

## **15 Days North East India Grand Birding Tour**

**Namdhapa, Dibru-Saikhowa, and Kaziranga**

**06 Jan to 20 Jan 2004**

**Especially for Dr S Gunasegeran, Niels Poal Dryer and Ketil Knundson**

**Last trip report and bird list:** <http://www.birdtours.co.uk/tripreports/india/india13-NE/ne-india03.htm>

Dear Dr Guna, Niels and Ketil

The Gurudongma team welcomes you to an interesting and productive birding trip to North East India, lead by Peter Lobo.

Peter Lobo has evolved this birding tour after three explorations, and after guiding one tour. The design of this tour is focused on the remote bird-rich Namdhapa National Park, the well-known World Heritage Kaziranga National Park, and the unique Biosphere Reserve – Dibru Saikhowa.

This is purely a birding tour. No sightseeing has been included.

### **Weather & climate**

January is the coldest month in the Assam Valley and Namdhapa foothills. In general weather will be cool. Night temperatures will be around 10C but may drop to 5C, whilst during the day they are likely to rise to 25 C. We expect clear or partially clear skies with relative humidity of 45 %. Early morning fog may be present.

You will need cotton wear, and sun hat during the day. Do carry a pullover / light jacket for early mornings and evenings. Trekking boots, suitable for soft wet soil with spare sets of socks will be required. No rain is expected - but North East India is unlikely to be totally rain free - so do carry light- weight rainwear.

### **Your Itinerary**

#### **05 Jan 2004:**

##### **Dr Gunasegeran arrives Dibrugarh**

Arrive Dibrugarh by Indian Airlines flt IC 701 from Kolkota at 1115 hrs. Met by Peter at the airport and transfered to Hotel Natraj. After lunch afternoon birding trip in surrounding tea gardens

##### **Niels & Ketil arrive Delhi**

Arrive Delhi International by KLM 871 at 23.30. Reception at airport by Gurudongma ( Base North). Look for your welcome placard at the exit. Transfer to Harry's Guest House for overnight ( B&B plan).

#### **06 Jan: Dibrugarh**

##### **Dr Gunasegeran:**

Morning birding trip to surrounding areas.

##### **Niels and Ketil:**

After breakfast transfer to domestic terminal to board Air Sahara Flt S2 111, departing at 1000 hrs. As you fly east along the southern edge of the great Himalayan Range, look out for fabulous views of the Mountains including Mount Everest and Mount Khangchendzonga from the left side windows. The flight will make one stop at Guwahati, and arrive at Dibrugarh at 1340. Peter will meet you at the airport and transfer you to Hotel Natraj. Overnight at the hotel.

#### **07 Jan : Dibrugarh – Deban ( Namdhapa National Park)**

Early morning drive to Deban – 166 Kms in 05 hrs, via Digboi and Miao, entering the State of Arunachal Pradesh at Namchich Check post. The landscape is exotic. We will drive through lush green countryside comprising Tea gardens, forests, rivers, agriculture fields and the Digboi Oilfields – the oldest in India. On the way we will be making stops for birding between Miao and Deban. Upon arrival at Deban we will spend the remaining day birding on foot around the Forest Lodge. Overnight at Forest Lodge in rooms or tents.

**Namdapha** lies on the Burmese border, in the very eastern most part of the state, and offers as great a variety of habitats as it is possible to find within one protected area. Its 1,985 square kilometres range in altitude from just 200 metres above sea-level right up to the summit of Mount Dapha-Bum at an altitude of 4575 metres! Thus the snow-covered Himalayan peaks look down upon a great range of habitats, from alpine to temperate, to subtropical and tropical rainforests. However as of now, it is only approachable up to altitudes of 850 m.

The opportunities for pioneering bird watching are breathtaking! Its avifauna is a unique blend of Indo-Burmese, Sino-Tibetan and Himalayan forms, which thrives in the bio-diverse habitat. Largely unexplored 665 species of birds have been recorded, of which some are exotic - Wards Trogon, White- Winged Wood Duck, Rufus necked hornbill, Blue napped Pitta, Wedge-billed Wren Babbler, snow throated Babbler, and Beautiful Nuthatch. Brown Hornbills may occur here, together with a fabulous list of pheasants, babblers and laughing-thrushes, which include the Arunachal endemic - Austen's Spotted Babbler.

This is also the only sanctuary in the world that offers protection to Asia's four great cats: Tiger, Leopard, Clouded Leopard and Snow Leopard. It was declared a Tiger Reserve as part of Project Tiger in 1983. Other Indian mammals, inhabiting the park are the Asiatic Elephant, Gaur (the magnificent Asian bison), Himalayan Black Bear, Dhole (Indian wild dog), Wolf, Wild Boar, Nilgai (or Blue Bull - the largest of India's antelopes), Grey Langur, and an excellent variety of deer and smaller mammals. Naturally, many of these forest-dwelling animals are hard to see, but we will hope to see some of them at least. But what we will definitely see is the localized Hoolock Gibbon. Namdhapas has some outstanding wet tropical forest. Through the park flows the Noa-Dehing, a river that spans the park from east to west, fed by numerous tributaries that tumble from the more mountainous regions of the park and form the catchments area of the great Brahmaputra. The remote and inaccessible nature of the park has preserved its pristine forests, and much of the area remains unexplored. It is as close to true wilderness as any of the many national parks and sanctuaries in India. Over 150 species of tree are found in Namdapha, including such tropical giants as Hollock, Mekai, Hollong, Jutuli, Dhuna, Mechelia champaka and others. Amongst the temperate and subtropical zones a wide variety of rhododendrons and oaks, birch and magnolias are found. Species of particular note are Pinus merkusi and Abies dalavavi, which are not found elsewhere in India; whilst one of the rarest and most endangered orchids, the Blue Vanda, occurs here, together with the Mishmi Teeta a well-known local medicinal plant, used by endemic tribal people to treat a host of illnesses.

Your birding tour to this park is tailored to provide full opportunity to glimpse the rich bird and animal-life - as rich as any other region of comparable size worldwide. Add to this the excitement of being in a largely unexplored area. Because this is truly a journey into the unknown - made even more exciting by the unpredictable factors. The park is a restricted zone, and the routes to it are also controlled due to security reasons. Roads and tracks are subject to seasonal disruptions. Whilst we are determined to make your trip run on schedule and provide you with good logistic support - you must be prepared for the unexpected.

Deban, the starting point is an introduction to the birding feast that awaits you across the river Nao-Dihang. Racket tailed Drongos call from tree tops, whilst Blue whistling thrushes hop about the lawns. Hoolock Gibbons provide a chattering chorus at dawn. Red headed Trogons sit quietly on the edges of the track, and in the undergrowth there are colourful Silver eared Mesias and tiny almost tail-less Tesias. Crested kingfishers and White-tailed Sea Eagles sortie over the river, whilst Walcreepers, White-capped Water Redstarts, and at least five species of Fork Tails frequent the stony banks. Birding in the park is along a wide man-made track, which meanders gently through the pristine wilderness. Capped Langurs, Assamese Macaques, enjoy fruiting trees, as do some fantastic hornbills. The Great hornbill is a truly magnificent bird, the swan like whoosh of their wings warning of their approach from afar. Brown and rufus-necked hornbills also come to feed. At fig trees we will encounter a multitude of colourful birds ranging from Fairy Bluebirds to Beautiful Sibilas and from yellow and Black- Sultan Tits to Streaked Spider hunters. Stands of bamboo are home to specialist, such as Bay Wood pecker, White-browed Piculet, Rusty-fronted Barwing and White-hooded Babbler, whilst diverse babblers, fulvettas and laughing thrushes, frequent the undergrowth. On the forest floor are Grey peacock Pheasants, and several species of Wren-babblers. In the forests you will find the aptly named Beautiful Nuthatch, as well as the rare Black-throated Parrot-bills and flocks of gorgeous Long-tailed Broadbills. At dawn awake to the sensational vocalizations of Large Scimitar Babblers, whilst at night you will be serenaded by Mountain Scops Owls and Collared Owlets. You are likely to spot more than 200 species during your trip.

### **08 Jan :Birding walk on North Bank of Noa-Dihang River to HornBill**

Today we begin our fascinating 06 days birding with 05 nights camping in the pristine forests. Crossing the Noa-Dihang River by boat, we will bird along the North bank to Horn Bill ( Altitude 520 m), via Haldibari. ( 11 Kms / 05 hrs) Overnight in camp 1

### **09 Jan: Birding walk to Ranijheel**

Birding walk to Bulbulia (3 Kms) and Ranijheel, altitude 800 m (04 Kms) Overnight in camp 2 (Possible site for White-winged wood duck)

### **10 Jan: Birding walk Ranjheel to Firm Base**

Birding walk from Rajajheel to Raja Jheel and on to Firm Base. Distance 05 kms Overnight in camp 3.

### **11 Jan: Birding walk Firm Base to Embeong and back**

Birding walk from Firm Base to Embeong and return 06 Kms). Back to Camp 3 for overnight.

### **12 Jan: Birding walk from Firm Base back to Hornbill**

Walk back to Hornbill through Ranijheel and Bulbulia 07 kms. Return to Camp 1 for overnight.

### **13 Jan: Birding walk Hornbill to Deban**

Return to Deban 11 kms, through Haldibari. Overnight at Forest Lodge/ camp.

### **14 Jan: Transfer Namdhapa NP to Dibru Saikhowa Biosphere reserve**

Drive 131 Kms to Gujan to the entry point to Dibru-Saikhowa. The driving time is 03-04 hrs.

Here will be received by our local birding guide and host - Joynal Abedin. Check in at the Forest Rest House. We will spend the afternoon birding around Gujan. Overnight at Forest Rest House.

**Dibru-Saikhowa** is a biosphere reserve. This little known site, is one of the biodiversity hot spots situated on the south bank of the river Brahmaputra. It is located in the alluvial flood plains of the Brahmaputra. Fashioned by nature - earthquakes and ever changing water courses it has numerous island pockets and water bodies providing an unusual habitat for varied wildlife, aqua fauna and avifauna. Contained between the Debang, Lohit & the Great Brahmaputra rivers, the 340 sq Kms reserve was set up with a view to protecting the grass land and swamp habitat. Its internal water channels & bodies, seasonally flooded forests, "beels", and grassy pockets, makes it an interesting birding destination for rare specialized grass land and swamp forest birds such as the threatened Marsh Babbler, Jerdon's Babbler, Black throated Parrotbill, Rufous-vented( swamp) Prinia, and Jerdons Bushcat. You can also spot altitudinal migrants such as Pale-capped pigeon, White-tailed Ruby throat and Black-breasted Thrush, and various warblers. More than 300 species have been recorded.

Birding here involves several ferry crossings in country boats, and wading through shallow waterways. No transport is available in the park.

On this tour we will be taken by boat to various hot spots from where birding walks will start. Some of the birds you are likely to spot: White-browed Piculet, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Lineated Barbet, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Green-billed Malkoha, Grey-headed Lapwing, Pallas's Gull, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Oriental Hobby, Lesser Adjutant, Common Green Magpie, White-tailed Rubythroat, Jerdon's Bushchat, Spot-winged Starling, Hill Myna, Sultan Tit, Plain Martin, Yellow-bellied Prinia, Pale-footed Bush Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler, Spotted Bush Warbler, Dusky Warbler, Smoky Warbler, Rufous-fronted Babbler, Chestnut-capped Babbler, Jerdon's Babbler, Sand Lark, Scarlet-backed Flower-pecker, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Crimson Sunbird, Rosy Pipit, and Black-faced Bunting.

### **15 Jan: Dibru Saikhowa**

Full days birding by boat and on foot, covering grasslands, swamps and forest habitat. Overnight stay at Forest Rest House.

### **16 Jan: Transafer Dibru saikhowa to Kaziranga National Park**

Drive 281 Kms in 4.30 hrs to Kaziranga National Park. The journey is along the Brahmaputra Valley, passing through the tea growing towns of Tinsukhia, Dibrugarh and Jorhat. Check in at Wild Grass Resort. Spend the afternoon birding through tea gardens. Overnight stay at Wild Grass - a luxury resort at the foot of the Karbi Hills, endorsed by the World Wild Life Fund and project Tiger. The resort is managed by friendly and knowledgeable staff, and provides all facilities for exploring the National Park. There are 40 species of trees, and 200 species of shrubs, creepers and climbers on the grounds.

**The World Heritage Kaziranga National Park** is a highly reputed wild life protected area, located in Assam. A fabulous mosaic of grasslands, forests, and pools backed by misty hills. The Park has more than 70% of the world's one-horned rhino population, 70% of the world population of the Eastern Swamp Deer and 75% of the world's wild Asiatic water buffalo. It has a significant population of the Asian Elephant. Close encounters with the Great Indian one horned Rhino, and wild Indian Elephants Swamp Deer, Asiatic Water buffalo, and a host of animals are assured. There are plenty of Tigers around – but there is only a 25 percent chance of spotting one.

The Park also has more than 450 species of birds, 18 of them are globally threatened species. Because of the varied habitat types that the Park comprises of, as also of the strict protection accorded to them, birding in Kaziranga is very special. The varied terrain provides habitat for wetland, grassland, and woodland species The Bengal Florican is the main attraction. You should also be able to see a good variety of raptors. You are not allowed to walk inside the reserve. Birding is by jeep and Elephant. The Eastern Range of the park is good for water birds such as Falcated Teal, White-eyed Pochard and spot-billed pelican (a colony of 200 pairs is located in this range). For grassland birds the Western Range is ideal. The Bengal Florican can be seen during the elephant ride in the Central Range. The nearby Panbari Reserved Forest is good for woodland birds such as yellow-vented Warbler, great Hornbill, and redheaded Trogon. Other interesting birds include Green-backed Heron, White bellied Heron (rare), Lesser and greater Adjutants, Black-necked Storks, Spoonbill, Grey-headed and Pallas's Fish-eagle (common), Swamp Francolin (common), Grey-headed Lapwing, Black-bellied tern, Marsh Babbler, Jordan's Bushchat (rare) White-throated Bushchat and many more Other birds recorded by us: Lineated Barbet, Blue-eared Barbet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Spotted Redshank, River Lapwing, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Pied Harrier, Spot-billed Pelican, Black-necked Stork, Rosy Minivet, Spot-winged Starling, Dark-necked Tailorbird, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Streaked Spider - hunter, Forest Wagtail, Blyth's Pipit, and Yellow-breasted Bunting.

### **17-18-19 Jan : Kaziranga**

At Kaziranga two more birders - Karen Brazel and Douglas Fitchen from America, will join our group. We will spend our three full days in Kaziranga exploring the park as best we can by jeep and on elephant back. There are several watch points scattered throughout Kaziranga, and we are allowed out on foot at these. We will make daily forays, twice a day into various ranges of the park and the nearby Panbari Reserve Forest by jeep. One morning we will take an elephant safari.

### **20 Jan: Kaziranga National Park - Guwahati**

In the morning, after birding in the surrounding areas, we will drive 220 Kms in 4.30 hrs to Guwahati. Upon arrival visit the Greater & Lesser Adjutant stork site. Overnight stay at Hotel Raj Mahal.

### **21 Jan: Transfer to Guwahati airport**

Early morning another visit to Greater Adjutant site if required. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Later you will transfer to the airport for your departure flights. TOUR ENDS

## Tour Logistics

### **Baggage**

Soft luggage is preferable.

For the Namdhapa trek, suitcases and items not required during the trek will be stored at the road head ( Deban). We will provide porters/ elephants, to carry your personal rucksack/ hold all. You do not have to carry anything except your binoculars, camera, Bird book etc. If you need to carry additional heavy equipment like tripod, telescope etc, we will arrange porter at extra cost @ USD 12 per day

### **Walking:**

Walking is easy along the river valley. Altitude 350 m to 850 m.

### **Medical**

Although January is not a "malaria month", but do consult your doctor to start malaria prophylactic, if advised. Carry your personal medical kit and insect repellent. Peter is trained by the Wilderness medicine Institute of USA, and will be carrying a first aid kit, and medicines for common problems.

### **Vehicle**

Travel will be in an all-weather MUV, with your baggage carried in the rear compartment and on the roof rack

### **Accommodation**

On the trek, we will provide you one tent per person with foam -backed sleeping mat. You may bring inflatable mattress if you want more comfort. (We will carry it for you) Bring your own sleeping bags. However we can arrange these on request.

There will be one field toilet and one bathing tent for the group. Bathing is by bucket and mug.

Hotel rooms are catered for on twin share. Single rooms will be arranged on request. Extra will have to be paid as actual.

### Meals, Drinking water and Beverages

We will provide all meals. There will be a separate dining tent with table and chairs for dining and multipurpose use. If you have any diet restrictions or are a vegetarian, do inform us.

Drinking water provided will be from local springs, after boiling. If you are fussy about using only bottled water, we will carry bottled mineral water if requested at extra cost. Cater for USD 35 for the entire trek (07 days).

Hard liquor is not permitted within Namdhapa NP. We provide tea, coffee, and juices as part of the service. At all other places bars will be open.

### Park entry fee

Is included in the price

### Camera fees Extra to be paid

Namdhapa NP: Prices per day (These are official rates- Not strictly enforced)

- Still camera USD 5
- Tele lens camera: USD 10
- Video: USD 20

Kaziranga NP: Prices per day (strictly enforced)

- Still camera USD 12
- Tele lens camera: USD 10
- Video: USD 25

Birds species seen on the trip 7-21 January 2004	Namdapha	Dibru Saikhowa	Kaziranga	Note of highlights
Compiled by Niels Poul Dreyer & Ketil Knudsen <a href="http://www.dreyerfoto.dk">www.dreyerfoto.dk</a>	7 days	3 days	5 days	15 days in the field
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	270	25	
Little Cormorant	Phalacrocorax niger	300		500
Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster	4	10	40
Spot-billed Pelican	Pelecanus philippensis			50
				Colonies
Gray Heron	Ardea cinerea			8
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea			3
Great Egret	Ardea alba			+100
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta			+150
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia			+40
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis			common
Indian Pond-Heron	Ardeola grayii		+250	+250
Striated Heron	Butorides striatus	1	10	
Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus sinensis			2
Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans			100
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	6	8	14
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus			12
Black-necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus			10
Lesser Adjutant	Leptoptilos javanicus			50
Greater Adjutant	Leptoptilos dubius			4
				25 Guwahati
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus			2
Oriental Honey-Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus			5
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus			2
Black Kite	Milvus migrans		1	
				+35 Guwahati
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus			2
Pallas's Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus leucoryphus			5 +2 nest

White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	2			
Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>		1	12	
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>		5*	1	Enroute to Dibrugarh
Long-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>		10*	5	Enroute to Dibrugarh
Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>			2	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		1	3	
Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>			5	
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>			1	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1		2	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			9	
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>	1			Hornbill
Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>			3	
Pied Falconet	<i>Microhierax melanoleucus</i>	5	2		4 at Hornbill
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1			Deban
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			1	
Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			+150	
Graylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			250	
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>			1000	
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		25	150	
White-winged Duck	<i>Cairina scutulata</i>	1			Rani jheel
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>			125	
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		25	75	
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			3	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		+25	20	
Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>		250	+50	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		25	75	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		18	12	
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			15	
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		12	20	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		10	50	
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	60	23		
Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>			10	
Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	H			
White-cheeked Partridge	<i>Arborophila atrogularis</i>	1+ 2H			Rani jheel
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>			1	Tea Gardens
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>			20	
Gray Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>	2 + 8H			
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>				Ketil Knudsen
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	2			Enroute
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		2		
Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		5	1	
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		16		
Bengal Florican	<i>Eupodotis bengalensis</i>			1 female	Elephant Ride
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>			50	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		10	+50	
Gray-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>			14	
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>		10	+50	
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucellii</i>	1	2		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		8		
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			4	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		1	1	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		10	10	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		8		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			2	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>		5	10	
Solitary Snipe	<i>Gallinago solitaria</i>	1			
Pintail Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>			1	
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>			1	Guwahati
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		3		

Great Thick-knee	Burhinus recurvirostris			1	
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus		1		
Great Black-headed Gull	Larus ichthyaetus		1		
River Tern	Sterna aurantia			15	
Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon	Treron apicauda				
Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon	Treron sphenura	1			
Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera	+50		75	
Green Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula aenea		2 mating	+12	
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula badia	10			
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia		x	x	
Pale-capped Pigeon	Columba punicea	3			Bulbulia
Oriental Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia orientalis			1	
Red Collared-Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica			1	
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis		x	x	
Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria			+100	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri			+25	
Red-breasted Parakeet	Psittacula alexandri			3	Eastside of Kazinranga
Blossom-headed Parakeet	Psittacula roseata			25	Tea Gardens
Green-billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus tristis			1	Tea Gardens
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis			12	
Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum	1+4 H			
Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides	1	2	8	
Spotted Owlet	Athene brama			2	
Asian Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	5	12	+25	
Red-headed Trogon	Harpactes erythrocephalus	4			
Crested Kingfisher	Megaceryle lugubris	1			
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis		20	20	
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	1	2		
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis		4	4	
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis		5	25	
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus			1	Tea Gardens
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctionis athertoni	1			
Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	4	2	12	
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops			1	
Rufous-necked Hornbill	Aceros nipalensis	+10			
Wreathed Hornbill	Aceros leucocephalus	12			
Oriental Pied-Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris	12		1	
Great Hornbill	Buceros bicornis				
Great Barbet	Megalaima virens	+10			
Lineated Barbet	Megalaima lineata		4	10	
Golden-throated Barbet	Megalaima franklinii	1			
Blue-throated Barbet	Megalaima asiatica	+25			Flowering trees
Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala			1	Enroute to G
Speckled Piculet	Picumnus innominatus	2			
White-browed Piculet	Sasia ochracea	1		1	Tea Gardens
Rufous Woodpecker	Celeus brachyurus	5			
Gray-faced Woodpecker	Picus canus				
Greater Yellownape	Picus flavinucha			1	Tea Gardens
Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus	8			
Black-rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense			4	
Pale-headed Woodpecker	Gecinulus grantia	1			
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Dendrocopos hyperythrus	1			
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos atratus	2			
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei	2		1	
Bay Woodpecker	Blythipicus pyrrhotis	4			
Silver-breasted Broadbill	Serilophus lunatus	1			Ketil Knudsen
Long-tailed Broadbill	Parlsonus dalhousiae	5			
Rufous-winged Lark	Mirafra assamica			2	
Indian Short-toed Lark	Calandrella raytal		5		
Sky Lark	Alauda arvensis			1	

Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola	10 nest	x	x	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		x	x	
Asian House-Martin	Delichon dasypus	20			
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		25	25	
Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola	1			
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	12	x	x	
Richard's Pipit	Anthus richardi			1	
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis			1	Tea Gardens
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	6	2	2	
Rosy Pipit	Anthus roseatus		2	5	
Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei			6	
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	Coracina melaschistos	4			
Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus			20	
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus	+25			
Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	Hemipus hirundinaceus	3			
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis gularis	2			
Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus	1			
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus		x	x	
Himalayan Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucogenys	15			
Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	20	x	x	
White-throated Bulbul	Alophoixus flaveolus	+100			
Ashy Bulbul	Hemixos flavala	+25			
Mountain Bulbul	Hypsipetes mccllellandii	1			Ketil Knudsen
Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	+500			flocks
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia		4		
Blue-winged Leafbird	Chloropsis cochinchinensis	1			
Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons	5			Flowering trees
Orange-bellied Leafbird	Chloropsis hardwickii	+200			Flowering trees
Asian Fairy-Bluebird	Irena puella	2			
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus				
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach				
Gray-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	25			
Rusty-bellied Shortwing	Brachypteryx hyperythra	1			Deban-Hornbill
Lesser Shortwing	Brachypteryx leucophrys	+5			
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica			1	
White-tailed Rubythroat	Luscinia pectoralis	H	2		
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis				Also enroute
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus			3	
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus aureus			1	
Plumbeous Water-Redstart	Rhyacornis fuliginosus				
White-tailed Robin	Cinclidium leucurum	5		2	
Slaty-backed Forktail	Enicurus schistaceus				
White-crowned Forktail	Enicurus leschenaulti				
Green Cochoa	Cochoa viridis	2			Forest walk from Embeong -Firm Base
Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata		x		
White-capped Water-Redstart	Chaimarrornis leucocephalus	+10			
Blue Whistling-Thrush	Myiophonus caeruleus	x			
Streaked Babbler	turdoides earlei		1		Photographed by Ketil
Spot-throated Babbler	Pellorneum albiventre	1			NPD at Ranjheel
Large Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus hypoleucos	2			Solitary singing
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus schisticeps			1	Tea Gardens
Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps	4			Bamboo flocks
Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus ferruginosus	2			Bamboo flocks
Streaked Wren-Babbler	Napothera brevicaudata	3			Hornbill-Deban
Eye-browed Wren-Babbler	Napothera epilepidota	1			Ketil Knudsen Hornbill
Rufous-capped Babbler	Stachyris ruficeps			1	Tea Gardens
Golden Babbler	Stachyris chrysaea	+5			Bamboo flock
Gray-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps	+5			Bamboo flock

Snowy-throated Babbler@	Stachyris oglei	5			Understory Ranjheel-Bulbulia
Chestnut-capped Babbler	Timalia pileata	1	1		
Jerdon's Babbler	Chrysomma altirostre		2		
White-crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus	Flocks		1	Flock
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger	Flocks			Flock
Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax pectoralis	Flocks			Flock
Rufous-necked Laughingthrush	Garrulax ruficollis			+25	Tea Gardens
Silver-eared Mesia	Leiothrix argentauris	Flocks			
Black-headed Shrike-Babbler	Pteruthius rufiventer	1			
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	Pteruthius flaviscapis	6			
White-hooded Babbler	Gampsorhynchus rufulus	25			
Rusty-fronted Barwing	Actinodura egertoni	2			
Blue-winged Minla	Minla cyanouroptera	2			
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneiceps	Flocks			Midstory
Rufous-throated Fulvetta	Alcippe rufogularis	Flocks			Understory
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	Alcippe poioicephala	Flocks			Midstory
Nepal Fulvetta	Alcippe nipalensis	Flocks			
Rufous-backed Sibia	Heterophasia annectens	2			
Long-tailed Sibia	Heterophasia picaoides	Flocks			
Striated Yuhina	Yuhina castaniceps	Flocks			Deban
White-naped Yuhina	Yuhina bakeri	2			
Whiskered Yuhina	Yuhina flavicollis	Flocks			Mixed species
Stripe-throated Yuhina	Yuhina gularis	Flocks			Mixed species
Black-chinned Yuhina	Yuhina nigrimenta	Flocks			Mostly same sp.
White-bellied Yuhina	Yuhina zantholeuca	10			
Black-breasted Parrotbill	Paradoxornis flavirostris			2	Taped out
Red-headed Parrotbill	Paradoxornis ruficeps	+35			Bamboo flocks
Slaty-bellied Tesia	Tesia olivea	+5			
Pale-footed Bush-Warbler	Cettia pallidipes		3		
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris	+15			Enroute out of park
Bristled Grassbird	Chaetornis striatus	4			Very dark yellow
Rufous-rumped Grassbird	Graminicola bengalensis			1	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		5		
Rufous-vented Prinia	Prinia burnesii		1		Ketil Knudsen
Graceful Prinia	Prinia gracilis		1		
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris		3		
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	+10	5	5	
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius			1	Tea Gardens
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus			1	
Smoky Warbler	Phylloscopus fulgiventis		1		
Tickell's Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus affinis		5		
Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis	+3			
Inornate Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	7	5		
Greenish Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides		5		
Eastern Crowned-Warbler	Phylloscopus coronatus		2		Very large
Blyth's Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus reguloides	2	1		
Gray-hooded Warbler	Seicercus xanthoschistos	2			
White-spectacled Warbler	Seicercus affinis	20	2	1	
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Seicercus castaniceps	3			
Broad-billed Warbler	Tickellia hodgsoni		2		In bamboo flock NPD only
Rufous-faced Warbler	Abroscopus albogularis		7		In bamboo flock NPD only
Slaty-backed ficedula hodgsonii		1	1		Ketil Knudsen only
Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula parva	2		2	
Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula westermanni			1	Tea Gardens
Large Niltava	Niltava grandis	2			
Small Niltava	Niltava macgrigoriae	3			
Rufous-bellied Niltava	Niltava sundara	1			

Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis	+25	+4	+10	
Yellow-bellied Fantail	Rhipidura hypoxantha	+10			
White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis	+10			
Black-throated Tit	Aegithalos concinnus	Flock			
Great Tit	Parus major		5	5	
Sultan Tit	Melanochloa sultanea	Flocks			Very common at Hornbill
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	Sitta castanea	4			
Beautiful Nuthatch	Sitta formosa	2			
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum		1		
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	Anthreptes singalensis		1		
Green-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis	5			
Black-throated Sunbird	Aethopyga saturata	5			
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja			1	
Streaked Spiderhunter	Arachnothera magna	+50			Flowering trees
Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	+25	5	Flocks	Tea Gardens
Black-faced Bunting	Emberiza spodocephala		6		
White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata	25	10	20	
Black-headed Munia	Lonchura malacca		15		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	x	x		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	x	x		
Baya Weaver	Ploceus philippinus				
Spot-winged Starling	Saroglossa spiloptera	+10	+10		Flowering tree
Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnus malabaricus	1	12		Flowering tree
Asian Pied Starling	Sturnus contra				
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	x	x	x	
Bank Myna	Acridotheres ginginianus		2	4	
Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus	x	x	x	
White-vented Myna	Acridotheres grandis			6	
Hill Myna	Gracula religiosa	+50			
Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	2	2	5	
Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii	4			
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus		7	2	
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	Flock +200			
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer	2		2	
Spangled Drongo	Dicrurus bracteatus	5			
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	35		10	
Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus			3	Enroute to Guwahiti
Green Magpie	Cissa chinensis	5		3	
Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda			10	
Collared Treepie	Dendrocitta frontalis	2			
House Crow	Corvus splendens	x	x	x	
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	x	x	x	
OTTER				6	
Rhino				25	
Elephant				100	
Wild Pig				20	
Swamp Deer				x	
Asian Hog deer				x	
Barking Deer				x	
Great Pied Squerrel		x			
Gibbon		x			
Petaurista petaurista		2			