

# Birding North-east India

Meghalaya - Kaziranga NP - Eaglenest WS - Dirang

*April 2017*



Måns Grundsten  
Anders Haglund  
Sebbe Nilsson  
Jonas Nordin  
Sweden

## North-east India, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Front cover

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*, conspicuous inhabitant of Himalayan forests, Eaglenest (MG).

### Participants

Måns Grundsten [mans.grundsten@gmail.com](mailto:mans.grundsten@gmail.com) (compiler and most photos), Anders Haglund (some photos), Sebbe Nilsson and Jonas Nordin, all from Stockholm, Sweden.  
Guide: Rofiquel Islam ([Allindiabirdingtours.com](http://Allindiabirdingtours.com)) (some photos)

### Highlights

- After having birded widely across Asia for the last decade it has become clear for me that Eastern Himalayas is the main focal point of so many fantastic birds that you just dream about in other destinations. So buckle up!
- Dark-rumped Swifts hovering around Nohkalikai Waterfalls, Cherrapunjee, Shillong.
- Fantastic wildlife diversity at Kaziranga National Park: megafauna, raptors, wetlands, grasslands specialities like Finn's Weaver and Slender-billed Babblers on top.
- A bull Rhino racing toward the jeep and the driver shouting loudly to make it stop.
- Great forest in Nameri National Park. Amazing flocks of Pigeons at a waterhole where a Gaur suddenly appeared.
- Prolonged views of a Pale-headed Woodpecker in the bamboos at Elephant.
- Iconic Bugun Liocichla at Lama Camp, Eaglenest.
- A fantastic male Temminck's Tragopan, walked pass us and up the ridge.
- The patience of a male Yellow-rumped Honeyguide. It just sat there, at the cliff.
- Pink-headed Ward's Trogon.
- Incredible Slender-billed Scimitar Babblers at Eaglenest Pass, that bill is insane.
- Close party of Beautiful Nuthatches at Sessni.
- Amazing feeding flock at Khellong: White-hooded Babbler, Pale-billed Parrotbill, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler.
- All the cool (Wren-)Babblers: Sikkim Wedge-billed, Long-billed, Rufous-throated, Eyebrowed, Spot-throated to name a few.
- That intense feeling when trying to stalk down a Blyth's Tragopan just as a Purple Cochoa starts to call: Which one to go after first?
- Newly described Himalayan Thrush.
- Singing Grey-crowned Warbler at Mandala Road – out of range.
- Singing Alpine Thrush in the rainy mist at Sela Pass.
- Himalayan Monal and Blood Pheasant at Sela Pass.
- A few minutes of sunlight and boom, that glowing flock of Grandalas.
- Vagrant Bay-backed Shrike at Mandala Road.
- Oriental Hobby at a new stake-out at Kaziranga.
- 516!

### Logistics

Already in the autumn of 2015, when we started to plan this trip, we decided to contact a local tour organizer. And we chose Peter Lobo ([allindiabirdingtours.com](http://allindiabirdingtours.com), [peterlobo65@gmail.com](mailto:peterlobo65@gmail.com)) as he had a good reputation. This turned out to be a wise move. Peter has long experience in organizing trips to the area and all arrangements worked perfect. We had two smaller jeeps and drivers Padam and Bishu were both safe in traffic and equipped with a lot of patience which is necessary when driving birders! Peter set us up with Kaziranga-born Rofiquel ([rofikaziranga@gmail.com](mailto:rofikaziranga@gmail.com)) as guide, and he was amazing, beside knowing the whereabouts, he is a most talented birder, skilfully picking up one target after another by call. We can fully recommend the services.

## Literature

- Birds of South Asia: The Ripley Guide (PC Rasmussen, JC Anderton), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2012. Vol 1+2.
- Birds of the Indian Subcontinent (R Grimmett, C Inskipp, T Inskipp), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2012.
- Birds of South-East Asia (C Robson), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2008.
- Integrative taxonomy of the Plain-backed Thrush (*Zoothera mollissima*) complex reveals cryptic species, including a new species (P Alström et al.), Avian Res 2016 7:1.
- Trip-reports from cloudbirders.com (J Bundgaard & B Schweinhart 2015, D Meijer & P van Scheepen 2016, G Nyström 2014, T Carlberg 2015, S Hansson 2013 & 2015, Birdquest 2013, 2014, 2015, Birdtour Asia 2013, 2015).



Fig 1. Range-restricted Dark-rumped Swifts hovering around Nohkalikai Waterfalls, Cherrapunjee, Meghalaya. MG.

## Itinerary

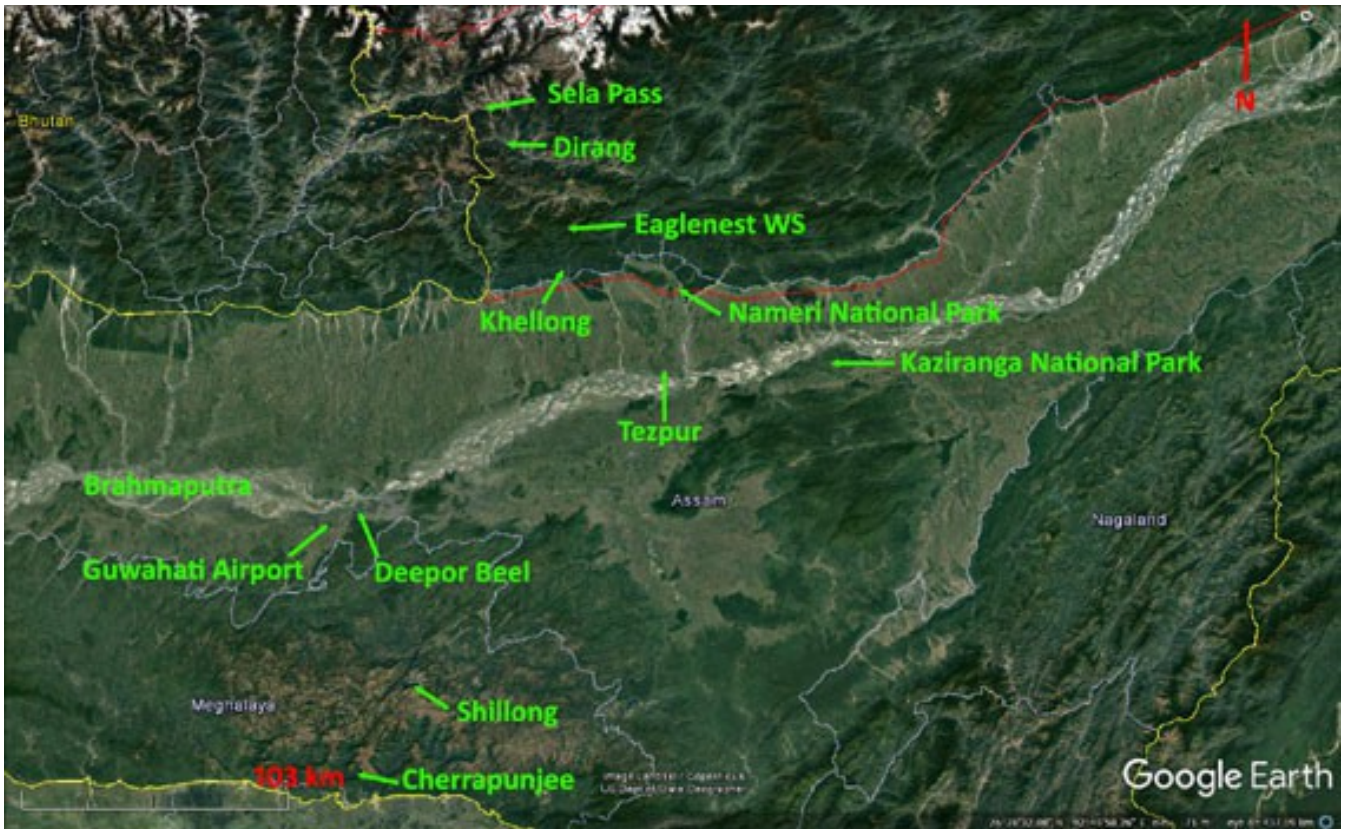
- 8.4 Arrival Guwahati 10:10 pick-up and drive (approx. 5h30min) to **Cherrapunjee**, birding **Nohkalikai Falls** 16:30-18:00. Night in Cherrapunjee, La Kubar Inn.
- 9.4 Birding south of **Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge** and around the View Point 05:20-08:45. Birding **Shillong Peak** 09:30-10:10. Drive to **Kaziranga**, roadside birding west of main entrance 16:15-16:40. Birding outside **Jupuri Ghar Lodge** 17:15-18:15. Night at Jupuri Ghar.
- 10.4 Birding outside **Jupuri Ghar Lodge** (logged area south of the lodge) 04:30-06:00. **Eastern Range, Kaziranga** 07:30-10:20. **Central Range, Kaziranga** 14:00-17:00. Night at Jupuri Ghar.
- 11.4 Birding **Temple area**, E of Jupuri Ghar 04:30-06:00. **Central Range, Kaziranga** 07:10-11:00. **Temple area**, E of Jupuri Ghar 12:50-13:40. **Western Range, Kaziranga** 14:30-17:10. Night at Jupuri Ghar.
- 12.4 Birding **Kaziranga Tea Estate** 05:15-10:15. Drive to **Nameri**. Birding outside **Nameri Eco Camp** to the river 15:00-17:30. Night at Nameri Eco Camp.
- 13.4 Birding **Nameri Eco Camp** 04:45-05:45. **Nameri NP**, walk along river to Pond 1 and 2. 06:30-11:00. Lunch at Eco Camp. Afternoon loop track in **Nameri NP** 14:30-17:20. Night at Nameri Eco Camp.

- 14.4 Left Nameri 05:40. Crossing border to Arunachal Pradesh. Roadside birding at bamboos at **Elephant** and around **Sessa**. Drive to Tenga, gate to **Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary**. Late lunch at Lama Camp. Birding below **Lama Camp** 14:00-17:00. Night at Lama Camp.
- 15.4 Birding around **Lama Camp** 04:30-07:00. Tragopanda Trail 07:15-09:30. Rain for 1 hour. Below **Lama Camp** 10:30-12:15. Tragopanda Trail 13:30-17:15. Night at Lama Camp.
- 16.4 Birding **Eaglenest Pass** 06:00-08:00. **Sunderview** 09:00-12:00. Below **Bompu Camp** 14:30-17:30. Night at Bompu Camp.
- 17.4 Full-day birding **Bompu Camp** to **Sessni** and back to Bompu. Packed breakfast and lunch. Night at Bompu Camp.
- 18.4 Left Bompu 04:15. Birding **Khellong** 05:40-11:00. Above **Bompu Camp** 14:30-17:15. Night at Bompu Camp.
- 19.4 Birding above **Bompu Camp** 05:15-10:00. Below **Bompu Camp** 10:15-11:30. Thick fog prevented birding in the afternoon. Night at Bompu Camp.
- 20.4 Left Bompu 04:50. Birding **Eaglenest Pass** 07:15-08:30. Birding around **Lama Camp** 09:00-09:20. Alubari Track, below Lama Camp 09:45-11:20. Lunch Tenga. Drive to Dirang. Birding **Sangti Valley** 15:30-17:00. Night at Hotel Pemaling, Dirang.
- 21.4 Left Dirang 04:30. Full-day birding along **Mandala Road** beyond the pass and back to Dirang 05:00-17:00. Night at Hotel Pemaling, Dirang.
- 22.4 Left Dirang 03:10 in pouring rain! First stop toward **Sela Pass** 05:05, birding en route Sela Pass until 07:15 when fog appeared. More or less fog and rain for the rest of the day! Started the descent at 13:30. A few roadside stops en route. Back at Dirang 16:00. Night at Hotel Pemaling, Dirang.
- 23.4 Left Dirang 04:45. Birding lower **Mandala Road** 05:00-09:00. Rain and fog on and off for most of the day. Birding lower **Mandala Road** 15:00-17:00. Night at Hotel Pemaling, Dirang.
- 24.4 Left Dirang 04:50. Drive to Tenga, Sessa, heavy rains around Sessa and Elephant. Lunch close to Nameri. Birding at the southern banks of **Brahmaputra** close to Tezpur 14:00-15:00. Short stops at Rhino lookout and Oriental Hobby stake-out. Birding at wetland behind **Sarmah Lodge**. Night at Sarmah Lodge, Kaziranga.
- 25.4 Birding **Kaziranga Tea Estate** 04:45-06:20. Rain as we just tried another spot for Blue-naped Pitta. Drive to Guwahati. Birding **Deepor Beel** 12:00-12:45. Afternoon flight to Delhi. Back in Stockholm the next day.

### Itinerary (short version)

- Day 1: Guwahati – Cherrapunjee  
 Day 2: Shillong – Kaziranga  
 Day 3: Kaziranga  
 Day 4: Kaziranga  
 Day 5: Kaziranga – Nameri  
 Day 6: Nameri  
 Day 7: Nameri – Elephant – Sessa – Lama Camp  
 Day 8: Lama Camp  
 Day 9: Lama Camp – Bompu Camp  
 Day 10: Bompu Camp – Sessni  
 Day 11: Khellong – Bompu Camp  
 Day 12: Bompu Camp  
 Day 13: Bompu Camp – Dirang – Sangti Valley  
 Day 14: Mandala Road  
 Day 15: Sela Pass  
 Day 16: Mandala Road  
 Day 17: Dirang – Tezpur/Brahmaputra – Kaziranga  
 Day 18: Kaziranga – Deepor Beel – Guwahati

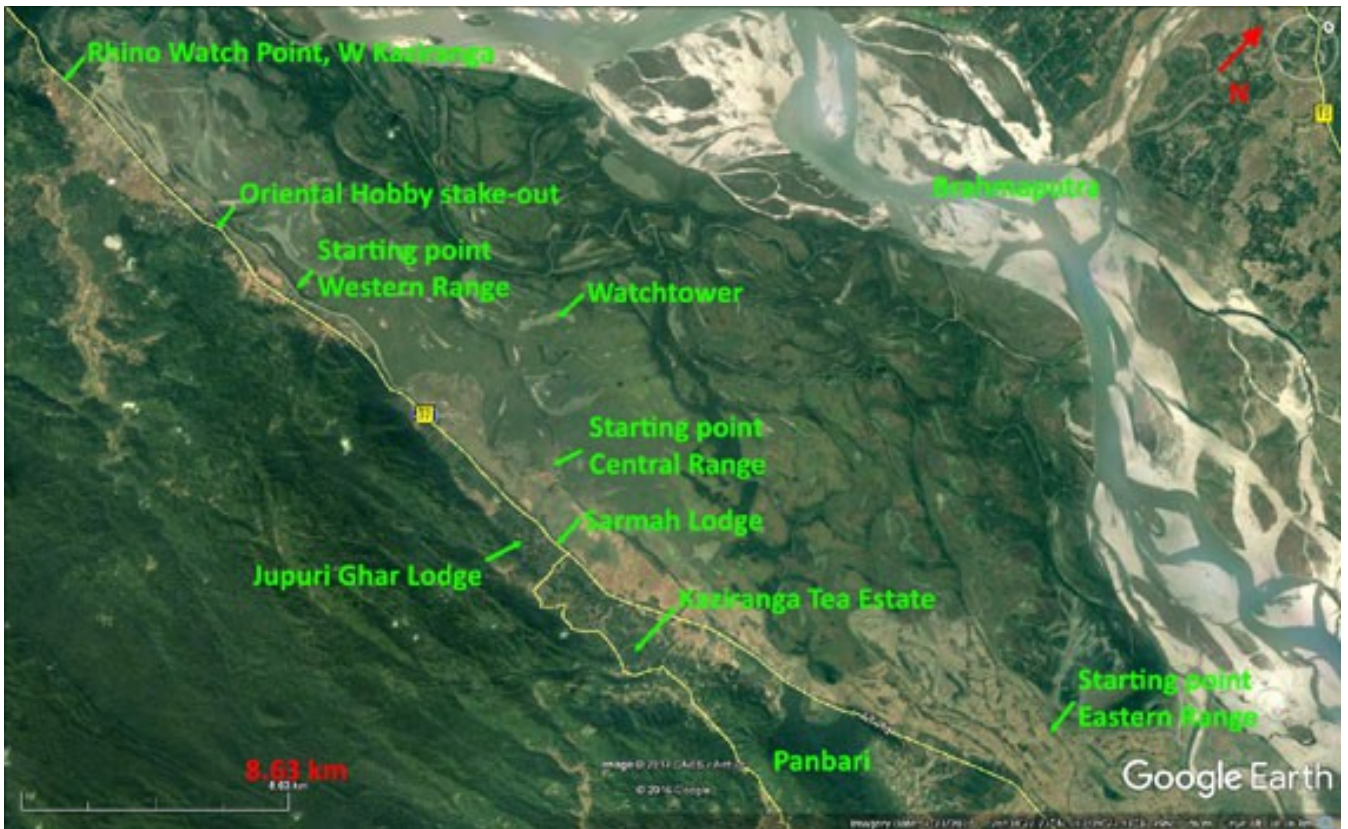
## Maps



Map 1. North-east India. Main birding locations.



Map 2. Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge, around 20 km south of Shillong, Meghalaya.



Map 3. Kaziranga National Park.



Map 4. Area around Jupuri Ghar Lodge, Kaziranga.

## Birding diary

### April 8<sup>th</sup>: Guwahati – Cherrapunjee

We arrived well before lunch at a sunny Guwahati Airport. The flight from Stockholm via Moscow to Delhi and onwards to Guwahati were uneventful. Some of us on the left hand side of the domestic flight had distant views of the Himalayas. Rofiquel and drivers P and B met us at the airport and we were on our way. As usual when arriving at a new site, we were eager to start birding, and actually had distant Greater Adjutant soaring among vultures and openbills, right at the airport parking lot. Short roadside stops gave a few more adjutants and griffons (mostly probably Eurasian however some might have been Himalayan. Traffic wasn't too bad as we kept on south toward the hilly state of Meghalaya bordering Bangladesh.

It was not until late afternoon that we finally arrived at Nohkalikai Waterfalls outside Cherrapunjee, after manoeuvring our way through smaller jams outside Shillong. Only minutes after our arrival clouds came in and soon hampered vision badly, however during shorter spells of improved visibility the waterfall was quite visible and around it hundreds of Dark-rumped Swifts hovered (*Fig 1*). Some also close-by. The target for the day was secured. Random birding around the area produced a few Grey-breasted Prinias, Green-billed Malkoha, Rosy Pipits and a Redstart first thought to be a Black Redstart female, but the all ashy underparts (lacking any warmer rufous) revealed a female Hodgson's Redstart (the only one of the trip).

After a long days driving (5,5 hours from Guwahati) we checked in at our hotel in Cherrapunjee. During night an impressive rain shower blared against the tin roof. A little sign of being the wettest place on Earth. Cherrapunjee receives 11800 mm of rain yearly, on average.

### April 9<sup>th</sup>: Cherrapunjee – Shillong – Kaziranga

At sunrise we walked the road south of the Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge, N of Cherrapunjee (*Map 2, Fig 46*). The road runs parallel to a deep gorge, and slopes are steep on both sides of the road. In adjacent scrubs there was a lot of activity, special birds for the tour was Crested Finchbill, Flavescent Bulbul and the '*khasiana*' form of Black-throated Prinia. Next to the bridge there is a view point and also a children's park where on the far side there is access to some forests where we finally connected with the main target Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler! There were several present and they were mobile and hard to spot. We had a roadside packed breakfast before moving on to Shillong Peak where we spent another hour and a half, it was getting late in the morning and activity dropped: however a Rusty-capped Fulvetta showed well, Assam Laughingthrush called, Yellow-cheeked Tit and a glowing Rufous-bellied Niltava fluttered by.

The rest of the day was more or less driving. In late afternoon we reached the western border of Kaziranga, we made a stop at an obvious watch point and called in our first Rhinos. A lot of wetland-birds were added including Grey-headed Lapwing, during the day we had good views of both Adjutants along the road. It was almost dark when we reached Kaziranga main entrance and the close-by Jupuri Ghar Lodge.



Fig 2. Finn's Weaver, a Kaziranga speciality. AH.



Fig 3. Swamp Francolin at Central Range, Kaziranga. MG.

### April 10<sup>th</sup>: Kaziranga

Since most forest around Jupuri Ghar have been cleared we tried to make the best of the first light before breakfast and today's planned jeep safari into the national park. We walked north-east from the lodge through degraded habitat closer to the hillside. Not much of interest, still a male Crimson Sunbird popped up and many large flocks of Red-breasted Parakeets appeared. Years back Blue-naped Pitta still was a probability here, but now that seems impossible. A steady breakfast back at the lodge (also Yellow-vented Flowerpecker here) before Rofiquel and an open jeep picked us up at 06:30 for the first of four drives into Kaziranga National Park (*Map 3*).

Our aim for the morning was Eastern Range.

The Eastern Range has the best wetland habitat in the park (of areas allowed to visit). Scopes are necessary. The first good species we found was a Slender-billed Vulture in a tree. At the first beel there were great amounts of ducks and waders, although some might already had left their winter grounds. A few Ferruginous Ducks, both Adjutants, Long-toed Stints, Pallas's Fish Eagle. And at a close-by watching tower a lone Pacific Golden Plover, a single Fulvous Whistling Duck (many Lesser), a group of Small-clawed Otters sunbathing. After a few hours we headed back to Jupuri Ghar for lunch.

In the afternoon we tried the Central Range for the first time. Grasslands are more vast and one of the main targets in the park were found, a flock of Finn's Weavers (*Fig 2*), a difficult bird with a limited range. Among babblers we connected with Chestnut-capped and Yellow-eyed however Slender-billed eluded us. On the way back a large gathering of deers packed tightly together with tails raised caught our attention. They were on alert, and we knew why. Unfortunately only some of us saw the distant Tiger casually walking past the deers between reeds. Swamp Francolin (*Fig 3*), another important grassland bird was added to the list, and a male Hen Harrier tried to catch Citrine Wagtails on their night roost.

#### April 11<sup>th</sup>: Kaziranga

This morning we tried to follow the tracks west along the forested ridge that stretches behind Jupuri Ghar (*Map 4*). Around 1-1,5 km away the road passes a Childrens playground before running through some decent enough forest down to a temple by a small creek. There was an active fruiting tree here which attracted lots of Green Pigeons, both Yellow-footed, Thick-billed, Wedge-tailed and Pin-tailed were present. Two different pairs of White-cheeked Partridges duetted from hillsides, but out of reach, this was an unexpected bonus. Even better was a fly-by Pied Falconet, however only two of us saw it.

After breakfast we headed out for another wildlife drive on Central Range. One important target was Slender-billed Babbler, but we just couldn't find them. More Finn's Weavers today and good amounts of raptors. Numerous Eurasian Griffons, singles of Red-headed and White-rumped (*Fig 19*) and a few Slender-billed Vultures. A distant adult Indian Spotted Eagle and a couple of Greater Spotted Eagle were all seen. At a watching tower by a lake we heard Slender-billed Babbler, but they wouldn't show, Yellow-bellied Prinia here as well and a presumed King Cobra swam across the lake. Some fifteen minutes after we left a Tiger came out of the reeds and walked along the lake calmly for 10 minutes but by the time we had returned it was all gone.

In the afternoon we tried the last part of Kaziranga, the Western Range, the habitat here is a bit of mixture, the roads runs through some decent forest and also along grasslands and some lakes. Dark-necked Tailorbird was new, and a one point a female of the newly split Chinese Rubythroat (*Fig 21*) sat exposed on a dead branch in the reeds. Other migrants were Dusky Warbler and Thick-billed Warblers. Getting late already we finally had a pair of responsive Slender-billed Babblers showing themselves at the edge of some reeds, great! At the same time the observant driver noticed a splendid male Pied Harrier on the other side of the road. Not long after that a bull Rhino suddenly came charging our jeep. Unbelievable the speed of the many ton creature. It didn't come to a stop until the driver loudly screamed at it, and we had all a sigh of relief.

#### April 12<sup>th</sup>: Kaziranga Tea Estate – Nameri Eco Camp

Last day at Kaziranga and we had our hopes high for Blue-naped Pitta at the Kaziranga Tea Estate (*Fig 47*). We started early with a packed breakfast, it was not more than a 15 minute drive from Jupuri Ghar to the Tea Estate. The Tea Estate is south of the national park. The plantation itself might not be the most interesting habitat, however there is a few patches of dense bamboos along some smaller gulleys and creeks. Our first good bird was a group of Rufous-necked Laughingthrushes. White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Buff-chested Babbler, White-throated Bulbul and White-browed Piculet were other additions. Pittas were painfully absent throughout the morning but a nice bonus was a Chestnut-winged Cuckoo (*Fig 20*), which often is seen here at this time of year. Only some of us got the Black-backed Forktail at a small stream, surprisingly enough the only Forktail of the trip! Both Greater and perhaps the rarer Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush were seen. At 10:00 it was getting hotter, and it was time to proceed.

A couple of uneventful driving via Tezpur crossing the mighty Brahmaputra and on to Nameri National Park. Jungle habitat just below the hills, some rivers run through the park. It is not allowed to stay in the park during the night (pity, since night birding must be interesting). As we pulled in on the parking lot at the Nameri Eco Lodge some familiar faces turned up, there was another group of Swedish birders, friends of ours, on their way down from Eaglenest to Kaziranga. We had a chat and exchanged some last minute info.

During the late afternoon we walked around the scrubs and open habitat just SE of the lodge area. We flushed a couple of Buttonquails: Barred, but Rofiqu also got Yellow-legged. Migrants were Dusky Warbler, Thick-billed Warbler, Black Redstart, Brown Shrike, among resident Bengal Bushlarks. At sunset we stood at the river bank across the jungle and enjoyed many Great and Wreathed Hornbills flying by to night roost(?). Brown-backed Needletail flew by, River Terns and River Lapwings along the waterline.



After dinner back at the Eco-Lodge the ever-calling Brown Hawk-Owl were spotted in a high tree in the middle of the compound.

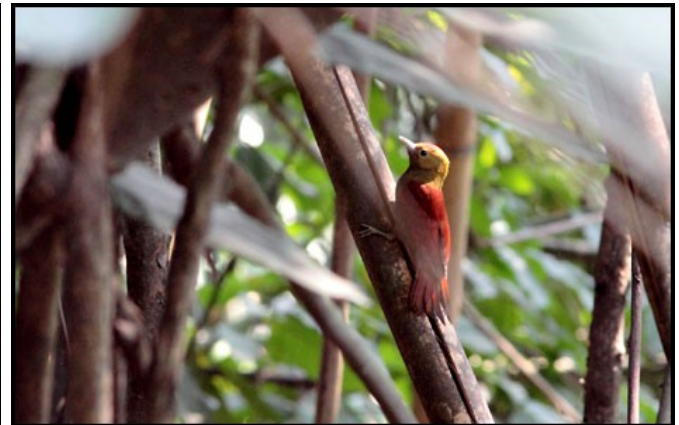
#### April 13<sup>th</sup>: Nameri National Park

A full day in Nameri National Park. We crossed the river to Nameri early on and walked along the river downstream to reach two forest pools where White-winged Ducks are readily seen during the winter. Our expectations were not high since we heard there had been no sightings the last week. Lesser and Asian Emerald Cuckoo was seen close to the buildings across the river. A few Pale-chinned Blue Flycatchers and Abbott's Babbler also before we reached the first pool. No ducks.

Along the river we had both numerous Great Stone-curlews and a pair of Indian ones. The second pool was as duck-free as the first however a pair of Blue-eared Kingfishers was a surprise, a Ruddy Kingfisher called but wasn't seen. Red-headed Trogon here as well. On the way back a fly-by Lesser Fish-Eagle (*Fig 18*) was a good record. In scrubs close to the buildings most of us eventually had good views of a smashing male Siberian Rubythroat. Lunch and a little rest back at the Eco-Camp.

During the afternoon we went back across the river (*Fig 48*) to the forest but now we chose a different track looping through very nice forest. Some new woodpeckers were added such as Rufous and Lesser Yellownappe. The highlight was at a waterhole which attracted massive numbers of pigeons, mainly Green Imperial Pigeons but also fantastic amounts of Green Pigeons, both Wedge-tailed, Thick-billed and a pair of rarer Orange-breasted. As we stood at the waterhole, suddenly a huge bull Gaur (*Fig 4*) emerged silently from the forest and was at the edge of the water. It froze, after some moments of multiple camera-clicks it burst back into the forest. The ground literally shake beneath our feet as the heavy animal ran off!

Great views of a Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo (or whatever Drongo-Cuckoo it is...) feeding on a large caterpillar and a fly-by Short-toed Snake-Eagle.



*Fig 4. A massive bull Indian Gaur at Nameri National Park. RI. Fig 5. Pale-headed Woodpecker at Elephant. MG.*

#### April 14<sup>th</sup>: Elephant – Sessa – Lama Camp, Eaglenest

Left the Eco Camp at 05:40 with a packed breakfast and we finally headed towards the mountains. Soon after crossing the border check-point to Arunachal Pradesh we reached the first hills and the road started to climb and soon reached promising bamboo habitat, this area is called Elephant. At the first stop we had Pin-tailed Green Pigeon and a responsive but shy Spot-throated Babbler, a drumming woodpecker further up hill gained attention and we quickly took a few hair-pins upward. After a few playbacks a splendid male Pale-headed Woodpecker (*Fig 5*) showed itself very well also drumming on large bamboos. Another good bird in this area was the range-restricted Yellow-vented Warbler. We heard a warbling song up a slope but out of reach, Rofiquel thought it was a Hill Blue Flycatcher which would have been a good bird.

Further ahead we made a few roadside stops closer to Sessa. The previous stake-out for Blyth's Kingfisher is totally destroyed due to road constructions, disturbance was plentiful but a few first glances of hill birds started to show: Mountain Bulbul, Rufous-backed Sibia and White-naped Yuhina stood out.

Before Tenga another check point at a local police station and as we left the main road and headed south from Tenga we also passed the gated check-point to the newly formed Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary. This old army road cuts through virgin hill forest all the way south the the Brahmaputra plains and there is basically no traffic at all making it a birders heaven. The road is in some parts in very bad condition and only 4WD vehicles could make it. From Tenga the road firstly climbs all the way to Lama Camp at 2375 masl where we had lunch.

During the afternoon we started to become acquainted with the rich and varied birdlife of Eaglenest.

Grey-headed and a few Red-headed Bullfinches (*Fig 23*) at the camp. We slowly walked back down toward Tenga searching for the main prize the Bugun Liocichla, but to no avail. Pygmy Blue Flycatcher was a nice tick and a flock of Grey-sided Laughingthrushes and later on White-breasted Parrotbills. At sunset Grey Nightjars appeared around the camp. A bit cold during the night but the beds in the permanent tent camp was well equipped with multiple thick blankets.

#### April 15<sup>th</sup>: Lama Camp

Early start as usual with a cup of tea at the camp. Everyone excited, first full day birding at Eaglenest! Hill Partridges called around us. Briefly a Temminck's Tragopan called, precisely at sunrise far above the camp. The main target for today was the Liocichla. We walked slowly down from the camp, Sapphire (*Fig 6*) and Ultramarine Flycatchers were soon seen, there was a great variety and a bit intense with new birds popping up continuously. A roadside Pygmy Wren-Babbler was the only one seen during the trip. Later in the morning Rofiquel picked up the call of the Liocichla down the slope. And soon we had great views of a pair of this iconic bird (*Fig 7*). Bugun Liocichla is most easily seen below Lama Camp and the most important bird to see here as most other birds occur at Bompu as well. With the prize-bird bagged we headed up instead, a few hundred meters above Lama Camp there is a good trail going uphill to the right, called the Tragopanda Trail which we tried. We had Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler, another Pygmy Blue Flycatcher, a pair of Hill Partridges with chicks ran away giving brief views for all of us. As we reached higher grounds where Temminck's Tragopans roam it started to rain and we had to turn back quickly, Green Shrike-babbler was new. Lunch back at Lama Camp and we had to out-wait the heavy rain for another hour before we could head out again.

We went back up, first to a rare stake-out. Maybe 1 km up from Lama Camp as the track runs parallel to high cliffs on the right side there was an incredible male Yellow-rumped Honeyguide (*Fig 25*) at a presumed beehive (although we couldn't see it). This bird had been here for some time and we could really enjoy it the scope. The orange rump and very delicate and distinct yellow fringes of the tertials. A star bird, never abundant and easily missed.

After walk away views we headed back to the Tragopanda Trail for most of the afternoon. On the way up we encountered a small group of Ward's Trogons (*Fig 22*), yet another mega... The trail runs uphill until it reaches a small lake! A bit surprising to find a lake at this altitude. There was quite a few flycatchers around the lake. Brown Bullfinch was also added and we started to descent after many tries for Temminck's Tragopan without response. Then suddenly halfway down a Tragopan started to call just below us, we took position and the cracking male walked just pass us uphill! (*Fig 8*) Wow! What an amazing day it had been.



*Fig 6. Sapphire Flycatcher, several seen down from Lama Camp. MG.*



*Fig 7. Our first of three encounters with endemic Bugun Liocichla, Lama Camp. RI*

#### April 16<sup>th</sup>: Lama Camp – Bompu Camp

After some tea we left Lama Camp early and drove all the way up to Eaglenest Pass at 2790 masl where we arrived around 06:00. The journey was just interrupted by two different "Plain-backed Thrushes", one which was scoped, difficult to tell if these are Alpine or Himalayan Thrushes. It was a bit misty but it soon cleared. Immediately there was high activity right where we stopped, a flowering rhododendron attracted a Brown-throated Fulvetta and soon after Rofiquel called out both Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler (*Fig 24*) and Brown Parrotbill at the same time! Within minutes we had great views of both. A pair of Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler stayed for a while and showed completely in the open, wow! Other new birds were Black-faced Laughingthrush, Chestnut-headed Tesia and Crimson-browed Finch. One Hill Partridge was flushed roadside.

After breakfast we went further down the south-side of the pass close to Sunderview where a sidetrack to the left was followed and we birded here for a few hours, mainly trying to locate a Blyth's Tragopan. It eventually called frustratingly close but never showed. Other good birds in the area was excellent views of Scaly Laughingthrush (*Fig 29*), a flock of the disputed Barwings, Streak-throated/Hoary-throated/inter-grades... Both Ward's Trogon, Black-headed Shrike-babbler and Collared Owlet were all heard distantly. Back at the car we had great views of a Large-billed Leaf-warbler.

The road was partially really bad further down and it took a long time to get down to Bompou Camp, at a roadside stop still high up close to where the forest have burnt we glimpsed two shy Serows taking off up the hillside between some trees. Cool finding! As we came down fog appeared and for the last hour down to Bompou it was thick. At one point a female Black-throated Thrush was feeding on the road and soon after a male Tragopan crossed the road, only Rofiqul in the front seat managed to get any colours seen and it was a Blyth's, not to any satisfaction though.

At Bompou Camp we had lunch still very foggy. A flock of White-breasted Parrotbills emerged and a few Little Buntings was feeding on the camping ground together with a female Blue-fronted Redstart and some Olive-backed Pipits. In the afternoon we walked slowly further down from Bompou (*Fig 50*) and after not so long we had our first mega. A Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler! (*Fig 9*) Prolonged but mostly concealed views. Great bird. Brief views of Rufous-throated Partridges and another highlight was a very vocal Blue-winged Laughingthrush. Generally nice birding roadside from Bompou and down the hairpins, one feeding party contained another target: Coral-billed Scimitar-babbler. It was getting late and we returned for dinner and first night of four at Bompou Camp. Hot showers (buckets) available!



*Fig 8. Wow! Temminck's Tragopan at Tragopanda trail, above Lama Camp. RI.*



*Fig 9. A skulking Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler just below Bompou Camp. MG.*

#### *April 17<sup>th</sup>: Bompou Camp - Sessni*

Full day birding down from Bompou Camp. We had packed breakfast at a look-out called Hornbill and added Black-chinned Yuhina here. The mighty Rufous-necked Hornbill was heard but it wasn't until mid-day we connected with a pair further down close to Sessni. Along the hairpins nice birds popped up: Another party of Coral-billed Scimitar-babbler, rather elusive birds though, a brief observation of three Beautiful Nuthatches in flight, singing White-gorgeted Flycatcher, great views of Rufous-throated Partridge (*Fig 32*) close to the road, and a Himalayan Bluetail. And also views of a Spotted Elachura (*Fig 28*), we had heard quite a few before, happily this bird showed incredibly well. We tried several gullies for Long-billed Wren-Babbler to no avail. Another good bird of the morning was a pair of calling Red-faced Liocichlas, very secretive birds. Close-by singing Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler stayed for long (*Fig 27*).

It was not until lunch we ran into a feeding party of Beautiful Nuthatches (*Fig 26*). They were at eye-level close to the road and stayed around for nice views. After lunch activity dropped, we did some casual birding along the road adding Bay Woodpecker before turning around and heading upward again. At a larger gully with banana tress, we eventually heard a Long-billed Wren-Babbler high up, going after we first saw White-browed Shortwing and then a very active Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler. The Long-billed didn't move and soon silenced.

The afternoon was more quiet, however we had great views of a large flock of White-throated Needletails and also a few Blyth's Swifts (or maybe Salim Ali's Swift!? The migratory routes of this Tibetan summer breeder is unknown). Going up the hairpins again we stumbled upon a pair of Long-billed Wren-Babblers immediately close to the road, Rofiqul picked up the subtle alarm call (not the withdrawn whistling call) and another target was ticked off. From the cars we had a brief Scaly Thrush on the road, unfortunately it disappeared and views were not the best. Another breathtaking day had come to an end.

### April 18<sup>th</sup>: Khellong – Bompou Camp

Pre-dawn we drove down the hairpins below Bompou and in first light at Sessni we had a brief roadside Besra and some Asian Barred Owlets from the car. The goal for today was driving further down to Khellong at 800-1000 masl just were the Himalayan range ends and the vast lowlands toward Brahmaputra start. Since the height is very different so is the birds. There are some important targets down here, a few favouring vast bamboo-areas present just above Khellong. This is where we made our first real birding stop at 05:40 and from here on we birded a lot on foot downward the last bit to Khellong. Just entering the bamboos a Large Blue Flycatcher male (Fig 33) was singing and simultaneously a large party of babblers appeared. Including most of our targets. The party contained plenty of Pale-billed Parrotbills, White-hooded Babblers (Fig 31) and a few Red-billed Scimitar-babblers. And we had good views of everything! Rufous-faced Warblers were common by voice and also some Yellow-vented Warblers. At next bend Rofiquil picked up a singing Pale Blue Flycatcher which showed off. We kept up the pace and went further down finding a pair of confiding Grey-headed Parrotbills in a wave. Alas Silver-breasted Broadbill was heard only. It was getting hotter although still early in the morning. At one point in the shadow taking a brief pause to drink a Flycatcher was discovered which turned out to be a rare migrant Brown-breasted Flycatcher (Fig 30). A lifer for Rofiquil!

Grey Peacock-Pheasants called all morning and one bird particularly close to the road. We positioned ourselves and played back the call. Hard to anticipate its next move the bird suddenly walked passed us from almost behind. Only one of us saw the bird, the rest heard the rustle as it came aware of us and quickly ran off.

At Khellong there was an house and some gardens, this is where The Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary ends. We continued another couple of hundred meters down after a presumed heard Collared Treepie but couldn't relocate the bird, White-bellied Erpornis was seen here. Temperature rose even more and all bird-activity dropped to zero. We decided to head back up to Bompou.

In the afternoon we drove up from Bompou to maximum around 2100 masl. We birded our way slowly and had a few new birds, Blue-fronted Robin was eventually seen inside a dark undergrowth. Golden-breasted Fulvettas, smart birds, were added to the list. Further up we had a few smaller flocks of Ashy Wood-Pigeon all shy. At a last stop at a scrubby area we heard the characteristic sound of a calling Bugun Liocichla. We found a pair, it's very rare to see one on this side of Eaglenest Pass, almost all observations area from the small area below Lama Camp. Lastly a few Rufous-throated Wren-Babblers called the day. During the evening we met both the Birdquest-group led by Hannu Jännes and also Peter Lobo who were guiding a group of American birders. It was much fun meeting Peter after having planned this trip since one and a half year ago!

### April 19<sup>th</sup>: Bompou Camp

Our last full day in Eaglenest and still some pretty hard and sought-after birds left. And yet another spectacular birding day. The plan was going up from Bompou, we had all agreed on trying for Blyth's Tragopan again if possible. And on a personal behalf, one of my main targets for the trip was Purple Cochoa, a rare bird throughout its rather vast Asian distribution.

After morning tea we settled out, first stop not far up from Bompou. Broad-billed Warbler was added. And then a Blyth's Tragopan was calling quite close downslope. We quickly laid out the strategy. There was an obvious bend around a small ridge. This corner of the road had some smaller bushes and made perfect coverage for us. Rofiquil positioned himself above us 5-10 meters and called the Tragopan a couple of times. At the same time a Purple Cochoa started to call back toward the parked cars! Wow, intense, we looked at each other and confirmed our current position. Some minutes passed and the Cochoa had silenced, and likewise the Tragopan. But not long after we heard the Tragopan walking close-by, and then the deeply coloured male quickly ran across then road uphill. Fantastic! We continued along the road and briefly found the bird on the slope while it walked away.

Just a quarter later we heard Purple Cochoa calling again, further ahead, maybe a different bird. And soon we had scope-views of a female (Fig 34). Black-headed Shrike-babbler was found by Rofiquil at the same time and not long after that a flock of Cutias. A *Zoothera*-thrush briefly stood on the road and took off, it had prominent wing-bars and a record shot confirmed it to be a Long-tailed Thrush (Fig 35). A 25+ party of Black-throated Parrotbills appeared in some bamboos, with lots of Golden-breasted Fulvettas and a pair of Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler joined in.

At this time we were mentally exhausted. Almost all our remaining targets had been seen! Next thing was equally amazing. While discussing which other birds to look for now I named Ferruginous Flycatcher as one I really hoped for. And literally a few seconds later I got my bins on a small bird on a high perch and called out: "Ferruginous Flycatcher! Really, it's not a joke!". Unfortunately it soon disappeared downslope but still we had all brief views. The rest of the day was in a slower manner, still many good birds, but the activity tended to decrease.

We headed back to Bompu at 10:00 and walked slowly downhill instead with hopes for Green Cochoa. Some leaf littering downslope caught our attention. And after maybe 10 minutes of motionless waiting a pair of Chestnut-breasted Partridges walked into view in a small window between trunks and rattans. Then, still before lunchtime, thick fog swept in and completely surrounded us and ruled out any further birding that day.

#### April 20<sup>th</sup>: Bompu Camp – Dirang – Sangti Valley

Long transport today. Started with a few hours slow climbing all the way up to Eaglenest Pass where we did our first birding stop 07:15-08:30. A bird that eluded us on our first visit was the prominent Spotted Laughingthrush which we had fantastic views of this time. After that Rofiquel found us our next target: Bar-winged Wren-Babbler kindly posing for pictures (Fig 11), also better sightings of Brown-throated Fulvettas were had.

On the way down to Lama Camp a flock of smaller finch-like birds passed beneath us, we stopped and soon found a large flock of Tibetan Serins, just as we were about to put the scope on them they took off across the valley. After some coffee at Lama Camp, with some showers overhead we walked around for some twenty minutes, a small group of Plain Mountain Finches were new.

Below Lama Camp there is a sidetrack called A-trail, see Bundgaard, which we tried. This runs at the base of the forest with degraded forest down the hill. In scrubs close to the track we saw Little Buntings and some Rufous-breasted Accentors. *Cutia* appeared and to our surprise we also encountered Bugun Liocichla again, our third observation! Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush was heard only.

Lunch back down at Tenga, on the way the first Blue-capped Rock Thrush on a wire. Before we continued north all the way to Dirang. We headed directly to Sangti Valley just outside Dirang and birded here 15:30-17:00. The main target being Long-billed Plover of which we found three birds efficiently camouflaged between pebbles. A larger flock of Nepal House Martin passed by but the Black-tailed Crake eluded us. After a very long drive we finally checked in at our spacious hotel in Dirang for a four-night stay. Good to have WiFi again, a bit unstable though, and only at the reception. Weather forecast showed really bad conditions for Sela Pass which we firstly had set out minds on, so we decided to do Mandala Road instead. At dinner we bumped into a Birdtour Asia-group led by James Eaton. And kindly enough James provided a good spot for hot Himalayan Thrush on Mandala Road.



Fig 10. First stop on Mandala Road, a singing Indian Blue Robin. MG.



Fig 11. The cutest contest winner: Bar-winged Wren-Babbler at Eaglenest Pass. MG.

#### April 21<sup>st</sup>: Mandala Road

We left Hotel Pemaling at 04:30 and birded on different levels throughout the whole day. All the way up to Mandala Pass and beyond. First stop in the morning was at the lowest parts along a sidetrack among housings there was a wet area holding at least four Black-tailed Crakes (Fig 38), a species we didn't see at its usual stake-out at Sangti Valley.

Still quite foggy higher up the road we heard a Indian Blue Robin calling and soon had the bird up a tree (Fig 10). Lesser Cuckoo called and a Tickell's Thrush materialised out of the mists. The clouds lifted thankfully and there was a good activity of birds, again Rofiquel picked up a song he recognized as Grey-crowned Warbler (Fig 39) (at 2400 masl), and amazingly the bird showed off very well. One of the best findings of our trip, since it previously has been noted further east in easternmost Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, a considerable range extension. We both heard and saw the bird for quite a while. We pushed on upwards and soon reached the first Himalayan hemlock-forests or better described as remnants. A lot of ongoing deforestation as the wood is frequently used for heating. At the pass beyond the settlements many nice birds popped up: Blanford's Rosefinches multiple (Fig 36), Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Grey-sided Bush-warbler, White-collared Blackbird, Rufous-vented, Grey-crested and Coal Tits. Down the other (western) side of the pass there was less cloudy and among

some flowering rhododendrons we found some Golden-naped Finches a species that had eluded us so far. Black-throated Thrush, Common Crossbill, Dark-breasted Rosefinch and several Nutcrackers at the same site. This was also the stake-out for Himalayan Thrush, after a few attempts of play-back there was silence and nothing happened. But amazingly Sebbe noticed a movement far away and got the scope on a smashing Himalayan Thrush (Fig 37) and we had a record shot before it vanished back into dense foliage. A hot star bird and high fives around!

Further down we had a pair of Bar-winged Wren-Babblers close-by and calling Hume's Bush-warblers, but never within reach. We had to head back to Mandala Pass (Fig 51) for a mid-day break and it started to rain. Which it did on and off for most of the afternoon also strong winds swept in. It was hard to pick up anything new as the afternoon proceeded and we eventually went back to the hotel to prepare for the early take off tomorrow.

Although birding at Mandala Road was sometimes very rewarding, the habitat is a bit on the downside when coming from magnificent Eaglenest. Most areas are partly degraded, with pocket here and there with natural habitat. It's rather easy birding though, and the road is not busy with traffic. And since you bird at very different altitudes birdlife varies a lot.

#### April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sela Pass

BEEP! BEEP! The alarm went off at 02:45, ouch. Left the hotel at 03:10. The rain was pouring! This didn't look good. Maybe the highlight of the tour, and now we had bad weather for the first time in two weeks. What an unfortunate coincidence. We drove up up up for two hours, first good road conditions, then long stretches of heavy road constructions, and then along the last part, again on good tarmac. We reached above the clouds and magnificent Himalayan hemlock-forests covered the slopes, and peaks surrounding us were all visible (Fig 52). Maybe this could go well after all.

Now followed two insanely intense birding hours with a few stops mostly around the hemlocks and somewhat uphill from that. We had so many targets and the tempo was frenetic. It was hard to capture the moment, enjoying the views of all beautiful birds, those tiny Fire-tailed Sunbirds working the rhododendrons, Himalayan White-browed and a male Dark-rumped Rosefinch (Fig 40). Things happened fast: Himalayan Monal, a male on a slope close to the road, we stepped out of the vehicles, a bit to eager, the bird moved and after a minute took off across the field over some trees showing all its beauty and a female followed. Blood Pheasants (Fig 43) soon appeared! Hundred meters ahead: Many Golden Bush Robins, a female White-browed Robin, a male Himalayan Bluetail and then, boom!, a male Rufous-breasted Bush Robin! (Fig 12) Four times *Tarsiger* within minutes!



Fig 12. Male Rufous-breasted Bush Robin at Sela Pass. MG. Fig 13. The gem! Fire-tailed Myzornis at Sela Pass. AH.

Fire-tailed Myzornis! (Fig 13) The neon-green coloured gem of the high eastern Himalayas. A single bird flew back and forth quickly between rhododendrons. As stated, hard to grasp the impressions. We kept pace as clouds clearly was incoming. Rofiquil wanted us to try for Snow Partridge higher up. A female White-winged Grosbeak was a small distraction before we walked out a few hundred meters on a grassy slope and for sure a pair of Snow Partridge appeared above us and we had good scope-views.

And by that, at 07:15, two hours later, we were surrounded by thick clouds, for most of the rest of the day. And rain on and off. We waited in a small shelter/shop at the pass. Nothing happened with the skies, it was rain, it was fog. We considered our options and which targets still to see. Grandala was one...

After an hour and a hot cup of tea/coffee we went across the pass and down the other side where actually clouds lifted a bit, a lot of military stations all the way, and Rofiquil asked us to put away our bins and cameras and turn off our walkie-talkies. Wise. We headed toward a stake-out for Solitary Snipe. It was a wet

marsh just next to the road and next to the stream running parallel to the road. We walked back and forth but couldn't flush one. Otherwise rather empty with birds here. We headed up again, at one stop we eventually found a flock of Snow Pigeons slowly walking down the slope toward us. At mid-day we had lunch at some stalls below the pass when suddenly the clouds dispersed for a short while and the sun actually shined for a while. And at that moment Sebbe called out a flock of Grandalas, there was 25 of them and they stayed around glittering in the sun for some 20 minutes giving perfect views (*Fig 14*). What a relief.

After lunch we went back up to the pass. Heavy drizzle but still we wanted to try the Shortwing Trail, in was late April and too early for Gould's Shortwing, but who knows, we wanted to give it a try. Of course we couldn't find any Shortwing, but indeed good views of a Snow Partridge and another Himalayan Monal took off above us flying down. Then we heard the somewhat unmistakable chirping song of an Alpine Thrush (*Fig 41*) and soon the bird was found close to the path. We enjoyed great views, and were also getting wetter by the minute. Alpine Accentor was added. At 13:30 we decided enough was enough. No Tibetan Blackbird, but most other targets sealed. A few more erratic birds not seen (e.g. Red-fronted Rosefinch, Brandt's Mountain Finch).

The way back was mostly uneventful until a random stop to take a leak above Dirang produced a singing Indian Blue Robin and a Russet Bush-Warbler. And most amazingly a flock of perched Speckled Wood Pigeons. It's funny birding these areas, it's a constant feeling that you're on the roll. That's a feeling you seldom have in birding.

We were back at the hotel at 16:00, still daylight outside, that was rare. After dinner followed a long discussion of what to do on our final day at Dirang. Originally we had planned for two trips to Sela Pass. But two things were against, first, weather forecast looked more or less as discouraging as today and secondly the long drive and early start. Finally we decided after voting to spend the next day along Mandala Road for some general birding and possibly picking up a few new stuff.



*Fig 14. The incomparable Grandala. Sela Pass. MG.*



*Fig 15. Many singing, probably newly arrived, Blue-throated Blue Flycatchers at lower Mandala Road. MG.*

#### *April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mandala Road*

We left Pemaling at 04:45 and birded the lowest-most parts of Mandala Road, first along a smaller stream, which was very productive. First a Slender-billed Oriole (*Fig 45*) appeared, a rather unusual bird on this itinerary. Then a Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher (*Fig 15*) was found, actually the first of the trip. Later in the morning and also in the afternoon we had several encounters and in total seven birds were counted. Next up was a really rare vagrant for Arunachal Pradesh: a Bay-backed Shrike! (*Fig 42*) Only a few previous records in north-east India. BQ had one a couple of years ago also at Mandala Road. A singing male Spot-winged Grosbeak was also nice. Further uphill we soon reached the clouds and from 09:00 until 16:00 it was continuous rain! We did some random stops a longer around the hemlocks at the pass looking for Hodgson's and Rusty-flanked Treecreeper without success. Across the pass rain was even harder. However in a larger flock of feeding Black-throated Thrushes suddenly I discovered a male Red-throated Thrush, it disappeared right after as the flock was frightened.

In the late afternoon we were back at the lowest slopes and for the last 2 hours of the day we had pretty nice road-birding, a lot of feeding flycatchers: Ultramarine, Little Pied and even a showy pair of Pale Blue Flycatchers (*Fig 44*). The last highlight of the day was a Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush which hid well inside a large foliage, however just visible.

#### *April 24<sup>th</sup>: Dirang – Tezpur/Brahmaputra – Kaziranga*

A very long drive today. It was rather uneventful from Dirang all the way to Tenga and further downhill, we had planned to do some final birding around Sessni/Elephant to maybe try for Green Cochoa or Collared Treepie both rarely seen here. We tried the stake-out for Little Forktail at a waterfall but alas, it wasn't there at the moment, it

was very misty.

At Elephant the rain actually increased into tropical showers. We waited for half an hour in the car but it looked hopeless. Lunch at a roadside restaurant close to Nameri before crossing the Brahmaputra River. On the south bank immediately at the bridge (*Fig 53*) there is a small lake/inlet and smaller creek surrounded by some bushes. It's a known stop and well worth further exploration. In an hour we could add a couple of Brown-headed Gulls and also spent some time really scrutinizing a female Tufted Duck, from distance it had quite some resemblance with Baer's Pochard... The scrubby areas held some Grey-breasted Prinias and we found a few Paddyfield Warblers. However two singing *Acrocephalus*-warblers didn't appear as Paddyfield but rather Blunt-winged Warbler which might be resident in the area. Unfortunately we didn't make any recordings and we can't safely claim the record.

Back at Kaziranga we stopped at some larger pylons where a pair of Oriental Hobby is breeding. We briefly stopped here on the way out but didn't find any. This time we were lucky. The pylons themselves were empty, but in the top of a dead tree some 500+ meters away there was an adult Oriental Hobby! (*Fig 16*) Great. The two high and prominent pylons are right next to the road on the north-hand side just west of a prominent forested hill on the south side of the road (*Map 3*).

At Kaziranga we stayed at Sarmah Lodge along the main road. On the backside of the hotel there is a tremendous wetland and we had a great last hour of daylight here 17:15-18:15. There were many Yellow and Cinnamon Bitterns flying back and forth, a few Watercocks did the same, Jacanas, Herons and Egrets *en masse*.

#### *April 25<sup>th</sup>: Kaziranga Tea Estate – Deepor Beel – Guwahati*

The reason for going back to Kaziranga was to have a final attempt of Blue-naped Pitta which we missed here on our first try. Early morning and very focused we headed right out into the tea plantations. We played Blue-naped and Hooded Pitta here and there. But there was a complete silence. And one point Rofiqul actually saw a Hooded Pitta perched up a branch for a second before diving back into the bamboo gully. At 06:20 it started to rain and we decided to try another spot slightly east of the tea gardens. Rain stopped and we walked through some plantations and degraded forest. But at the moment we reached really interesting-looking habitat skies opened again and we were forced to retreat.

After breakfast we couldn't do anything else but start driving back to Guwahati. At a roadside stop halfway to stretch our legs, there was amazing numbers of Blue-tailed Bee-eaters, many hundreds of them hunting for insects.

In Guwahati we made a last stop at Deepor Beel, an enormous water body at the outskirts of the town with lots of water-lilies and floating plants. Our last additions to the trip list were: Glossy Ibis, Purple Swamphen, Great Crested Grebe and Jungle Babbler.

We were finally dropped off at the airport at 14:00 and bid farewell to Rofi, Padam and Bishu, an amazing team who made this a most memorable and successful trip.



*Fig 16. Perched very distant Oriental Hobby at Kaziranga. MG.*



*Fig 17. The team (from left): Sebbe, Måns, Rofiqul, Jonas, Anders. Above Dirang, just seen a flock of Speckled Wood Pigeons.*



## List of birds: North-east India, April 8<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2017

Following IOC World Bird List 7.2 (April 2017) ([www.worldbirdnames.org](http://www.worldbirdnames.org)). In total: 516 species, including 10 heard only (HO), 38 species on The IUCN Red List for Threatened Species (2014.3). Subspecies notations are foremost literature-based.

- 1 **Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 2 **Lesser Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna javanica*  
50 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 40 Brahmaputra 24.4, 30 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 3 **Bar-headed Goose** *Anser indicus*  
20 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 4 **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 5 **Cotton Pygmy Goose** *Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus*  
4 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Brahmaputra 24.4, 5 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 6 **Gadwall** *Anas strepera strepera*  
25 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 50 Brahmaputra 24.4, 3 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 7 **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope*  
50 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 8 **Indian Spot-billed Duck** *Anas poecilorhyncha poecilorhyncha*  
40 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Kaziranga 11.4, 5 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 9 **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*  
15 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 10 **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 4 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 11 **Garganey** *Anas querquedula*  
25 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 12 **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca crecca*  
4 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 13 **Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca* **NT**  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 14 **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*  
1 male Nameri 13.4, 1 female Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 15 **Snow Partridge** *Lerwa lerwa*  
6 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 16 **Swamp Francolin** *Francolinus gularis* **VU**  
4 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 17 **Hill Partridge** *Arborophila torqueola torqueola*  
2 heard Lama Camp 14.4, 1 pair + 4 chicks seen above Lama Camp 15.4, 1 seen Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 4 heard Eaglenest 16.4, 3 heard Eaglenest Pass – Lama 20.4, 2 heard Mandala Road 21.4, 1 heard Sela Pass 22.4, 1 heard Dirang – Tenga 24.4.
- 18 **Rufous-throated Partridge** *Arborophila rufogularis*  
1 seen + 1 heard below Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 seen + 2 heard below Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 heard Bompou Camp 18 & 19.4.
- 19 **White-cheeked Partridge** *Arborophila atrogularis* **HO NT**  
2 heard SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 20 **Chestnut-breasted Partridge** *Arborophila mandellii* **VU**  
2 seen + 1 heard Bompou Camp 18.4, 2 seen + 4 heard Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 21 **Blood Pheasant** *Ithaginis cruentus kuseri*  
2 males + 1 female seen, 2 heard, Sela Pass 22.4.
- 22 **Blyth's Tragopan** *Tragopan blythii blythii* **VU**  
1 male crossed the road above Bompou Camp + 1 heard closeby Sunderview 16.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 18.4, 1 male seen above Bompou Camp + 1 heard 19.4.
- 23 **Temminck's Tragopan** *Tragopan temminckii*  
1 male seen Tragopanda Trail, above Lama Camp 15.4, 3 heard Lama – Eaglenest Pass 16.4.
- 24 **Himalayan Monal** *Lophophorus impejanus*  
3 males + 1 female seen Sela Pass 22.4.

- 25 **Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus murghi*  
1 female Shillong Peak 9.4, 1 pair Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 8 Kaziranga 11.4, 4 heard Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4, 1 pair Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 26 **Kalij Pheasant** *Lophura leucomelanos lathamii*  
1 pair Shillong Peak 9.4, 1 female Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 7 Eaglenest 18.4, 1 male Mandala Road 23.4.
- 27 **Grey Peacock-Pheasant** *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*  
7 heard Eaglenest 17.4, 1 male seen(!) Khellong 18.4, 3 heard Eaglenest 18.4, 2 heard Eaglenest 19.4.
- 28 **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
10 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Kaziranga – Tezpur 12.4, 15 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 29 **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*  
2 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 30 **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*  
Max 200 daily in the lowlands.
- 31 **Woolly-necked Stork** *Ciconia episcopus episcopus* **VU**  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Kaziranga – Tezpur 12.4.
- 32 **Black-necked Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus asiaticus* **NT**  
1 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 10 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 5 Kaziranga 11.4.
- 33 **Lesser Adjutant** *Leptoptilos javanicus* **VU**  
10 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 25 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Tezpur 24.4, 1 e.r. Kaziranga 24.4, 15 Kaziranga – Guwahati 25.4.
- 34 **Greater Adjutant** *Leptoptilos dubius* **EN**  
15 Guwahati 8.4, 1 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Kaziranga 11.4, 25+ Guwahati 25.4.
- 35 **Black-headed Ibis** *Threskiornis melanocephalus* **NT**  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 36 **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*  
20 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 37 **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
7 wetland behind Sarmah Lodge 24.4.
- 38 **Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*  
5 wetland behind Sarmah Lodge 24.4.
- 39 **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
3 Nameri Eco Lodge 12.4, 1 Sarmah Lodge 24.4.
- 40 **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata actophila*  
1 Nameri 13.4.
- 41 **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*  
Seen on 8 days in the lowlands.
- 42 **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*  
Seen on 8 days in the lowlands.
- 43 **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*  
4 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 44 **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea manilensis*  
1 Kaziranga 9.4, 2 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Sarmah Lodge 24.4, 3 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 45 **Great Egret** *Ardea alba modesta*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 46 **Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia intermedia*  
Seen on 3 days in the lowlands.
- 47 **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta*  
Seen on 8 days in the lowlands.
- 48 **Spot-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis* **NT**  
10 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 15 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 40 Kaziranga 11.4.
- 49 **Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger*  
5 Kaziranga 9.4, 100 Kaziranga 10.4, 15 Nameri 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 70 Brahmaputra 24.4, 15 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 50 **Indian Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
10 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 fly-by Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 51 **Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* **NT**

- Max 50 Kaziranga 9-11.4, 1 Nameri 12.4, 4 Nameri 13.4, 5 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 52 Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Nameri 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 53 Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*  
3 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Sarmah Lodge 24.4, 2 e.r. Guwahati 25.4.
- 54 Crested Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis*  
1 e.r. Shillong 8.4, 1 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 6 Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 55 White-rumped Vulture** *Gyps bengalensis* **EN**  
1 ad Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 56 Slender-billed Vulture** *Gyps tenuirostris* **CR**  
2 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 57 Himalayan Vulture** *Gyps himalayensis* **NT**  
2 Tenga 14.4, 1 imm Mandala Road 21.4.
- 58 Griffon Vulture** *Gyps fulvus fulvescens*  
At least 70 *Gyps* sp. were seen around Guwahati and Kaziranga. Many (most) looked like Griffon Vultures, however younger Himalayan Vultures apparently disperse to the lowlands during winter.
- 59 Red-headed Vulture** *Sarcogyps calvus* **CR**  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 60 Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela cheela*  
1 e.r. Shillong 8.4, 4 Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Sessa 14.4, 1 Khellong 18.4.
- 61 Short-toed Snake Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*  
1 imm Nameri 13.4.
- 62 Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus limnaeetus*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 63 Mountain Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus nipalensis nipalensis*  
1 ad Lama Camp 15.4, 2 ad Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 ad Mandala Road 23.4.
- 64 Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis perniger*  
2 ad Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 Sessni 18.4, 1 Alubari Track, Lama Camp 20.4
- 65 Indian Spotted Eagle** *Clanga hastata* **VU**  
1 ad Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 66 Greater Spotted Eagle** *Clanga clanga* **VU**  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 67 Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus*  
2 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 Eaglenest Pass 20.4.
- 68 Shikra** *Accipiter badius dussumieri*  
1 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 69 Besra** *Accipiter virgatus affinis*  
1 Sessni 18.4.
- 70 Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus melaschistos*  
1 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 71 Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*  
1 male Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 72 Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*  
1 male Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 73 Pied Harrier** *Circus melanoleucos*  
1 male Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 74 Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*  
20 Guwahati 8.4, 15 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 2 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 20 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 75 Pallas's Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* **VU**  
2 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 76 Lesser Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus humilis* **NT**  
1 ad Nameri 14.4.
- 77 Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichtyaetus* **NT**  
1 ad Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 78 Himalayan Buzzard** *Buteo burmanicus*  
1 above Tenga 14.4.

- 79 **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 80 **Black-tailed Crane** *Porzana bicolor*  
4 Lower Mandala Road 21.4.
- 81 **Watercock** *Gallicrex cinerea*  
5 Sarmah Lodge 24.4.
- 82 **Grey-headed Swamphen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus poliocephalus*  
10 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 83 **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 3 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 84 **Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra atra*  
50 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 85 **Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator*  
3 outside Nameri Eco Lodge 12.4.
- 86 **Indian Stone-curlew** *Burhinus indicus*  
2 Nameri 13.4.
- 87 **Great Stone-curlew** *Esacus recurvirostris* NT  
9 Nameri 13.4.
- 88 **River Lapwing** *Vanellus duvaucelii* NT  
4 Nameri 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 89 **Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus*  
4 Rhino viewpoint, W Kaziranga 9.4, 8 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 90 **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus*  
Seen on 7 days.
- 91 **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 92 **Long-billed Plover** *Charadrius placidus*  
3 Sangti Valley 20.4.
- 93 **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*  
3 Nameri 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4, 5 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 94 **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
20 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 8 Sarmah Lodge 24.4, 1 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 95 **Bronze-winged Jacana** *Metopidius indicus*  
2 Guwahati 8.4, 3 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 10 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Sarmah Lodge 24.4, 1 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 96 **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago gallinago*  
1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 97 **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*  
8 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 98 **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus eurhina*  
2 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 99 **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*  
5 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 100 **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*  
4 Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Nameri 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4.
- 101 **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*  
6 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 102 **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
1 Nameri 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Sangti Valley 20.4, 4 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 103 **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*  
15 Rhino Watch Point, W Kaziranga 9.4.
- 104 **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*  
1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 105 **Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 106 **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*  
2 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 107 **Small Pratincole** *Glareola lactea*

- 15 Nameri 12.4, 35 Nameri 13.4.
- 108 Brown-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
5 2cy Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 109 River Tern** *Sterna aurantia* **NT**  
3 Nameri 12.4, 4 Nameri 13.4.
- 110 Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida javanicus*  
100 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 80+ Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 111 Rock Dove** *Columa livia* (domest.)  
Seen on 9 days.
- 112 Snow Pigeon** *Columba leuconota gradaria*  
15 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 113 Speckled Wood Pigeon** *Columba hodgsonii*  
6 e.r. Sela – Dirang 22.4.
- 114 Ashy Wood Pigeon** *Columba pulchricollis*  
15 above Bompou Camp 18.4, 10 Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 115 Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis agricola*  
Seen on 10 days.
- 116 Red Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica tranquebarica*  
Seen on 5 days, mostly around Kaziranga.
- 117 Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis suratensis*  
Seen on 10 days.
- 118 Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall tusalia*  
15 Nameri 13.4, 1 Bompou 17.4, 1 Bompou 18.4, 4 Bompou 19.4, 4 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4, 1 e.r. Dirang – Tenga 24.4.
- 119 Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica indica*  
1 Kaziranga 9.4, 1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4.
- 120 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon** *Treron bicinctus*  
1 male + 1 female Nameri 13.4.
- 121 Thick-billed Green Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra*  
5 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 20 Nameri 13.4.
- 122 Yellow-footed Green Pigeon** *Treron phoenicopterus phoenicopterus*  
2 Kaziranga 9.4, 10 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 5 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 10 Kaziranga 11.4, 5 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4.
- 123 Pin-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron apicauda apicauda*  
1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 2 Elephant 14.4, 3 Khellong 18.4.
- 124 Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron sphenurus sphenurus*  
1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 50 Nameri 13.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 125 Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea sylvatica*  
2 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 8 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 5 Nameri 12.4, 100+ Nameri 13.4.
- 126 Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia insignis*  
Max 5 daily Bompou area 16-19.4.
- 127 Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis sinensis*  
Heard on 5 days. 1 seen Rhino viewpoint, W Kaziranga 24.4.
- 128 Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis bengalensis*  
3 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 h Nameri 12 & 13.4.
- 129 Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis tristis*  
1 Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 1 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Kaziranga 24.4.
- 130 Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus*  
2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 131 Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus scolopaceus*  
Heard on 9 days. Seen Kaziranga 11.4 and Nameri Eco Lodge 12 & 13.4.
- 132 Asian Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculatus*  
5 Nameri 13.4.
- 133 Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii sonneratii*  
1 heard Nameri 13.4, 1 seen and 1 heard Khellong 18.4, 1 heard lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 134 Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus querulus*  
2 heard Shillong 9.4, 1 heard Kaziranga 10.4, 2 seen Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 3 seen + 2 heard Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Alubari Track 20.4, 1 heard lower Mandala Road 23.4.

- 135 Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus lugubris*  
1 seen Nameri 13.4, 2 seen Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4. Additionally heard on 4 days. Taxonomy unresolved?
- 136 Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*  
Heard on 14 days. 1 seen Nameri 13.4, 1 seen below Bompu Camp 16.4, 2 seen Mandala Road 23.4.
- 137 Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx nasicolor*  
1 seen Sessni 17.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4, 1 heard Khellong below Bompu Camp 18.4.
- 138 Lesser Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus*  
2 seen Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 21.4.
- 139 Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus micropterus*  
Noted on 9 days. 1 seen Shillong 9.4, 1 seen Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 140 Himalayan Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*  
Noted on 12 days. 1 seen Tragopanda Trail 15.4.
- 141 Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*  
Noted on 6 days. 3 seen Shillong 9.4, 1 seen Lama Camp 15.4, 2 seen Sangti Valley 20.4.
- 142 Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilocephalus spilocephalus* HO  
Heard only Lama Camp on 1 night and Bompu Camp on 2 nights.
- 143 Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia* HO  
1 heard Nameri Eco Camp 12.4.
- 144 Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei brodiei* HO  
Singles heard only on 6 days, Eaglenest and Mandala Road.
- 145 Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*  
Seen or heard on 8 days. Seen Kaziranga (possibly ssp *rufescens*) and Sessni (possibly ssp *austum*).
- 146 Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama pulchra*  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Nameri 12.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 147 Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata*  
1 Nameri Eco Camp 12-14.4.
- 148 Grey Nightjar** *Caprimulgus jotaka hazarae*  
1 seen + 2 heard Lama Camp 14-16.4, 1 heard Hotel Pemaling, Dirang 22-23.4.
- 149 Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus bimaculatus*  
2 seen + 1 heard Jupuri Ghar 9-12.4, 1 seen Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 150 Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris brevirostris*  
Seen on 6 days, Sessa, Eaglenest, Mandala Road.
- 151 White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus nudipes*  
20 below Bompu Camp 17.4.
- 152 Silver-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*  
3 Nameri 13.4.
- 153 Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus indicus*  
1 Nameri 12.4.
- 154 Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis*  
Seen on 8 days in the lowlands.
- 155 Blyth's Swift** *Apus leuconyx*  
5 below Bompu Camp 17.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 2 Lama Camp 20.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4. Some might have been Salim Ali's Swift *A. salimalii* which breeds on the Tibetan plateau, winter disperse and migratory routes mostly unknown?
- 156 Dark-rumped Swift** *Apus acuticauda* VU  
100+ Nohkalikai Falls, Cherrapunjee 8.4. A Meghalaya speciality, distribution wider however few other regular spots.
- 157 House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*  
10+ Cherrapunjee 8.4, 5 Shillong 9.4.
- 158 Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus erythrocephalus*  
1 male Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Sessni 17.4, 1 male Khellong 18.4.
- 159 Ward's Trogon** *Harpactes wardi* NT  
1 male + 2 female Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 heard Sunderview 16.4.
- 160 Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis affinis*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 161 Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis orientalis*  
2 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, max 5 Nameri 12-14.4.
- 162 Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis capensis*

- 1 heard Rhino viewpoint, W Kaziranga 9.4, 4 Kaziranga 10.4.
- 163 Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* HO  
1 heard Pool 2, Nameri 13.4.
- 164 White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 165 Blue-eared Kingfisher** *Alcedo meninting coltarti*  
2 seen Pool 2, Nameri 13.4.
- 166 Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis bengalensis*  
1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Nameri 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 167 Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis leucomelanururs*  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands.
- 168 Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis athertoni athertoni*  
2 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 169 Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis ferrugeiceps*  
2 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 12.4.
- 170 Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus javanicus*  
5 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 30 e.r. Tezpur – Nameri 12.4, 2 Brahmaputra 24.4, 250+ e.r. Kaziranga – Guwahati 25.4.
- 171 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*  
5 e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 10 Nameri 12.4, 25+ Nameri 13.4.
- 172 Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upopa epops longirostris*  
1 Guwahati 8.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Sangti Valley 20.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 173 Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* NT  
Max 4 seen on 5 days. Seen Kaziranga, Jupuri Ghar, Nameri.
- 174 Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris albirostris*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 175 Rufous-necked Hornbill** *Aceros nipalensis* VU  
4 Sessni 17.4, 1 male + 1 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 176 Wreathed Hornbill** *Rhyticeros undulatus*  
10 Nameri 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 177 Great Barbet** *Psilopogon viridis magnificus*  
Common Eaglenest and Mandala Road.
- 178 Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus hodgsoni*  
Max 5 Kaziranga. 5 Nameri 12-13.4.
- 179 Golden-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon franklinii franklinii*  
Seen or heard on 6 days at Eaglenest.
- 180 Blue-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon asiaticus asiaticus*  
Seen on 10 days.
- 181 Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon duvaucelii cyanotis*  
3 heard Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 182 Coppermith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*  
1 heard Shillong 8.4, 1 heard e.r. Kaziranga 9.4, 1 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 Nameri 12.4, 1 heard Nameri 13.4.
- 183 Yellow-rumped Honeyguide** *Indicator xanthonotus* NT  
1 male above Lama Camp 15.4.
- 184 Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus*  
1 Khellong 18.4.
- 185 White-browed Piculet** *Sasia ochracea ochracea*  
1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 186 Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus canicapillus*  
1 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 6 Nameri 13.4, 2 Khellong 18.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 187 Crimson-breasted Woodpecker** *Dryobates cathpharius cathpharius*  
2 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 188 Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos hyperythrus hyperythrus*  
1 male Lama Camp 15.4, 1 pair Alubari Track 20.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 189 Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos macei macei*  
1 female Shillong 9.4, 1 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 2 Nameri 13.4, 1 Khellong 18.4, 1 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 190 Darjeeling Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos darjellensis*  
3 Eaglenest Pass – Sunderview 16.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Alubari Track 20.4, 3 Mandala Road

- 21.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 191 Lesser Yellownape** *Picus chlorolophus chlorolophus*  
4 Nameri 13.4.
- 192 Streak-throated Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus*  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 193 Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus sanguiniceps*  
1 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 194 Black-rumped Flameback** *Dinopium benghalense benghalense*  
2 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 Nameri 12.4.
- 195 Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus guttacristatus*  
3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4.
- 196 Pale-headed Woodpecker** *Gecinulus grantia grantia*  
1 male Elephant 14.4.
- 197 Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis pyrrhotis*  
3 Sessni 17.4, 2 heard above Bompou Camp 18.4, 1 heard Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 198 Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus*  
2 Nameri 13.4.
- 199 Pied Falconet** *Microhierax melanoleucos*  
1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 200 Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus interstinctus*  
1 Kaziranga – Tezpur 12.4, 1 Sangti Valley 20.4.
- 201 Oriental Hobby** *Falco severus*  
1 ad Kaziranga 24.4.
- 202 Blossom-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula roseata roseata* NT  
20 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 8 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 203 Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri fasciata* NT  
Seen on 8 days. Hundreds daily at Kaziranga.
- 204 Alexandrine Parakeet** *Psittacula eupatria* NT  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands. Max 10 Kaziranga 10.4.
- 205 Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri borealis*  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands. Max 40 Kaziranga 10.4.
- 206 Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis*  
4 Nameri 13.4.
- 207 Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae dalhousiae*  
2 heard Sessa 14.4, 5 Sessni 17.4, 4 Khellong 18.4, 1 e.r. Tenga 24.4.
- 208 Silver-breasted Broadbill** *Serilophus lunatus rubropygius* HO  
1 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 209 Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis virgatus pelvicus*  
2 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4, 2 Khellong 18.4, 1 Sessa 24.4.
- 210 Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 211 Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands.
- 212 Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia tiphia*  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands.
- 213 Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei nipalensis*  
1 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 3 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 Nameri 12.4.
- 214 Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Coracina melaschistos melaschistos*  
Seen on 10 days.
- 215 Rosy Minivet** *Pericrocotus roseus*  
10 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 216 Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris solaris*  
Max 10 Bompou area 17-19.4.
- 217 Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus laetus*  
1 pair Tenga 20.4, 10 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 218 Short-billed Minivet** *Pericrocotus brevirostris brevirostris*  
6 Shillong Peak 9.4, 4 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Bompou Camp 18.4, 10 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.



- 219 Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus speciosus*  
Seen on 5 days in the lowlands (possibly ssp *fraterculus*). 4 Nameri 13.4, 5 Elephant – Sessa 14.4, 15 Khellong 18.4 (possibly ssp *speciosus*).
- 220 Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus cristatus*  
1 Nameri 12.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Sarmah Lodge 24.4.
- 221 Bay-backed Shrike** *Lanius vittatus vittatus*  
1 female lower Mandala Road 23.4. Possibly third record in NE India(!).
- 222 Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach tricolor*  
1 e.r. Shillong 8.4, 3 e.r. Shillong – Kaziranga 9.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 3 Sangti Valley 20.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 223 Grey-backed Shrike** *Lanius tephronotus tephronotus*  
Seen on 8 days, mainly in lowlands.
- 224 White-bellied Erpornis** *Erpornis zantholeuca zantholeuca*  
3 Khellong 18.4.
- 225 Black-headed Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius rufiventer*  
1 heard Sunderview 16.4, 1 male above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 21.4.
- 226 Blyth's Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius rufiventer*  
1 heard Shillong 9.4, 2 Sessa 14.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 heard Sessni 17.4, 4 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 227 Green Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius xanthochlorus xanthochlorus*  
2 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 228 Black-eared Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius melanotis melanotis*  
1 Lama Camp 14.4, 2 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 4 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 229 Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*  
1 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 230 Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus xanthornus*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 231 Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii traillii*  
Seen on 7 days in the mountains.
- 232 Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus*  
Seen on 7 days in the lowlands.
- 233 Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus hopwoodi*  
Seen on 11 days, mainly in the mountains.
- 234 Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus aeneus*  
5 Elephant 14.4, 5 Khellong 18.4, 2 Sessa 24.4.
- 235 Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer tectirostris*  
3 Bompou Camp 17.4, 5 Khellong 18.4, 1 Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 236 Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus*  
Seen on 6 days in the lowlands.
- 237 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus grandis*  
1 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 238 White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis stanleyi*  
Seen on 8 days in the mountains.
- 239 Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea styani*  
2 Nameri 13.4, 1 Khellong 18.4.
- 240 Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius persaturatus*  
2 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 241 Yellow-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa flavirostris flavirostris*  
2 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 heard Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 heard Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 5 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 242 Common Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis chinensis*  
1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 17.4.
- 243 Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
Max 10 Kaziranga 10-11.4, 2 Nameri 12-13.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 244 Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae himalayana*  
5 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 Sessa 14.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 245 Spotted Nutcracker** *Nucifraga caryocatactes macella*

- 1 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 5 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 246 Red-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax graculus*  
15 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 247 House Crow** *Corvus splendens splendens*  
Seen on 3 days, mainly around Guwahati.
- 248 Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos tibetosinensis*  
4 Mandala Road 21.4, 6 Sela Pass 22.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 249 Eastern Jungle Crow** *Corvus levaillantii*  
Seen on 7 days, mainly in the lowlands.
- 250 Yellow-bellied Fantail** *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus*  
Seen on 5 days in Eaglenest and Mandala Road. Max 5 daily.
- 251 Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis calochrysea*  
Seen on 11 days. Max 12 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 252 Yellow-browed Tit** *Sylviparus modestus modestus*  
Seen on 5 days at Eaglenest, max 4 daily.
- 253 Sultan Tit** *Melanochloa sultanea slutanea*  
2 Nameri 13.4, 2 Sessni 17.4, 2 Khellong 18.4.
- 254 Rufous-vented Tit** *Periparus rubidiventris beavani*  
2 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Sela Pass 22.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 255 Coal Tit** *Periparus ater aemodius*  
8 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Sela Pass 22.4, 5 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 256 Grey Crested Tit** *Lophophanes dichrous dichrous*  
6 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 257 Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus vauriei*  
Max 5 Kaziranga 9-12.4, max 4 Nameri 12-13.4, 2 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 258 Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus yunnanensis*  
Max 3 Lama Camp 14-15.4, seen daily in Dirang area. 2 Sessa 24.4.
- 259 Yellow-cheeked Tit** *Machlolophus spilonotus*  
Ssp *subviridis*: 2 Shillong Peak 9.4. Ssp *spilonotus*: 2 Lama Camp 14.4, 2 Bompu 18.4, 4 above Bompu Camp 19.4.
- 260 Bengal Bush Lark** *Mirafra assamica*  
2 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 8 outside Nameri Eco Camp 12.4, 1 e.r. Nameri – Elephant 14.4.
- 261 Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula vernayi*  
3 Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 262 Sand Lark** *Alaudala raytal raytal*  
1 Nameri 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4, 3 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 263 Crested Finchbill** *Spizixos canifrons*  
10 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4.
- 264 Striated Bulbul** *Pycononotus striatus striatus*  
3 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, seen on 7 days at Eaglenest, max 10 Lama Camp 20.4, 3 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 265 Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycononotus flaviventris flaviventris*  
3 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Elephant 14.4.
- 266 Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycononotus jocosus emeria*  
Seen on 7 days.
- 267 Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycononotus cafer bengalensis*  
Seen on 14 days.
- 268 Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycononotus flavescens*  
5 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4.
- 269 White-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus flaveolus flaveolus*  
3 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 2 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 10 Nameri 13.4, 5 Elephant – Sessa 14.4, 10 Khellong 18.4.
- 270 Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mccllellandi mccllellandi*  
1 Sessa 14.4.
- 271 Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
Seen on 9 days.
- 272 Grey-throated Martin** *Riparia chinensis chinensis*  
Common around Kaziranga and Nameri.
- 273 Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica gutturalis*

- Max 40 Kaziranga 10-11.4, 5 Nameri 13.4, 10 Brahmaputra 24.4, 4 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 274 Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus cashmeriense*  
10 Nameri 13.4, 100 Elephant 14.4, 100 below Bompou Camp 17.4.
- 275 Nepal House Martin** *Delichon nipalense nipalense*  
3 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 20 Sangti Valley 20.4, 3 Sela Pass 22.4, 15 Dirang 22.4.
- 276 Striated Swallow** *Cecropis striolata mayri*  
20 Shillong 8.4, 10 W Kaziranga 9.4, 5 Jupuri Ghar 10-11.4, 4 Deepor Beel 25.4. Red-rumped Swallow *C. daurica* winters in the area, however we could only identify Striated.
- 277 Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler** *Pnoepyga albiventer albiventer*  
1 seen and 1 heard Lama Camp 14.4.
- 278 Pygmy Wren-babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla pusilla*  
1 seen Lama Camp 14.4, 2 heard Lama Camp 15.4, 1 heard Sunderview 16.4, 1 heard Sessni 17.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 21.4.
- 279 Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris drasticus*  
2 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 4 Elephant 14.4, 25+ Khellong 18.4.
- 280 Rufous-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus albogularis*  
10 Khellong 18.4.
- 281 Black-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus schisticeps flavimentalis*  
Seen on 6 days at Eaglenest, max 15 Lama Camp 14.4, max 10 Mandala Road 21 & 23.4.
- 282 Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cuculatus coronatus*  
4 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 18 & 19.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 283 Broad-billed Warbler** *Tickellia hodgsoni hodgsoni*  
1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 + 1 heard above Bompou Camp 19.4, 2 heard Eaglenest Pass 20.4.
- 284 Brown-flanked Bush Warbler** *Horornis fortipes fortipes*  
Noted on 11 days. Seen at Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge, Lama Camp, Bompou Camp, Alubari Track.
- 285 Hume's Bush Warbler** *Horornis brunnescens* HO  
1 heard Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 2 heard upper Mandala Road 21.4.
- 286 Grey-bellied Tesia** *Tesia cyaniventer*  
3 heard Lama Camp 14.4, 1 seen + 4 heard Tragopanda Trail + Lama Camp 15.4, 5 heard Lama – Bompou 16.4.
- 287 Slaty-bellied Tesia** *Tesia olivea olivea*  
3 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 5 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 288 Grey-sided Bush Warbler** *Cettia brunnifrons*  
1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 5 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 289 Chestnut-headed Tesia** *Cettia castaneocoronata castaneocoronata*  
2 heard Lama Camp 15.4, 5 Eaglenest Pass – Sunderview 16.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 290 Black-throated Bushtit** *Aegithalos concinnus iredalei*  
1 Lama Camp 15.4, 15 above Bompou Camp 18.4, 5 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 2 below Sela Pass 22.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 291 Rufous-fronted Bushtit** *Aegithalos iouschistas*  
4 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 4 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 292 Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus fuscatus*  
1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 293 Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis affinis*  
Seen on 9 days. Max 5 Nameri 13.4.
- 294 Buff-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher pulcher*  
Regularly seen in rhododendron higher parts of Eaglenest, Mandala Road and Sela Pass. Seen on 7 days.
- 295 Ashy-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus maculipennis virens*  
3 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 6 Eaglenest Pass – Sunderview 16.4, 2 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 5 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 296 Lemon-rumped Warbler** *Phylloscopus chloronotus chloronotus*  
2 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 Lama Camp 14.4, 1 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 297 Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
3 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 heard Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 3 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 20 Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Tenga 14.4.
- 298 Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*

- 5 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 heard Eastern Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 heard Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 299 Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides trochiloides*  
1 Nameri 13.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 300 Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris*  
1 Sunderview 16.4, 4 heard Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 4 heard Mandala Road 21.4, 4 Mandala Road 22.4, 1 heard e.r. Tenga 24.4.
- 301 Blyth's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides assamensis*  
Most common *Phylloscopus*-warbler. Seen on 12 days.
- 302 Yellow-vented Warbler** *Phylloscopus cantator cantator*  
1 seen + 2 heard Elephant 14.4, 4 Khellong 18.4.
- 303 Grey-hooded Warbler** *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos jerdoni*  
2 Shillong Peak 9.4, 2 Sessa 14.4, 5 Khellong 18.4, 1 Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 lower Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Dirang 22.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 304 White-spectacled Warbler** *Seicercus affinis affinis*  
1 Lama Camp 14.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 18.4.
- 305 Grey-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus tphrocephalus*  
1 singing bird Mandala Road (2400 masl) 21.4. Good record well west of known regular distribution.
- 306 Whistler's Warbler** *Seicercus whistleri whistleri*  
1 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 4 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 19.4, 4 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 20 Mandala Road 21.4, 5 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 307 Grey-cheeked Warbler** *Seicercus poliogenys*  
Commonly seen and heard at Eaglenest.
- 308 Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps castaniceps*  
Seen on 8 days. Max 10 8.4.
- 309 Paddyfield Warbler** *Acrocephalus agricola*  
2 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 310 Thick-billed Warbler** *Iduna aedon aedon*  
3 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 outside Nameri Eco Camp 12.4.
- 311 Russet Bush Warbler** *Locustella mandelli*  
2 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 heard Alubari Track 20.4, 1 seen + 1 heard Mandala Road 21.4, 1 heard Dirang 22.4, 2 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 312 Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris toklao*  
1 W Kaziranga 9.4, 2 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 Nameri 12.4, 1 W Kaziranga 24.4, 2 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 313 Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis cursitans*  
1 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 314 Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis tytleri*  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 315 Black-throated Prinia** *Prinia atrogularis*  
Ssp  *khasiana*: 15 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4. Ssp  *atrogularis*: 1 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 heard Alubari Track 20.4.
- 316 Grey-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii*  
8 Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 2 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 317 Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris flaviventris*  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 318 Ashy Prinia** *Prinia socialis inglisi*  
2 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 319 Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata fusca*  
20 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 10 Kaziranga 11.4.
- 320 Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius patia*  
Noted on 9 days.
- 321 Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis nitidus*  
1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 322 White-browed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps cryptanthus*  
2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 323 Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis godwini*  
3 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 2 Lama Camp 14.4, 2 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 4 Alubari Track 20.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.

- 324 Red-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps stenorhynchus*  
3 Khellong 18.4.
- 325 Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus ferruginosus*  
2 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 10 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 2 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 326 Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus superciliaris superciliaris*  
2 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 2 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 327 Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler** *Spelaeornis caudatus* **NT**  
3 seen + 1 heard Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 seen + 2 heard below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 18.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 328 Bar-winged Wren-Babbler** *Spelaeornis troglodytoides*  
1 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 329 Tawny-breasted Wren-Babbler** *Spelaeornis longicaudatus* **VU**  
3 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4.
- 330 Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler** *Sphenocichla humei*  
2 below Bompou Camp 16 & 19.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 331 Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps nigriceps*  
1 heard Elephant 14.4, 2 Sessni 17.4, 2 Khellong 18.4.
- 332 Buff-chested Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ambigua ambigua*  
10 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 6 Khellong 18.4, 1 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 333 Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ruficeps ruficeps*  
Seen daily at Eaglenest and Mandala Road. Max 5 Bompou – Sessni 17.4.
- 334 Golden Babbler** *Stachyridopsis chrysaee chrysaee*  
Seen daily, max 5, around Bompou – Sessni 16-19.4.
- 335 Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronus gularis rubicapilla*  
Noted on 7 days, Meghalaya, Kaziranga, Nameri. Max 15 Nameri 13.4.
- 336 Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata bengalensis*  
5 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 337 Yellow-throated Fulvetta** *Alcippe cinerea*  
Seen on 5 days at Eaglenest, max 10 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 338 Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Alcippe castaneiceps castaneiceps*  
Seen on 5 days at Eaglenest, max 15 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 339 Rusty-capped Fulvetta** *Alcippe dubia*  
3 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 seen Shillong Peak 9.4.
- 340 Nepal Fulvetta** *Alcippe nipalensis nipalensis*  
6 Khellong 18.4.
- 341 Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler** *Napothera epilepidota guttaticollis*  
1 below Bompou Camp 17.4.
- 342 White-hooded Babbler** *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*  
6 Khellong 18.4.
- 343 Long-billed Wren-Babbler** *Rimator malacoptilus*  
1 seen + 3 heard below Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 seen + 1 heard below Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 344 Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti abbotti*  
3 Nameri 13.4.
- 345 Spot-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum albiventre*  
2 Elephant 14.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 346 Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps*  
10 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 10 heard Nameri 13.4.
- 347 Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli assamense*  
2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 348 Striated Babbler** *Turdoides earlei*  
3 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 6 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 349 Slender-billed Babbler** *Turdoides longirostris* **VU**  
1 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 350 Jungle Babbler** *Turdoides striata*  
1 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 351 White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus leucolophus*  
4 Elephant 14.4, 10 Sessni 17.4, 4 Khellong 18.4.
- 352 Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush** *Garrulax rufogularis rufogularis*  
1 heard Alubari Track 20.4, 1 lower Mandala Road 23.4.

- 353 Spotted Laughingthrush** *Garrulax ocellatus ocellatus*  
1 seen + 1 heard Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 4 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 354 Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax monileger*  
2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 355 Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax pectoralis pectoralis*  
10 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 356 Rufous-necked Laughingthrush** *Garrulax ruficollis*  
8 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 357 Grey-sided Laughingthrush** *Garrulax caerulatus caerulatus*  
7 Lama Camp 14.4, 5 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 1 heard above Bompou Camp 18.4, 10 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 358 Striated Laughingthrush** *Garrulax striatus cranbrooki*  
Seen on 7 days mostly in Eaglenest. Max 10 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 359 Bhutan Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron imbricatum*  
6 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Lama Camp 20.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Dirang 22.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 360 Blue-winged Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron squamatum*  
1 below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 heard Sessni 17.4.
- 361 Scaly Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron subunicolor subunicolor*  
2 Sunderview 16.4.
- 362 Black-faced Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron affine bethelae*  
5 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 8 Sela Pass 22.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 363 Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum nigrimentum*  
Seen on 9 days. Max 15 Eaglenest 16.4.
- 364 Assam Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron chrysopteron* HO  
1 heard Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 2 heard Shillong Peak 9.4.
- 365 Himalayan Cutia** *Cutia nipalensis nipalensis*  
1 heard Lama Camp 15.4, 12 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 3 Alubari Track 20.4.
- 366 Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera cyanouroptera*  
5 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, seen at Eaglenest on 5 days. 4 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 367 Bar-throated Minla** *Minla strigula yunnanensis*  
Seen on 6 days at Eaglenest, max 10 Mandala Road 21 & 23.4.
- 368 Red-tailed Minla** *Minla ignotincta ignotincta*  
Seen on 4 days at Eaglenest, max 10 on 16.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 369 Red-faced Liocichla** *Liocichla phoenicea phoenicea*  
2+2 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 370 Bugun Liocichla** *Liocichla bugunorum* CR  
1 pair below Lama Camp 15.4, 1 male above Bompou Camp 18.4, 1 male Alubari Track 20.4.
- 371 Rusty-fronted Barwing** *Actinodura nipalensis*  
Ssp  *khasiana*: 8 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4. Different song compared with nominate. Ssp  *egertoni*: Seen on 7 days at Eaglenest, max 25 Bompou – Sessni 17.4.
- 372 Streak-throated Barwing** *Actinodura waldeni daflaensis*  
10 Sunderview 16.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4. Reported to intergrade with Hoary-throated Barwing *A. nipalensis*.
- 373 Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argentauris argentauris*  
5 Sessa 14.4, 5 Sessni 17.4, 10 Khellong 18.4, 2 Bompou Camp 18.4.
- 374 Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea calipyga*  
3 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 375 Rufous-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia annectans annectans*  
2 Sessa 14.4, 1 heard Sessni 17.4, 4 Khellong 18.4.
- 376 Grey Sibia** *Heterophasia gracilis*  
1 heard Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 5 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4.
- 377 Beautiful Sibia** *Heterophasia pulchella nigraurita*  
One of the vocally most abundant and characteristic species of Eaglenest and Mandala Road.
- 378 Long-tailed Sibia** *Heterophasia picaoides picaoides*  
5 Sessa 14.4, 15 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 15 Khellong – Sessni 18.4.
- 379 Fire-tailed Myzornis** *Myzornis pyrrhoura*  
3 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 381 Golden-breasted Fulvetta** *Lioparus chrysotis chrysotis*  
12 above Bompou Camp 18.4, 30 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 7 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.

- 381 Brown-throated Fulvetta** *Fulvetta ludlowi*  
3 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 6 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 382 Yellow-eyed Babbler** *Chrysomma sinense hypoleucum*  
1 seen + 1 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 383 Brown Parrotbill** *Cholornis unicolor*  
1 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 384 Black-throated Parrotbill** *Suthora nipalensis crocotia*  
25 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 385 Pale-billed Parrotbill** *Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris atrosuperciliaris*  
15 Khellong 18.4.
- 386 White-breasted Parrotbill** *Psittiparus ruficeps*  
2 Lama Camp 14.4, 12 Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 Alubari Track 20.4.
- 387 Grey-headed Parrotbill** *Psittiparus gularis gularis*  
2 Khellong 18.4.
- 388 Striated Yuhina** *Yuhina castaniceps plumbeiceps*  
2 Elephant 14.4, 20 Khellong 18.4.
- 389 White-raped Yuhina** *Yuhina bakeri*  
4 Sessa 14.4, 2 Khellong 18.4, 2 Bompou Camp 18.4, 4 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 5 Sessa 24.4.
- 390 Whiskered Yuhina** *Yuhina flavicollis*  
Ssp *rouxi*: 10 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4. Ssp *flavicollis*: Seen on 10 days at Eaglenest and Dirang area.
- 391 Stripe-throated Yuhina** *Yuhina gularis gularis*  
1 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 8 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 20 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 392 Rufous-vented Yuhina** *Yuhina occipitalis*  
6 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 Bompou Camp 17.4, 4 Khellong – Sessni 18.4, 15 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 30 Mandala Road 21.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 393 Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta*  
3 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 394 Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus palpebrosus*  
Seen on 9 days.
- 395 Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella puella*  
5 Nameri 13.4, 2 Elephant 14.4.
- 396 Spotted Elachura** *Elachura formosa*  
1 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 7 heard Eaglenest area 14-20.4, 1 seen below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 397 Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes nipalensis*  
6 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 398 Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** *Sitta cinnamoventris cinnamoventris*  
3 SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 2 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 4 Nameri 13.4, 4 Khellong 18.4.
- 399 White-tailed Nuthatch** *Sitta himalayensis*  
3 Lama Camp 15.4, 3 above Bompou Camp 18.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 20.4.
- 400 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis frontalis*  
2 Nameri 13.4.
- 401 Beautiful Nuthatch** *Sitta formosa* **VU**  
3 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 4 Sessni 17.4.
- 402 Sikkim Treecreeper** *Certhia discolor*  
2 seen + 1 heard Lama Camp 15.4, 1 heard Bompou Camp 18.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 403 Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa intermedia*  
2 W Kaziranga 9.4, 2 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 4 Nameri 12.4, 10 Nameri 13.4.
- 404 Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis*  
5 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 3 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 6 Nameri 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4, 1 W Kaziranga 24.4.
- 405 Jungle Myna** *Acridotheres fuscus fuscus*  
Seen on 7 days.
- 406 Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis tristis*  
Seen on 11 days.
- 407 Pied Myna** *Gracupica contra sordidus*  
Seen on 6 days.

- 408 Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica*  
Seen on 8 days.
- 409 Alpine Thrush** *Zoothera mollissima*  
2 singing Shortwing Trail, Sela Pass 22.4. At least 2 "Plain-backed Thrushes" seen roadside at Eaglenest 16.4.
- 410 Himalayan Thrush** *Zoothera salimalii*  
1 beyond Mandala Pass 21.4 came in to play-back.
- 411 Long-tailed Thrush** *Zoothera dixonii*  
1 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 412 Scaly Thrush** *Zoothera dauma dauma*  
1 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 413 Grandala** *Grandala coelicolor*  
25 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 414 Tickell's Thrush** *Turdus unicolor*  
3 lower Mandala Road 21.4.
- 415 White-collared Blackbird** *Turdus albocinctus*  
7 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Sela Pass 22.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 416 Grey-winged Blackbird** *Turdus boulboul*  
1 Sessa 14.4, 1 Lama Camp 14.4, 1 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Alubari Track 20.4, 10 Mandala Road 21.4, 4 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 417 Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*  
1 female above Bompou Camp 16.4, 4 females Mandala Road 21.4, 20 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 418 Red-throated Thrush** *Turdus ruficollis*  
1 male + 1 female Mandala Road 23.4.
- 419 Purple Cochoa** *Cochoa purpurea*  
1 female above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 420 Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*  
Seen on 7 days, mainly in the lowlands.
- 421 White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus macrourus*  
3 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 1 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 3 Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 422 Dark-sided Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica cacabata*  
Seen on 9 days in the mountains. Max 8 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 423 Brown-breasted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa muttui*  
1 Khellong 18.4. New species for RI(!)
- 424 Ferruginous Flycatcher** *Muscicapa ferruginea*  
1 above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 425 White-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Anthipes monileger monileger*  
2 heard below Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 seen Sessni 18.4, 1 heard below Bompou Camp 18.4.
- 426 Pale Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis unicolor unicolor*  
1 male Khellong 18.4, 1 pair lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 427 Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis poliogenys poliogenys*  
2 heard Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 10 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 6 Nameri 13.4, 1 heard Kaziranga Tea Estate 25.4.
- 428 Large Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis magnirostris*  
1 male + 1 female + 2 heard Khellong 18.4.
- 429 Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis rubeculoides*  
7 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 430 Rufous-bellied Niltava** *Niltava sundara sundara*  
1 Shillong Peak 9.4, 1 Lama Camp 14.4, 3 Lama Camp 15.4, 1 below Bompou Camp 17.4, 2 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 Alubari Track 20.4, 5 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 431 Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis grandis*  
3 heard below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 heard Sessni 17.4, 1 male above Bompou Camp 18.4, 2 males above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 432 Small Niltava** *Niltava macgrigoriae signata*  
2 males + 1 female Sessa 14.4, 5 Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 1 pair Khellong 18.4, 1 male above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 male Alubari Track 20.4.
- 433 Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus thalassinus*  
Seen on 9 days, Shillong, Eaglenest, Dirang.



- 434 Lesser Shortwing** *Brachypteryx leucophris nipalensis*  
4 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge + Shillong Peak 9.4, 1 heard Lama Camp 14.4, 1 heard Lama Camp 15.4, 1 seen/glimpsed(!) Sessni 18.4, 5 heard Sessni – Bompou 18.4, 1 seen + 4 heard above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 435 White-browed Shortwing** *Brachypteryx montana cruralis*  
1 male + 1 female below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 male Sessni 17.4, 1 female above Bompou Camp 19.4.
- 436 Indian Blue Robin** *Larvivora brunnea brunnea*  
1 male lower Mandala Road 21.4, 1 heard above Dirang 22.4, 1 heard Mandala Road 23.4.
- 437 Chinese Rubythroat** *Calliope tschebaiewi*  
1 female Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 438 Siberian Rubythroat** *Calliope calliope*  
1 male Nameri 13.4.
- 439 White-tailed Robin** *Myiomela leucura leucura*  
1 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 heard Bompou – Sessni 17.4, 2 heard Bompou Camp 18.4, 1 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 440 White-browed Bush Robin** *Tarsiger indicus indicus*  
1 female Sela Pass 22.4.
- 441 Rufous-breasted Bush Robin** *Tarsiger hyperythrus*  
1 male Sela Pass 22.4.
- 442 Himalayan Bluetail** *Tarsiger rufilatus rufilatus*  
1 female Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 female below Bompou Camp 16.4, 1 male Sela Pass 22.4.
- 443 Golden Bush Robin** *Tarsiger chrysaeus chrysaeus*  
1 heard Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 female Lama Camp 14.4, 3 female Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 4 Mandala Road 21.4, 10 (many singing males) Sela Pass 22.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 444 Black-backed Forktail** *Enicurus immaculatus*  
1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 445 Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus caeruleus temminckii*  
Seen on 8 days.
- 446 Blue-fronted Robin** *Cinclidium frontale orientale*  
Heard on 6 days at Eaglenest and Mandala Road. 1 male seen above Bompou Camp 18.4 and 1 seen above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 seen Mandala Road 21.4.
- 447 Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Ficedula strophciata strophciata*  
2 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 female above Bompou Camp 18.4, 4 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 448 Taiga Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*  
1 Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 1 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 6 Jupuri Ghar – Kaziranga 10.4, 4 Kaziranga 11.4, 10 Kaziranga – Nameri 12.4, 5 Nameri 13.4, 1 Khellong 18.4.
- 449 Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra hyperythra*  
1 male + 1 heard Tragopanda Trail 15.4.
- 450 Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni australorientis*  
1 male below Bompou Camp 17.4, 1 above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 male Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 22.4.
- 451 Ultramarine Flycatcher** *Ficedula superciliaris*  
1 male Lama Camp 14.4, 2 males Lama Camp 15.4, 1 male Alubari Track 20.4, 1 pair Mandala Road 21.4, 10 lower Mandala Road 23.4. A few ssp *aestigma* plus several apparent *aestigma-superciliaris* intergrades.
- 452 Slaty-blue Flycatcher** *Ficedula tricolor minuta*  
1 female Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 1 female Bompou Camp 16.4, 5 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 male Mandala Road 23.4.
- 453 Sapphire Flycatcher** *Ficedula sapphira*  
3 males Lama Camp 15.4, 1 male Sunderview 16.4, 1 female above Bompou Camp 19.4, 1 male Lama Camp 20.4, 1 male lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 454 Pygmy Flycatcher** *Muscicapella hodgsoni hodgsoni*  
2 males + 1 female below Lama Camp 14.4, 1 Tragopanda Trail 15.4.
- 455 Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris*  
1 female outside Nameri Eco Camp 12.4.
- 456 Hodgson's Redstart** *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
1 female Nohkalikai Falls 8.4.
- 457 Blue-fronted Redstart** *Phoenicurus frontalis*  
1 male Lama Camp 14.4, 3 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 Bompou Camp 18-19.4, 5 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 458 Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Phoenicurus fuliginosus fuliginosus*

- 1 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 2 Sessa 14.4, 10 Sangti Valley 20.4, 10 Sela Pass – Dirang 22.4, 4 Dirang – Tezpur 24.4.
- 459 White-capped Redstart** *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
1 Sessa 14.4, 1 Tenga 14.4, 1 Tenga 20.4, 12 Sela Pass – Dirang 22.4, 4 Tenga – Sessa 24.4.
- 460 Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius pandoo*  
1 above Dirang 22.4, 1 Sessa 24.4.
- 461 Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush** *Monticola rufiventris*  
5 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 1 male Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 1 male Alubari Track 20.4, 3 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Mandala Road 23.4, 2 e.r. Tenga – Sessa 24.4.
- 462 Blue-capped Rock Thrush** *Monticola cinclorhynchus*  
5 e.r. Tenga – Dirang 20.4, 1 pair Mandala Road 21.4, 1 pair above Dirang 22.4, 1 female Mandala Road 23.4, 1 male Tenga 24.4.
- 463 Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus indicus*  
Seen on 8 days. We couldn't find any wintering ssp *przewalskii*, however might have been overlooked. Also see next species.
- 464 Stejneger's Stonechat** *Saxicola stejnegeri*  
1 male presumed to be this species Sangti Valley 20.4.
- 465 Grey Bush Chat** *Saxicola ferreus ferreus*  
Seen on 9 days.
- 466 Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii dorjei*  
3 e.r. Tenga – Dirang 20.4, 1 above Dirang 22.4.
- 467 Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons aurifrons*  
2 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 5 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 1 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 10 Nameri 13.4.
- 468 Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii hardwickii*  
1 Nameri 12.4, 4 Nameri 13.4, 1 Elephant 14.4, seen on 4 days at Eaglenest, max 15 Bompou – Sessni 17.4.
- 469 Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum chrysochlore*  
2 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 1 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 Nameri 13.4.
- 470 Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum*  
Max 3 Jupuri Ghar 10-11.4, max 3 Nameri 12-13.4.
- 471 Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus*  
1 Shillong Peak 9.4, seen on 6 days at Eaglenest and Dirang.
- 472 Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum cruentatum*  
1 male + 1 female SE Jupuri Ghar 11.4.
- 473 Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis*  
1 pair Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 1 female Nameri 13.4.
- 474 Mrs. Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae gouldiae*  
1 male Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, 5 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 3 Mandala Road 21.4, 4 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 475 Green-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga nipalensis koelzi*  
4 Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge 9.4, seen commonly on 6 days at Eaglenest, 10 Mandala Road 21 & 23.4. Note blue NOT green tail.
- 476 Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopygia saturata saturata*  
1 male Sessa 14.4, seen on 5 days at Eaglenest, mostly at lower elevations.
- 477 Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopygia siparaja siparaja*  
1 male Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 2 Nameri 13.4.
- 478 Fire-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopygia ignicauda ignicauda*  
25 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 479 Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna magna*  
1 Nameri 12.4, 1 Elephant 14.4, 3 seen on 3 days at Bompou area 17-19.4.
- 480 House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus*  
Seen on 5 days.
- 481 Russet Sparrow** *Passer rutilans cinnamomeus*  
10 Nameri 13.4, 5 Tenga 20.4, 20 Mandala Road 21.4, 5 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 482 Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*  
Seen on 8 days.
- 483 Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus burmanicus*  
3 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 5 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 25 Western Range, Kaziranga 11.4, 2 Nameri 12.4, 4 Deepor Beel 25.4.

- 484 Finn's Weaver** *Ploceus megarhynchus* VU  
20 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 12 Central Range, Kaziranga 11.4.
- 485 Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava* HO  
2 heard Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4.
- 486 White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata acuticauda*  
1 Jupuri Ghar 10.4, 2 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 5 Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4.
- 487 Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*  
5 Nameri 12.4.
- 488 Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*  
1 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 2 W Kaziranga 24.4, 2 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 489 Alpine Accentor** *Prunella collaris nipalensis*  
2 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 490 Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiiata strophiiata*  
2 Alubari Track 20.4, 3 Mandala Road 21.4, 1+1 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 491 Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*  
20 Kaziranga 10.4.
- 492 Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*  
Mostly ssp *citreola* but also a few ssp *calcarata*. Seen on 6 days in the lowlands. Max 60 Kaziranga 10.4.
- 493 Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*  
Singles seen on 6 days.
- 494 White Wagtail**  
1 Kaziranga 10.4. Ssp *leucopsis*: 2 Nameri 12 & 13.4. Ssp *alboides*: 3 Sangti Valley 20.4, 1+1 Sela Pass 22.4.
- 495 Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus rufulus*  
5 Central Range, Kaziranga 10.4, 1 Jupuri Ghar 11.4, 15 outside Nameri Eco Camp 12.4, 1 Sangti Valley 20.4, 1 Deepor Beel 25.4.
- 496 Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni*  
Seen on 13 days. Singing birds on upper Mandala Road 21 & 23.4.
- 497 Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus*  
15 Nohkalikai Falls 8.4, 1 Eaglenest Pass 20.4, 25 Sela Pass 22.4, 4 Brahmaputra 24.4.
- 498 Spot-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas melanozanthos*  
6 below Lama Camp 14.4, 1 male Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 12 above Bompu Camp 19.4, 1 male lower Mandala Road 23.4, 2 Dirang – Tenga 24.4.
- 499 White-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas carnipes carnipes*  
1 female Sela Pass 22.4.
- 500 Brown Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula nipalensis ricketti*  
3 Tragopanda Trail 15.4, 3 above Bompu Camp 19.4, 3 Mandala Road 23.4.
- 501 Red-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*  
3 Lama Camp 14.4, 1 male Lama Camp 15.4.
- 502 Grey-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythaca erythaca*  
20 Lama Camp 14.4, 20 Lama Camp 15.4, 2 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 5 Lama Camp 20.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 10 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 503 Blanford's Rosefinch** *Agraphospiza rubescens*  
25 upper Mandala Road 21.4, 15 upper Mandala Road 23.4.
- 504 Golden-naped Finch** *Pyrrhoptes epauletta*  
5 upper Mandala Road 21.4, 1 male upper Mandala Road 23.4.
- 505 Dark-breasted Rosefinch** *Procarduelis nipalensis nipalensis*  
10 upper Mandala Road 21.4.
- 506 Plain Mountain Finch** *Leucosticte nemoricola nemoricola*  
10 Lama Camp 20.4, 100+ Mandala Road 21.4, 200+ Sela Pass 22.4, 200+ Mandala Road 23.4.
- 507 Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus roseatus*  
1 pair Kaziranga Tea Estate 12.4, 4 Nameri 13.4, 1 female Lama Camp 14.4, 5 Lama Camp 15.4, 10 Mandala Road 21.4, 1 Dirang – Tenga 24.4.
- 508 Scarlet Finch** *Carpodacus sipahi*  
5 Khellong 18.4, 2 male + 1 female below Bompu Camp 19.4.
- 509 Dark-rumped Rosefinch** *Carpodacus edwardsii rubicundus*  
1 male Sela Pass 22.4.
- 510 Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch** *Carpodacus thura*  
3 Sela Pass 22.4.

- 511 Crimson-browed Finch** *Carpodacus subhimachalus*  
5 Eaglenest Pass 16.4, 5 Mandala Road 21.4.
- 512 Yellow-breasted Greenfinch** *Chloris spinoides spinoides*  
2 Tenga 20.4, 15 Mandala Road 23.4, 2 Dirang – Tenga 24.4.
- 513 Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra himalayensis*  
30 upper Mandala Road 21.4, 5 upper Mandala Road 23.4.
- 514 Tibetan Serin** *Spinus thibetanus*  
25 above Lama Camp 20.4.
- 515 Crested Bunting** *Emberiza lathami*  
1 Tenga 14.4, 3 Sangti Valley 20.4, 1 lower Mandala Road 23.4.
- 516 Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*  
2 Lama Camp 14.4, 2 Bompou Camp 16.4, 2 Alubari Track 20.4, 2 Mandala Road 21.4, 2 Mandala Road 23.4.

## Comments on some other birds NOT seen

<i>White-winged Duck</i>	Reliably seen at pools in Nameri during winter until early April, when they become more irregular due to breeding procedures? There had been no sightings since one week back when we got there.
<i>Baer's Pochard</i>	Rarely wintering in Kaziranga.
<i>Malayan Night Heron</i>	Sometimes heard at Nameri during night, from late April.
<i>Bengal Florican</i>	Very difficult in Kaziranga due to habitat alteration after previous floods. But still possible, seen at Western Range in April 2017.
<i>Solitary Snipe</i>	Stake-out below military camps on the far side of Sela Pass. Non present at our visit.
<i>Himalayan Owl</i>	Sometimes heard at Eaglenest.
<i>Hodgson's Frogmouth</i>	Now rare at Eaglenest, maybe Khellong. We never tried.
<i>Blyth's Kingfisher</i>	Previous stake-out at Sessa totally destroyed due to road constructions.
<i>Blue-naped Pitta</i>	Dip! Completely silent at the Kaziranga Tea Estate during our two visits. Sometimes heard (almost never seen?) at lower altitudes at Eaglenest.
<i>Hooded Pitta</i>	Rofiqul saw one bird at Kaziranga Tea Estate on our second visit.
<i>Collared Treepie</i>	Sometimes seen at Khellong, rare at Elephant.
<i>Fire-capped Tit</i>	Sometimes joins bird-waves at Mandala Road.
<i>Green-crowned Warbler</i>	Rare/irregular on this itinerary.
<i>Blunt-winged Warbler</i>	Singing <i>Acrocephalus</i> -warblers in scrubs adjacent to the Brahmaputra on April 24 <sup>th</sup> might have been this species.
<i>Spotted Bush Warbler</i>	Sometimes seen at Kaziranga during wintering.
<i>Brown Bush Warbler</i>	Mandala Road, arrives late in season?
<i>Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler</i>	Rofiqul heard this species at Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge.
<i>Indian Grassbird</i>	Birdquest have seen this species at Orang National Park. Rare at Kaziranga.
<i>Marsh Babbler</i>	Do not occur in Kaziranga. Dibru-Saikhowa is the place.
<i>Rufous-vented Laughingthrush</i>	Rare at Khellong.
<i>Fulvous Parrotbill</i>	Very rare on this itinerary.
<i>Black-breasted Parrotbill</i>	Do not occur in Kaziranga any longer. Dibru-Saikhowa or Manas.
<i>Hodgson's Treecreeper</i>	Should be present on upper Mandala Road.
<i>Rusty-flanked Treecreeper</i>	Should be present on upper Mandala Road.
<i>Long-billed Thrush</i>	Irregular at Eaglenest.
<i>Tibetan Blackbird</i>	Should be seen at Sela Pass. Terrible weather hampered our chances.
<i>Green Cochoa</i>	Should be possible below Bompou Camp or Sessa – Elephant.
<i>Gould's Shortwing</i>	Arrive mid-May at Sela Pass.
<i>Rusty-bellied Shortwing</i>	Rare at Eaglenest.
<i>White-bellied Redstart</i>	Rare at Mandala Road.
<i>Collared Grosbeak</i>	Should be present at Sela Pass, and maybe upper Mandala Road.
<i>Brandt's Mountain Finch</i>	Irregular at Sela Pass.
<i>Red-fronted Rosefinch</i>	Rare at Sela Pass.

## Additional record shots



Fig 18. Not so common Lesser Fish Eagle at Nameri. MG.



Fig 19. Endangered White-rumped Vulture at Kaziranga. MG.



Fig 20. Vocal Chestnut-winged Cuckoo at Kaziranga Tea Gardens. MG.



Fig 21. Female Chinese Rubythroat at Kaziranga. I haven't found any other photos of female sp tschebaiewi (but there must be). But the prominent white submoustachial markings looks very good. Different opinions are welcome. MG.



Fig 22. Ward's Trogon at Tragopanda Trail above Lama Camp. MG.



Fig 23. Beautiful male Red-headed Bullfinch at Lama Camp. MG.



Fig 24. Highly wanted Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler at Eaglenest Pass. MG.



Fig 25. Neatly distinct fringes of the tertials. Orange rump. Yellow face. Male Yellow-rumped Honeyguide above Lama Camp. MG.



Fig 26. Beautiful Nuthatch at Sessni. MG.



Fig 27. Rufous-throated Wren-Babbler below Bompu Camp. MG.



Fig 28. The peculiar Spotted Elachura below Bompu Camp. RI.



Fig 29. Scaly Laughingthrush at Sunderview, Eaglenest. MG.



Fig 30. Migrant Brown-breasted Flycatcher at Khellong. RI.



Fig 31. Bamboo-lover White-hooded Babbler at Khellong. MG.



Fig 32. Rufous-throated Partridge below Bompu Camp. MG.



Fig 33. North-east India speciality: Large Blue Flycatcher at Khellong. MG.



Fig 34. A dream come true. Purple Cochoa above Bompu Camp. MG.



Fig 35. A track-hopping Long-tailed Thrush above Bompu Camp. MG.



Fig 36. Blanford's Rosefinch at Mandala Road. MG.



Fig 37. The newly described Himalayan Thrush at Mandala Road. RI.



Fig 38. Black-tailed Crake lower Mandala Road. RI.



Fig 39. Out-of-range singing Grey-crowned Warbler at 2400 masl, Mandala Road. RI.



Fig 40. Dark-rumped Rosefinch at Sela Pass. MG.

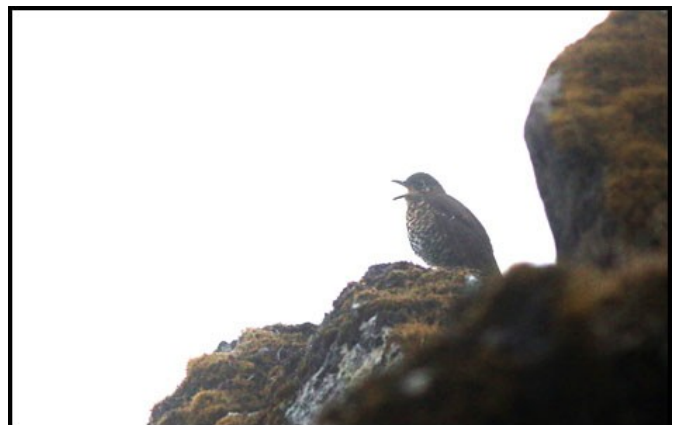


Fig 41. Newly split Alpine Thrush in the drizzle at Shortwing Trail, Sela Pass. RI.





Fig 42. Vagrant Bay-backed Shrike lower Mandala Road. MG.



Fig 43. Blood Pheasant at Sela Pass. AH.



Fig 44. Pale Blue Flycatcher lower Mandala Road. MG.



Fig 45. Slender-billed Oriole lower Mandala Road. MG.

### Additional trip shots



Fig 46. The road heading south from Duwan Sing Syiem Bridge, Cherrapunjee. Productive road-side birding with Crested Finchbills and Flavescent Bulbuls.



Fig 47. Kaziranga Tea Gardens with bamboo thickets.



Fig 48. Hot hot hot. Walk across the sand bars (Sand Lark!) to Nameri National Park.



Fig 49. Tragopanda Trail above Lama Camp, Eaglenest.



Fig 50. The road below Bompu Camp, Eaglenest.



Fig 51. The degraded Mandala Pass.



Fig 52. Breathtaking views on the road to Sela Pass.



Fig 53. Bridge over Brahmaputra, here a smaller tributary.