Lanius schach**Lanius tephronotus***PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae**

White-bellied Erpornis

Black-headed Shrike-babbler

Blyth's Shrike-babbler

*Erpornis zantholeuca**Pteruthius rufiventer**Pteruthius aeralatus***PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae**

Slender-billed Oriole

Maroon Oriole

*Oriolus tenuirostris**Oriolus traillii***PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Black Drongo

Ashy Drongo

Bronzed Drongo

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

Hair-crested Drongo

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

*Dicrurus macrocercus**Dicrurus leucophaeus**Dicrurus aeneus**Dicrurus remifer**Dicrurus hottentottus**Dicrurus paradiseus***PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae**

White-throated Fantail

*Rhipidura albicollis***PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Eurasian Jay

Red-billed Blue Magpie

Spotted Nutcracker

Grey Treepie

Oriental Magpie

*Garrulus glandarius**Urocissa erythroryncha**Nucifraga caryocatactes macella**Dendrocitta formosae**Pica serica*

Large-billed Crow  
Eastern Jungle Crow

*Corvus macrorhynchos*  
*Corvus leuillanti*

**PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae**

Yellow-bellied Fantail  
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher

*Chelidorhynchus hypoxanthus*  
*Culicicapa ceylonensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

Yellow-browed Tit  
Coal Tit  
Black-bibbed Tit  
Japanese Tit  
Green-backed Tit  
Yellow-cheeked Tit

*Sylviparus modestus*  
*Periparus ater*  
*Poecile hypermelaenus*  
*Parus minor*  
*Parus monticolus*  
*Machlolophus spilonotus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae**

Crested Finchbill  
Black-crested Bulbul  
Red-whiskered Bulbul  
Brown-breasted Bulbul  
Red-vented Bulbul  
Sooty-headed Bulbul  
Flavescent Bulbul  
White-throated Bulbul  
Grey-eyed Bulbul  
Mountain Bulbul  
Ashy Bulbul  
Black Bulbul

*Spizixos canifrons*  
*Pycnonotus flaviventris*  
*Pycnonotus jocosus*  
*Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*  
*Pycnonotus cafer*  
*Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
*Pycnonotus flavescens*  
*Alophoixus flaveolus*  
*Iole propinqua*  
*Ixos mccllellandii*  
*Hemixos flavala*  
*Hypsipetes leucocephalus stresemanni*

**PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Sand Martin  
Barn Swallow  
Eurasian Crag Martin  
Asian House Martin  
Nepal House Martin  
Red-rumped Swallow  
Striated Swallow

*Riparia riparia*  
*Hirundo rustica*  
*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
*Delichon dasypus*  
*Delichon nipalense*  
*Cecropis daurica*  
*Cecropis striolata*

**PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae**

Scaly-breasted Cupwing (H)  
Pygmy Cupwing

*Pnoepyga albiventer*  
*Pnoepyga pusilla*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae**

Yellow-bellied Warbler  
Rufous-faced Warbler  
Black-faced Warbler  
Mountain Tailorbird  
Broad-billed Warbler (H)  
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler  
Grey-bellied Tesia  
Slaty-bellied Tesia  
Chestnut-headed Tesia

*Abroscopus superciliaris*  
*Abroscopus albogularis*  
*Abroscopus schisticeps*  
*Phyllergates cucullatus*  
*Tickellia hodgsoni*  
*Horornis fortipes*  
*Tesia cyaniventer*  
*Tesia olivea*  
*Cettia castaneocoronata*



**PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae**

Black-throated Bushtit

*Aegithalos concinnus*

Black-browed Bushtit

*Aegithalos bonvaloti***PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae**

Buff-barred Warbler

*Phylloscopus pulcher*

Ashy-throated Warbler

*Phylloscopus maculipennis*

Hume's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus humei*

Yellow-browed Warbler

*Phylloscopus inornatus*

Chinese Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus yunnanensis*

Sichuan Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus forresti*

Pallas's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus proregulus*

Dusky Warbler

*Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Buff-throated Warbler

*Phylloscopus subaffinis*

Eastern Crowned Warbler

*Phylloscopus coronatus*

Martens's Warbler

*Phylloscopus omeiensis*

Greenish Warbler

*Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Chestnut-crowned Warbler

*Phylloscopus castaniceps*

Blyth's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus reguloides*

Claudia's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus claudiae*

Davison's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus intensor***PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae**

Striated Grassbird

*Megalurus palustris***PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae**

Hill Prinia

*Prinia superciliaris*

Grey-breasted Prinia

*Prinia hodgsonii*

Plain Prinia

*Prinia inornata*

Common Tailorbird

*Orthotomus sutorius***PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae**

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler (H)

*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*

Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus gravivox*

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus ruficollis*

Red-billed Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*

Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus ferruginosus*

Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus superciliaris*

Grey-bellied Wren-Babbler

*Spelaeornis reptatus*

Grey-throated Babbler

*Stachyris nigriceps*

Rufous-capped Babbler

*Stachyridopsis ruficeps*

Golden Babbler

*Stachyridopsis chrysaea*

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler

*Macronus gularis***PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae**

Yellow-throated Fulvetta

*Alcippe cinerea*

Rusty-capped Fulvetta

*Alcippe dubia*

Yunnan Fulvetta

*Alcippe fratercula*

Nepal Fulvetta (?)

*Alcippe nipalensis*

Streaked Wren-Babbler

*Napothera brevicaudata*

White-hooded Babbler  
Spot-throated Babbler  
Puff-throated Babbler

*Gampsorhynchus rufulus*  
*Pellorneum albiventre*  
*Pellorneum ruficeps*

**PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae**

Chinese Babax  
White-crested Laughingthrush  
Spotted Laughingthrush  
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush (H)  
Rufous-necked Laughingthrush  
Grey-sided Laughingthrush  
White-browed Laughingthrush  
Blue-winged Laughingthrush  
Black-faced Laughingthrush  
Scaly Laughingthrush  
Elliot's Laughingthrush  
Assam Laughingthrush  
Red-tailed Laughingthrush  
Himalayan Cutia  
Blue-winged Minla  
Bar-throated Minla  
Red-tailed Minla  
Scarlet-faced Liocichla  
Rusty-fronted Barwing  
Streak-throated Barwing  
Silver-eared Mesia  
Red-billed Leiothrix  
Rufous-backed Sibia  
Grey Sibia  
Black-headed Sibia  
Beautiful Sibia  
Long-tailed Sibia

*Babax lanceolatus*  
*Garrulax leucolophus*  
*Garrulax ocellatus*  
*Garrulax monileger*  
*Garrulax ruficollis*  
*Garrulax caerulatus*  
*Garrulax sannio*  
*Trochalopteron squamatum*  
*Trochalopteron affine*  
*Trochalopteron subunicolor*  
*Trochalopteron elliotii*  
*Trochalopteron chrysopterum*  
*Trochalopteron milnei*  
*Cutia nipalensis*  
*Minla cyanouroptera*  
*Minla strigula*  
*Minla ignotincta*  
*Liocichla ripponi*  
*Actinodura egertoni*  
*Actinodura waldeni*  
*Leiothrix argentauris*  
*Leiothrix lutea*  
*Heterophasia annectens*  
*Heterophasia gracilis*  
*Heterophasia desgodinsi*  
*Heterophasia pulchella*  
*Heterophasia picaoides*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae**

Fire-tailed Myzornis  
Rufous-tailed Babbler  
White-browed Fulvetta  
Spectacled Fulvetta  
Manipur Fulvetta  
Great Parrotbill  
Brown Parrotbill  
Brown-winged Parrotbill  
Black-throated Parrotbill  
Pale-billed (LRH) Parrotbill  
Rufous-headed Parrotbill  
Spot-breasted Parrotbill

*Myzornis pyrrhoura*  
*Moupinia poecilotis*  
*Fulvetta vinipectus*  
*Fulvetta ruficapilla*  
*Fulvetta manipurensis*  
*Conostoma aemodium*  
*Cholornis unicolor*  
*Sinosuthora brunnea*  
*Suthora nipalensis poliotis*  
*Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris*  
*Psittiparus bakeri*  
*Paradoxornis guttaticollis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae**

Striated Yuhina  
Whiskered Yuhina  
Stripe-throated Yuhina  
White-collared Yuhina

*Yuhina castaniceps*  
*Yuhina flavicollis*  
*Yuhina gularis*  
*Yuhina diademata*

Japanese White-eye

*Zosterops japonicus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae**

Goldcrest

*Regulus regulus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Elachuridae**

Spotted Elachura

*Elachura formosa*

**PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae**

Eurasian Wren

*Troglodytes troglodytes*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae**

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch

*Sitta nagaensis*

White-tailed Nuthatch

*Sitta himalayensis*

Yunnan Nuthatch

*Sitta yunnanensis*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

*Sitta frontalis*

Giant Nuthatch

*Sitta magna*

**PASSERIFORMES: Tichodromidae**

Wallcreeper

*Tichodroma muraria*

**PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae**

Bar-tailed Treecreeper

*Certhia himalayana*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae**

Common Starling

*Sturnus vulgaris*

**PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

Himalayan Thrush

*Zoothera salimalii*

Long-tailed Thrush

*Zoothera dixonii*

Dark-sided Thrush

*Zoothera marginata*

Black-breasted Thrush

*Turdus dissimilis*

Grey-winged Blackbird

*Turdus boulboul*

Chinese Blackbird (H)

*Turdus mandarinus*

Chestnut Thrush

*Turdus rubrocanus*

Grey-backed Thrush

*Turdus hortulorum*

Red-throated Thrush

*Turdus ruficollis*

Chinese Thrush

*Turdus mupinensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae**

Oriental Magpie-Robin

*Copsychus saularis*

Hill Blue Flycatcher

*Cyornis banyumas*

Rufous-bellied Niltava

*Niltava sundara*

Vivid Niltava (?)

*Niltava vivida*

Large Niltava

*Niltava grandis*

Verditer Flycatcher

*Eumyias thalassinus*

White-browed Shortwing

*Brachypteryx montana*

White-tailed Robin

*Myiomela leucura*

White-browed Bush Robin

*Tarsiger indicus*

Himalayan Bluetail

*Tarsiger rufilatus*

Golden Bush Robin

*Tarsiger chrysaeus*

Little Forktail  
Slaty-backed Forktail  
White-crowned Forktail  
Spotted Forktail  
Blue Whistling Thrush  
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher  
Snowy-browed Flycatcher  
Little Pied Flycatcher  
Slaty-blue Flycatcher  
Hodgson's Redstart  
White-throated Redstart  
Daurian Redstart  
Black Redstart  
Blue-fronted Redstart  
Plumbeous Water Redstart  
White-capped Redstart  
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush  
Siberian Stonechat  
Pied Bush Chat  
Grey Bush Chat

*Enicurus scouleri*  
*Enicurus schistaceus*  
*Enicurus leschenaulti*  
*Enicurus maculatus*  
*Myophonus caeruleus*  
*Ficedula strophiate*  
*Ficedula hyperythra*  
*Ficedula westermanni*  
*Ficedula tricolor*  
*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
*Phoenicurus schisticeps*  
*Phoenicurus aureus*  
*Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris*  
*Phoenicurus frontalis*  
*Phoenicurus fuliginosus*  
*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
*Monticola rufiventris*  
*Saxicola maurus*  
*Saxicola caprata*  
*Saxicola ferreus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae**

Blue-winged Leafbird  
Orange-bellied Leafbird

*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*  
*Chloropsis hardwickii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae**

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker  
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum melanoxanthum*  
*Dicaeum ignipectus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae**

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird  
Black-throated Sunbird  
Fire-tailed Sunbird  
Streaked Spiderhunter

*Aethopyga gouldiae*  
*Aethopyga saturata*  
*Aethopyga ignicauda*  
*Arachnothera magna*

**PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

Russet Sparrow  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

*Passer cinnamomeus*  
*Passer montanus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae**

White-rumped Munia  
Scaly-breasted Munia

*Lonchura striata*  
*Lonchura punctulata*

**PASSERIFORMES: Prunellidae**

Alpine Accentor  
Rufous-breasted Accentor  
Maroon-backed Accentor

*Prunella collaris*  
*Prunella strophiate*  
*Prunella immaculata*

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Grey Wagtail  
White Wagtail  
White Wagtail

*Motacilla cinerea*  
*Motacilla alba leucopsis*  
*Motacilla alba alboides*



Olive-backed Pipit  
Rosy Pipit

*Anthus hodgsoni*  
*Anthus roseatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

Brambling  
White-winged Grosbeak  
Brown Bullfinch  
Grey-headed Bullfinch  
Common Rosefinch  
Scarlet Finch  
Dark-rumped Rosefinch  
Sharpe's Rosefinch  
Vinaceous Rosefinch  
Crimson-browed Finch  
Black-headed Greenfinch  
Tibetan Serin

*Fringilla montifringilla*  
*Mycerobas carnipes*  
*Pyrrhula nipalensis*  
*Pyrrhula erythaca*  
*Carpodacus erythrinus*  
*Carpodacus sipahi*  
*Carpodacus edwardsii*  
*Carpodacus verreauxii*  
*Carpodacus vinaceus*  
*Carpodacus subhimachalus*  
*Chloris ambigua*  
*Spinus thibetanus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Slaty Bunting  
Godlewski's Bunting  
Little Bunting  
Yellow-throated Bunting  
Chestnut Bunting

*Emberiza siemsseni*  
*Emberiza godlewskii*  
*Emberiza pusilla*  
*Emberiza elegans*  
*Emberiza rutila*

**MAMMALS**

Perny's Long-nosed Squirrel  
Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel  
Swinhoe's Striped Squirrel  
Himalayan Striped Squirrel  
Pallas's Squirrel  
Phayre's Squirrel  
Black Giant Squirrel  
Red Panda  
Northern Tree Shrew

*Dremomys pernyi*  
*Dremomys rufigenis*  
*Tamiops swinhoi*  
*Tamiops mcclelandii*  
*Callosciurus erythraeus*  
*Callosciurus phayrei*  
*Ratufa bicolor*  
*Ailurus fulgens*  
*Tupaia belangeri*



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