

Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, North-East India 2017

The Eaglenest & Beyond tour was organized by Birdquest (www.birdquest-tours.com) from April 9-25, 2017. The tour covers a wide range of habitats and elevations, from lowland grasland at Orang National Park (Orang NP) to cloud forest at Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary (Eaglenest WLS) and mountain slopes at Se La (elevation 4,100 m). The flights and trip logistics were smooth, apart from flat tires and a vehicle needing assistance after skidding. Temperatures ranged from high in the lowlands (30-35 °C) to low at Se La, and we had rain showers at Eaglenest WLS, while fog hampered our second visit to Se La. Brief spells of fog were encountered at Eaglenest WLS, but fortunately the fog was limited by either altitude and/or duration. In general, road conditions were mediocre to poor, and often the average speed did not exceed 15-20 km per hour outside the rural areas. In total, we drove about 1,800 km. The camping facilities at Lama camp and Bompou camp were rather basic, and our tent was visited twice at night by Himalayan Field Rat *Rattus nitidus* at Lama camp. Apart from a few leeches, no flies, ticks or mosquitoes were recorded, but we had to withdraw once or twice due to approaching Indian Elephant at Nameri and at Eaglenest WLS, and once due to an Indian Rhinoceros at Orang NP. All together, we had an excellent trip regarding birds and mammals, and the only difficulties encountered were weather related. The group was fun and Hannu Jännes was an excellent guide.



Itinerary

April 7 KLM flight KL 871 from Amsterdam to Delhi, departure April 7 at 14.25.

April 8 Arrival at Delhi on April 8 at 01.40. We met Hannu Jannes, Birdquest guide, during the flight and waited together at the Indira Gandhi International Airport for the connecting flight, Jetkonnnect 9W7067 to Guwahati (10.00-12.30). First Indian birds: Dusky Crag-martin, Lesser Adjutant, Black Kite, House Crow, and Himalayan Vulture. With five persons and luggage in a too small car to the hotel. Afternoon sleep and stroll, enjoying the Indian traffic and street life. Overnight stay at KCR Palace Hotel.



April 9 Left at 06.30 to visit a local wetland, Deeparbeel, area for Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Cotton Pygmy-goose, Benghal Lark, Citrine Wagtail, Fulvous and Lesser Whistling-duck, Shikra, Himlayan Vulture, Spotted Owlet, male Crimson Sunbird, etc.



Visited the Guwahati rubbish dump from 10.00-10.30 for Greater Adjutant. Surprising to see that people can live and survive while sorting the rubbish. Apparently, all or most people living at the rubbish dump are from Bangladesh. Drive to Tezpur, arrival at 19.30. Several

roadside stops. Overnight stay at KCR Palace Hotel. In the afternoon several roadside stops, and crossed the Brahmaputra River. Sunny and warm, about 30 °C.

Apr 10 Left for Orang NP at 05.15, in park from 07.40-12.40. When approaching the camp entrance, we passed nice and rather clean rural villages, mostly small farms with abundant cows, horses, goats, dogs, cats, etc. While waiting for the paperwork and stamps to be sorted out, we saw amongst others Blue-bearded Bea-eater. The park consists of grassland interspersed with forest and river. During our “game drive” in two open and shaky jeeps, we spotted Indian Elephant, Indian Rhinoceros, Hog Deer, Burmese Python, Black-necked Stork, Indian Spotted Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, Changeable Hawk-eagle, Chestnut-capped Babbler, Striped Babbler, Jerdon’s Babbler (heard), White-tailed Rubythroat, Lineated Barbet, etc.



Afternoon drive to Nameri Ecocamp, great views of Red-breasted Parakeet. A visit at the river in late afternoon produced River Tern, River Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Grey-crowned Woodpecker, Orange-breasted Leafbird, Common Kingfisher, Wreathed Hornbill, Green Imperial Pigeon, Brown Hawk-owl and Great-tailed Nightjar. Overnight stay at Nameri Ecocamp. Again nice weather, about 30 °C.

Apr 11 Visited Nameri National Park (NP) from 06.30-12.00 and from 14.00-17.30. To reach Nameri NP, the river had to be crossed by ferry. Because a packed lunch could not be arranged, we had to return to the camp around noon. During lunch, a small group of Black-capped Langoer were present. The main target bird of Nameri NP, the White-winged Duck, was not found. Nevertheless, we saw a good many other birds, including both Indian and Great Thicknee, Vernal Hanging-parrot, our first Grey-backed Shrike, Great and Wreathed Hornbill, Spot-winged Starling, a female Rosy Minivet, and Lesser Pratincole, Wild Boar, Hoary-bellied and Giant Squirrel and Red-spotted Gecko.

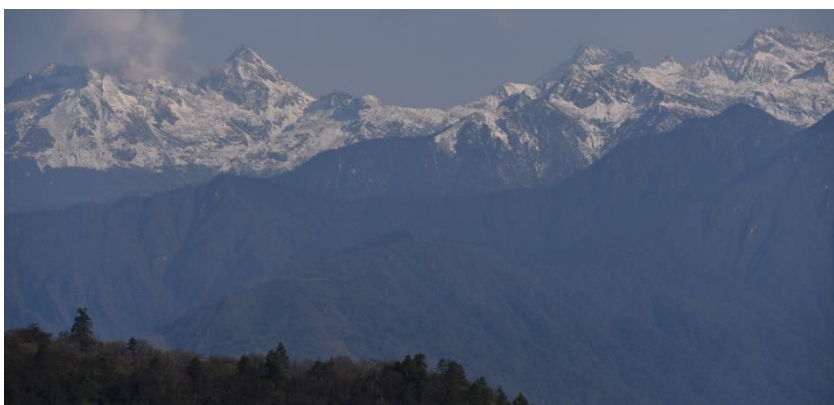


Good weather, warm. While in the park, two armed guides accompanied our group, one in front and one in the rear, in case of problems with Elephant. Overnight stay at Nameri Ecocamp.

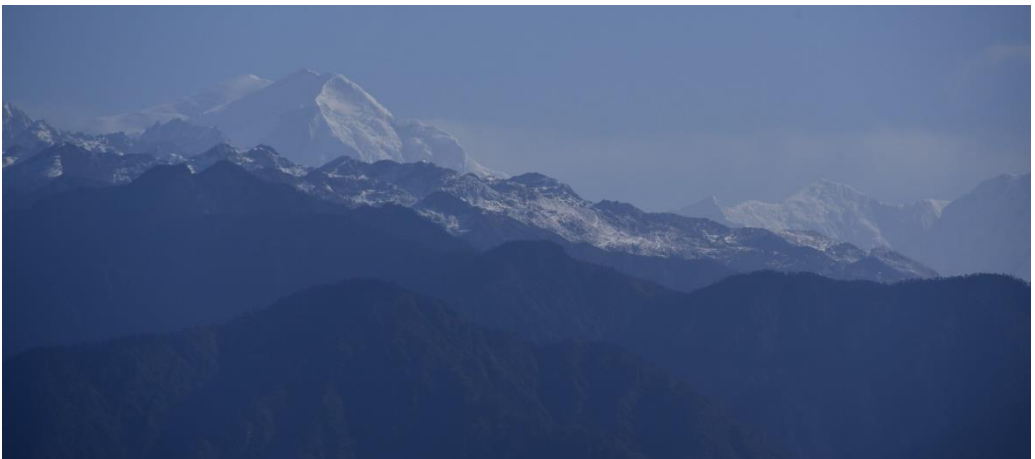
Apr 12 Breakfast at 05.00, left at 05.30. Travel day, via Tenga to Dirang (altitude 1,600 m), where we arrived at 17.30. Poor road conditions and many ongoing road works. Because this week also the Dalai Lama is visiting Aruchnadal Pradesh, a few villages we passed were decorated specially with colourful prayer flags. Overnight stay at Hotel Permaling.



Apr 13 Birding along the Mandala road and Mandala pass (altitude 3,060 m) from 05.00-16.45. Great birds, including the incredible Fire-tailed Myzornis and many typical Tits, Babblers, etc. The area at the pass looks weird. About 60 years ago a large fire destroyed most of the forest, and the area is characterized by burned tree trunks and rhododendrons. Overnight stay at Hotel Permaling.



Apr 14 Drive to Se La (altitude 4,100 m), where we arrived at 05.15. Spectacular scenery, snow and pine-covered and barren slopes. Had a few minor showers of hail and snow. Otherwise, beautiful weather and clear skies. Considering the birds, great (scope) views of fighting male Blood Pheasants and male Himalayan Monal, one seen scraping the snow away while foraging. Also Rosefinches, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Eurasian Wren, a stunning male Rufous-breasted Bush Robin, Golden Bush Robin, Blue-fronted Redstart, Red-billed Chough, Solitary Snipe, Lammergeier, great views of a male Fire-tailed sunbird singing on the top of a snow-covered pine, and a flock Grandala's. We also added Large-eared Pika and Goral (write-in) to the mammal list. Last few hours I didn't feel too well, and I was not unhappy when we left the pass around 14.45. Overnight stay at Hotel Permaling.



Apr 15 Mandala road to 8 km beyond Mandala village from 05.00 – 17.45. One rain shower, otherwise good weather. Overnight stay at Hotel Permaling.



Apr 16 Second visit at Se La from 05.30-10.30, poor visibility due to fog. Annelien and I were in the first car, driving without lights, visibility < 10 m or so. Also at Se La, the fog persisted most of the time, and we did not add too many new birds to the list apart from two new species of Rosefinches. The sighting of a singing male Fire-tailed Sunbird on a snow covered pine was amazing.



A photograph of a small village built on a steep, forested hillside. The houses are constructed from wood and concrete, with some featuring blue roofs. The background is a dense, green forest covering the mountain slope.

A photograph of a traditional wooden house built on stilts on a steep, grassy hillside. The house has a blue roof and a large window. A concrete staircase with a metal railing leads up to the house. Other similar houses are visible in the background.

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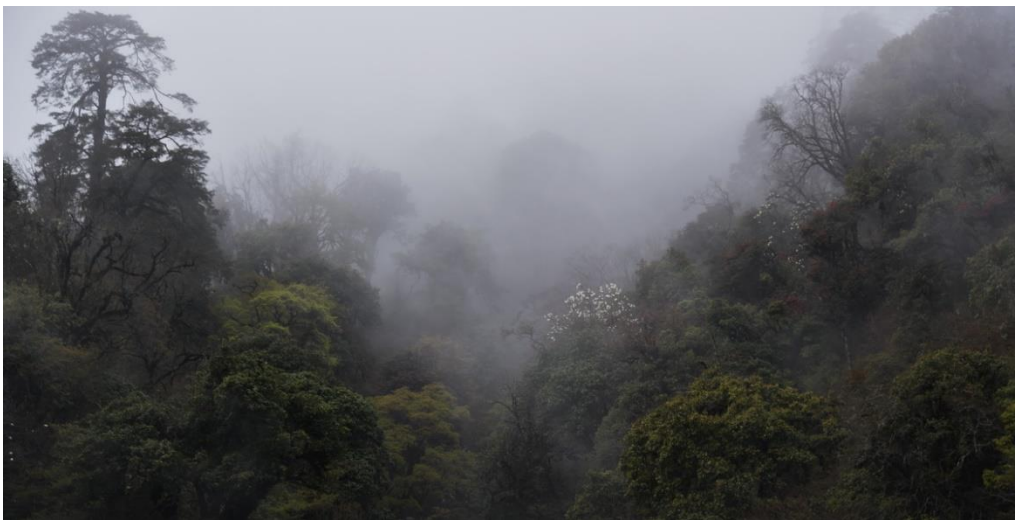
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Apr 19 Birding above Lama camp from 05.00-10.50, including "Tragopan trail". Excellent views of both a (displaying) male and two females Ward's Trogon in typical cloud forest, certainly one of the most enigmatic birds of this area. Drive to Bompu camp via Eaglenest WLS pass (elevation 2,899 m). The area around the pass is very scenic with cloud forest, flowering

Rhododendrons, etc. We arrived at Bompu camp at 16.00, fog. Birding around the camp. Overnight stay at Bompu camp (elevation 1,940 m). Tents at Bompu camp were much newer and in a better conditions then the tents at Lama camp, and no nightly visits by rats anymore.





Apr 20 Birding at Khellong from 05.30-15.00. Overnight stay at Bompu camp. Weather fine in the morning, rain showers in the afternoon.

Apr 21 Birding between Bompu camp and Sessni from 05.00 to 16.30. Overnight stay at Bompu camp. We tried to tape out a male Blyth Tragopan in a patch of steep bamboo forest, and although the bird was calling really close it did not come out of the vegetation. Great views of Long-billed Wren-babbler. Typical lunch, served at the hood of a vehicle, consists of rice, dahl, a potato curry dish, and as a desert a small milka bar with instant coffee or tea. Birding after lunch was a bit quiet, but within 5 minutes we had great views of both a pair of Rufous-necked Hornbill and two Beautiful Nuthatch.



Apr 22 Birding above and below Bompu camp from 05.00 to 09.030. Lunch at Sessni, and birding at New Khellong from 13.00 to 15.00. Overnight stay at Bompu camp. Weather was fine overall, apart from some brief spells of fog. Great views of Giant Squirrel, an unexpected (write-in)

Northern Treeshrew (*Tupaia*) and Orange-bellied Squirrel, a female Purple Cochoa, a distant male Green Cochoa, Wedge-billed Wren-babbler, and various species of Laughingthrush. Lunch consisted of French fries, rice, overcooked pasta, white beans in a spicy curry sauce and some vegetables of unknown origin.



Apr 23 Left at 04.00 for Khellong, 880 m lowest point, birding to 09.00. Best bird was a Pale-headed Woodpecker, a bamboo specialist. Breakfast consisted of boiled eggs, fried rice, and porridge, followed by tea or instant coffee. After lunch, drive to Lama camp.



The total distance by road is about 30 km, but the average speed did not 10-15 km/hour. Various stops along the scenic road, amongst others due to flowering rhododendrons, over Eaglenest WLS pass. Because the unpaved road was wet after rain, some cars got stuck and struggled to get out. Being a bit chilly and damp the small wood stove was heated in the communal building at Lama camp. In the evening we attempted to see Hodgson's Frogmouth. After driving with two vehicles 7 km over unpaved road with ongoing road constructions, fog, and a steep cliff on one side, we had all great views of a female. When driving back to the camp, the second vehicle appeared lost. I was sitting in the first vehicle, amongst others with Hannu, and we slowly drove back without any sign whatsoever of the second car. Then the driver got a phone call from Sudesh, who was in the first car, that their car had skidded and that one wheel had lost "road contact". Meanwhile, Sudesh had phoned friends in the nearby village and the "boys" from the camp, so that within 5 minutes after our arrival there were at least 15-20 people working on getting the vehicle back on the road again. Problem was solved successfully, and we returned to the camp by two cars. Overnight stay at Lama camp. Annelien spotted a rat again in the tent, and Jerry was even bitten.

Apr 24 Walked "Tragopan trail" from 05.00-08.30. Breakfast consisted of cooked egg, quarters of pancake, and porridge. Some birding at the Alu-Bari potato fields. Drive to Tezpur from 11.00 onwards, and we had lunch at Sessna. We arrived at Tezpur after few roadside stops and road constructions (with massive "mud flats") at 17.30. Overnight stay at the Ferntree Hotel. Clearly, we were in the lowlands again, were it had been raining for days. Wet and humid.



Apr 25 The stay at the Ferntree Hotel was excellent. Best hotel of the tour and for sure different from Lama camp. Because a general strike had been announced in Assam, we directly headed for the airport at Guwahati apart from a single birding stop along the road to walk over a dike in some rice field.



Upon arrival at the airport, around 13.00, my old Eagle Creek bag was slick from motor oil, apparently one of the containers below the luggage was broken. The bag was wrapped by ground staff. Checking in was time consuming anyway, because batteries caused a problem in the scanners and all of a sudden we had overweight of luggage. Latter was solved by 500 rupees. Jetconnect flight 9W2722 from Guwahati to Delhi (17.00-19.35)

Apr 26 KLM flight KL872 to Amsterdam (03.40-08.30).

BIRDS

ANATIDAE

1. **Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* – A bird at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
2. **Lesser Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna javanica* – At least 100+ near Guwahati (April 9).
3. **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea* – Over 30 birds at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
4. **Cotton Pygmy Goose** *Nettapus coromandelianus* – At least 50 birds at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
5. **Gadwall** *Anas strepera* – Two birds at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
6. **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope* – Two birds at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
7. **Indian Spot-billed Duck** *Anas poecilorhyncha* – As previous species.

PHASIANIDAE

8. **Snow Partridge** *Lerwa lerwa* – A single bird heard at Se La, invisible due to fog (April 15).
9. **(Common) Hill Partridge** *Arborophila torqueola* – Heard (almost) daily at Mandala Road and Eaglenest WLS (April 13-24).
10. **Rufous-throated (Hill) Partridge** *Arborophila rufogularis* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, two seen flying from the roadside, April 22.
11. **White-cheeked (Hill) Partridge** *Arborophila atrogularis* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 23.
12. **Chestnut-breasted (Hill) Partridge** *Arborophila mandellii* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 21-22.
13. **Blood Pheasant** *Ithaginis cruentus* – Good views of at least 3 males and 2 females at Se La, April 14.
14. **Blyth's Tragopan** *Tragopan blythii* – Two males heard, one very close calling in dense bamboo, at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.



Blood Pheasant (left), Himalayan Monal (centre, right)

15. **Himalayan Monal** *Lophophorus impejanus* – A total of 3 males at Se La, April 14. Best views were a male calling on top of a rock, and later, likely the same bird, walking in the snow and scratching the snow away to find food.
16. **Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus* – Heard on various occasions, first at Nameri NP, April 11.
17. **Kalij Pheasant** *Lophura leucomelanos* – Rather common at Eaglenest WLS, a total of 6 birds seen. First seen on April 20, all single birds, 2 males and 2 females.
18. **Grey Peacock-Pheasant** *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 20-22.

PODICEPEDIDAE

19. **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – Two birds at the wetland near Guwahati, April 9

CICONIIDAE

20. **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans* – A common bird in the lowlands near Guwahati, estimated 500 birds on April 9.
21. **Black-necked Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* – Three immature birds along the river at Orang NP, April 10.
22. **Lesser Adjutant** *Leptoptilos javanicus* – Common in the lowlands, at least 50 birds in the Guwahati area on April 9.
23. **Greater Adjutant** *Leptoptilos dubius* - Endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 800-1,200 birds, decreasing. Estimated 400 birds present at the Guwahati rubbish dump, April 9.



ARDEIDAE

24. **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Three birds flying over the Brahmaputra River, April 25.
25. **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii* – Common in the lowlands, first seen near Guwahati, April 9.

26. **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus* – As previous species.
27. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* – A single adult bird at Orang NP, April 10.
28. **(Eastern) Great Egret** *Ardea (alba) modesta* – Seen in the lowlands, rather uncommon. First seen near Guwahati, April 9.
29. **Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia* – Several birds seen in the wetland near Guwahati, April 9.
30. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzeta* – A few birds seen daily in the lowlands, first seen on April 9.

PELICANIDAE

31. **Spot-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis* – Near-threatened (CITES), total population estimated at 8,700 - 12,000 birds, decreasing. A single bird flying over at Orang NP, April 10.



Spot-billed Pelican (left) and Indian Pond Heron (right)

PHALACROCORACIDAE

32. **Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger* – Seen in the lowlands near Guwahati (April 9-11).

ANHINGIDAE

33. **Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* - Near-threatened (CITES), total population estimated at 22,000 birds, decreasing. A tree with 20 perched and sleeping birds near Guwahati (April 9).

ACCIPITRIDAE

34. **Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – Single birds seen in the Guwahati area (April 9-10).
35. **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleas* – As previous species, a total of 3 birds on April 9.
36. **Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier)** *Gypaetus barbatus* – An immature bird during our first visit to Se La (April 14).
37. **Crested Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* – A single bird at Nameri NP (April 11).
38. **Himalayan Vulture (Himalayan Griffon)** *Gyps himalayensis* – A distant flock of 8 birds at the airport of Guwahati (April 9). Also 2 birds at Se La (April 14).
39. **Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela* - Common, seen and heard on 5 days. First seen at Orang NP (April 10).
40. **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus* – A single bird at Orang NP (April 10).
41. **Mountain Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus nipalensis* – Seen on 3 days along Mandala Road (April 12-13) and at Eaglenest WLS (April 18).
42. **Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* – A single bird near Dirang (April 12).

43. **Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis* – Seen on 3 days, first seen at Mandala Road (April 12).
 44. **Indian Spotted Eagle** *Aquila hastana* – Excellent views of a soaring bird at Orang NP (April 10). A write in.



Black-eared Kite (left), Himalayan Vulture (centre), and Indian Spotted Eagle (right)

45. **Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis* – A single soaring bird seen while driving back from Se La to Dirang (April 14).
 46. **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* – Two birds along Mandala Road, April 15.
 47. **Shikra** *Accipiter badius* – Single birds in the Guwahati area (April 9-10).
 48. **Besra (Besra Sparrowhawk)** *Accipiter virgatus* – A single female along Mandala Road (April 15).
 49. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* – A single bird along Mandala Road (April 14).
 50. **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* – Very common in the lowlands near Guwahati (April 9-11).
 51. **Black kite (Black-eared Kite)** *Milvus (migrans) lineatus* – A total of 3 birds seen well at the local wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).
 52. **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* – Two birds seen at Orang NP, April 10.
 53. **Himalayan Buzzard** *Buteo burmanicus* – Single birds at Se La, April 14 and 16.

RALLIDAE

54. **Black-tailed Crake** *Porzana bicolor* – Two birds seen well at a local marsh along the Mandala Road, April 13.



55. **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* – A single bird at Nameri NP, April 11.
 56. **Grey-headed Swamphen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus* – Over 30 birds seen well at the wetlands near Guwahati (April 9).

BURHINIDAE

57. **Indian Stone-curlew (Indian Thick-knee)** *Burhinus indicus* – Two birds seen well on the shingles of a small island at Nameri NP, April 11.

58. **Great Stone-curlew (Great Thick-knee)** *Esacus recurvirostris* – A single bird seen, otherwise as previous species.

CHARACRIIDAE

59. **River Lapwing** *Vanellus duvaucelii* – Pairs seen at Orang and Nameri National Parks, April 10-11.
60. **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus* – Common in the lowlands, first seen near Guwahati, April 9.
61. **Long-billed Plover** *Charadrius placidus* – Two birds seen well at Sankti Valley, April 16.
62. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* – Seen near Guwahati, April 9-11.
63. **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* – A write in. A single bird at the wetlands near Guwahati, April 9.

JACANIDAE

64. **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* – Great views of at least 50 adult birds – including some with intact long tails - at the wetlands near Guwahati, April 9.

SCOLOPACIDAE

65. **Solitary Snipe** *Gallinago solitaria* – Great views of a single bird at Se La, April 14.



Long-billed Plover (left), Solitary Snipe (right)

66. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* – Single birds near Guwahati and at Nameri, April 9-10.
67. **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* – As previous species, April 9 and 11.
68. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* – Single birds on 3 days, first seen at Nameri, April 10.
69. **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii* – Two birds at Nameri, April 10.

GLAREOLIDAE

70. **Small Pratincole** *Glareola lactea* – Two birds at Nameri, April 11, another 6 birds seen on the last day of the tour near Guwahati, April 11.

LARIDAE

71. **Brown-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus* – Seen near Guwahati and flocks at Nameri, April 9-11.
72. **Common Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus* – A write in. A single bird near Guwahati, April 9.

STERNIDAE

- 73. **River Tern** *Sterna aurantia* – Great views of several birds at Nameri, April 10-11.
- 74. **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* – At least 50 distant birds at the wetlands near Guwahati, April 9.

COLUMBIDAE

- 75. **Rock (Feral) Dove** *Columba livia* – Common in the lowlands.
- 76. **Snow Pigeon** *Columba leuconota* – Seen on both visits at Se La, April 14 and 16. Especially during the 2nd visit, a flock that perched in a pine tree while snowing, was a memorable sight.



- 77. **Speckled Wood Pigeon** *Columba hodgsonii* – A flock of at least 20 birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
- 78. **Ashy Wood Pigeon** *Columba puchricollis* – Good scope views of 3 perched birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
- 79. **Oriental (Rufous) Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* – Common, seen on 5 days, first at Nameri, April 11.
- 80. **Red Turtle (Red-collared) Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica* – Two birds at Orang NP or Nameri, April 10, at least 10 birds on April 25.
- 81. **Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis* – Common in the lowlands.
- 82. **Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall* – Seen or heard on 4 days, first seen at Nameri, April 10.
- 83. **(Common) Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* – Seen on 4 days, including Orang NP and Nameri on April 10-11.
- 84. **Yellow-footed Green Pigeon** *Treron phoenicopterus* – A handful seen at Orang NP on April 10, a single bird on April 25.
- 85. **Pin-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron apicauda* – A few birds at Eaglenest WLS on April 21 and 23.
- 86. **Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron sphenurus* – At least 20 birds at Nameri, April 11. Also a few birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
- 87. **Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea* – Seen in the Orang NP and Nameri area, April 10-11.
- 88. **Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia* – Low numbers seen daily at Eaglenest WLS, April 20-23.

CUCULIDAE

89. **Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis* – A single bird seen at Orang NP, April 10.
90. **Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis* – Seen at Orang NP and at Nameri, April 10-11.
91. **Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus* – A stunning feeding male near Guwahati, April 9, also heard at Orang NP and at Nameri.
92. **Asian Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculatus* – Seen on a few days, a flying male and a perched female at Eaglenest WLS, April 20. Singles briefly seen on April 10 and 18.



Asian Koel (left), Asian Emerald Cuckoo (centre), and Banded Bay Cuckoo (right)

93. **Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii* – Two birds seen at Eaglenest WLS, great views of a perched bird on April 22.
94. **Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulines* – Two birds at Nameri, April 11.
95. **Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus dicruroides* – Heard at Nameri, April 11, and 2 birds seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
96. **Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx varius* – Heard almost daily, a single bird seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
97. **Hodgon's (Whistling) Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx nisicolor* – A single bird seen and heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
98. **Lesser (Small) Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus* – A single bird at Nameri, April 11.
99. **Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus* – A single bird at Orang NP or Nameri, April 10, several birds heard later during the tour.
100. **Himalayan Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus* – Heard on various days, a single bird seen along Mandala Road, April 17.
101. **Common (Eurasian) Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* – A single bird seen along Mandala Road, heard on various days during the tour.

STRIGIDAE

102. **Brown Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* – Heard near Lama Camp, Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
103. **Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 23.
104. **Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides* – Single birds seen in the Nameri area, April 9-10.
105. **Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama* – Three birds seen near Guwahati, April 9.
106. **Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata* – Good views of 2 birds in the evening along the river at Nameri, April 10.

PODARGIDAE

107. **Hodgson's Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* – Superb views of a female near Bompu Camp, April 23.

CAPRILIMULGIDAE

108. **Grey Nightjar** *Caprimulgus jotaka* – Heard several evenings, one seen along Mandala Road, April 17.
109. **Large-tailed Nighthjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus* – Two birds seen well near the river at Nameri, April 10.

APODIDAE

110. **Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris* – Seen on 3 days, first seen near Dirang, April 12.
111. **House (Little) Swift** *Apus nipalensis* – Seen near Guwahati, April 9-10.
112. **Brown-backed (Brown-throated) Needletail** *Hirudapus giganteus* – A single and distant bird flying over at Nameri, April 11.
113. **Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasienis* – Seen daily in the lowlands.
114. **Blyth's Swift** *Apus leuconyx* – Two birds along Mandala Road, April 17.
115. **House Swift** *Apus nipalensis* – Seen near Guwahati, April 9-10.

TROGONIDAE

116. **Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus* – A single and distant bird heard and briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20. Also two single birds seen flying, bits and pieces, on April 23.



117. **Ward's Trogon** *Harpactes wardi* – Stunning views of a perched male and female, at Eaglenest WLS, April 19. Later that day we spotted a second female. One bird briefly seen on April 23, heard on April 24. Both male and female are surprisingly colourful.

CORACIDAE

- 118. **Indian (Black-billed) Roller** *Coracias (benghalensis) affinis* – Seen near Guwahati, and at both Orang NP and Nameri, April 9-11.
- 119. **Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* – Seen at both Orang NP and at Nameri, April 10-11.

ALCEDINIDAE

- 120. **Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis* – Heard at Orang NP, April 10.
- 121. **White-throated (White-breasted) Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* – Seen daily in low numbers in the lowlands.
- 122. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* – A total of 4 birds seen at Nameri, April 20-11. Also a single bird in the Sankti Valley, April 16.
- 123. **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* – Seen in Orang NP and Nameri, April 10-11.

UPUPIDAE

- 124. **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* – Seen on 4 days during the first part of the tour, first near Guwahati, April 9.

MEROPIDAE

- 125. **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis athertoni* – A single perched seen well while waiting at the entrance of Orang NP, April 10. A large Bee-eater, which is very well camouflaged and difficult to find in the foliage.
- 126. **Green (Little-green) Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis* – Little groups seen in the Guwahati area, April 9-10.
- 127. **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus* – Four birds during the last roadside stop on the last day near Guwahati, April 25.
- 128. **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti* – Common in the Guwahati – Nameri area, seen daily on April 9-12.

BUCEROTIDAE

- 129. **Great (Great Pied) Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* – Good views of a total of 4 birds at Nameri, April 10-11.
- 130. **Rufous-necked Hornbill** *Buceros nipalensis* – Great views of a perched pair at Eaglenest WLS, April 21. Great bird. Vulnerable (CITES).



131. **Wreathed Hornbill** *Rhyticeros undulatus* – A total of 8 birds, mostly pairs, flying over the river at Nameri, April 10-11.

RAMPHASTIDAE

132. **Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens* – Heard on most days of the tour, single birds seen on various days along Mandala Road (April 13, 15) and later at Eaglenest WLS. Surprisingly colourful when seen well.
133. **Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus* – A total of 10 birds seen at Orang NP and at Nameri, April 10-11.
134. **Golden-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon frankinii* – Two birds seen well at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
135. **Blue-thoated Barbet** *Psilopogon asiaticus* – Common in the Guwahati area, April 9-11. Also a single bird seen on April 22.

INDICATORIDAE

136. **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide** *Indicator xanthonotus* – One of the highlights of the tour. A single bird seen near Bompou camp on April 17, 18 and 23. Perched and singing on top of shrubs, and at branches sticking from the rocks near old bee hives. Supposed to eat wax. Bird is a bit slow or sluggish, and therefore easy to overlook. The yellow of the rump is darker than the yellow of the forehead.



PICIDAE

137. **Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus* – A single bird heard and briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
138. **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus* – Seen on 4 days, most birds in the Orang and Nameri area, April 20-12.
139. **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos cathpharius* – Seen along Mandala Road, April 12-13.
140. **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* – Seen along Mandala Road, April 13, and also several single birds at Eaglenest WLS.
141. **Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos macei* – Three birds seen at Orang NP, April 10.

142. **Darjeeling Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos darjellensis* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 15, and a single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.



143. **Greater Yellownape** *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* – Three birds seen at Nameri, April 10.
144. **Lesser Yellownape** *Chrysophlegma (Picus) chlorolophus* – Single birds at Nameri, April 11, and at Eaglenest WLS, April 23.
145. **Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus* – Heard at Nameri, April 10.
146. **Black-rumped Flameback** *Dinopium benghalense* – A male near Guwahati, April 9, and two birds seen well near the entrance of Orang NP, April 11.
147. **Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* – Seen at Orang NP and at Nameri, April 10-12.
148. **Pale-headed Woodpecker** *Gecinulus grantia* – Heard on April 20 and a single bird seen well at Eaglenest WLS on April 23. Difficult to spot in the bamboos despite the drumming. Well camouflaged.
149. **Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* – Heard on most days at Eaglenest WLS and a few birds seen flying over the trails on April 23-24.
150. **Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus* – Two birds seen at Orang NP, April 10.

FALCONIDAE

151. **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* – Two birds seen along Mandala Road on April 14, the only falcons seen during the tour.

PSITTACIDAE

152. **Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri* – Seen at Orang NP and Nameri, common, April 10-12.
153. **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri* – Very common in the lowlands.
154. **Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis* – Great scope views of 3 birds at Nameri, April 11.

EURLAIMIDAE

155. **Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae* – A single bird seen along Mandala Road, April 12. Also seen and heard on various days at Eaglenest WLS.

PITTIDAE

156. **Blue-naped Pitta** *Hydrornis nipalensis* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.

TEPHRODORNITHIDAE

157. **Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* – A write in. Two birds at Orang NP, April 11.

ARTAMIDAE

158. **Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus* – A few here and there, a flock of 5 birds near Guwahati on April 25.

AEGITHINIDAE

159. **Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia* – A total of at least 8 birds seen at Nameri, April 10-11.

CAMPEPHAGIDEA

160. **Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei* – A single bird flying over near Guwahati on April 9. A small flock of 3 birds poorly seen along Mandala Road, April 12.
161. **Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Coracina melaschistos* – Seen and heard on 4 days along Mandala Road (April 15) and at Eaglenest WLS.
162. **Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* – Great views of a male near Guwahati, April 9. Two more birds on April 10.



163. **Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris* – A female and pair at Eaglenest WLS on April 18 and 21, respectively.
164. **Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus* – First seen along Mandala Road on April 15, also seen at Eaglenest WLS.
165. **Short-billed Minivet** *Pericrocotus brevirostris* – A pair along Mandala Road on April 13, a female seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 17.

166. **Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus speciosus* – Seen at Nameri, April 11-12, Mandala Road and Eaglenest WLS.
167. **Rosy Minivet** *Pericrocotus roseus* - A write in. A female at Nameri, April 11.

LANIIDAE

168. **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 12.
169. **Bay-backed Shrike** *Lanius vittatus* – A single bird at Sankti Valley, April 16.
170. **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach* – A typical roadside bird, seen throughout the tour in low numbers.
171. **Grey-backed Shrike** *Lanius tephronotus* – Two birds at Nameri, April 11, a single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.

TIMALIIDAE

172. **Rufous-fronted Babbler** *Stachyridopsis rufifrons* – A write in. A single bird at Nameri, April 12.
173. **White-bellied Erpornis (White-bellied Yuhina)** *Erpornis zantholeuca* – Two birds at Nameri, April 11, and a single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
174. **Black-headed Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius rufiventer* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 19.
175. **Blyth's Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius aeralatus* – Seen on various days, first seen along Mandala Road on April 15, heard and seen 3 more days at Eaglenest WLS. White-browed Shrike-babbler is “enlarged species”.



176. **Green Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 15.
177. **Black-eared Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthiums melanotis* – Single birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 19 and 23.

ORIOLIDAE

178. **Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris* – Two birds at Nameri, April 11.
179. **Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus* – Daily seen in the Guwahati area, April 9-11.
180. **Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii* – Great bird, oddly coloured. Rather common along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 15.

DICRURIDAE

181. **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus* – Common in the lowlands.

- 182. **Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus* – Seen almost daily, first seen at Orang NP, April 10.
- 183. **Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus* – Two birds along Mandala Road, April 12, and a single bird at Eaglenest WLS on April 21.
- 184. **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer* – Remarkable bird, seen on 3 days, first seen at Nameri, April 11.
- 185. **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus* – A total of 5 birds at Orang NP, April 10.

RHIPIDURIAE

- 186. **White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 12. Daily seen albeit in low numbers at Eaglenest WLS.

STENOSTIRIDAE

- 187. **Yellow-bellied Fantail (Yellow-bellied Fairy-flycatcher)** *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus* – Seen on 4 days at Eaglenest WLS in mixed flocks, first seen on April 18.
- 188. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* – Rather common, seen on most days along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 12.

MONARCHIDAE

- 189. **Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea* – A single bird very briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20. I wouldn't have identified the bird when I had not seen it on previous trips.

CORVIDAE

- 190. **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius* – Two birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 17.
- 191. **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa flavirostris* – A flock of 4 birds along Mandala Road, on April 13. A rather stunning and species.
- 192. **Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda* – Common near Guwahati, April 9. A single bird on April 10.
- 193. **Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae* – Two birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
- 194. **Collared Treepie** *Dendrocitta frontalis* – Two single birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.



195. **Spotted Nutcracker** *Nucifraga caryocatactes* – Not uncommon along Mandala Road, at least 5 birds seen on April 13 and 3 birds on April 15.
196. **Red-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* – Common at Se La on both April 14 and 16.
197. **House Crow** *Corvus splendens* – Common in the Guwahati area.
198. **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* – Common at Mandala Road and Se La, first seen on April 13.
199. **Eastern Jungle Crow** *Corvus leuillanti* – A typical lowland species, common in the Guwahati area, Orang NP and Nameri.

PARIDAE

200. **Fire-capped Tit** *Cephalopyrus flammiceps* – A single bird seen briefly in flight at Mandala Road, April 15.
201. **Yellow-browed Tit** *Sylviparus modestus* – A single bird seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
202. **Sultan Tit** *Melanochlora sultanea* – Good views on several days, first seen at Nameri, April 11, also on various days at Eaglenest WLS.
203. **Rufous-vented Tit** *Periparus rubidiventris* – Single birds seen in the Mandala Road area, April 13-16.
204. **Coal Tit** *Periparus ater* – A single bird seen at Mandala Road, 'our' Coal Tit with a crest, April 15.
205. **Grey Crested Tit** *Lophophanes dichrous* – Seen at Mandala Road, 4 birds on April 13 and 2 birds on April 15.
206. **Cinereous (Grey) Tit** *Parus cinereus* – Seen at Guwahati, April 9 and 25.
207. **Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus* – Seen on 4 days, first seen -2 birds- in the Dirang area, April 12.
208. **Yellow-cheeked (Black-spotted Yellow) Tit** *Machlolophus spilonotus* – Seen on 4 days at Eaglenest WLS, first seen on April 17.

ALAUDIDAE

209. **Bengal Bush Lark (Bengal Bushlark)** *Mirafra assamica* – Two birds seen well near Guwahati, April 9. A single bird on April 25.



210. **Sand Lark** *Alauda raytal* – Good views of a single bird while walking in the river sand dunes at Nameri, April 11.

PYCNONOTIDAE

211. **Striated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus striatus* – For sure a spectacular Bulbul. Common at Eaglenest WLS, first seen April 17.
212. **Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flaviventris* – A single bird, April 12.
213. **Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus* – Common at Nameri, April 10-12.
214. **Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer* – Common, especially in the lowlands.
215. **White-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus flaveolus* – Four birds seen at Nameri, April 11. A single bird seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
216. **Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mcclellandii* – Six birds near Dirang, April 12.
217. **Black (Himalayan) Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* – Seen on 8 days, common along Mandala Road, e.g. at least 10 birds on April 12, also seen at Eaglenest WLS.

HIRUNDINIDAE

218. **Dusky Crag-martin** *Ptenoprogne concolor* – A few birds before the start of the tour at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, April 8.
219. **Grey-throated (Sand) Martin** *Riparia chinensis* – Common at Nameri, April 10-12.
220. **Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus* – At least one bird in a mixed flock with next species at Sankti Valley, April 16.
221. **Nepal House Martin** *Delichon nipalense* – At least 50 birds, see previous species.
222. **Striated Swallow** *Cecropis striolata* – Three birds at the wetland near Guwahati, April 9.

PNOEPYGIDAE

223. **Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler (Scaly-breasted Cupwing)** *Pnoepyga albiventer* – Heard along Mandala Road, April 13, and a brief glimpse on April 15.
224. **Pygmy Wren-babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla* – Heard and single birds seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 19 and 24.

CETTIIDAE

225. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris* – Single birds seen near Dirang, April 12, and at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
226. **Rufous-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus albogularis* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
227. **Black-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus schisticeps* – A very characteristic warbler. Well seen along Mandala Road, April 12, and common at Eaglenest WLS, invariably in mixed flocks.
228. **Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cuculatus* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 17 and 19.
229. **Broad-billed Warbler** *Tickellia hodgsoni* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 19.
230. **Brown-flanked (Strong-footed) Bush Warbler** *Horornis fortipes* – Heard almost daily along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS, one bird seen well at Eaglenest WLS on April 18.

231. **Hume's Bush Warbler** *Horornis brunnescens* – A single bird seen well along Mandala Road, April 13.



232. **Grey-bellied (Yellow-browed) Tesia** *Tesia cyaniventer* – More heard than seen. In total 3 birds seen at Eaglenest WLS on April 18 and 19.
233. **Slaty-bellied Tesia** *Tesia olivea* – Heard and briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS on April 21 and 22.
234. **Grey-sided Bush Warbler** *Cettia brunnifrons* – Close views of a single bird along Mandala Road, April 15.



235. **Chestnut-headed Tesia** *Cettia castaneocoronata* – Single birds seen well at Eaglenest WLS on April 19 and 23.

AEGITHALIDAE

236. **Black-throated Bushtit** *Aegithalos concinnus* – Common. Seen on 5 days, first seen in the Dirang area, April 12.
237. **Rufous-fronted Bushtit** *Aegithalos iouschistos* – Great views of 4 birds in a mixed flock at Mandala Road, April 13.

PHYLLOSCOPIDAE

238. **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* – A few birds seen in the Guwahati area, April 9. Also heard on April 10 and 11.

239. **Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis* – Seen on 4 days, especially along Mandala Road, e.g. 2 birds on April 15. Except Dusky Warbler, most Leaf Warblers were seen in mixed flocks.
240. **Buff-barred (Orange-barred Leaf) Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher* – Seen almost daily in low numbers along Mandala Road, first seen on April 12.
241. **Ashy-throated (Grey-faced) (Leaf) Warbler** *Phylloscopus maculipennis* – Seen on 5 days along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 13.
242. **Lemon-rumped (Leaf) Warbler** *Phylloscopus chloronotus* – Single birds on 4 days along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 12.
243. **Yellow-browed (Leaf) Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus* – More often heard than seen in the lowlands, but a few birds seen at Nameri, April 11-12.
244. **Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris* – Heard on several days along Mandala Road, first on April 13.
245. **Blyth's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides* – The most common Leaf Warbler seen. First seen at Nameri, but common along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS.



246. **Yellow-vented Warbler** *Phylloscopus cantator* – A single bird on way to Sessa, April 12.
247. **Grey-hooded Warbler** *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos* – Seen on 5 days along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS, first seen on April 13.
248. **White-spectacled Warbler** *Seicercus affinis* – Hear (April 18) and seen (April 19) at Eaglenest WLS.
249. **Whistler's Warbler** *Seicercus whistleri* – Seen on various days in the mountains, first seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
250. **Grey-cheeked Warbler** *Seicercus plioignys* – Single birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 19 and 22.
251. **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps* – Seen on 3 days, first seen on April 12. Also a few birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 18-19.

ACROCEPHALIDAE

252. **Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum* – One near Guwahati, April 9.

LOCUSTELLIDAE

253. **Russet Bush Warbler** *Locustella mandelli* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 15.
254. **Striated Grassbird** *Megalus palustris* – At least 8 birds at the wetland near Guwahati, April 9.

CISTICOLIDAE

255. **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* – Briefly heard near the Guwahati rubbish dump, April 9,

256. **Black-throated Prinia** *Prinia atrogularis* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
 257. **Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata* – Two birds near Guwahati, April 9.

TIMALIIDAE

258. **White-browed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 23.
 259. **Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* – Two briefly seen along Mandala Road, April 13. Heard at Eaglenest WLS.
 260. **Red-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps* – Very briefly seen, hardly a glimpse, at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
 261. **Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus superciliaris* – Spectacular views of 2 birds, quite close, along Mandala Road, April 15. Glimpses of 2 birds on April 13.
 262. **Rufous-throated Wren-babbler** *Spelaeornis caudatus* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 17. Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
 263. **Bar-winged Wren-babbler** *Spelaeornis troglodytoides* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 13. A second bird heard.
 264. **Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler** *Sphenocichla humei* – Took some effort, but saw 2 birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
 265. **Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps* – A single bird seen and a second bird heard along Mandala Road, April 12.
 266. **Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* – Common, seen almost daily in low numbers along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First birds seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
 267. **Golden Babbler** *Stachyridopsis chrysaea* – A small, yellow and striking Babbler. Seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20-22.
 268. **Pin-striped (Striped) Tit-babbler** *Macronous gularis* – Three birds at Nameri, April 11.
 269. **Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata* – One bird at Orang NP, April 10, also heard.

PELLORNEIDAE

270. **Yellow-throated Fulvetta** *Alcippe cinerea* – Seen on 3 days at Eaglenest WLS, first seen on April 18. One of the many birds present in the mixed flocks.
 271. **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Alcippe cataneceps* – A striking birds, not uncommon, first seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
 272. **Nepal Fulvetta** *Alcippe nipalensis* – A single bird at Mandala Road, April 15, and two birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
 273. **Eyebrowed Wren-babbler** *Napothera epilepidota* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
 274. **White-hooded (Indian White-hooded) Babbler** *Gampsorhynchus rufulus* – A very striking Babbler, bamboo specialist. A single bird seen well in a mixed flock with Parrotbills at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
 275. **Long-billed Wren-babbler** *Rimator malacoptilus* – A single bird seen well at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
 276. **Spot-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum albiventris* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.

LEIOTHROCHIDAE

277. **Striated Babbler** *Turdoides earlei* – Six birds at Orang NP, April 10.

278. **Slender-billed Babbler** *Turdoides longirostris* – Heard at Orang NP, April 10.
279. **Jungle Babbler** *Turdoides striata* – Two birds very briefly seen at Orang NP, April 10.
280. **White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus* – Great bird. Mostly heard, but in mixed flocks at least 5 birds at Eaglenest WLS on both April 22 and 23.
281. **Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush** *Garrulax rufogularis* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 13.
282. **Spotted Laughingthrush** *Garrulax ocellatus* – A truly stunning bird. A little flock of 3 birds seen very well while trying to spot a Tragopan along Mandala Road, April 15.
283. **Grey-sided Laughingthrush** *Garrulax caerulatus* – Glimsed at Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS, but finally great views of a single bird perched right in the open at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
284. **Striated Laughingthrush** *Garrulax striatus* – A striking bird. A single bird seen along Mandala Road, April 13, more common at Eaglenest WLS.
285. **Bhutan Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron imbricatum* – Single birds seen along Mandala Road, April 12-13, also a few birds seen at Eaglenest WLS.
286. **Blue-winged Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron squamatum* – Briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 18, heard on several days.
287. **Scaly Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron subunicor* – Most Laughingthrushes are quite skulky, but I had great views of 1-2 birds at Eaglenest WLS and even made a picture, April 19.



Scaly Laughingthrush (left) and Grey-sided Laughingthrush (right)

288. **Black-faced Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron affine* – Seen daily, 1-2 birds per day, along Mandala Road, April 13-16. Also few birds seen or heard at Eaglenest WLS.
289. **Chestnut-crowned (Red-headed) Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum* – Seen in low numbers along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 13.
290. **Himalayan Cutia** *Cutia nipalensis* – A stunning bird, Nuthatch-like behaviour. About 8 birds seen well in a mixed flock along Mandala Road, April 17, and 4 birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
291. **Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera* – Again a typical mixed flock bird, seen on 4 days, first seen -2 birds- along Mandala Road, April 15.
292. **Bar-throated Minla** *Minla strigula* – As previous species also a very striking bird, rather common in mixed flocks, first seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
293. **Red-throated Minla** *Minla ignotincta* – Again a striking bird, invariably in mixed flocks, seen almost daily at Eaglenest WLS. First birds seen on April 18.
294. **Red-faced Liocichla** *Liocichla phoenicea* – A stunning bird, great colours when seen well. A pair seen well at Eaglenest WLS, April 18, less good views of 2 birds on April 22.

295. **Bugun Liocichla** *Liocichla bugunorum* – Distinctive call heard on several days at Eaglenest WLS. One bird seen well and two birds seen briefly near Lamacamp at Eaglenest WLS, April 18. This bird was discovered in 1995 and first described in 2006, and therefore is absent in my “Birds of South Asia, The Ripley Guide”, which was published in 2005.



Bar-throated Minla (left) and Brown-throated Fulvetta (right)

296. **Rusty-fronted Barwing** *Actinodura egertoni* – First seen along Mandala Road, 10 birds on April 17. Common at Eaglenest WLS in mixed flocks.
297. **Streak-fronted Barwing** *Actinodura wandeni* – Seen twice in mixed flocks, both at Eaglenest WLS, 2 birds on April 18 and 23.
298. **Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argenteauris* – Common at Eaglenest WLS, April 20-23.
299. **Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS on April 18, 19 and 24.
300. **Rufous-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia annectans* – Seen at Eaglenest WLS, 2 birds on April 21 and a single bird on April 22.
301. **Beautiful Sibia** *Heterophasia pulchella* – A common bird along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 10.
302. **Long-tailed Sibia** *Heterophasia picaoides* – Two birds along Mandala Road, April 12, more common (up to 20+ birds per day) at Eaglenest WLS.

SYLVIIDAE

303. **Fire-tailed Myzornis** *Myzornis pyrrhoura* – A single bird seen very well along Mandala Road, April 13. One of the best birds of the tour, amazing colours.



- 304. **Golden-breasted Fulvetta** *Lioparus chrysotis* – Again a very distinctly coloured bird, in mixed flocks with Parrotbills in the bamboo. Seen on 3 days, first birds seen along Mandala Road, April 17.
- 305. **Brown-throated Fulvetta** *Fulvetta ludlowi* – Seen on 4 days in mixed flocks, first birds seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
- 306. **Brown Parrotbill** *Cholornis unicolor* – Three birds along Mandala Road, April 13.
- 307. **Black-throated (Grey-breasted) Parrotbill** *Suthora (nipalensis) poliotis* – A flock of at least 20 birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.
- 308. **White-breasted Parrotbill** *Psittiparus ruficeps* – Seen at Eaglenest WLS on April 20-22.

ZOSTEROPIDAE

- 309. **Striated Yuhina** *Yuhina castaniceps* – At least 10 birds along Mandala Road, April 12.
- 310. **White-naped Yuhina** *Yuhina bakeri* – At least 10 birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
- 311. **Whiskered Yuhina** *Yuhina flavicollis* – Common, first seen along Mandala Road, April 12.
- 312. **Stripe-throated Yuhina** *Yuhina gularis* – Ten birds or more along Mandala Road, April 13.



- 313. **Rufous-vented Yuhina** *Yuhina occipitalis* – Seen on 4 days, common, first seen along Mandala Road, April 13.
- 314. **Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta* – Low numbers in mixed flocks on 3 days at Eaglenest WLS, first birds seen on April 18.
- 315. **Oriental White-Eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus* – Seen on 3 days, first birds seen near Guwahati, April 9.

IRENIDAE

- 316. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella* – Several birds seen well in the lowlands at Orang NP and at Nameri, April 11-12.

ELACHURIDAE

- 317. **Spotted Elachura (Spotted Wren-babbler)** *Elachura formosa* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS, April 22-23.

TROGLODYTIDAE

318. **Eurasian (Northern) Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* – A single bird, very dark, on the rocks at Se La, April 14.

SITTIDAE

319. **Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** *Sitta cinnamoventris* – Single birds seen on 3 days, first seen at Nameri, April 11.
320. **White-tailed Nuthatch** *Sitta himalayensis* – Seen on 5 days, first seen along Mandala Road on April 13.
321. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis* – At least 6 birds at Nameri, April 11.
322. **Beautiful Nuthatch** *Sitta formosa* – A total of 5 birds seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 21-22.



CERTHIIDAE

323. **Rusty-flanked Treecreeper** *Certhia nipalensis* – A single bird along Mandala Road, April 15.
324. **Sikkim (Brown-throated) Treecreeper** *Certhia discolor* – Several birds heard and a single bird seen well at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.

STURNIDAE

325. **Spot-winged Starling** *Saroglossa spilopterus* – A single bird seen while searching for the White-winged Duck at Nameri, April 11.
326. **Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa* – At least 8 birds at Nameri, April 11.



- 327. **Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis* – Not uncommon in the lowlands, first seen near Guwahati, April 9.
- 328. **Jungle Myna** *Acridotheres fuscus* – As previous species but more common.
- 329. **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis* – Very common in the lowlands.
- 330. **Pied Myna** *Gracupica contra* – Daily seen in the lowlands.
- 331. **Chestnut-tailed (Grey-headed) Starling** *Sturnia malabarica* – Not uncommon in the lowlands, for example 6 birds near Guwahati, April 9.

TURDIDAE

- 332. **Alpine / Himalayan Thrush** *Zoothera mollissima/salimalii* – A single unidentified bird along Mandala Road on April 13.
- 333. **Scaly (Small-billed) Thrush** *Zoothera dauma* – A single bird seen well at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
- 334. **Grandala** *Grandala coelicolor* – After some searching, a flock of 10 birds at Se La, April 14.



- 335. **White-collared Blackbird** *Turdus albocinctus* – Seen daily in low numbers along Mandala Road, April 13-16. Both males and females well seen.
- 336. **Grey-winged Blackbird** *Turdus bouboul* – A single male in flight at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
- 337. **Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis* – Seen on 4 days, including a flock of 16 birds along Mandala Road, April 13.
- 338. **Purple Cochoa** *Cochoa purpurea* – Good scope views of a single female at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
- 339. **Green Cochoa** *Cochoa viridis* – Distant views of a single bird at a mountain ridge, April 22. Also several birds heard.
- 340. **Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis* – Seen daily in the lowlands.

341. **White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* – A single male seen well at Nameri, April 11. Also heard.

MUSCICAPIDAE

342. **Dark-sided Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica* – Five birds seen on 3 days, e.g. 2 birds at Eaglenest WLS on April 17.
343. **Ferruginous Flycatcher** *Muscicapa ferruginea* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
344. **White-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Anthipes monileger* – Heard on various days, single bird seen at Eaglenest WLS on April 21.
345. **Pale-blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis unicolor* – A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 20. Heard on various days.
346. **Pale-chinned (Pale-chinned Blue) Flycatcher** *Cyornis poliogenys* – A single bird at Nameri, April 11.
347. **Large Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis magnirostris* – A single male at Eaglenest WLS on April 20.
348. **Blue-throated (Blue-throated Blue) Flycatcher** *Cyornis rubeculoides* – A pair along Mandala Road, April 17.
349. **Rufous-bellied Niltava** *Niltava sundara* – Single males along Mandala Road, April 12-13. Also a single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 19.
350. **Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis* – Heard on various days at Eaglenest WLS, a male seen on April 24.
351. **Small Niltava** *Niltava macgrigoriae* – Great views of single males at Eaglenest WLS, April 21-23.
352. **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus* – Common, seen almost daily throughout the tour. First seen at Nameri, April 11.
353. **Lesser Shortwing** *Brachyperyx leucophris* – Heard at Eaglenest WLS on April 18, 22 and 24.
354. **White-browed Shortwing** *Brachypteryx montana* – Good views of a male at Eaglenest WLS, April 19. Heard on April 23.
355. **Indian Blue Robin** *Larvivora brunnea* – Heard along Mandala Road, April 17.
356. **White-tailed Robin** *Myiomela leucura* – A single male at Eaglenest WLS, April 21.
357. **Rufous-breasted Bush Robin** *Tarsiger hyperythrus* – Great views of a male at Se La, April 14.
358. **Himalayan Bluetail** *Tarsiger rufilatus* – Single birds along Mandala Road on April 14-15.
359. **Golden Bush Robin** *Tarsiger chrysaeus* – Excellent views of 3 males at Se La, April 14. A single female on April 18.
360. **Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus caeruleus* – Seen on 4 days in the Mandala Road area, first seen on April 12.
361. **Blue-fronted Robin** *Cinclidium frontale* – A single bird briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 19. Heard on April 23.
362. **Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hodgsonii* – A single male at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
363. **Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla* – Two birds on April 12.
364. **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra* – A male and female at Eaglenest WLS, April 19.
365. **Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula wetternanni* – A male and female along Mandala Road, April 13, a female on April 15.
366. **Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Ficedula strophilata* – Seen at Mandala Road on April 13 and 15, also a single bird seen at Eaglenest WLS.

367. **Ultramarine Flycatcher** *Ficedula superciliaris* – Seen on 5 days, first on April 15, along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS.



Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher



Snowy-browed Flycatcher

368. **Slaty-blue Flycatcher** *Ficedula tricolor* – Heard on various days, a female seen at Eaglenest on April 23.
369. **Sapphire Flycatcher** *Ficedula sapphira* – A male at Eaglenest WLS, April 19.
370. **Pygmy Flycatcher** *Muscicapella hodgsoni* – Great views of a male and 3 females at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.
371. **Blue-fronted Redstart** *Phoenicurus frontalis* – A total of 5 birds at Se La, April 14, and females seen on April 18 and 23.
372. **Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* – Various birds at the Sankti Valley, April 16, a single bird on April 17.

373. **White-capped Redstart** *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* – A single bird while traveling from Nameri to Tenga, April 12, at least 6 birds at Se La on April 14, and a single male at the Sankti Valley, April 16.
374. **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* – Two birds between Nameri and Tenga, April 12.
375. **Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush** *Monticola rufiventris* – First seen along Mandala Road, April 13, also seen on April 17 and 18.
376. **Blue-capped Rock Thrush** *Monticola cinclorhyncha* – Three males in the Dirang area, April 12, a single bird near Se La, April 16.



377. **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus* – Common in the lowlands, first seen near Guwahati, April 9.
378. **Grey Bushchat (Grey Bush Chat)** *Saxicola ferreus* – Common along Mandala Road, for example 4 birds on April 13.

CINCLIDAE

379. **Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii* – Good views of 3 birds at the Sankti Valley, April 16.

CHLOROPSEIDAE

380. **Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons* – A single bird at Nameri, April 11.
381. **Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii* – Seen on 5 days, first seen at Orang NP, April 10.

DICAEIDAE

382. **Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum melanoxantum* – Two birds at Eaglenest WLS, April 17.
383. **Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum* – Single birds briefly seen at Nameri, April 11-12.
384. **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus* – A pair along Mandala Road, April 15, a single male at Eaglenest WLS, April 17.
385. **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum* – A single bird at Orang NP, April 10.

NECTARINIIDAE

386. **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis* – A male and female at Nameri, April 11.
387. **Purple Sunbird** *Cinnyris asiaticus* – Great views of a male and female near Guwahati, April 25.
388. **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae* – Seen on at least 4 days along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. Mixed flocks with Green-tailed Sunbird. First seen at Mandala Road, April 15.
389. **Green-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga nipalensis* – Seen on at least 9 days of the tour, rather common. First seen in the Dirang area, April 12. At least 100 birds near the pass at Eaglenest WLS, likely (altitudinal) migration.



390. **Black-throated (Black-breasted) Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata* – Seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20-22.
391. **Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja* – A male at Guwahati, April 9.
392. **Fire-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga ignicauda* – Stunning views of males, one perched on fresh snow on the branch of a pine tree at Se La, April 14.



393. **Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna* - A single bird at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.

PASSERIDAE

394. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – Two birds in Guwahati, April 9.

395. **Russet (Cinnamon) Sparrow** *Passer rutilans* – Seen on 4 days, most common along Mandala Road, April 13.

396. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* – Most common in the Guwahati area, April 9.

PLOCEIDAE

397. **Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus* – About 8 birds seen at the wetland near Guwahati, April 9.

PRUNELLIDAE

398. **Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiata* – A single bird seen well at Se La, April 14. Also seen at Eaglenest WLS later during the tour.



Rufous-breasted Accentor (bottom) and Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch (top)

MOTACILLIDAE

399. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis* – Five birds at Guwahati, April 9.

400. **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola* – At least 5 birds, as previous species.

401. **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* – A single bird at Nameri, April 12.

402. **White (Himalayan) Wagtail** *Motacilla (alba) alboides* – Two birds in the lowlands, two more at the Sankti Valley, April 16.

403. **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi* – A single bird at Guwahati, April 9.

404. **Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* – Again a lowland bird, seen on 3 days, first at Guwahati on April 9.

405. **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* – Seen in low numbers throughout the tour. Great views of 2 birds at the entrance of Orang NP, April 10.
406. **Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus* – A single bird seen well at the wetland near Guwahati, April 9. Also a single bird on April 14.



FRINGILLIDAE

407. **Spot-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas melanozanthos* – A male and female at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.
408. **White-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas carnipes* – A male and two females along Mandala Road, April 14.
409. **Red-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythrocephala* – A male and female along Mandala Road on April 13, a single bird at Eaglenest WLS in a mixed flock with next species on April 18.
410. **Grey-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythaca* – Seen on 6 days, 10 birds seen well at Eaglenest WLS on April 18.
411. **Blanford's Rosefinch** *Agraphospiza rubescens* – Seen along Mandala Road, first seen on April 13 and at least 20 birds on April 15.
412. **Golden-naped Finch** *Pyrrhoplectes epauletta* – A female very briefly seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 24.
413. **Dark-breasted Rosefinch** *Procarduelis nipalensis* – A male at Se La, April 16. Three birds at Eaglenest WLS on April 18.
414. **Plain Mountain Finch** *Leucosticte nemoricola* – Common along Mandala Road and at Eaglenest WLS. First seen on April 13.
415. **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrurus* – Four birds seen on April 12, a single male at Eaglenest WLS on April 17.
416. **Scarlet Finch** *Carpodacus sipahi* – Seen on 4 days at Eaglenest WLS. First sighting of a male and three females on April 18.
417. **Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch** *Carpodacus pulcherrimus* – A single male at Se La, April 14.

418. **Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch** *Carpodacus thura* – Two birds at Se La, April 14, two females on April 16.



419. **Yellow-breasted (Himalayan) Greenfinch** *Chloris spinoides* – Four birds along Mandala Road, April 13.

EMBERIZIDAE

420. **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* – Few birds seen at Eaglenest WLS, first bird on April 17.

MAMMALS

Large-eared Pika *Ochotona macrotis* – One seen along Mandala Road, April 14.



Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* – Three at Nameri, April 11. Also seen at Eaglenest WLS.

Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah* – Seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.

Irrawaddy (Hoary-bellied Himalayan) Squirrel *Callosciurus pygerythrus* – Seen at Nameri, a total of at least eight on April 10-11.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mcclllandii* – Singles at Eaglenest WLS, first sighting on April 18.

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri* – Great views at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.

Capped Leaf Monkey (Capped Langur) *Trachypithecus pileatus* – Singles seen at Nameri on April 11 and at Eaglenest WLS, April 22.



Arunachal Macaque *Macaca munzala* – Seen near Dirang on April 13 and at Eaglenest WLS on April 16.

Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta* – Common near Guwahati, first seen on April 10.



Eurasian (Wild) Boar *Sus scrofa* – Two at Nameri, April 11.

Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus muntjak* – Heard at Nameri, April 11. Two seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 20.

Hog Deer *Axis porcinus* – At least 100 at Orang NP, April 10.

Goral *Naemorhedus goral* – A total of 3 seen on the mountain slopes at Se La, April 14. A write in. Near-threatened.

Indian Rhinoceros *Rhinoceros unicornis* – A total of 3 seen at Orang NP, April 10. Either shy or – apparently- aggressive. Much larger than I expected, very striking with these big “plates”. Vulnerable.

Asian (Indian) Elephant *Elephas maximus* – A distant male at Orang NP, April 10. At least 9 much at Nameri, where we made a small detour to circumvent any contact. Although we fortunately did not encounter any elephant at Eaglenest WLS, there are several groups wandering around and the droppings can’t be missed. Most if not all forest trails at Eaglenest WLS are made by elephant, and it is difficult to believe how steep and slippery the slopes they manage.

Tiger *Panthera tigris* – Heard at Orang NP, April 14.

REPTILES / MISCELLANEOUS

Indian Rock Python *Python molurus* – A very large one at (Radjiv Gandhi) Orang NP, April 10. Unsure whether this was Burmese or Indian Rock Python, but for Orang NP this was the species found.

Tokay Gecko *Gekko gekko* – Great views at Nameri, April 11.



Indian (Oriental) Rat Snake *Ptyas mucosa* – A single on a boulder, spotted from a bridge, on April 12.

Jerdon's Red-spotted (Jerdon's Pit) Viper *Trimeresurus jerdonii xanthomelas* – A single seen at Eaglenest WLS, April 18.



Indian Blue Worm *Perionyx excavatus* – At least 50 cm, a rather striking earthworm.



MISCELLANEOUS



Leech sp. at Eaglenest toilet ("Hammerhead Leech")

EXTRA IMPRESSIONS

