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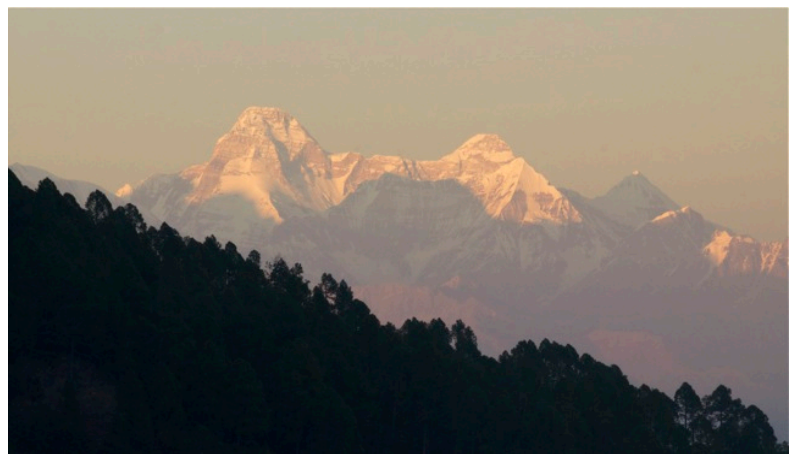
HIMALAYAS, TAJ MAHAL,
AND BHARATPUR
A Tropical Birding Set Departure

December 3 - 17, 2011
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TOUR SUMMARY

This trip continues to be one of our very best and most popular. This year, even without the 'tiger extension', we scored a delectable set of 363 birds, plus 17 mammals. Some of the stars included a massive Great Bittern, a pair of Ibisbill, great views of both Koklass and Cheer Pheasants, Rufous-bellied and Himalayan Flameback among 15 species of woodpecker, sharp little Collared Falconet, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, Great Thick-knee, Black-bellied Tern, Indian Skimmer, Rufous-tailed and Sand Larks, 8 good-looking species of bulbul, Altai Accentor, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Immaculate Wren-Babbler, rare Moustached Warbler and Mountain Chiffchaff, Red-fronted and Jungle Prinias, Black-faced Warbler, White-tailed Rubythroat, several Wallcreepers, dapper Little Forktail, five



The majestic Himalayas must be seen to be believed.

handsome bunting species, and an incredible ten owl species, most of which were seen in broad daylight.

Birding began in earnest at the peaceful little resort town of Sat Tal, nestled in the Himalayan foothills. Highlights in this biome included several startling redstarts, dazzling sapphire-and-chestnut rock-thrushes, superb flocks of gorgeous Himalayan tits with nuthatches, leaf-warblers and others interspersed. Some skulkers included a feast of six laughing-thrushes including the snow-white capped White-crested, the bulbous-headed Striated, the elegant mottled and scaled Rufous-chinned, and common Streaked.

On top of this we enjoyed the superb Great Barbet, omnipresent Black-headed Jay and magnificent Blue Magpie. Moving to higher elevations brought us huge bird flocks with a very different composition, two cracking pheasants, Cheer and Koklass, and sweeping views of the main Himalayan chain. Corbett National Park, at the base of the mountains offered good mammal diversity, excellent raptors, the most diverse flock birding of all, not to mention a whole suite of river specialists including the one-of-a-kind Ibisbill, which we sighted after a long search. One evening adjacent the park, we heard a roaring Tiger, the closest we



The spectacular Blue Magpie, just one of myriad Himalayan gems that we encountered on this tour.

would get to this elusive beast without doing the 'tiger extension' this year.

Heading south into the Ganges Plain brought us into very different habitats, including vast wetlands and dry, thorny woodlands. Bharatpur held lots of water this year and, there were some excellent concentrations of waterbirds here and at the nearby Bund Baretha. We saw large numbers of most of the palearctic ducks along with Bronze-winged Jacanas, White-breasted Waterhens, stately Sarus Cranes, Bar-headed Goose, and hoardes of bush birds, plus spectacular raptors such as Indian and Greater Spotted Eagles. Farther south, two boat rides on the pristine Chambal River secured prizes like Great Thick-Knee, Black-bellied and River Terns, Indian Skimmer, Sand and Rufous-tailed Larks, Ganges River dolphin, and a pair of impressive crocodiles: mugger and gharial. Oh, apart from all the birds and wildlife we also managed to fit in the Taj Mahal and the ancient city of Fatepuhr Sikri while we were in India.

India is a truly magical unique place whose charms are difficult to describe to those who have not visited. Though it can be crowded, dirty, and hectic at times, most people come away amazed by what they have seen in this huge, diverse, and utterly unique country. Indian culture includes respect for all life, particularly birds, and birds are common, tame, and approachable, making this a paradise for bird photographers. The food is simply amazing. On the two weeks of this tour, we didn't have a single bad meal. Some were better than others, but all were good and some were really tremendous! India is the kind of place that gets into your blood, always luring you back. This tour is a great introduction to what may prove a very addicting part of the world!



Indian Skimmers on the Chambal River furnished a perfect end to this wonderful tour.

ITINERARY

December 3	Delhi. Morning at Okhla Barrage. Afternoon to Qutub Minar.
December 4	Delhi to Sat Tal, Himalayas.
December 5	Sat Tal area.
December 6	Sat Tal to Pangot.
December 7	Pangot. Vinayak Road.
December 8	Pangot to Dhikala Camp, Corbett National Park.
December 9	Corbett National Park.
December 10	Corbett area (outside NP).
December 11	Corbett to Delhi.
December 12	Delhi to Bharatpur.
December 13	Keoladeo National Park.
December 14	Bund Baretha and surrounding area.
December 15	Bharatpur to Agra (Taj Mahal) to Dholpur
December 16	Morning boat ride on Chambal River
December 17	Morning Chambal boat trip. Afternoon to Delhi. Departure.



The hefty Himalayan Woodpecker is found around Pangot, at the highest elevations we visit on this tour.

PHOTO GALLERY

Follows tour's chronology



The reedbeds of the Yamuna River in Delhi hold some prizes like Red Avadavat.



Right in Delhi, Okhla gives a good taste of Indian wetland birding. Here are Common Teal, Common Greenshank, Red-wattled Lapwing, Black-winged Stilt, Purple Swamphen, and White-tailed Lapwing all together!



Striated Babbler (left) is an Okhla specialty, while the good-looking Citrine Wagtail (right) is more widespread.



Northern palm squirrels are common on India's ancient ruins like the nearly 1000-year-old Qutub Minar.



Forktails are among the most special Himalayan birds. This is a Spotted Forktail, which gave an excellent showing on this tour; we saw it well at least 10 times, each of which was thoroughly enjoyed.



Long-tailed Minivet (left) is like a New World solitaire with red and black replacing gray and white!
Greater Yellownape (right) is just one of a bounty of cool woodpecker in the Himalayas.



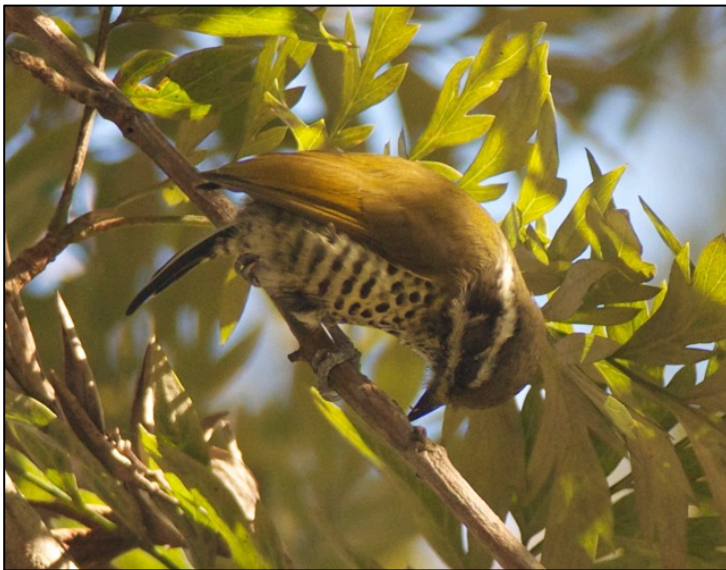
Nutmeg Mannikin, also known as Scaly-bellied Munia (left), and Russet Sparrow (right) are among the birds we scored on our first morning at Sat Tal.



When it comes to Himalayan birds, fantails are almost as great as forktails! This White-throated fans its tail so that it's wider than it is long, and all while hopping through a tree and feeding!



Himalayan Bulbul is a ridiculously handsome bulbul that is abundant in the mountains.



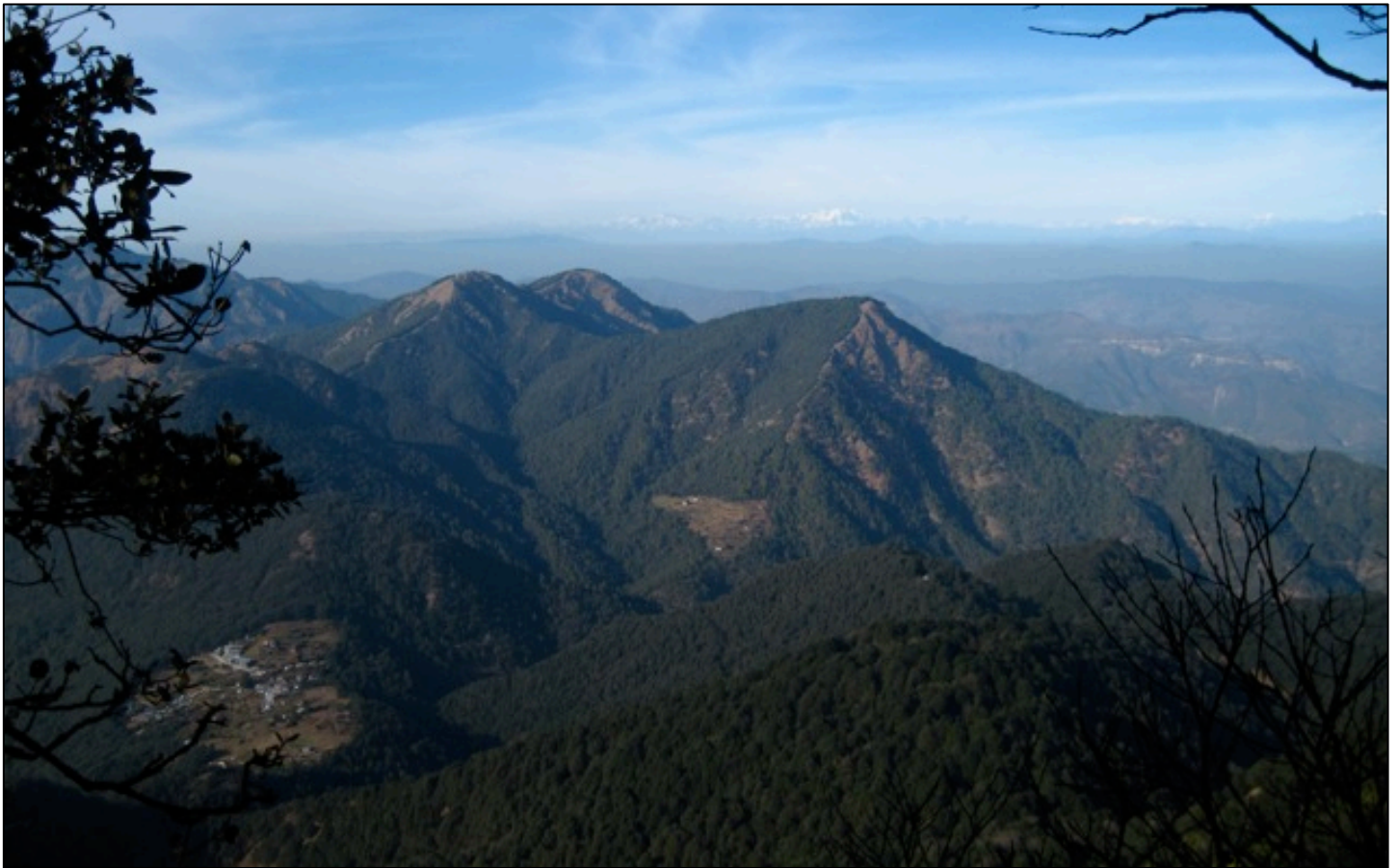
Speckled Piculet (left) and Gray-hooded Warbler (right). Two members of bird flocks in the Sat Tal area. The former is rare, and the latter remarkably abundant. Flock birding in the Himalayan foothills in winter is great fun. Flocks are huge, diverse, and active. Almost anything can show up at any time.



Blue Magpie is a huge, loud, and colorful bird that is wonderfully common around Sat Tal. Flying with a 3-foot streamer hanging behind you doesn't look easy!



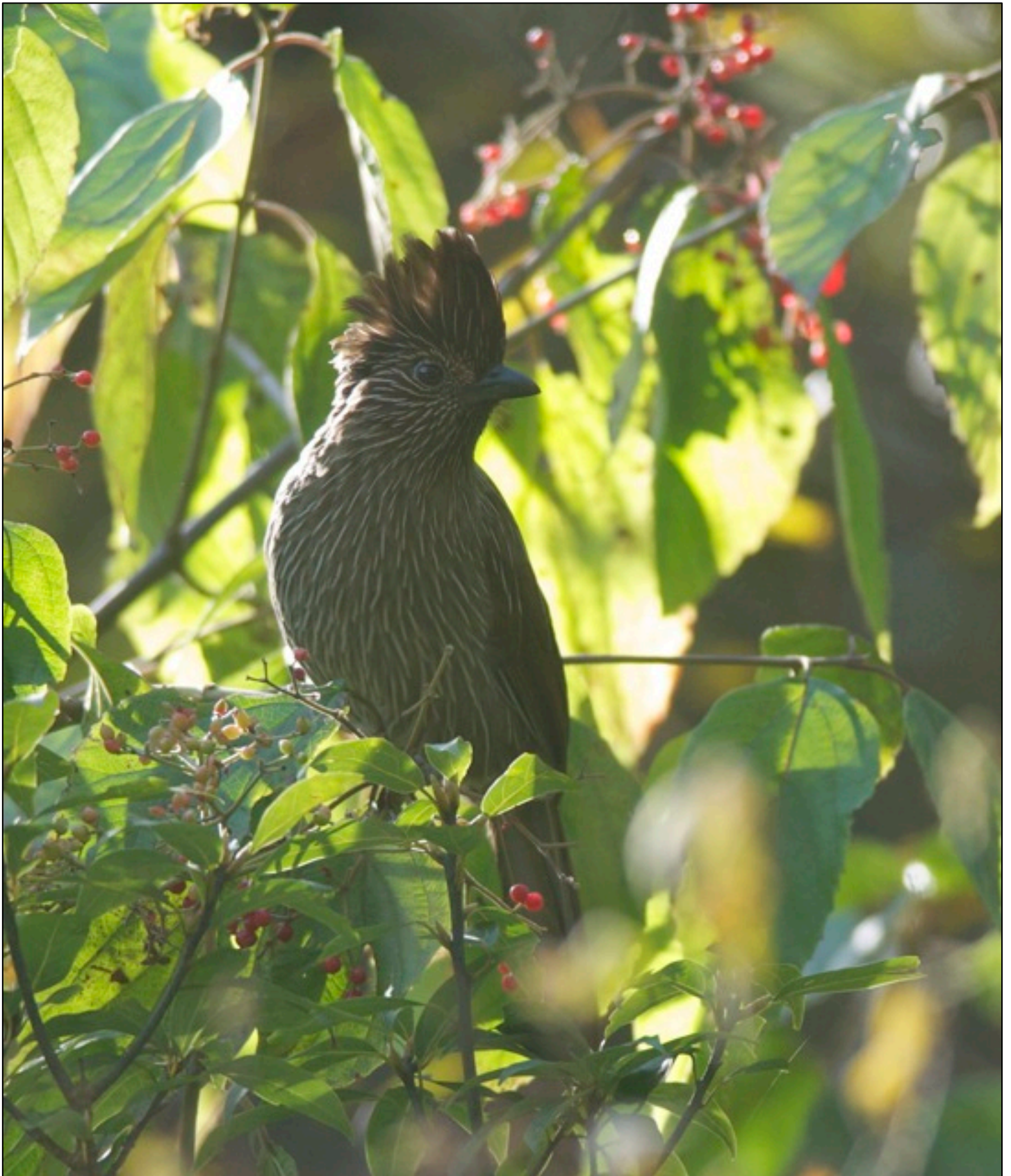
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler feasting on berries.



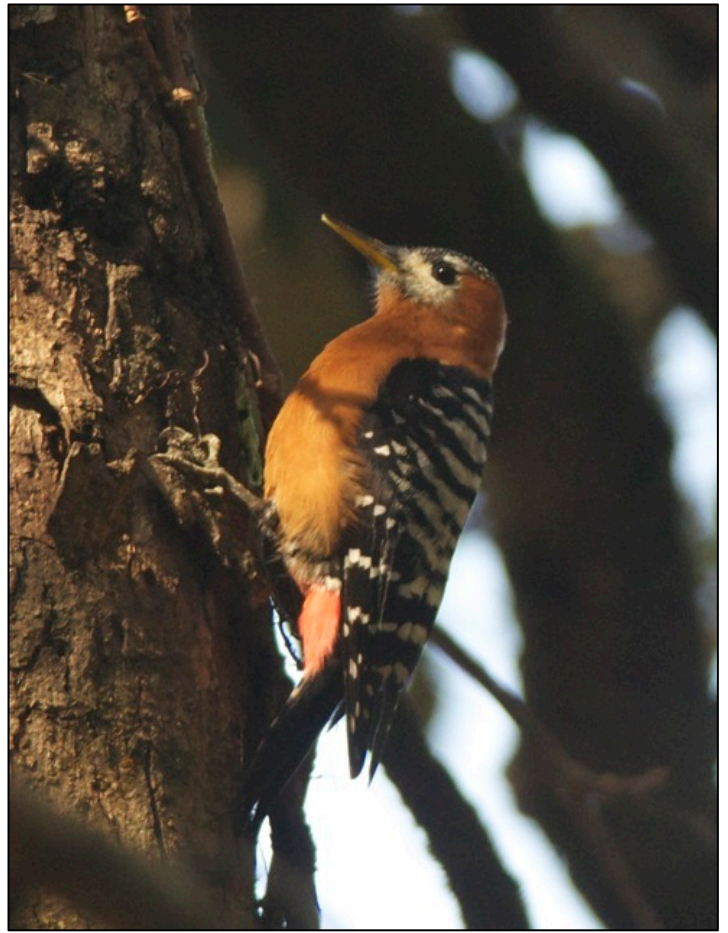
We are based in Pangot for two nights, the highest we climb in the Himalayas on this tour. The small cleared area nestled in forest at the bottom left is the town where our lodge lies, while out on the horizon looms the main Himalayan chain. This place is a peaceful and bird-rich paradise in hectic India.



Yellow-breasted Greenfinch is common around our Pangot lodge.



Striated Laughingthrush. The field guides never do justice to this big, bold bird. Check out that crest!



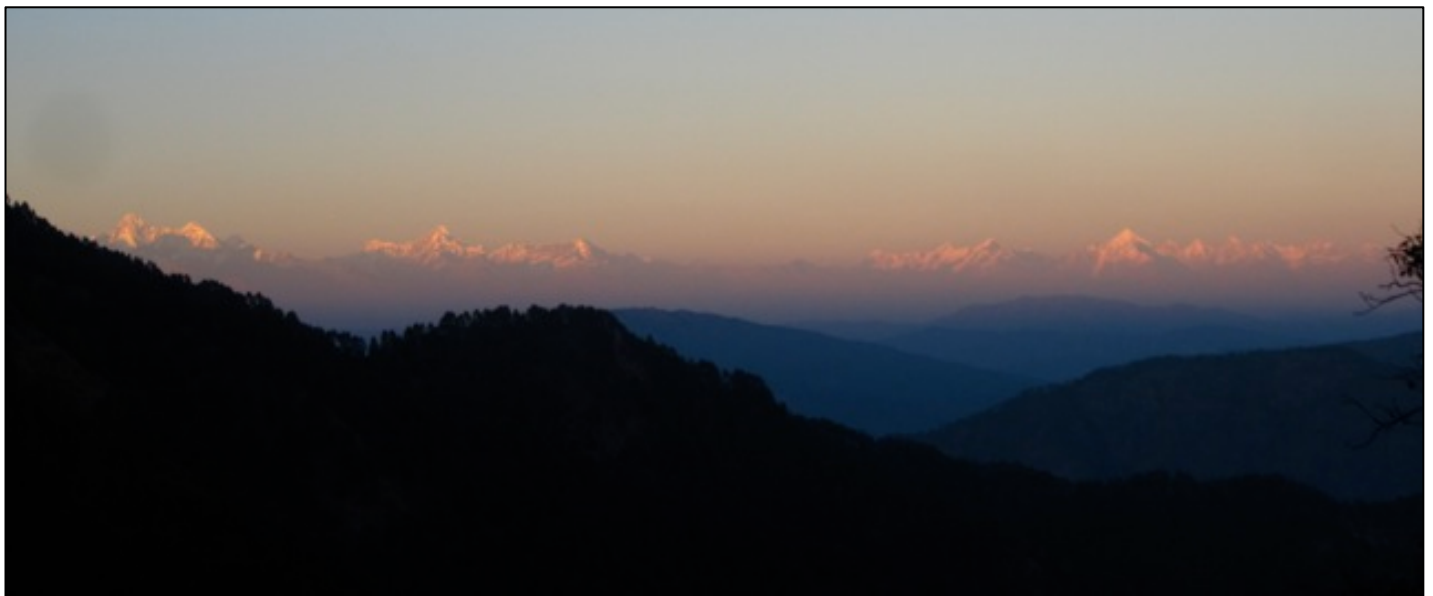
Female Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush (left) is a great-looking bird, completely different from the male. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (right) is usually the crowd favorite woodpecker in the Himalayas.



A pair of spunky tits: Spot-winged (left) and Black-throated (right). These two species are very common in most of the mixed flocks in the Pangot area.



White-throated Laughingthrush is the most common of the laughingthrushes on this tour. We saw one impressive flock of over 80 of these bruisers!



The main Himalayan range catching the rays of the setting sun. Unspeakably spectacular.



Black-lored Tit might be the smartest-looking of all the tits on this tour, though competition is fierce.



Bar-tailed Treecreeper (left) and Scaly-bellied Woodpecker (right)... the two ends of the size spectrum of birds that make their living prying things from the bark of Pangot's pines, oaks, and cedars.



Black-headed Jay is common at the bird feeders of our lodge.



White-tailed Nuthatch. One of the nice things about birding the Himalayas is that some of the groups, like nuthatches and jays, are familiar to birders from Europe and North America, which makes India a less-daunting destination for people who haven't done much international birding.



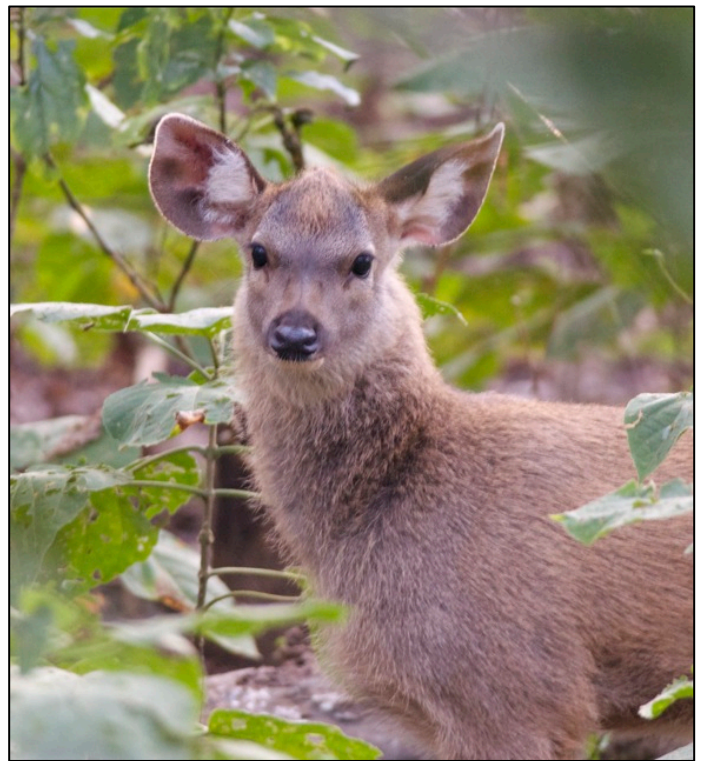
Black-faced Warbler is a local bird that is surprisingly common near Pangot.



Yellow-browed Tit (left) is small and drab, while Blue Whistling-Thrush (right) is just the opposite!



Himalayan streams and rivers support some of the best birds on this tour. This habitat is especially prominent around Corbett National Park, as on the Kosi River. Here a Plumbeous Redstart surveys its domain of riffles and torrents.



Collared Falconet (left) is smaller than most laughingthrushes! This baby sambar (right) was pretty cute.



In Corbett, we found a tree that seemed about to collapse from the weight of the Pin-tailed Pigeons perched in it!



White-browed Wagtail, another river denizen.



White-capped Redstart is just a great bird, a perennial favorite of participants on this tour.



The Kosi River, which supports a host of riverine birds, including the Ibisbill. Picking out this 'boulder-with-a-beak' in this endless rocky jumble is a real challenge, even when you know their preferred spots.



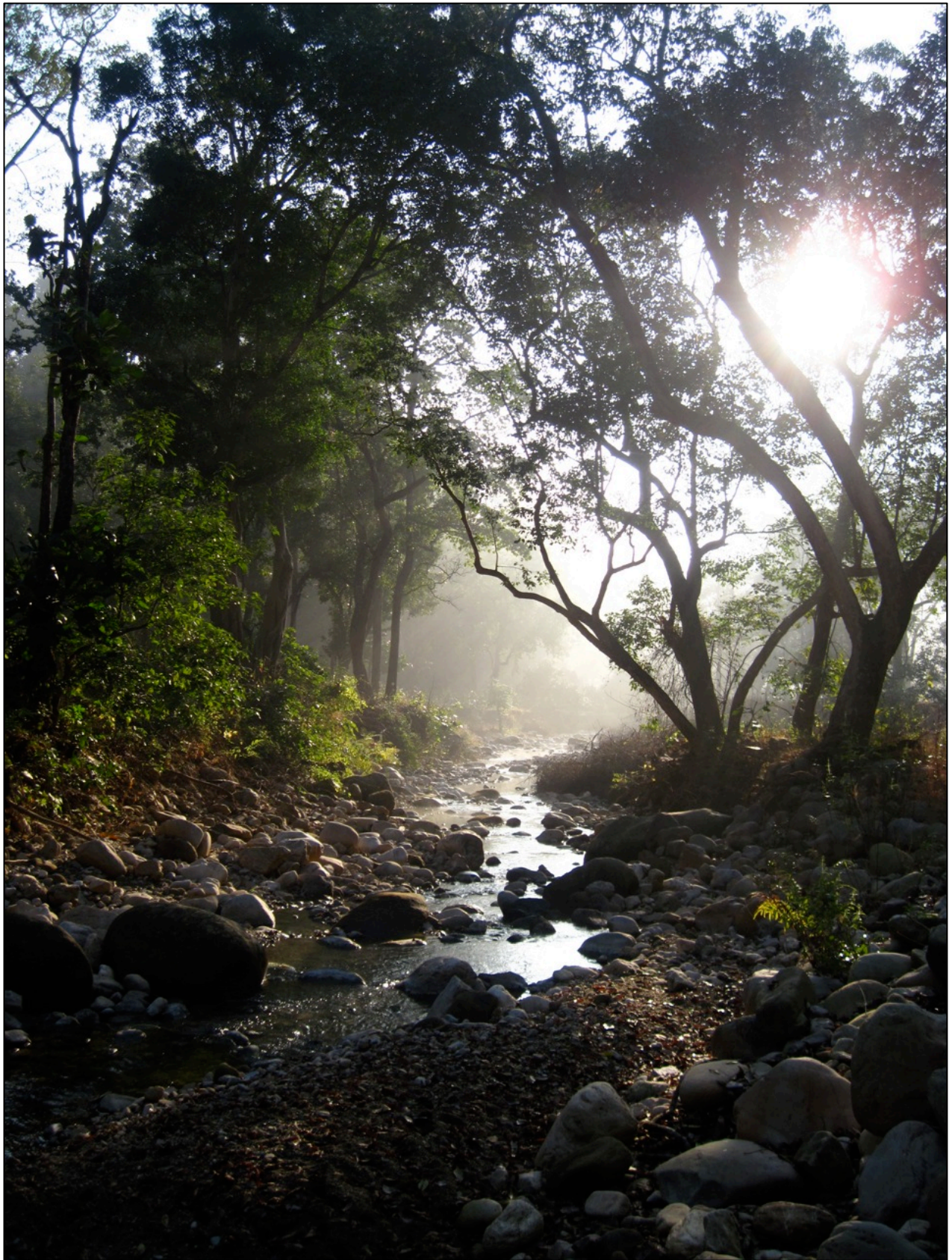
After much searching we finally spotted the beautiful Ibisbill, a strange and wonderful sort of shorebird that makes up its own family.



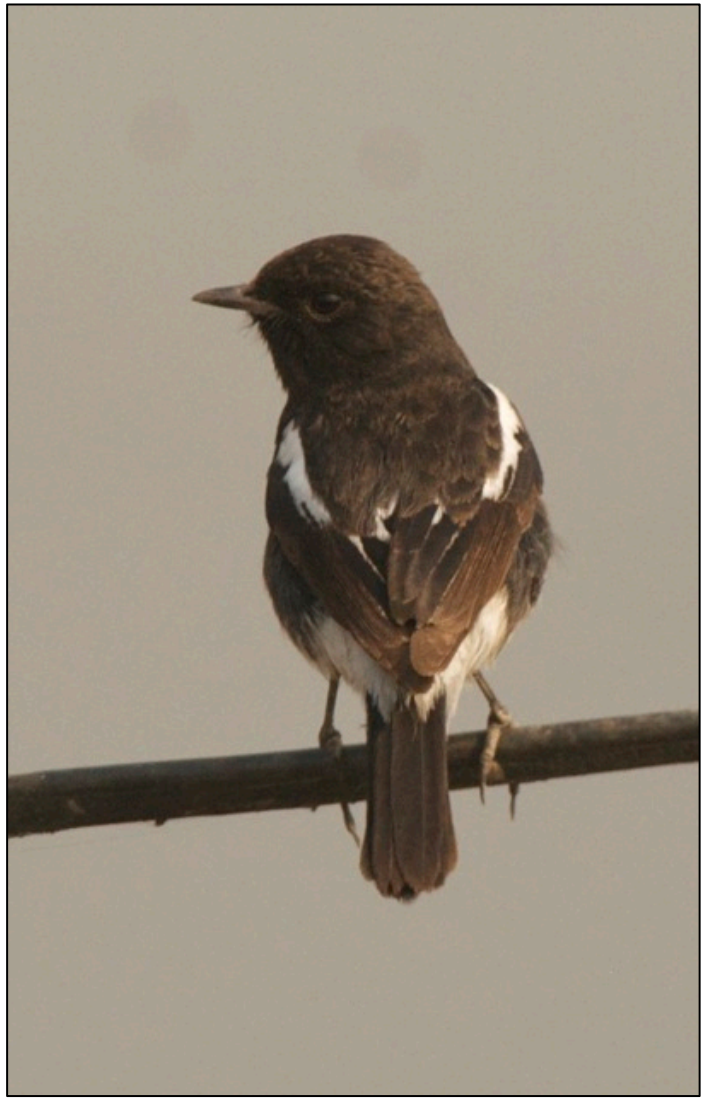
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (left)... a radical variation on the nuthatch theme, much enjoyed by the people on this tour. Finding a few flocks of White-crested Laughingthrush (right) in Corbett completed our sweep of the laughingthrushes, a charismatic if not to say highly addictive group of Himalayan birds!



Gray Bushchat (left) is common in the lower Himalayas. Rufous-bellied Niltava (right) is more scarce, though we were happy to encounter it several times.



The broadleaf forest and mountains streams of the Corbett area can be surprisingly similar to forests in the northeast United States or Europe.



On our way south from the Himalayas, we encountered a pair of huge Sarus Cranes (left). Pied Bushchat (right) would be common throughout the second, lowland portion of the tour.



White-throated Kingfisher is common on the Ganges Plain, fishing in any conceivable water, from drainage ditches to settling ponds!



Southern Gray Shrike on a haystack, as the sun sinks into the winter haze.



Brown Hawk Owl (left) was the first bird we found on our morning in Keoladeo National Park, a good start to a great day. We also saw lots of great-looking Brahminy Starlings (right) early-on.



Though Bharatpur is famous for its wetlands, its dry woodland is also extensive. Here is an impressive male spotted deer, or chital.



A roosting Large-tailed Nightjar was a great find by our skilled local guide.



Lots of water in the park meant that wading birds were breeding in good numbers.
This is a Painted Stork rookery.



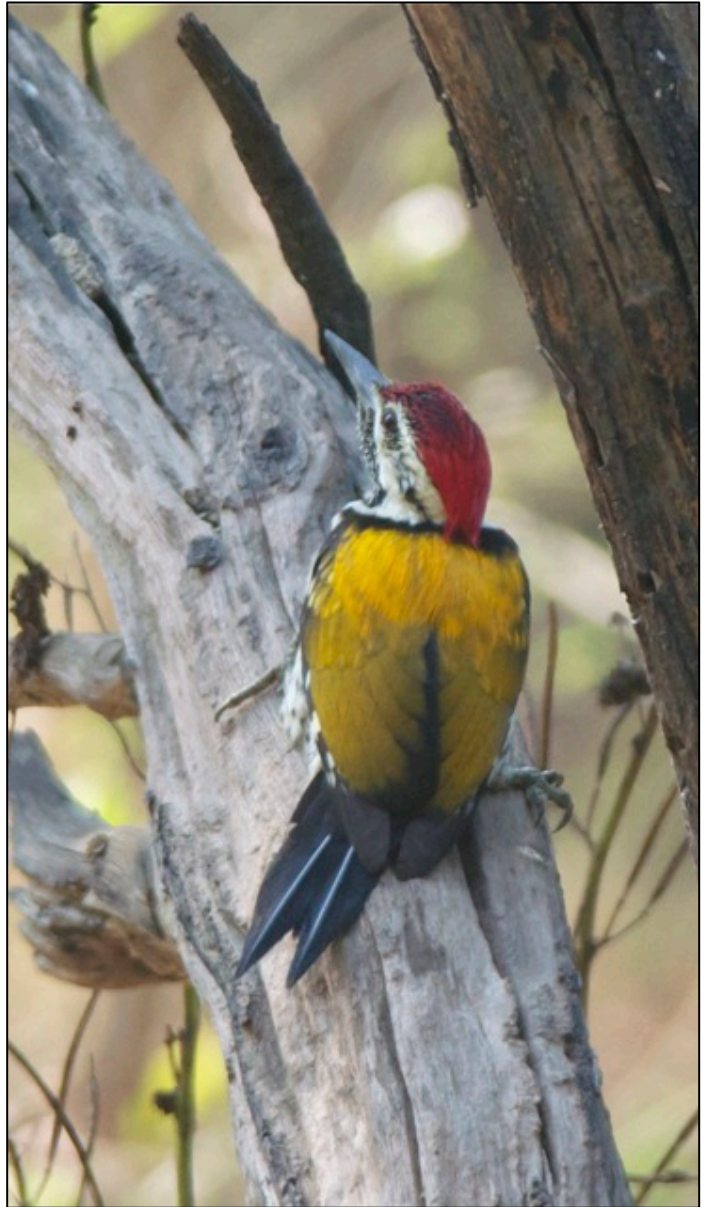
The rich marshes of Keoladeo National Park, a paradise for birding.



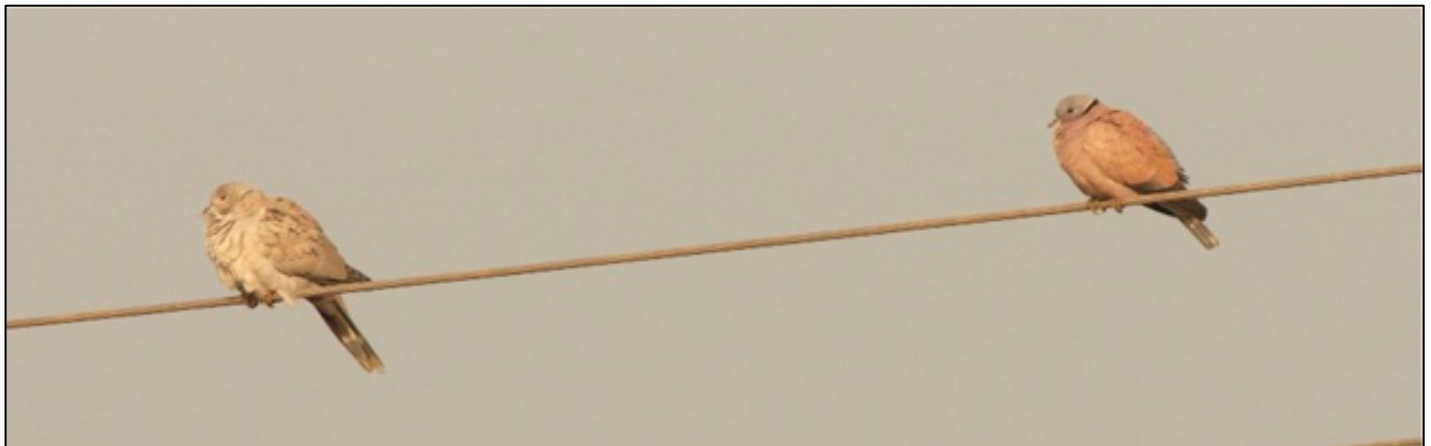
A huge female Nilgai or blue bull charging through a deep marsh was an impressive sight.



This looks like a museum or a historical site, but was actually our hotel for 3 nights in Bharatpur... the former palace of a maharaja!



Two good-looking lowland residents: Wire-tailed Swallow (left) and Black-rumped Flameback (right).



A pair of doves: the common Eurasian Collared-Dove and more scarce Red Collared-Dove (right).



Greater Painted-Snipe (left) right in the town of Bharatpur. This Indian Chat (right) presided over an abandoned maharaja's palace at Bund Baretha.



A couple of striking Bronze-winged Jacanas at Bund Baretha.



This monument needs no identification. Even the most single-minded birders enjoy seeing the justly famous Taj Mahal.



We did two boat trips on the Chambal River this year. Highlights included lots of gharial, prehistoric-looking crocodiles. This one was at least 15 feet long!



Riding the placid and pristine waters of the Chambal in search of some of India's most scarce and threatened species.



River Lapwing is one of my favorite Asian birds.



A camel caravan heads for a crossing of the Chambal. A timeless scene...



On our second boat trip, we finally struck 'pay dirt' with a flock of Indian Skimmers.



Scanning the riverbanks paid off with some uncommon larks like Sand (left) and Rufous-tailed (right).



Himalayan high-fliers, Bar-headed Geese walking up a Chambal riverside dune.

BIRD LIST

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World*, including updates through 2010.

GREBES: Podicipedidae		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	
CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae		
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	
Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	
ANHINGAS: Anhingidae		
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	
HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS: Ardeidae		
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
STORKS: Ciconiidae		
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	
IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae		
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae		
Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	
Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	

Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
OSPREY: Pandionidae		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES: Accipitridae		
Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
Pallas' Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	
Lesser Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>	
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	
Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	
Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	
Western Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	
Northern (Hen) Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	NL
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	
Eurasian (Himalayan) Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo burmanicus</i>	
Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>	
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	
Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatu limnaeetus</i>	
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>	
FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae		
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
Laggar Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>	
Peregrine (Shaheen) Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus peregrinator</i>	
PHEASANTS AND PARTRIDGES: Phasianidae		
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	
Gray Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	
Koklass Pheasant	<i>Pucrasia macrolopha</i>	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	H
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	
Cheer Pheasant	<i>Catreus wallichi</i>	
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	
CRANES: Gruidae		
Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>	
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	
RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS: Rallidae		

Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
JACANAS: Jacanidae		
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	
PAINTED-SNIPES: Rostratulidae		
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	
IBISBILL: Ibidorhynchidae		
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	
AVOCETS AND STILTS: Recurvirostridae		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	
THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae		
Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>	
PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae		
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	
SANDPIPERS: Scolopacidae		
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
(Western) Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa limosa</i>	NL
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	
GULLS: Laridae		
Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>	
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	
TERNS: Sternidae		
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	
SKIMMERS: Rynchopidae		
Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>	
SANDGROUSE: Pteroclididae		
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	
PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae		

Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	
Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
Pin-tailed Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>	
Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	
PARROTS: Psittacidae		
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
Slaty-headed (Himalayan) Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	
CUCKOOS: Cuculidae		
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
OWLS: Strigidae		
Indian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	
Mountain Scops-Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>	H/ NL
Indian (Eurasian) Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo bengalensis</i>	
Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>	
Tawny Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa flavipes</i>	
Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	H
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	
Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	
NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae		
Gray Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus jokata</i>	
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	
SWIFTS: Apodidae		
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	
Asian Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	
CRESTED TREESWIFTS: Hemiprocnidae		
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	
KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	
BEE-EATERS: Meropidae		
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	
ROLLERS: Coraciidae		
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	
HOOPOES: Upupidae		

Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae		
Indian Gray Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>	
Oriental Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracosceros albirostris</i>	
BARBETS: Capitonidae		
Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>	
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	
Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	
WOODPECKERS: Picidae		
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>	
(Indian) Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>	
Gray-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>	
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i>	
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>	
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>	
Himalayan Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i>	
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	
Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>	
Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Picus squamatus</i>	
Gray-faced Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	
Himalayan Flameback	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>	
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	H
Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	H
LARKS: Alaudidae		
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>	
Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>	
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	
SWALLOWS: Hirundinidae		
(Grey-throated) Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola chinensis</i>	
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	
Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	
Dusky Crag-Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	
Nepal Martin	<i>Delichon nipalense</i>	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
WAGTAILS AND PIPITS: Motacillidae		
Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (alba) dukunensis</i>	
(Masked) White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (alba) personata</i>	

(Himalayan) White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (alba) albaoides</i>	
(Amur) White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (alba) leucopsis</i>	
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	
(Syke's) Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava beema</i>	
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	
Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
CUCKOO-SHRIKES: Campephagidae		
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	
BULBULS: Pycnonotidae		
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus (melanicterus) flaviventris</i>	
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	
White-cheeked (Himalayan) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	
Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mcclllandii</i>	
Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala</i>	
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	
IORAS: Aegithinidae		
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
DIPPERS: Cinclidae		
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	
ACCENTORS: Prunellidae		
Himalayan (Altai) Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>	
Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophata</i>	
THRUSHES: Turdidae		
Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>	
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	
Blue Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	
Scaly Thrush	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>	
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	
CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae		
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	G
Striated Prinia	<i>Prinia crinigera</i>	
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>	
Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	
OLD WORLD WARBLERS: Sylviidae		
Chestnut-headed Tesia	<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>	
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	
Blyth's Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	
Clamorous (Indian) Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens</i>	

Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	
Common (Siberian) Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>	
Mountain Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus sindianus</i>	
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	
Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	
Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	
Brooks' Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>	
Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridianus</i>	
Blyth's Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>	
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	
Gray-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>	
Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>	
Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>	
OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae		
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophiate</i>	
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	
Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	
Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>	
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>	
Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	
White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>	
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	
Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	
Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	
Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus caeruleocephala</i>	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris</i>	
Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	
White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	
Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosa</i>	
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>	
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>	
White-throated (Hodgson's) Bushchat	<i>Saxicola insignis</i>	NL
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	
White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucurus</i>	
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
Gray Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata picata</i>	
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>	
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	
Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>	

FANTAILS: Rhipiduridae

Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>	
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	NL
BABLERS: Timaliidae		
White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>	
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>	
Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>	
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus lineatus</i>	
Red-headed' Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus erythrocephalus</i>	
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>	
Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>	
Immaculate (Nepal) Wren-Babbler	<i>Pnoepyga immaculata</i>	
Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Stachyris pyrrhops</i>	
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudata</i>	
Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>	
Large Gray Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	
Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>	
LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae		
Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>	
CHICKADEES AND TITS: Paridae		
Black-crested (Spot-winged) Tit	<i>Periparus melanolophus</i>	
Great (Grey) Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	
Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>	
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>	
NUTHATCHES: Sittidae		
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea cinnamoventris</i>	
White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>	
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
WALLCREEPER: Tichodromidae		
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	
CREEPERS: Certhiidae		
Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>	
SUNBIRDS AND SPIDERHUNTERS: Nectariniidae		
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>	
Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>	
WHITE-EYES: Zosteropidae		
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	
OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae		
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	

Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus trailii</i>	
SHRIKES: Laniidae		
Rufous-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	
Rufous-backed' Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>	
Gray-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	
Southern Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	
HELMETSHRIKES AND ALLIES: Prionopidae		
Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>	
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	
DRONGOS: Dicruridae		
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocerus</i>	
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	
CROWS, JAYS AND MAGPIES: Corvidae		
Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>	
Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>	
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	
Gray Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	
Large-billed (Indian Jungle) Crow	<i>Corvus (macrorhynchos) culminatus</i>	
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus (macrorhynchos) japonensis</i>	
STARLINGS: Sturnidae		
Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	
Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	
Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	
Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>	
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	
WEAVERS AND ALLIES: Ploceidae		
Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>	
Indian' Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus philippinus</i>	
Bengal (Black-breasted) Weaver	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	
WAXBILLS AND ALLIES: Estrildidae		
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	
White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	
Nutmeg Mannikin (Scaly-breasted Munia)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	
SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES: Fringillidae		

Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	
Pink-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>	NL
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>	
BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, SEEDEATERS AND ALLIES: Emberizidae		
Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathamii</i>	
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia stracheyi/par</i>	
Chestnut-eared Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>	
Chestnut-breasted (White-capped) Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	

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MAMMAL LIST

Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	
Hanuman Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	
Sambar Deer	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	
Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>	
Himalayan Goral	<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>	
Spotted Deer (Chital)	<i>Axis axis</i>	
Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	NL
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	H
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	
Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	H
Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>	
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Fanambulus palmarum</i>	
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	
Ganges River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>	