

# **Northern India**

Birds & Tigers II

3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (18 days)

# **Trip Report**



Tawny Fish Owl by Jim Watt

# Trip report compiled by Tour Leader, Wayne Jones

# Top 10 Birds

- 1. Ibisbill
- 2. Tawny Fish Owl
- 3. Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler
- 4. Greater Yellownape
- 5. Chestnut-headed Tesia

- 6. Cheer Pheasant
- 7. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker
- 8. Golden Bush Robin
- 9. Indian Courser
- 10. Himalayan Flameback



# **Tour Summary**

Our Northern India tour is one of those trips that has something for everyone – heaps of culture, amazing food, some splendid scenery, excellent wildlife opportunities and birds everywhere! It's one of my favourite tours and I got to share it again with a new group of eager visitors at the end of 2016. Highlights included riding elephants, visiting the Taj Mahal and seeing Ibisbill, Wallcreeper, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler, White-crested Laughingthrush, Tiger and Leopard – the latter a first for this Rockjumper tour.



Coppersmith Barbet by Gavin Edmondstone

Once everyone had arrived in New Delhi on day 1, we assembled in the hotel grounds and began to get acquainted with some of the more common species in this part of the world. Between the hotel garden and our little walk down the road, we found Grey Francolin, Indian Peafowl, the ubiquitous Black Kite, Eurasian Collared Red-wattled Lapwing, lovely Yellow-footed Dove. six Pigeons, Asian Koel, Green Bee-eater. Eurasian Hoopoe, Brown-headed Coppersmith Barbets, Rose-ringed and Plumheaded Parakeets, Black Drongo, Red-vented Bulbul, Greenish Warbler, Ashy Prinia, Common Tailorbird, Jungle Babbler, Indian

Robin, Oriental Magpie-Robin, a female Black Redstart and Purple Sunbird. That was seriously good going considering what a busy urban area it was!

The following day, we made our first train journey (quite a different experience for those more accustomed to rail rides in Western countries!) to Sawai Madhopur, the safari capital of northern India. We settled into our resort just outside Ranthambore National Park and embarked on our first foray into the park after lunch. We racked up great sightings of Ruddy Shelduck, Painted, Black and Woolly-necked Storks, Western Osprey, Crested Honey Buzzard, Bonelli's Eagle, Pied Avocet, Bronze-winged Jacana, Green Sandpiper, White-throated Kingfisher, Black-rumped Flameback, more Grey Francolin, Alexandrine Parakeet, Long-tailed Shrike, White-bellied Drongo, some very

tame Rufous Treepies, Dusky Crag Martin, Large Grey Babbler, Rosy Starling, Tree Pipit and Citrine, Grey, White and Whitebrowed Wagtails. Over the next two days in the park and surrounding area, our list was by Cotton Pygmy Gadwall, Garganey, Eurasian Teal, Jungle Bush Quail, sought-after Painted Spurfowl, Striated Heron, Oriental Darter, Indian Vulture, the impressive Crested Serpent Brown Crake, Eagle, Shikra, breasted Waterhen, Temminck's Stint, 30 beautiful Painted Sandgrouse, Coucal, Indian Scops Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Common Kingfisher, Brown-capped



**Grey Francolin by Gavin Edmondstone** 



Pygmy Woodpecker, White-naped Woodpecker, Common Woodshrike, Common Iora, Large Cuckooshrike, Small Minivet, Bay-backed Shrike, White-browed Fantail, Indian Jungle Crow, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Cinereous Tit, Hume's Leaf Warbler, Plain Prinia, Red-breasted Flycatcher and Indian Silverbill.

Our main target at Ranthambhore was the same as the other crowds visiting the park: Bengal Tiger! Despite many searches in different parts of the reserve, we sadly didn't find any. We did, however, see Ruddy Mongoose, Sloth Bear, Nilgai, Chital, Sambar, Wild Boar, Northern Plains Gray Langur and a stunning Leopard. We did a night drive outside of the park one night and enjoyed excellent views of Bengal Fox, Jungle Cat and Indian Hare.

Before boarding the train to Bharatpur – our next two-night stay – we made an early morning visit to Soorwal Lake, a shallow man-made reservoir near Sawai Madhopur.



Great Stone-curlew by Dennis Braddy

As the smoke and mist cleared, we could make out Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Redcrested and Common Pochards, Bar-headed Geese, Greater Flamingo, Eurasian Coot and Dalmatian Pelican out on the open water; while Pallas's Gull and Gull-billed, River and Whiskered Terns were seen overhead. Continuing along the dam wall, we encountered Greater Coucal, Indian Golden Oriole, Wire-tailed and Streak-throated Swallows, Common Babbler, Siberian Stonechat, Streaked Weaver, Red Avadavat and Red-headed Bunting.

Moving around to the far side of the lake, the terrain became drier and more open, with more shoreline. The water's edge here held Great White Pelican, Indian and Great Stone-curlews, Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers and Black-tailed Godwit. The stony ground beyond yielded Red Turtle Dove, Eurasian Wryneck, Southern Grey Shrike, Crested Lark, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Desert and Isabelline Wheatears and Tawny Pipit.



Ferruginous Duck by Dennis Braddy

That afternoon, we squeezed in a bit of unlikely birding at a dirty canal where we connected with our target – three Greater Painted Snipes, as well as White-eared Bulbul, Marsh Sandpiper and Common Redshank.

We spent a day and a half in Keoladeo National Park – the massive man-made wetland where royalty from around the world used to conduct duck hunts. Early morning mist hampered the birding initially but the weather soon cleared and we had a fabulous time walking and cycle-rickshawing around this world-renowned reserve. As expected, waterfowl were prolific – we recorded Lesser Whistling, Knob-billed, Indian Spot-billed and

stunning Ferruginous Ducks, Greylag and Bar-headed Goose, Ruddy Shelduck, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Northern Shoveler, Red-crested Pochard, Northern Pintail and Eurasian Teal. Other waterbird highlights included Black-necked Stork, two Black Bitterns, Little, Great and Indian Cormorants, Oriental Darter, elegant Sarus Cranes – *distant views at first but wonderfully close looks later on*, White-tailed Lapwing, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacanas, Common Snipe, Spotted Redshank and Ruff. The vegetation bordering the shallow marshes supported Common



Yellow-eyed Babbler by Jim Watt

Hawk-Cuckoo (which, amazingly, sat still a few metres from us for quite some time), Indian and Oriental Scops Owls, a pair of nesting Dusky Eagle Owls, Spotted Owlet, Clamorous Blyth's Reed Warblers, Whitethroat, Yellow-eyed Babbler, the demure Orange-headed Thrush, Bluethroat, Redstart, Pied Bush Chat and Olive-backed Pipit. Indian Grey Hornbills, Brown-headed Barbets and Yellow-footed Green Pigeons messed about in a fruiting wild fig tree. And Greater Spotted, Tawny, Booted and Crested Serpent Eagles and Western Marsh Harrier graced the airspace above us.

While walking along one of the quieter paths, we startled a couple of Golden Jackals. Other wildlife included Nilgai, Chital, Wild Boar, Rhesus Monkey, Five-striped Palm Squirrel and the huge Indian Softshell Turtle.

While in Bharatpur, we also made an excursion out to some agricultural fields. Once again the overnight mist was hanging steadfastly low. We were on the hunt here for Indian Courser, but spent most of the morning on the bus waiting for the mist to burn off. We were on the verge of calling off our search when we spotted a distant shape in the thinning mist. We saw one, then another and another until we counted 10 individuals. Once the weather had cleared some more, we enjoyed sightings of Egyptian Vulture, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, a trio of fabulous Indian Rollers, Peregrine Falcon, Isabelline and Southern Grey Shrikes, Indian Bush, Crested and hundreds of Greater Short-toed Larks and Yellow-throated Sparrow.

On our way from Bharatpur to the Chambal River area, we lowered our binoculars momentarily and pulled in at the incredibly well-preserved 16<sup>th</sup>-century palace-city of Fatehpur Sikri. The seamless

blend of Hindu, Islamic and Jain architecture and intricately carved surfaces were simply breathtaking. The palace is a museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site with regulated access but next-door, we braced ourselves against the crowds of peddlars and worshippers at the equally impressive – and still operational – Jama Masjid (mosque).

Moving on to the Chambal River, we boarded two boats and motored up the seemingly placid waters in the late afternoon. We saw a flock of around 40 Bar-headed Geese, Ruddy Shelduck, a female Eurasian Wigeon, Western Osprey, a



Orange-headed Thrush by Gavin Edmondstone

pair of Bonelli's Eagles, a dark-morph Long-legged Buzzard, bug-eyed Great Stone-curlew, River Lapwing, Pallas's Gull, near-threatened River and Black-bellied Terns and Blue Rock Thrush. *The biggest highlights from our boat rides weren't even birds!* We were thrilled to see some massive Mugger Crocodiles and Gharials and, best of all: two endangered Ganges River Dolphins, which surfaced multiple times. Back at the lodge, we saw the resident Brown Hawk-Owl and found a



**Gharial by Dennis Braddy** 

Common Palm Civet snooping around the back of the kitchen.

The next morning, we were up early, filled with anticipation at visiting the world's greatest monument to love. When we reached Agra, we discovered the mist had thwarted us again. We had a quick cuppa chai and then drove to the Agra Fort with visibility still poor. Our cultural guide took us around the splendid complex with its ornate arches and columns but it was still too misty to see the Taj from the window where Shah Jahan, the emperor who commissioned it, was imprisoned in later life.

Thankfully, by the time we reached the Taj Mahal, the skies had cleared. Turning the corner through the huge entrance gates, we had our first sight of this awe-inspiring structure in all its surreal glory. After a brief rundown on the history of the place, we all had time to roam the grounds and marvel at one of the world's great architectural achievements from every angle. It also gave us the opportunity to examine the expanses of intricate marble inlay work. A visit to an inlay factory nearby gave us an even better appreciation of how incredible and worker-intensive it must have been to build and decorate the Taj Mahal. We had a delicious lunch, when a few local children put on dance and puppet shows for us, and then continued to Delhi to board our overnight train to Ramnagar.

We arrived at Ramnagar early the next morning. We happily tucked into a cooked breakfast at a hotel and then drove a short distance to the Kosi River. Within a few minutes, Ibisbill and Wallcreeper, the two major targets, had been seen and we obtained really good views of the former (four birds in total!), along with a very photogenic Crested Kingfisher. Moving upriver, the cool

temperate forests and quiet streams of the Mohaan area yielded some exquisite birds, such as Besra, Asian Barred Owlet, 30 or so Crested Treeswifts, the tiny Collared Falconet, Slaty-headed Parakeet, Long-tailed and Scarlet Minivets, Bronzed Drongo, Yellow-bellied and White-throated Fantails, Grey Treepie, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Cinereous Tit, Himalayan and Black-crested Bulbuls, Buff-barred, Grey-hooded and Blyth's Leaf Warblers, Grey-breasted Prinia, White-crested Laughingthrush, Oriental White-eve, incredibly accommodating Long-billed Thrush, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Spotted Forktail, Blue Whistling Thrush, Rufous-gorgeted and Slaty-



Taj Mahal by Gavin Edmondstone

blue Flycatcher, Plumbeous Water and White-capped Redstarts, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker and stunning Crimson Sunbird. The tall sal trees dominating the forest provided the perfect habitat for a number of attractive tree-trunk specialists, like Grey-capped Pygmy and Fulvous-breasted Woodpeckers, Lesser Yellownape, Greater Flameback, Chestnut-bellied and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, and Bar-tailed Treecreeper.

We experienced some excitement on an afternoon walk near our lodge in Mohaan when a male Wild Boar mock-charged us. He was agitated by the lodge's bouncy Labrador but despite a big cloud of dust (and wobbly legs on our part!) neither the dog nor we came to any harm. While searching for Brown Dipper on the same walk (we saw four), we found a second Wallcreeper flitting about the waterside pebbles, as well as a hesitant Northern Red Muntjac in the distance.

The following day, we moved to the nearby Corbett National Park. This scenic national park is India's oldest, and is named in honour



Long-billed Thrush by Dennis Braddy

of hunter-turned-conservationist Jim Corbett. The long drive from the entrance gate to the camp took us through extensive sal woodland, which yielded Red Junglefowl, Kalij Pheasant, a Tawny Fish Owl with a half-eaten fish clenched in its talons, Lineated, Blue-throated and Coppersmith Barbets, Scaly-bellied and Grey-headed Woodpeckers, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Black-hooded and Maroon Orioles and Ashy, Lesser Racket-tailed and Hair-crested Drongos. We were based for two nights in the rustic accommodation at Dikhala Camp and made numerous drives out into the surrounding grassland, forest and river shoreline. Raptors were particularly good, with sightings of Western Osprey, Black-winged Kite, Red-headed and Cinereous Vultures, Steppe Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Pallas's and Grey-headed Fish Eagles, Crested Goshawk, Eurasian Sparrowhawk and a sublime male Hen Harrier. Other goodies included Black and Black-necked Storks, Brown Fish Owl, Jungle Owlet, Himalayan Swiftlet, White-rumped Spinetail, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Himalayan Flameback, six of the sought-after Great Slaty Woodpecker, Lesser Coucal, Oriental Skylark, Golden-headed



Blue-throated Barbet by Dennis Braddy

Cisticola, Puff-throated Babbler, Black-throated Thrush, Paddyfield Pipit and Chestnut-eared Bunting.

We didn't do too badly on the mammal side either. We had some marvellous Golden Jackal sightings, Indian Grey Mongoose, a brief Yellow-throated Marten, Chital, Sambar, Hog Deer, Rhesus Monkey and Asian Elephant. Speaking of elephants, some of us opted to go on an elephant ride through the park. The rest of the group ventured into the park on a game drive and were lucky to see a relaxed female Tiger. Unfortunately, by the time the rest of us got to the sighting, the beautiful beast had already sauntered off.

From Corbett, we pushed further into the Himalayan foothills, winding our way to the hill station of Nainital. The next day, we set out very early to ensure we were in position along the steep mountainside in Vinayak at dawn, when we'd have our best chance at the area's pheasants. We found at least six Grey Nightjars before reaching our destination, and everyone had good looks of at



Brown-fronted Woodpecker by Dennis Braddy

least one in the end. As the sky was just turning grey, we stopped in a patch of forest - a Koklass Pheasant was calling loudly. Despite being so close, we simply weren't able to locate the bird and so we eventually accepted defeat. When the forest opened up to near-vertical grassy slopes, we began our search for the other major quarry - Cheer Pheasant. While scanning for cryptic, straw-coloured birds in the straw-coloured grass, we thankfully saw a few other species: Alpine and Little Swifts, Rufous-naped and Coal Tits, Black Bulbul, Large-billed Crow, Eurasian Crag Martin and Altai Accentor. We weren't having much luck, so we moved on to a patch of forest and left the local guide and drivers behind to continue the search. The forest was surprisingly quiet but we did see Brown-fronted and Himalayan Woodpeckers, Eurasian Jay, Green-backed and Himalayan Black-lored Tits, Black-throated Bushtit, Bluewinged Minla and White-tailed Nuthatch. Suddenly our jeeps appeared in a roar of dust from around the corner -Cheer Pheasant had been spotted! We rushed to the scene where we enjoyed lengthy scope views of six birds.

After a scrumptious hot spread that was delivered to us straight from our hotel, we visited the Pangot area. While walking along the narrow road leading down into the valley, eight Himalayan Vultures circled very low over, evidently interested in something outside the huts just up the hill. We could see every detail on their bodies – *it was a magnificent experience*. Other goodies included Great Barbet, Grey-backed Shrike, Black-headed Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Striated Prinia, Rusty-cheeked Scimitarbill, Chestnut-crowned and Streaked Laughingthrushes, Blue-capped and Blue-fronted Redstarts, Russet Sparrow, Scaly-breasted Munia, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Common Rosefinch, and Yellow-breasted Greenfinch. Along the edges of a stream, one of our last species of the day was a tiny brown pom-pom of a bird – a Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler. It sat up on a rock, totally exposed for a few seconds, affording everyone a

superb look – it's not often one gets such views of this little bird!

The following day, we dropped a little in altitude to visit the Bhimtal area. First up, at Champi, we were treated to such beautiful birds as Kalij Pheasant, Great Barbet, Greater and Lesser Yellownapes, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Black-chinned Babbler, Striated Laughingthrush, Chesnut-bellied Nuthatch, Grey-winged Blackbird, Rufous-bellied and Small Niltavas, White-tailed Rubythroat, Slaty-backed and Spotted Forktails and Grey Bush Chat. We then passed through Bhimtal to Sattal, a park featuring seven lakes set in



Yellow-breasted Greenfinch by Jim Watt

lush pine and oak forests. We again had a delicious hotel-cooked hot meal, this one augmented by a flower-topped cake in celebration of Alison's birthday. Nepal Gray Langurs kept watch from closeby. *They were desperate to get in on the action but we ensured none got the chance!* We only added a few more species, but they included Crested Honey Buzzard, Upland Buzzard, at least 40 Red-

breasted Parakeets, 30 Red-billed Leiothrixes and a delightful Chestnut-headed Tesia.

On our penultimate day in Nainital, we walked a trail on the outskirts of town, along cobbled streets past villagers beginning their day's activities. In between the activity, we found Himalayan Buzzard, Scaly-bellied Woodpecker, Mountain Bulbul, Buff-barred Warbler, a sensational male Golden Bush Robin, Pinkbrowed Rosefinch and Rock Bunting. We drove further down to the Bajun Valley which produced Blue-throated Barbet, a spectacular flock of around 20 Scarlet Minivets, Blackfaced, Tickell's, Ashy-throated and Whistler's



Spotted Forktail by Dennis Braddy

Warblers, Whiskered and Stripe-throated Yuhinas, and the crowd favourite: Green-tailed Sunbird. That afternoon, we took some time off to explore Nainital and to do some souvenir-hunting, always with a quick *chai* break!

The next day, we stopped in at Snow View Road, where we lapped up the wonderful vista out to the snow-capped Himalayas. Afterwards, we revisited some of the forest in the Pangot area. Within a minute or two of our arrival, we connected with our target for the morning – the beautiful Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, of which we saw a thrilling three! Our drivers also somehow spied three Himalayan Goral on the very top of a high mountain. After leaving Nainital, we drove down to Kathgodam to catch out overnight train back to New Delhi. En route we paused for photos at a section of road where dumping has attracted good numbers of adult and juvenile Steppe Eagles. The raptors were catching updraughts alongside the highway, presenting great photo-ops for everyone. A little further on, we added Nepal House Martin and, at a *chai* stop, a Little Forktail.

Our tour culminated at the Okhla Bird Sanctuary, a huge wetland near New Delhi formed by a barrage on the Yamuna River. Needless to say, we came away with a large waterbird list: Greylag and Bar-headed Geese, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Indian Spot-billed, Ferruginous and Tufted



Stripe-throated Yuhina by Dennis Braddy

Ducks, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Eurasian Teal, Black-headed and Glossy Indian Cormorant, White-breasted Ibises, Waterhen, Brown-headed, Black-headed and Pallas's Gulls, Common Kingfisher, Greyheaded Swamphen and Bronze-winged Jacana, among others. Other species included Indian Peafowl, an immature Greater Spotted Eagle, Shikra. Western Marsh Harrier, Greater Coucal. Koel. Asian Black-rumped Flameback, Rufous Treepie, Hume's Leaf Warbler. Yellow-bellied Prinia, Babbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Pied Myna, a beautifully-plumaged Bluethroat, Black Redstart, Indian Silverbill and Citrine and White Wagtails. It was a satisfying way to wrap up the tour – easy birding, a gentle pace, large charismatic species and a few new birds as well.



Bluethroat by Jim Watt

# **Annotated List of species recorded**

**Note:** Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

# Birds (374 in total: 372 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.1).

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

**IUCN codes: CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

#### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

# **Lesser Whistling Duck**

Dendrocygna javanica

(3) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

#### **Bar-headed Goose**

Anser indicus

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

## **Greylag Goose**

Anser anser rubrirostris

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

#### **Knob-billed Duck**

Sarkidiornis melanotos

(2) Keoladeo NP 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

# **Ruddy Shelduck**

Tadorna ferruginea

(8) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Chambal River 10.12, Taj Mahal 11.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Ramnagar Kosi Reservoir 15.12.

#### **Cotton Pygmy Goose**

Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus

(2) Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

## Gadwall

Anas strepera strepera

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Ramnagar Kosi Reservoir 15.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

# **Eurasian Wigeon**

Anas penelope

(1) Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.



**Indian Spot-billed Duck** 

Anas poecilorhyncha

(5) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Northern Shoveler** 

Anas clypeata

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Northern Pintail** 

Anas acuta

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Garganey

Anas querquedula

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

**Eurasian Teal** 

Anas crecca crecca

(8) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Red-crested Pochard** 

Netta rufina

(3) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Common Pochard** 

Aythya ferina

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Ferruginous Duck (NT)

Aythya nyroca

(3) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Tufted Duck** 

Aythya fuligula

(1) Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

**Grey Francolin** 

Francolinus pondicerianus

Observed 8 days in total.

Jungle Bush Quail

Perdicula asiatica

(2) Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Ranthambore NP 6.12.

Hill Partridge

Arborophila torqueola

(1) Pangot 16.12.

**Painted Spurfowl** 

Galloperdix lunulata

(2) Ranthambore NP 4.12 and Ranthambore NP 6.12.

**Koklass Pheasant** 

Pucrasia macrolopha

(1) 1 heard Vinayak 16.12.

**Red Junglefowl** 

Gallus gallus murghi

(3) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

Kalij Pheasant

Lophura leucomelanos

(3) Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Sattal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Cheer Pheasant (VU)

Catreus wallichii

(1) Vinayak 16.12.

**Indian Peafowl** 

Pavo cristatus

Observed 1 day in total.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Great Crested Grebe** 

Podiceps cristatus cristatus

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

**Black-necked Grebe** 

Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

## Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*

# **Greater Flamingo**

Phoenicopterus roseus

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

# Storks Ciconiidae

**Painted Stork (NT)** 

Mycteria leucocephala

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Asian Openbill** 

Anastomus oscitans

(1) Ranthambore NP 4.12.

**Black Stork** 

Ciconia nigra

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12 and observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12. Woolly-necked Stork (VU) Ciconia episcopus episcopus

(4) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Agra 11.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12. **Black-necked Stork (NT)** Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus asiaticus

(3) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

# Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

**Black-headed Ibis (NT)** 

Threskiornis melanocephalus

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Red-naped Ibis** 

Pseudibis papillosa

(1) Agra 11.12.

**Glossy Ibis** 

Plegadis falcinellus

(3) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Eurasian Spoonbill** 

Platalea leucorodia leucorodia

(4) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Taj Mahal 11.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

# Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

**Black Bittern** 

Dupetor flavicollis flavicollis

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** 

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(3) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Striated Heron** 

Butorides striata

(4) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Indian Pond Heron** 

Ardeola grayii

Observed 1 day in total.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** 

Bubulcus coromandus

Observed 1 day in total.

**Grey Heron** 

Ardea cinerea cinerea

Observed 1 day in total.

**Purple Heron** 

Ardea purpurea manilensis

(5) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Great Egret** 

Ardea alba

Observed 2 days in total.

**Intermediate Egret** 

Ardea intermedia intermedia

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta garzetta



Observed 1 day in total.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

**Great White Pelican** 

Pelecanus onocrotalus

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Taj Mahal 11.12.

**Dalmatian Pelican (VU)** 

Pelecanus crispus

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae** 

**Little Cormorant** 

Microcarbo niger

Observed 1 day in total.

**Indian Cormorant** 

Phalacrocorax fuscicollis

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Great Cormorant** 

Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Anhingas Anhingidae

**Oriental Darter (NT)** 

Anhinga melanogaster

(5) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Osprey Pandionidae

**Western Osprey** 

Pandion haliaetus haliaetus

(4) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae

**Black-winged Kite** 

Elanus caeruleus vociferus

Observed 3 days in total.

**Egyptian Vulture (EN)** 

Neophron percnopterus

(5) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Kumher agricultural fields 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Taj Mahal 11.12 and Kosi River 12.12.

**Crested Honey Buzzard** 

Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Fatehpur Sikri 10.12 and Sattal 17.12.

**Indian Vulture (CR)** 

Gyps indicus

(1) Ranthambore NP 6.12.

Himalayan Vulture (NT)

Gyps himalayensis

(3) Pangot 16.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Griffon Vulture** 

Gyps fulvus fulvescens

(3) Kosi River 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

**Red-headed Vulture (CR)** 

Sarcogyps calvus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Cinereous Vulture (NT)** 

Aegypius monachus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 13.12.

**Crested Serpent Eagle** 

Spilornis cheela

(5) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Mohaan 12.12 and Jim

Corbett NP 14.12.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus cirrhatus

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus nipalensis nipalensis

(1) Jim Corbett NP 15.12.



**Greater Spotted Eagle (VU)** 

Clanga clanga

(3) Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Booted Eagle** 

Hieraaetus pennatus

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Tawny Eagle** 

Aquila rapax vindhiana

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Steppe Eagle** 

Aquila nipalensis nipalensis

(7) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Vinayak 16.12,

Sattal 17.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

**Bonelli's Eagle**Aquila fasciata fasciata (2) Ranthambore NP 4.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Besra

Accipiter virgatus

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** 

Accipiter nisus

(2) Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Western Marsh Harrier

Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Hen Harrier** 

Circus cyaneus

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

Observed 2 days in total.

Pallas's Fish Eagle (VU)

Haliaeetus leucoryphus

(3) Kosi River 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Lesser Fish Eagle** 

Haliaeetus humilis plumbeus

(3) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

**Upland Buzzard** 

Buteo hemilasius

(1) Sattal 17.12.

Himalayan Buzzard

Buteo burmanicus

(1) Nainital 18.12.

**Long-legged Buzzard** 

Buteo rufinus rufinus

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

# Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae

**Brown Crake** 

Amaurornis akool akool

(3) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

Observed 1 day in total.

**Grey-headed Swamphen** 

Porphyrio poliocephalus

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Common Moorhen** 

Gallinula chloropus

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Eurasian Coot** 

Fulica atra atra

(4) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

#### Cranes Gruidae



Sarus Crane (VU)

Grus antigone antigone

(3) en route 4.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

**Indian Stone-curlew** 

Burhinus indicus

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

**Great Stone-curlew (NT)** 

Esacus recurvirostris

(3) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Chambal River 10.12 and Jim Corbett NP 13.12.

Ibisbill *Ibidorhynchidae* 

**Ibisbill** 

*Ibidorhyncha struthersii* 

(1) Kosi River 12.12.

Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus

Observed 1 day in total.

Pied Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta

(1) Ranthambore NP 4.12.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

River Lapwing (NT) Vanellus duvaucelii

(6) Chambal River 10.12, Taj Mahal 11.12, Kosi River 12.12 and observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

Yellow-wattled Lapwing Vanellus malabaricus

(2) Ranthambore NP 6.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Red-wattled Lapwing**Vanellus indicus

Observed 1 day in total.

White-tailed Lapwing Vanellus leucurus

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Little Ringed Plover**Charadrius dubius

(3) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

Painted-Snipes Rostratulidae

**Greater Painted-snipe** 

Rostratula benghalensis

(1) Bharatpur 7.12.

Jacanas Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana Hydrophasianus chirurgus

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Bronze-winged Jacana** *Metopidius indicus* 

(4) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary

20.12.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago gallinago

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Black-tailed Godwit (NT)

Limosa limosa

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.



**Spotted Redshank** 

Tringa erythropus

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Common Redshank** 

Tringa totanus

(4) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Marsh Sandpiper** 

Tringa stagnatilis

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Observed 3 days in total.

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Mohaan 12.12.

**Wood Sandpiper** 

Tringa glareola

(4) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Observed 1 day in total.

**Little Stint** 

Ruff

Calidris minuta

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Temminck's Stint** 

Calidris temminckii

(3) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Chambal River 10.12. Calidris ferruginea

**Curlew Sandpiper** 

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

Philomachus pugnax

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae

**Indian Courser** 

Cursorius coromandelicus

(1) Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

**Brown-headed Gull** 

Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus

(1) Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Black-headed Gull** 

Chroicocephalus ridibundus

(2) Taj Mahal 11.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Pallas's Gull

Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus

(3) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Chambal River 10.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Gull-billed Tern** 

Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

River Tern (NT)

Sterna aurantia

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Black-bellied Tern (NT)** 

Sterna acuticauda

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybrida

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Sandgrouse *Pteroclidae* 

**Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** 

Pterocles exustus hindustan

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Painted Sandgrouse** 

Pterocles indicus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.



Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Columba livia

Observed 18 days in total.

Oriental Turtle Dove Streptopelia orientalis

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Nainital 19.12.

Eurasian Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto decaocto

Observed 1 day in total.

**Red Turtle Dove**Streptopelia tranquebarica

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

**Spotted Dove** Spilopelia chinensis

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12 and observed Jim Corbett NP  $\,$ 

13-15.12.

**Rock Dove** 

Laughing Dove Spilopelia senegalensis cambayensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon Treron phoenicopterus

(7) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Bharatpur 7.12, Keoladeo NP

8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Chambal Safari Lodge 10.12.

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon Treron apicauda apicauda

(1) Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Greater Coucal Centropus sinensis

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal

River 10.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Lesser Coucal**Centropus bengalensis bengalensis

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Asian Koel** Eudynamys scolopaceus

(3) New Delhi 3.12, Fatehpur Sikri 10.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Common Hawk-Cuckoo Hierococcyx varius varius

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Owls Strigidae

Indian Scops Owl Otus bakkamoena

(3) Ranthambore NP 6.12, Sawai Madhopur 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Oriental Scops Owl

Otus sunia

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Dusky Eagle-Owl Bubo coromandus coromandus

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Brown Fish Owl** Ketupa zeylonensis

(2) Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

**Tawny Fish Owl** Ketupa flavipes

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

**Asian Barred Owlet**Glaucidium cuculoides

(2) Mohaan 12.12 and Mohaan 13.12.

Jungle Owlet Glaucidium radiatum

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12 and Sattal 17.12.

**Spotted Owlet** Athene brama

(4) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Brown Hawk-Owl

Ninox scutulata

(1) Chambal Safari Lodge 10.12.



# Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

# **Grey Nightjar**

(1) Pangot 16.12.

Caprimulgus jotaka hazarae

# Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

#### **Crested Treeswift**

Hemiprocne coronata

(3) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

#### Swifts Apodidae

# **Himalayan Swiftlet**

Aerodramus brevirostris brevirostris

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

White-rumped Spinetail

Zoonavena sylvatica

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Alpine Swift** 

Tachymarptis melba

(3) Vinayak 16.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

**Little Swift** 

Apus affinis

(4) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Taj Mahal 11.12 and Vinayak 16.12.

# Rollers Coraciidae

#### **Indian Roller**

Coracias benghalensis

(3) Sawai Madhopur 4.12, Sawai Madhopur 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

# Kingfishers Alcedinidae

## **Stork-billed Kingfisher**

Pelargopsis capensis

(2) Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

White-throated Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Common Kingfisher

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(8) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Kosi River 12.12, Sattal 17.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

# **Crested Kingfisher**

Megaceryle lugubris

(5) Kosi River 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

## **Pied Kingfisher**

Ceryle rudis

(7) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Chambal River 10.12, Kosi River 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

## **Bee-eaters** *Meropidae*

#### **Green Bee-eater**

Merops orientalis

(3) New Delhi 3.12, Sawai Madhopur 4.12 and Soorwal Dam 7.12.

## Hoopoes *Upupidae*

# **Eurasian Hoopoe**

Upupa epops

(6) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

# Hornbills Bucerotidae

# **Indian Grey Hornbill**

Ocyceros birostris

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.



Asian Barbets Megalaimidae

**Great Barbet** Psilopogon virens

(3) Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Brown-headed Barbet** Psilopogon zeylanicus

(2) New Delhi 3.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Lineated Barbet** Psilopogon lineatus hodgsoni

(2) Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Blue-throated Barbet** Psilopogon asiaticus asiaticus

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Coppersmith Barbet Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus

(4) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Bharatpur 7.12 and Mohaan 13.12.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck Jynx torquilla

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Yungipicus nanus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Yungipicus canicapillus

(2) Mohaan 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Brown-fronted Woodpecker**Dendrocoptes auriceps

(3) Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**Dendrocopos hyperythrus

(1) Pangot 19.12.

**Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos macei*(3) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Himalayan Woodpecker Dendrocopos himalayensis

(1) Vinayak 16.12.

Greater Yellownape Chrysophlegma flavinucha flavinucha

(1) Bhimtal 17.12.

Lesser Yellownape Picus chlorolophus

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

Streak-throated Woodpecker Picus xanthopygaeus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Scaly-bellied Woodpecker Picus squamatus squamatus

(2) Mohaan 13.12 and Nainital 18.12.

Grey-headed Woodpecker Picus canus

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Sattal 17.12.

Himalayan Flameback Dinopium shorii

(2) Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Black-rumped Flameback Dinopium benghalense

(3) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Greater Flameback Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus

(3) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

White-naped Woodpecker Chrysocolaptes festivus festivus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

Great Slaty Woodpecker (VU)

Mulleripicus pulverulentus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 13.12.

#### Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae



**Collared Falconet** 

Microhierax caerulescens caerulescens

(3) Mohaan 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Common Kestrel** 

Falco tinnunculus

(7) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Kumher agricultural fields 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Vinayak 16.12.

**Peregrine Falcon** 

Falco peregrinus

(1) Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

## Old World Parrots Psittaculidae

**Slaty-headed Parakeet** 

Psittacula himalayana

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Plum-headed Parakeet** 

Psittacula cyanocephala

Observed 1 day in total.

**Red-breasted Parakeet (NT)** 

Psittacula alexandri

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)** 

Psittacula eupatria

(3) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 4.12 and Ranthambore NP 5.12. **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri* 

(1) Sattal 17.12.

# Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** 

Hemipus picatus

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Common Woodshrike

Tephrodornis pondicerianus

(2) Sawai Madhopur 5.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

# Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

(4) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Mohaan 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

# Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike

Coracina macei

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

**Small Minivet** 

Pericrocotus cinnamomeus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

**Long-tailed Minivet** 

Pericrocotus ethologus

(1) Mohaan 13.12.

**Scarlet Minivet** 

Pericrocotus speciosus

(5) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

# **Shrikes** Laniidae

**Brown Shrike** 

Lanius cristatus

(2) Kumher agricultural fields 9.12 and Ramnagar 12.12.

**Isabelline Shrike** 

Lanius isabellinus

(2) Sawai Madhopur 6.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Bay-backed Shrike** 

Lanius vittatus vittatus

(1) Sawai Madhopur 5.12.

**Long-tailed Shrike** 

Lanius schach



(9) Sawai Madhopur 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Sawai Madhopur 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Grey-backed Shrike** 

Lanius tephronotus

(3) Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Nainital 18.12.

**Southern Grey Shrike** 

Lanius meridionalis lahtora

(2) Sawai Madhopur 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae** 

Indian Golden Oriole Oriolus kundoo

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

Black-hooded Oriole Oriolus xanthornus

(3) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

Maroon Oriole Oriolus traillii traillii

(1) Jim Corbett NP 13.12.

**Drongos** *Dicruridae* 

Black Drongo Dicrurus macrocercus

Observed 1 day in total.

Ashy Drongo Dicrurus leucophaeus

(3) New Delhi 3.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

White-bellied Drongo Dicrurus caerulescens caerulescens

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Sattal 17.12.

Bronzed Drongo Dicrurus aeneus aeneus

(5) Mohaan 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley

18.12.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo Dicrurus remifer tectirostris

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Hair-crested Drongo Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

White-throated Fantail Rhipidura albicollis

(6) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

White-browed Fantail Rhipidura aureola

(3) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Eurasian Jay Garrulus glandarius

(4) Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Black-headed Jay Garrulus lanceolatus

(4) Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Red-billed Blue Magpie**Urocissa erythroryncha occipitalis

(6) Mohaan 13.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12

and Pangot 19.12.

Common Green Magpie Cissa chinensis chinensis

(3) Up to 1 Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

Rufous Treepie Dendrocitta vagabunda

Observed 1 day in total.

**Grey Treepie** Dendrocitta formosae



(3) Mohaan 13.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

**House Crow** Corvus splendens

Observed 2 days in total.

**Large-billed Crow** Corvus macrorhynchos

(5) Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Nainital 19.12.

**Indian Jungle Crow** Corvus culminatus

Observed 1 day in total.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

**Yellow-bellied Fantail** Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus

(3) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

**Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** 

Culicicapa ceylonensis

(2) Ranthambore NP 6.12 and Mohaan 12.12.

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae** 

Yellow-browed Tit Sylviparus modestus

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Vinayak 16.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Rufous-naped Tit** Periparus rufonuchalis

(1) Vinayak 16.12.

Coal Tit Periparus ater

(2) Vinayak 16.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Cinereous Tit** Parus cinereus

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Mohaan 12.12 and observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

**Green-backed Tit** Parus monticolus

(4) Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Himalayan Black-lored Tit Machlolophus xanthogenys

(4) Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Larks Alaudidae

**Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark** Eremopterix griseus

(2) Sawai Madhopur 6.12 and Soorwal Dam 7.12.

**Indian Bush Lark** Mirafra erythroptera

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Oriental Skylark** Alauda gulgula

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Galerida cristata **Crested Lark** 

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Greater Short-toed Lark** Calandrella brachydactyla

(1) Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

**Black-crested Bulbul** Pycnonotus flaviventris flaviventris

(2) Mohaan 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Red-whiskered Bulbul** Pycnonotus jocosus

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Himalavan Bulbul Pycnonotus leucogenys

(8) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, observed Jim Corbett NP 14-16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Bajoon

Valley 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**White-eared Bulbul** Pycnonotus leucotis leucotis

(4) Bharatpur 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Agra 10.12.



**Red-vented Bulbul** Pycnonotus cafer

Observed 17 days in total.

Mountain Bulbul Ixos mcclellandii mcclellandii

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Ashy Bulbul Hemixos flavala flavala

(1) Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Black Bulbul Hypsipetes leucocephalus

(3) Vinayak 16.12, Sattal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Swallows** *Hirundinidae* 

**Grey-throated Martin** Riparia chinensis chinensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

(6) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Kumher agricultural fields 9.12, Chambal River 10.12,

Sattal 17.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Wire-tailed Swallow Hirundo smithii filifera

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Agra 11.12.

**Eurasian Crag Martin**Ptyonoprogne rupestris

(2) Vinayak 16.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Dusky Crag Martin**Ptyonoprogne concolor concolor

(3) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12 and Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12.

**Nepal House Martin**Delichon nipalense nipalense

(1) Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

**Red-rumped Swallow** Cecropis daurica

Observed 5 days in total.

**Streak-throated Swallow** Petrochelidon fluvicola

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

Cupwings Pnoepygidae

Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler

Pnoepyga albiventer

Abroscopus schisticeps

(1) Pangot 16.12.

**Bush-Warblers and Allies Cettiidae** 

**Black-faced Warbler** (1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Chestnut-headed Tesia Cettia castaneocoronata castaneocoronata

(3) 1 heard Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Sattal 17.12 and 1 heard Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Long-tailed Tits Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit Aegithalos concinnus

(3) Vinayak 16.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Leaf-Warblers** *Phylloscopidae* 

Common Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita tristis

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Pangot 16.12

and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus affinis

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Buff-barred Warbler** Phylloscopus pulcher

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Vinayak 16.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.



**Ashy-throated Warbler** 

Phylloscopus maculipennis

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Lemon-rumped Warbler** 

Phylloscopus chloronotus

(4) Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Hume's Leaf Warbler** 

Phylloscopus humei

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, 1 heard Keoladeo NP 8.12, 1 heard Keoladeo NP

9.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Blyth's Leaf Warbler** 

Phylloscopus reguloides

(1) Mohaan 13.12.

**Grey-hooded Warbler** 

Phylloscopus xanthoschistos

(6) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Pangot

19.12.

Whistler's Warbler

Seicercus whistleri

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Reed-Warblers and Allies** *Acrocephalidae* 

**Clamorous Reed Warbler** 

Acrocephalus stentoreus

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

**Blyth's Reed Warbler** 

Acrocephalus dumetorum

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae

**Zitting Cisticola** 

Cisticola juncidis

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

**Golden-headed Cisticola** 

Cisticola exilis

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Striated Prinia** 

Prinia crinigera

(1) Pangot 16.12.

**Grey-breasted Prinia** 

Prinia hodgsonii

(7) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12. Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Sattal 17.12.

Jungle Prinia

Prinia sylvatica

(1) Sawai Madhopur 6.12.

Yellow-bellied Prinia

Prinia flaviventris

(1) Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Ashy Prinia** 

Prinia socialis

(8) New Delhi 3.12, Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Plain Prinia Prinia Prinia inornata

(8) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Common Tailorbird** 

Orthotomus sutorius

(6) New Delhi 3.12, Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Babblers *Timaliidae* 

**Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler** 

Pomatorhinus erythrogenys

(3) 1 heard Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Pangot 16.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

**Black-chinned Babbler** 

Stachyridopsis pyrrhops

(3) Mohaan 13.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.



Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

**Puff-throated Babbler** 

Pellorneum ruficeps

(1) Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

Common Babbler

Turdoides caudata

(4) Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Chambal Safari Lodge 10.12.

**Striated Babbler** 

Turdoides earlei

(1) Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Large Grey Babbler

Turdoides malcolmi

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12

and Chambal River 10.12.

Turdoides striata Jungle Babbler

Observed 1 day in total.

White-crested Laughingthrush

Garrulax leucolophus (5) Mohaan 12.12, 1 heard Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Bajoon

Valley 18.12.

White-throated Laughingthrush

Garrulax albogularis

(4) Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Pangot 16.12, Sattal 17.12 and Nainital 18.12.

**Striated Laughingthrush** 

Garrulax striatus

(1) Bhimtal 17.12.

**Streaked Laughingthrush** 

*Trochalopteron lineatum* 

(5) Nainital 15.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

**Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** 

Trochalopteron erythrocephalum

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Blue-winged Minla** 

Minla cyanouroptera

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Sattal 17.12.

**Red-billed Leiothrix** 

Leiothrix lutea

(1) Sattal 17.12.

**Rufous Sibia** 

Heterophasia capistrata

(5) Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae

**Lesser Whitethroat** 

Svlvia curruca

(7) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Chambal River 10.12, Sattal 17.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Yellow-eved Babbler

Chrysomma sinense

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae

Whiskered Yuhina

Yuhina flavicollis

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Stripe-throated Yuhina

Yuhina gularis

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Oriental White-eve** Zosterops palpebrosus

Observed 8 days in total.

**Nuthatches** *Sittidae* 

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch

Sitta cinnamoventris



(3) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

White-tailed Nuthatch

Sitta himalayensis

(3) Vinayak 16.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** 

Sitta frontalis frontalis

(3) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Wallcreeper Tichodromidae

Wallcreeper

Tichodroma muraria nepalensis

(1) Kosi River 12.12.

Treecreepers Certhiidae

**Bar-tailed Treecreeper** 

Certhia himalayana himalayana

(7) Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12, Vinayak 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12, Bajoon Valley 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Starlings Sturnidae

Bank Myna

Acridotheres ginginianus

(6) Sawai Madhopur 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Kumher agricultural fields 9.12, Agra 10.12 and Taj Mahal 11.12.

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis tristis

Observed 2 days in total.

Pied Myna

Gracupica contra

Observed 1 day in total.

**Brahminy Starling** 

Sturnia pagodarum

(4) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

**Rosy Starling** 

Pastor roseus

(1) Sawai Madhopur 4.12.

**Common Starling** 

Sturnus vulgaris

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae* 

**Orange-headed Thrush** 

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Geokichla citrina

Scaly Thrush Zoothera dauma dauma (1) Mohaan 12.12.

(1) Wondan 12.12.

**Long-billed Thrush** Zoothera monticola monticola

(1) Mohaan 12.12.

Grey-winged Blackbird Turdus boulboul

(1) Bhimtal 17.12.

**Black-throated Thrush**Turdus atrogularis

(2) Jim Corbett NP 15.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Indian Robin Copsychus fulicatus

(7) New Delhi 3.12, Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo

NP 8.12, Kumher agricultural fields 9.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

Oriental Magpie-Robin Copsychus saularis

Observed 1 day in total.

**Rufous-bellied Niltava**Niltava sundara

(2) Mohaan 12.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.



Small Niltava Macgrigoriae Niltava macgrigoriae

(1) Bhimtal 17.12.

Bluethroat Luscinia svecica

(5) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12 and Okhla

Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

White-tailed Rubythroat Calliope pectoralis

(1) Sattal 17.12.

Siberian Rubythroat Calliope calliope

(1) 1 heard Sattal 17.12.

Himalayan Bluetail Tarsiger rufilatus

(2) Bhimtal 17.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Golden Bush Robin Tarsiger chrysaeus

(2) Sattal 17.12 and Nainital 18.12.

Little Forktail Enicurus scouleri

(1) Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

Slaty-backed Forktail Enicurus schistaceus

(1) Bhimtal 17.12.

Spotted Forktail Enicurus maculatus

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Pangot 16.12, Sattal 17.12 and Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

**Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus caeruleus* 

Observed 8 days in total.

**Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher** Ficedula strophiata strophiata

(1) Mohaan 13.12.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** Ficedula parva

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Fatehpur Sikri 10.12 and Jim Corbett NP

14.12.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher Ficedula tricolor

(1) Mohaan 13.12.

Blue-capped Redstart Phoenicurus coeruleocephala

(3) Nainital 15.12, Pangot 16.12 and Nainital 18.12.

Black Redstart Phoenicurus ochruros

(6) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Sawai Madhopur 6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo

NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

**Blue-fronted Redstart**Phoenicurus frontalis

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Plumbeous Water Redstart Phoenicurus fuliginosus fuliginosus

(5) Kosi River 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12, Jim Corbett NP 15.12, Pangot 16.12 and Bhimtal

17.12.

White-capped Redstart Phoenicurus leucocephalus

(7) Kosi River 12.12, observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Nainital

to Kathgodam 19.12.

Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush Monticola rufiventris

(4) Mohaan 13.12, Ramnagar to Nainital 15.12, Vinayak 16.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Siberian Stonechat Saxicola maurus

Observed 2 days in total.

Grey Bush Chat Saxicola ferreus ferreus

(6) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* 



(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Desert Wheatear** Oenanthe deserti

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

**Brown Rock Chat** *Oenanthe fusca* 

(1) Ranthambore NP 6.12.

**Dippers** *Cinclidae* 

Brown Dipper Cinclus pallasii

(1) Kosi River 12.12.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus

(1) Mohaan 12.12.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Purple Sunbird Cinnyris asiaticus

(5) New Delhi 3.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Sawai Madhopur 6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and

Keoladeo NP 9.12.

**Green-tailed Sunbird**Aethopyga nipalensis

(1) Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Crimson Sunbird Aethopyga siparaja

(2) Mohaan 12.12 and Mohaan 13.12.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow Passer domesticus

(6) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Ramnagar 12.12, Pangot 16.12, Sattal 17.12 and

Bajoon Valley 18.12.

**Russet Sparrow** Passer rutilans

(4) Nainital 15.12, Pangot 16.12, Bhimtal 17.12 and Nainital 18.12.

**Yellow-throated Sparrow** *Gymnoris xanthocollis* 

(1) Kumher agricultural fields 9.12.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae* 

Black-breasted Weaver Ploceus benghalensis

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

Streaked Weaver Ploceus manyar

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

Baya Weaver Ploceus philippinus

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Red Avadavat Amandava amandava amandava

(2) Soorwal Dam 7.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Indian Silverbill** Euodice malabarica

(6) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo

NP 9.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Scaly-breasted Munia Lonchura punctulata

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Sattal 17.12.

**Accentors Prunellidae** 



Altai Accentor Prunella himalayana

(1) Vinayak 16.12.

**Rufous-breasted Accentor**Prunella strophiata

(1) Pangot 16.12.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Citrine Wagtail Motacilla citreola

(6) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea cinerea

(7) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Mohaan 12.12, Mohaan 13.12, Nainital 15.12, Sattal 17.12 and Nainital to Kathgodam 19.12.

White Wagtail Motacilla alba

(7) Ranthambore NP 4.12, Ranthambore NP 5.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Chambal River 10.12, Taj Mahal 11.12, Kosi River 12.12 and Okhla Bird Sanctuary 20.12.

White-browed Wagtail Motacilla maderaspatensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Richard's Pipit Anthus richardi

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

Paddyfield Pipit Anthus rufulus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Tawny Pipit Anthus campestris

(5) Sawai Madhopur 5.12, Sawai Madhopur 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Kumher agricultural fields

9.12 and Chambal River 10.12.

**Tree Pipit**Anthus trivialis

(2) Ranthambore NP 4.12 and Sawai Madhopur 6.12.

Olive-backed Pipit Anthus hodgsoni

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

**Common Rosefinch** Carpodacus erythrinus

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Bhimtal 17.12.

Pink-browed Rosefinch Carpodacus rodochroa

(1) Nainital 18.12.

Yellow-breasted Greenfinch Chloris spinoides

(2) Pangot 16.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae

**Rock Bunting** *Emberiza cia*(3) Jim Corbett NP 15.12, Pangot 16.12 and Nainital 18.12.

**Chestnut-eared Bunting** *Emberiza fucata arcuata* 

(1) Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

**Red-headed Bunting** *Emberiza bruniceps* 

(1) Soorwal Dam 7.12.

# Mammals (27 in total: 27 seen)

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Elephants Elephantidae

**Asian Elephant** Elephas maximus indicus

(3) Observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae

Rhesus Monkey Macaca mulatta

Observed 13 days in total.

Northern Plains Gray Langur Semnopithecus entellus

(3) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12.

Tarai Gray Langur Semnopithecus hector

(3) Mohaan 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

Nepal Gray Langur Semnopithecus schistaceus

(5) Nainital 15.12, Pangot 16.12, Sattal 17.12, Nainital 18.12 and Pangot 19.12.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

Indian Hare Lepus nigricollis

(2) Sawai Madhopur 5.12 and Keoladeo NP 8.12.

True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat Muridae

**Brown Rat**Rattus norvegicus

(2) New Delhi 4.12 and Agra 11.12.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Five-striped Palm Squirrel Funambulus pennantii

Observed 1 day in total.

Cats Felidae

Jungle Cat Felis chaus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

**Leopard** Panthera pardus fusca

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

**Tiger** Panthera tigris tigris

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Mongooses Herpestidae

**Indian Grey Mongoose**Herpestes edwardsii

(3) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Chambal River 10.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Ruddy Mongoose Herpestes smithii

(1) Ranthambore NP 6.12.

Civets, Genets Viverridae

Common Palm Civet Paradoxurus hermaphroditus

(1) Chambal Safari Lodge 10.12.



# Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae

Golden Jackal

Canis aureus

(5) Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Mohaan 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Bengal Fox

(1) Sawai Madhopur 5.12.

Vulpes bengalensis

# Bears, Giant Panda Ursidae

**Sloth Bear** 

Melursus ursinus

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

# Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae

**Yellow-throated Marten** 

Martes flavigula

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

# Pigs Suidae

Wild Boar

Sus scrofa

(8) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Mohaan 12.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

## River Dolphins Platanistidae

**Ganges River Dolphin** 

Platanista gangetica gangetica

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

# Deer Cervidae

Chital

Axis axis

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12, Keoladeo NP 9.12, Mohaan 12.12 and observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12.

**Hog Deer** 

Axis porcinus

(1) Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

**Northern Red Muntjac** 

Muntiacus vaginalis

(5) Mohaan 12.12, observed Jim Corbett NP 13-15.12 and Bajoon Valley 18.12.

Sambar

Rusa unicolor

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Jim Corbett NP 14.12 and Jim Corbett NP 15.12.

# Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Nilgai

Boselaphus tragocamelus

(5) Ranthambore NP 5.12, Ranthambore NP 6.12, Soorwal Dam 7.12, Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Keoladeo NP 9.12.

Himalayan Goral

Naemorhedus goral

(2) Vinayak 16.12 and Pangot 19.12.

#### Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

**Indian Flying Fox** 

Pteropus giganteus

(2) Keoladeo NP 8.12 and Chambal River 10.12.



# Reptiles (6 in total: 6 seen)

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Asian River Turtles, Leaf and Roofed Turtles, Asian Box Turtles Geoemydidae

**Indian Roofed Terrapin** 

Pangshura tecta

(1) Chambal River 10.12.

Softshell Turtles Trionychidae

**Indian softshell turtle** 

Nilssonia gangetica

(1) Keoladeo NP 8.12.

**Monitor Lizards Varanidae** 

**Bengal Monitor** 

Varanus bengalensis

(1) Ranthambore NP 6.12.

**Colubrid snakes** *Colubridae* 

**Checkered Keelback** 

Xenochrophis piscator

(1) Ranthambore NP 5.12.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

**Mugger Crocodile** 

Crocodylus palustris

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 4-6.12, Chambal River 10.12, Jim Corbett NP 13.12 and Jim Corbett NP 14.12.

Indian Gharial

Gavialis gangeticus

(2) Chambal River 10.12 and Jim Corbett NP 13.12.

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