

# Ladakh, India

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Thiksey Gompa (Monastery), Indus Valley. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson



Villagers with cattle in Rumbak Valley. Photo: Göran Pettersson



Hemis NP. Photo: Göran Pettersson

The opportunity to have a chance to see Snow Leopard was the main attraction of our trip. To travel during autumn, instead of early spring, made our efforts less strenuous, mainly because of the pleasant climate. No walking in snow, no deep-freezing temperature (never below zero in Rumbak Valley), and an awesome landscape in autumn colours. Another huge benefit with an autumn trip is that you can visit Tso Kar, a bird and mammal rich area further east in Ladakh, close to the Chinese border (some 80 km away).

We had three encounters with *Snow Leopard*. The best views were obtained the last evening, when a leopard was watched for a long time with telescopes at eye-level, approximately 450 meters away. You need patience to scan the hill sides for a camouflaged cat day after day, although birds and other mammals can be watched at the same time. Migrating birds were low in numbers, but we saw some migrating raptors and stop-over passerines (probably a bit too early for larger concentrations). In Tso Kar, however, both birds and mammals were plentiful. Large flocks of *Kiang* roamed the plains around the lake, and we encountered a pack of four *Grey Wolves* chasing ducks and Bar-headed Geese in the lake. Approximately 200 *Tibetan Sandgrouse* was another great experience, and on top of this we managed to find a new bird species for the Indian subcontinent – *Wood Warbler* (see species list)!

*An autumn trip to this part of Himalaya is highly recommended!*

#### ITINERARY

- 7 Sep** Late night arrival in Delhi.
- 8 sep** Early morning flight to Leh in Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir, NW India). We spent the whole day resting in the hotel – *NO* activities. This was a preventive action, in order to deal with the high altitude (Leh is approximately 3 400 m a s l). Luckily, none in the group experienced symptoms of high altitude sickness.
- 9 Sep** Morning birding along the Indus River. Lunch and siesta in the hotel. Afternoon birding in the Indus Valley birding and a visit to Thiksey Gompa (Monastery).
- 10 Sep** Transport to Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Birding en route. Approximately 2 km walk to our camp (for the next seven nights).
- 11–16 Sep** Rumbak Valley (3 800 m a s l), Hemis NP. Daily routine was to scan the hill sides for Snow Leopard. Part of the team split some days for excursions further up the valley, including visits to Rumbak village.
- 17 Sep** Transport to Tso Kar (4 536 m a s l), further east in Ladakh. On the way we passed Tanglang La (5 338 m a s l), a new altitude record for most people in the group. Two nights camping at Tso Kar (4 578 m a s l).
- 18 sep** Full day birding at Tso Kar.
- 19 Sep** Transport back to Leh. Birding en route.
- 20 Sep** Morning flight to Delhi. We visited some tourist attractions in Delhi, including Gurdwara Bangla Sahib (Sikh Temple).
- 21 Sep** Early morning flight back to Europe.

**Front page:** Snow Leopard, Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP, 16 Sep. Photo: Peter Nilsson



Tibetan Sandgrouse. We saw about 200 birds in Tso Kar area. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

### Trip list birds

- 1 **Bar-headed Goose** *Anser indicus*  
25 Tso Kar 17.9 and 500 Tso Kar 18.9. Observed 3 days in total
- 2 **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 4 Tso Kar 17.9 and 75 Tso Kar 18.9. Observed 4 days in total
- 3 **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 150 Tso Kar 18.9
- 4 **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*  
30 Tso Kar 18.9
- 5 **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*  
4 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 200 Tso Kar 18.9
- 6 **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*  
3000 Tso Kar 18.9
- 7 **Garganey** *Anas querquedula*  
3 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 5 Tso Kar 18.9
- 8 **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca crecca*  
50 Tso Kar 18.9
- 9 **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*  
2 Tso Kar 18.9
- 10 **Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca*  
4 Tso Kar 18.9
- 11 **Himalayan Snowcock** *Tetraogallus himalayensis himalayensis*  
Up to 12 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-17.9
- 12 **Chukar Partridge** *Alectoris chukar chukar*  
Common Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-17.9 and 10 en route 19.9
- 13 **Tibetan Partridge** *Perdix hodgsoniae caraganae*  
46 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 37 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 8 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9 and 1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9



Tibetan Partridge. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

- 14 **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus cristatus*  
25 Tso Kar 18.9
- 15 **Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis*  
10 Tso Kar 18.9
- 16 **Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala*  
1 New Delhi 20.9
- 17 **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9
- 18 **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*  
15 New Delhi 8.9, 2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 Leh, Ladakh 17.9 and 1 New Delhi 20.9
- 19 **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*  
9 Tso Kar 18.9
- 20 **Bearded Vulture** *Gypaetus barbatus barbatus*  
Up to 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11-17.9 and 3 observed 19.9



Bearded Vulture. Rumbak Valle, Hemis NP.  
Photo: Olof Lindén/Eyvind Johansson

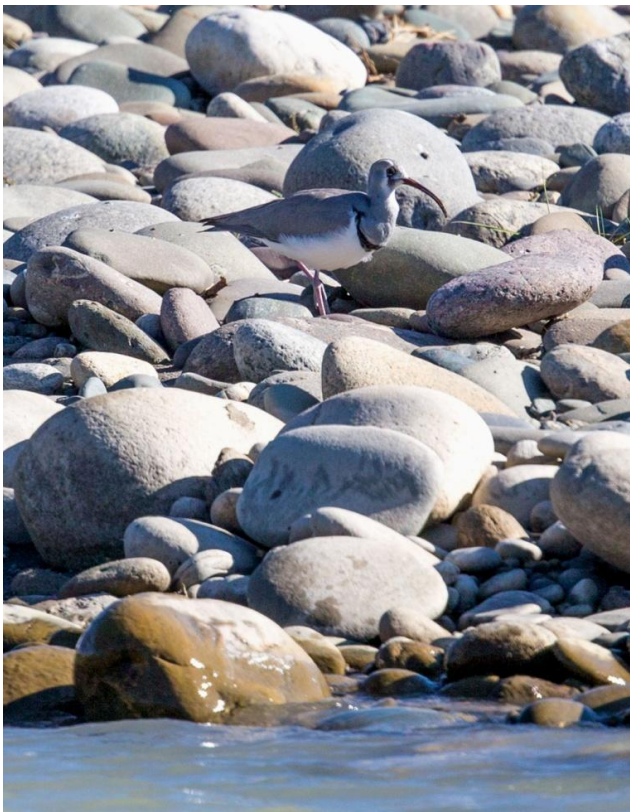
- 21 **Crested Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
4 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9
- 22 **Himalayan Vulture** *Gyps himalayensis*  
5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 3 noted en route 17.9 and 2 Tso Kar 18.9
- 23 **Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 1 Tso Kar 17.9
- 24 **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos daphanea*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-17.9, 2 adult en route 17.9, 1 adult Tso Kar 18.9, 1 subadult Tso Kar 19.9 and 1 adult en route 19.9
- 25 **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 ♂ Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 1 observed 19.9 and 1 subadult Tso Kar 19.9
- 26 **Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis buteoides*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9
- 27 **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*  
10 New Delhi 8.9, 50 en route 10.9, 1 en route 19.9 and 100 New Delhi 20.9  
*lineatus*: 1 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 50 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9, 18 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9, 225 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 40 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9

- 28 **Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus rufinus*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 1 Tso Kar 17.9, 4 Tso Kar 18.9 and 1 Tso Kar 19.9
- 29 **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*  
4 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 30 **Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra atra*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 17.9, 150 Tso Kar 18.9 and 2 Leh, Ladakh 19.9
- 31 **Demoiselle Crane** *Grus virgo*  
1 juvenile moving south Tso Kar 18.9
- 32 **Black-necked Crane** *Grus nigricollis*  
6 Tso Kar 17.9 and 15 Tso Kar 18.9



Black-necked Crane. Tso Kar. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

- 33 **Ibisbill** *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9



Ibisbill. Indus River. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

- 34 **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 en route 10.9 and 10 Tso Kar 18.9
- 35 **Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 36 **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus indicus*  
1 New Delhi 20.9
- 37 **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*  
3 Tso Kar 18.9
- 38 **Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*  
7 Tso Kar 17.9 and 3 Tso Kar 18.9
- 39 **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*  
24 Tso Kar 18.9
- 40 **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata orientalis*  
6 Tso Kar 18.9
- 41 **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*  
300 Tso Kar 18.9
- 42 **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 43 **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 en route 10.9 and 6 Tso Kar 18.9
- 44 **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*  
6 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 5 en route 10.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9, 3 Tso Kar 18.9, 1 Tso Kar 19.9 and 1 Leh, Ladakh 19.9
- 45 **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*  
3 Tso Kar 18.9
- 46 **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 10 Tso Kar 18.9
- 47 **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
1 en route 10.9
- 48 **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*  
150 Tso Kar 18.9
- 49 **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*  
5 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Tso Kar 17.9, 10 Tso Kar 18.9 and 2 Tso Kar 19.9



Temminck's Stint. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 50 **Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*  
15 Tso Kar 18.9

- 51 **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*  
10 Tso Kar 18.9
- 52 **Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 53 **Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 54 **Brown-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
2 Tso Kar 17.9 and 100 Tso Kar 18.9
- 55 **Pallas's Gull** *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 2 en route 10.9
- 56 **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida hybrida*  
3 Tso Kar 18.9
- 57 **Tibetan Sandgrouse** *Syrrhaptes tibetanus*  
120 Tso Kar 17.9, 100 Tso Kar 18.9 and 75 Tso Kar 19.9



Tibetan Sandgrouse. Tso Kar. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 58 **Rock Dove** *Columba livia intermedia*  
Abundant Leh, Ladakh 9.9,. Observed 13 days in total
- 59 **Hill Pigeon** *Columba rupestris*  
100 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9. Observed 10 days in total



Hill Pigeon. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson



- 60 **Snow Pigeon** *Columba leuconota leuconota*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-13.9
- 61 **Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis meena*  
4 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 6 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and up to 10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-17.9
- 62 **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*  
1 New Delhi 8.9 and 2 New Delhi 20.9
- 63 **Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis cambayensis*  
2 New Delhi 8.9 and 1 New Delhi 20.9
- 64 **Eurasian Eagle-Owl** *Bubo bubo*  
1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9
- 65 **Little Owl** *Athene noctua*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9
- 66 **Common Swift** *Apus apus pekinensis*  
40 Leh, Ladakh 9.9
- 67 **Little Swift** *Apus affinis*  
1 New Delhi 8.9 and 50 New Delhi 20.9
- 68 **White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
1 New Delhi 20.9
- 69 **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops epops*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 5 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-13.9, 4 en route 10.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 5 Tso Kar 17.9, 8 Tso Kar 18.9, 3 Tso Kar 19.9 and 2 en route 17.9



Eurasian Hoopoe. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Olof Lindén

- 70 **Indian Grey Hornbill** *Ocyrceros birostris*  
1 New Delhi 20.9
- 71 **Eurasian Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla himalayana*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9
- 72 **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*  
3 en route 10.9. Observed 2 days in total  
*interstinctus*: 4 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, up to 4 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11-16.9 and 6 Tso Kar 18.9
- 73 **Saker Falcon** *Falco cherrug milvipes*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9

- 74 **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri borealis*  
15 New Delhi 8.9
- 75 **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach erythronotus*  
3 en route 10.9
- 76 **Indian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus kundoo*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9
- 77 **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus albirictus*  
1 New Delhi 20.9
- 78 **Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica bactriana*  
Common Leh, Ladakh 8.9, Abundant Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and Common en route 10.9. Observed 11 days in total
- 79 **Red-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax himalayanus*  
10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 2 Tso Kar 19.9 and 1 en route 19.9. Observed 9 days in total



Red-billed Chough, Rumbak Valley. Hemis NP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 80 **Alpine Chough** *Pyrrhocorax graculus digitatus*  
8 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9, 15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 40 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 50 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 50 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9 and 10 en route 19.9. Observed 9 days in total
- 81 **House Crow** *Corvus splendens*  
Observed 2 days in total
- 82 **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos intermedius*  
8 Leh, Ladakh 9.9
- 83 **Northern Raven** *Corvus corax laurincei*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9, 4 Tso Kar 18.9 and 2 Tso Kar 19.9



Northern Raven. Tso Kar. Photo. Daniel Bengtsson

- 84 **Ground Tit** *Pseudopodoces humilis*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9 and 1 Tso Kar 18.9



Ground Tit. Tso Kar. Photo: Peter Nilsson

- 85 **Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus caschmirensis*  
2 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 2 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 5 en route 10.9, 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9, 1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9 and 1 Leh, Ladakh 19.9
- 86 **Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris longirostris*  
Abundant Tso Kar 17.9, Abundant Tso Kar 18.9 and Abundant Tso Kar 19.9



Hume's Short-toed Lark and Horned Lark/*longirostris*. Tso Kar. Photos: Daniel Bengtsson

- 87 **Hume's Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella acutirostris tibetana*  
10 Tso Kar 17.9, 100 Tso Kar 18.9 and 25 Tso Kar 19.9
- 88 **Greater Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9, 1000 Tso Kar 18.9 and 300 Tso Kar 19.9
- 89 **Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus*  
5 New Delhi 20.9
- 90 **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*  
8 en route 10.9
- 91 **Eurasian Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9, 8 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9 and 3 en route 17.9
- 92 **Common House Martin** *Delichon urbicum meridionale*  
10 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9

- 93 **Mountain Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus sindianus sindianus*  
5 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, Abundant Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 20 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11-17.9 and  
10 Leh, Ladakh 19.9. Observed 11 days in total



Mountain Chiffchaff, Indus Valley. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 94 **Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9.

A new species for the Indian Subcontinent (Bengtsson, D. et al, 2016. A record of Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* from Tso Kar, Ladakh, India. *Indian BIRDS* 12 (4&5): 137.),  
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Wood Warbler. Tso Kar. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

- 95 **Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis perflavus*  
5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis  
NP 15.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 96 **Sulphur-bellied Warbler** *Phylloscopus griseolus*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis  
NP 14.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9

- 97 **Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei humei*  
5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9 and up to 10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13-17.9



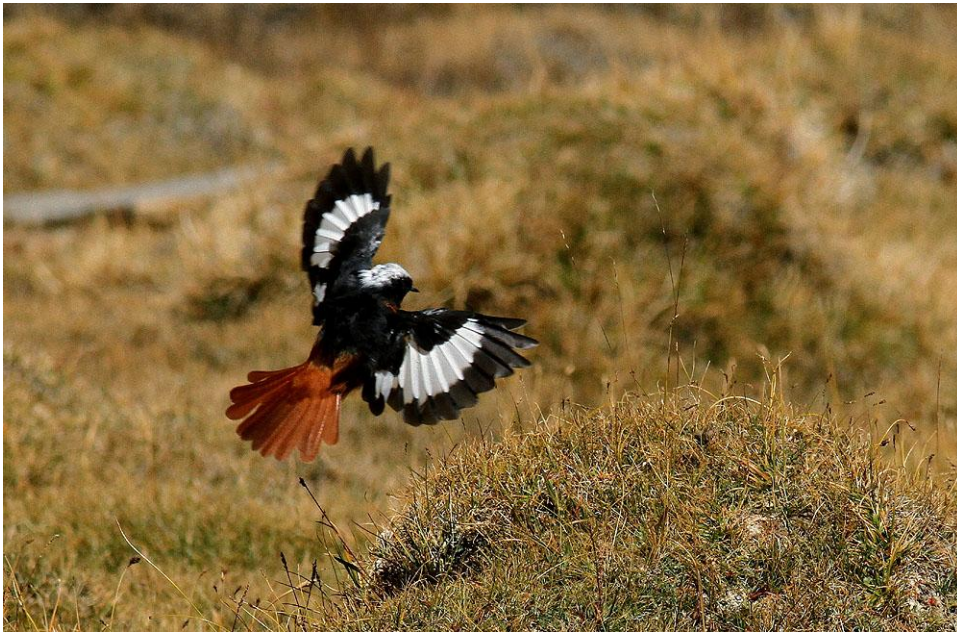
Hume's Leaf Warbler. Rumbak Valley. Hemis NP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 98 **Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9, 1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 99 **Paddyfield Warbler** *Acrocephalus agricola septimus*  
1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 100 **Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*  
Observed 1 day in total
- 101 **Hume's Whitethroat** *Sylvia althaea*  
Common Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 10 en route 10.9 and 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9
- 102 **Common Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9
- 103 **Wallcreeper** *Tichodroma muraria nepalensis*  
2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9



Wallcreeper. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo. Håkan Pohlstrand

- 104 **Bank Myna** *Acridotheres ginginianus*  
4 New Delhi 20.9
- 105 **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis tristis*  
Common New Delhi 8.9
- 106 **Brahminy Starling** *Sturnia pagodarum*  
1 Tso Kar 17.9
- 107 **Rosy Starling** *Pastor roseus*  
1 juvenile Tso Kar 17.9
- 108 **Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 109 **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*  
1 en route 10.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9 and 1 Tso Kar 19.9
- 110 **Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus caeruleus temminckii*  
Up to 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9 and 4 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 111 **Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*  
3 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 3 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 20 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11-16.9 and 20 Tso Kar 18.9. Observed 12 days in total
- 112 **Güldenstädt's Redstart** *Phoenicurus erythrogastrus grandis*  
12 en route 17.9, 4 Tso Kar 19.9, 2 en route 19.9 and 2 en route 19.9



Güldenstädt's Redstart. En route to Leh 19 Sep. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 113 **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius longirostris*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9
- 114 **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11-16.9 and 1 Tso Kar 18.9. Observed 9 days in total
- 115 **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina*  
2 Tso Kar 18.9
- 116 **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti oreophila*  
1 ♂ Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9, 1 ♂ Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 30 Tso Kar 17.9, 10 Tso Kar 18.9 and 30 Tso Kar 19.9
- 117 **Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii tenuirostris*  
2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9 and 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 118 **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus parkini*  
Common Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 40 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9. Observed 10 days in total

- 119 **Tibetan Snowfinch** *Montifringilla adamsi adamsi*  
20 observed 17.9, 8 Tso Kar 18.9, 9 Tso Kar 19.9, 10 observed 19.9 and 15 en route 19.9
- 120 **Blanford's Snowfinch** *Pyrgilauda blanfordi blanfordi*  
5 Tso Kar 17.9, 8 Tso Kar 18.9 and 5 Tso Kar 19.9



Blanford's Snowfinch. Tso Kar. Photo: Peter Nilsson

- 121 **Robin Accentor** *Prunella rubeculoides muraria*  
Up to 20 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12-16.9. Observed 6 days in total



Robin Accentor. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Olof Lindén

122 **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*

Common Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 15 en route 10.9, 4 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 4 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9, 3 Tso Kar 17.9, 15 Tso Kar 18.9, 5 Tso Kar 19.9 and 1 en route 19.9

123 **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10.9 and up to 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12-16.9

124 **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

*personata*: Common Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9, 15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12.9, 25 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9 and 75 Tso Kar 18.9. observed 12 days in total

*alboides*: 1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9 and 3 en route 10.9



White Wagtail/*personata*. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Göran Pettersson

125 **Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*

2 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, 3 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 10 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-15.9, 4 en route 10.9 and 1 Tso Kar 17.9

126 **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni*

1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9

127 **Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus*

1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9, 5 Tso Kar 17.9, 10 Tso Kar 18.9, 10 Tso Kar 19.9 and 5 en route 19.9



Rosy Pipit. Rumbak Valley, HemisNP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson



- 128 **Brandt's Mountain Finch** *Leucosticte brandti haematopygia*  
75 observed 17.9 and 100 en route 19.9
- 129 **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus ferghanensis*  
3 Leh, Ladakh 8.9, Common Leh, Ladakh 9.9, up to 15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-13.9, 15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9, 1 heard Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9 and 1 en route 19.9. Observed 11 days in total
- 130 **Streaked Rosefinch** *Carpodacus rubicilloides lucifer*  
Up to 15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13-16.9



Streaked Rosefinch, female and male. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

- 131 **Great Rosefinch** *Carpodacus rubicilla severtzovi*  
2 ♀♀ Tso Kar 19.9
- 132 **Twite** *Linaria flavirostris rufostrigata*  
4 Tso Kar 18.9, 10 Tso Kar 19.9 and 10 en route 19.9



Twite/*rufostrigata*. Tso Kar. Photo: Daniel Bengtsson

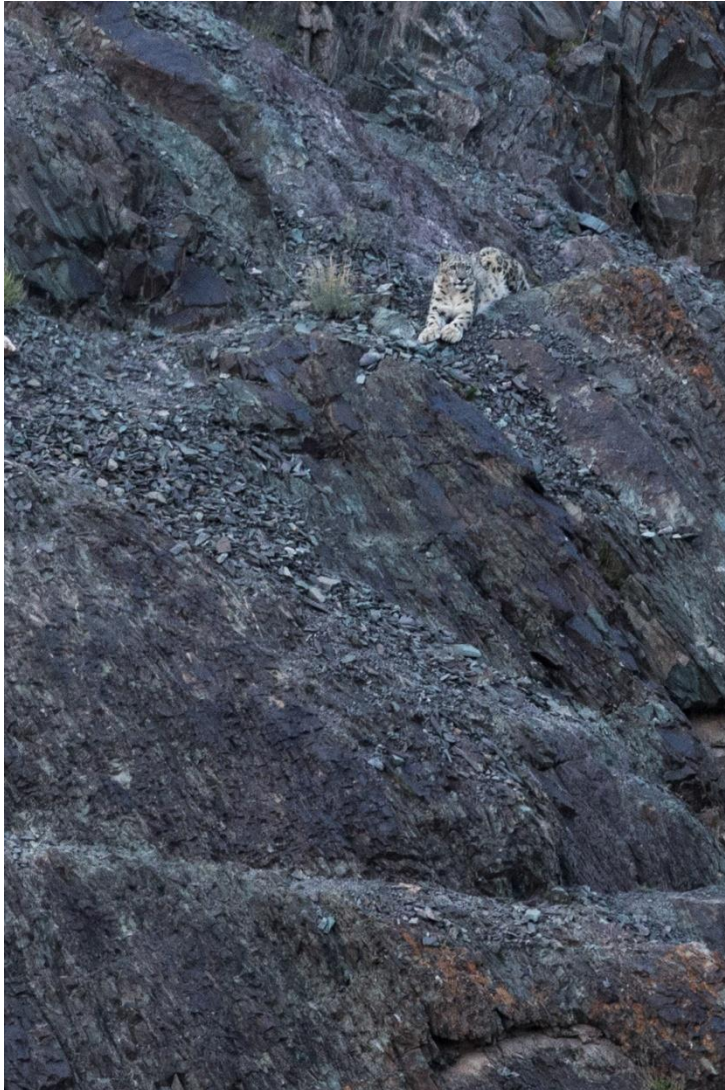
- 133 **European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis caniceps*  
3 Leh, Ladakh 8.9
- 134 **Red-fronted Serin** *Serinus pusillus*  
Up to 50 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-14.9, 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9, 5 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9 and 15 en route 19.9. Observed 9 days in total
- 135 **Rock Bunting** *Emberiza cia stracheyi*  
3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9



Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Peter Nilsson



Scanning for Snow Leopard. Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo: Eyvind Johansson

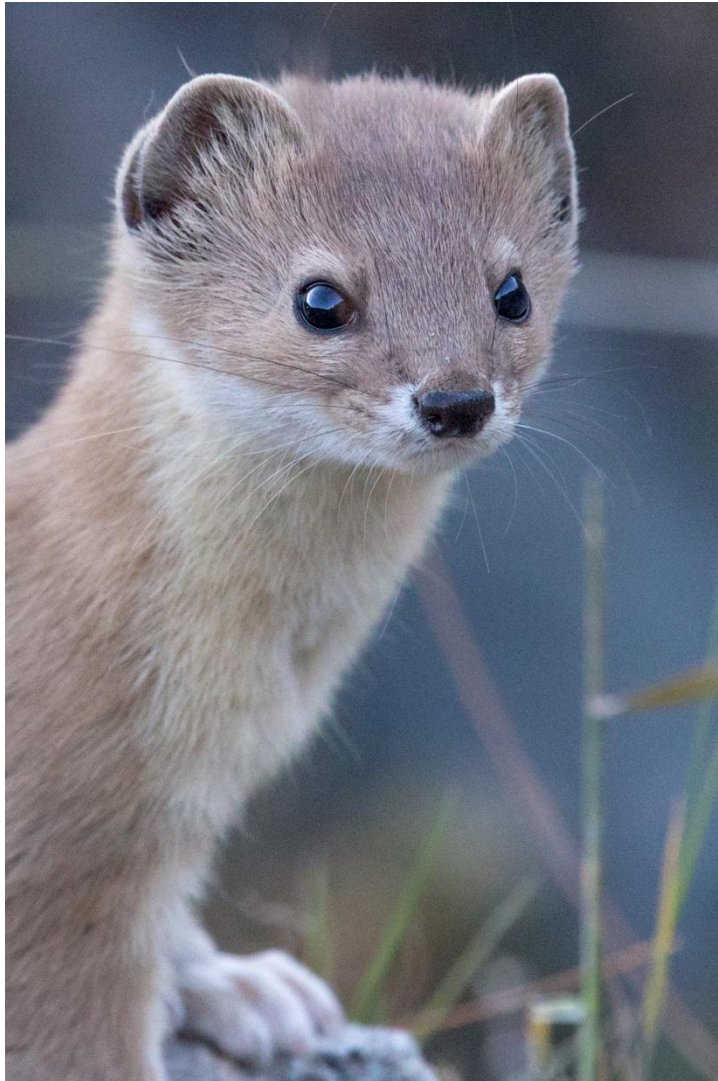


Snow Leopard and Bharal (Blue Sheep). Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photos: Håkan Pohlstrand

## Mammals

- 1 **Rhesus Monkey** *Macaca mulatta*  
5 New Delhi 20.9
- 2 **Woolly Hare** *Lepus oiostolus*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 3 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9
- 3 **Plateau Pika** *Ochotona curzoniae*  
3 en route 17.9 and 50 Tso Kar 18.9
- 4 **Ladak Pika** *Ochotona ladacensis*  
3 Tso Kar 17.9
- 5 **Large-eared Pika** *Ochotona macrotis*  
1 Leh, Ladakh 9.9, 1 en route 10.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9
- 6 **Royle's Pika** *Ochotona roylei*  
2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 14.9, 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 17.9
- 7 **Stoliczka's Mountain Vole** *Alticola stoliczkanus*  
3 Tso Kar 17.9 and 1 Tso Kar 18.9
- 8 **Five-striped Palm Squirrel** *Funambulus pennantii*  
10 New Delhi 20.9

- 9 **Himalayan Marmot** *Marmota himalayana*  
Up to 9 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-16.9, 10 Tso Kar 17.9 and 7 Tso Kar 18.9
- 10 **Snow Leopard** *Panthera uncia*  
1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 11.9 and 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 16.9
- 11 **Grey Wolf** *Canis lupus pallipes*  
4 Tso Kar 17.9
- 12 **Altai (Mountain) Weasel** *Mustela altaica*  
Up to 2 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 12-17.9



Altai (Mountain) Weasel, Rumbak Valley. Photo: Håkan Pohlstrand

- 13 **Kiang** *Equus kiang*  
350 Tso Kar 17.9, 400 Tso Kar 18.9 and 10 Tso Kar 19.9
- 14 **Argali** *Ovis ammon*  
56 Tso Kar 17.9
- 15 **Mouflon** *Ovis orientalis*  
16 en route 10.9
- 16 **Bharal (Blue Sheep)** *Pseudois nayaur*  
Up to 100 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 10-17.9 and 10 en route 18.9

## Reptiles

- 1 **Ladak Ground Skink** *Asymblepharus ladacensis*  
15 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 13.9 and 1 Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP 15.9



Bharal (Blue Sheep). Rumbak Valley, Hemis NP. Photo. Håkan Pohlstrand



The Team. Photo: Peter Nilsson