

Tour Report

Eaglenest & Assam 2013

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Introduction

A tour of Seventeen days took us to Nameri National Park, Dirang, Shangti Valley, Sela pass , Mandala , Eaglenest WLS, Kaziranga National Park , Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Digboi .

Our tour program as designed covered us the hill birds of Arunachal Pradesh as well as the birds of the flood plains of Assam and yield us a total of **473** species of which some of the highlight species were Ward's Trogon ,Beautiful Nuthatch , Grandala , Green Cochoa ,Bugun Liorchichla , Snow Partridge and the Royal Bengal Tiger. We were very luck with weather as we always had a narrow escape with the rains and most of our days were sunny and comfortable.



Sela Lake – Tawang District, Arunachal

Details of the Tour

We started our tour from Guwahati with a short stoppage in the city garbage dump for the Greater Adjutant and drive for 05 hours to Nameri Eco-camp with couple of stoppage to pick species like Pied Harrier, Lesser Whistling duck, Black –shoulder Kite, Lesser Adjutant and Black Drongs. The next day we had an early start with a trek inside the park after crossing the Jia-Bhorali River to look out for the White-winged Duck which according to the forest guards was not see for a week as they believed that the bird was breeding inside the forest but later I came to a conclusion that it was disturbed from the main pond area by photographer but the morning was full with species like the Barred Cuckoo Dove, Sultan tit, Great Thick knee, Eurasian Thick-knee , Green Imperial Pigeon and many more . Afternoon session was with a rafting along the Jia Bhorali River for the species like Ibisbill, Small Partincole , Crested Kingfisher , Sand Martin ,River Lapwing , Wreathed Hornbills , Black-necked Stroke and Grey headed Fish Eagle .



Red-Headed Bullfinch feeding, Mandala Road

The next stage of our tour we headed towards the hill state of Arunachal Pradesh with our morning session in the lower Bamboo forest with species like Mountain Bulbul, Grey-throated Babbler, Yellow-bellied Warbler, Pale-headed Woodpecker, White-hooded Babbler, Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill, Silver-eared Mesia, a pair of Rufous-necked Hornbill and many more. We discovered a big fig tree which had loads of Black Bulbul, Golden Throated Barbet, and Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Wedged-tailed Green Pigeon, Asian-fairy Bluebirds with a sight of Yellow-throated Marten feeding on the same figs. On our way we made couple of stoppages to tick species like the rare Blyth's Kingfisher, Small Forktail, Slaty-backed Forktail. We arrived in the town of Dirang in the late evening.

We had a total of four days in our hand to bird in and around Dirang so we made up a thoughtful plan to give two days to the Mandala road and two days for Sela Pass. First morning we did the Shangti valley with species like the Long-billed Plover, Black-tailed Crane, Crested Bunting, little Bunting, Wallcreeper, Long-tailed Shrike, Russet Sparrow, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker and rest of the day was spent in Mandala road with species like Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, Plain-backed Thrush, Coal Tit, Rufous fronted Tit, Black-throated Tit, Grey-crested Tit, Russet Bush Warbler, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler and many more on our second visit to the Mandala road we spend the whole day with some of the special species like Bar-winged Wren Babblers, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler, Pygmy-Blue Flycatcher, Fire-tailed Myzornis and Golden Bush Robin.



Scarlet Backed Flowerpecker in Kaziranga & Fire-breasted Flowerpecker in Shangti Valley

On our two days venture to Sela pass the first day was bit disappointment with the heavy snow and bad weather in the pass as we could hardly make it to the top of the pass but still we had species like the Plain-mountain Finch, Himalayan Buzzard, White-winged Grosebeak, Fire-tailed Sunbird, poor view of the Grandala flying at a distant and a pair of Blue Sheep a scope view while scanning the opposite mountain from the road. Second visit to Sela pass was good weather but the pass was blocked with the broken-down truck so we spend the morning in the lower area with the species like Himalayan Bluetail, Alpine Accentor, Snow Partridges and afternoon on the pass we had a lovely view of a male Grandala.

The next part of the tour we headed from Dirang to the main part of the tour Eaglenest WLS where we had in total four days, we did birding all the way to Bomdila with the species like Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, White-breasted Parrotbill, Blue-winged Laughingthrush, Rufous-throated Wren Babblers, Pygmy Wren Babblers, Bhutan Laughingthrush, Large Hawk Cuckoo and many more.

We spend first two nights in Lama camp with species on the list was as following a pair of Bugun Liorchichla, Gold-naped Finch, Scarlet Finch, Black-eared Shrike Babbler, Green Shrike Babbler, Crimson-browed Finch, Strip-throated Yuhina, Temminck's Tragopan (Heard in eagle nest pass) and many more.

We spend two nights in Bompou camp and on the way to Bompou camp from Lama Camp we were lucky to have got the Ward's Trogon which at that time was difficult. Two days Birding in Bompou camp we spend most of our time in the lower elevation around Sisnee camp with the species like the Beautiful Nuthatch, Sikkim Wedged-Billed Wren Babbler, a pair of Green Cochoa, Long-tailed Broadbill, Spotted Forktail, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler and many more.

After our Eaglenest we headed to the UNESCO world heritage site Kaziranga National Park where we ventured in different part of the park in Jeep. The highlight of the park was the sighting of the two male and female Tiger in the Central Range followed by species like the Palla's Fish eagle, Grey headed Fish Eagle, Twany Eagle and many more along with mammals like Great Indian Rhino, Swamp Deer, Hog Deer and more

The last part of the tour took us to the Eastern point of Assam in Tinsukia where we spend one full day in Dibru Saikhowa and one morning near the Digboi Oilfields. Birding in Dibru Saikhowa started with full rain storm so we could not cross the fierce water to go out in the flood plains to look out for the black-breasted Parrotbill but we did birding around Maguri bill the day we had species like the Black-faced Bunting, Blue-throat, Jorden's Babbler, Straited Grassbirds, Marsh Babbler. The last hour of our Birding we spend a couple of hours nearby the Digboi Oilfields with the species like the Chestnut-backed Laughingthrush, Dark necked Tailorbird, Drongo Cuckoo, White-Browed Scimitar Babbler, Blue-nape Pitta and the end of the our tour with a pair of Hoolock Gibbon.



Long-tailed Broadbill, Eaglenest WLS

Systemic List of Birds seen in the tour

GALLIFORMES: *Phasianidae*

1. Swamp Francolin *Francolinus gularis*
2. Snow Partridge *Lerwa lerwa*
3. Common Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola*
4. Chestnut-breasted Partridge *Arborophila mandellii*
5. White-cheeked Partridge *Arborophila atrogularis* heard only
6. Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* heard only
7. Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus tibetanus* heard only
8. Blyth's Tragopan *Tragopan blythii molesworthi* herd only
9. Temminck's Tragopan *Tragopan temminckii* heard only
10. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*
11. Kaleej Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos lathami*
12. Grey Peacock Pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*

FALCONIFORMES: *Pandionidae*

13. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

FALCONIFORMES: *Accipitridae*

14. Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo burmanicus*
15. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
16. Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
17. Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
18. Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*
19. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*
20. White-rumped Vulture *Gyps bengalensis*
21. Slender-billed Vulture *Gyps tenuirostris*
22. Himalayan Griffon *Gyps himalayensis*
23. Red-headed Vulture *Sarcogyps calvus*
24. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
25. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
26. Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*
27. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus indicus*
28. Shikra *Accipiter badius poliopsis*
29. Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
30. Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*
31. Changeable Hawk Eagle *Nisaetus limnaeetus*
32. Mountain Hawk Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis*
33. Rufous bellied Hawk Eagle *Hieraaetus kienerii*
34. Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*
35. Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*
36. Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*

FALCONIFORMES: *Falconidae*

37. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni*
38. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*
39. Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
40. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus peregrinator*

PELECANIFORMES: *Phalacrocoracidae*

- 41. Great cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
- 42. Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*
- 43. Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*
- 44. Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*

CICONIIFORMES: *Ardeidae*

- 45. Eastern Great Egret *Ardea [alba] modestus*
- 46. Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
- 47. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
- 48. Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
- 49. Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*
- 50. Striated Heron *Butorides striata*
- 51. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
- 52. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
- 53. Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

CICONIIFORMES: *Ciconiidae*

- 54. Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
- 55. Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*
- 56. Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*
- 57. Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*
- 58. Greater Adjutant *Leptoptilos dubius*
- 59. Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*
- 60. Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*

ANSERIFORMES: *Anatidae*

- 61. Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*
- 62. Greylag Goose *Anser anser*
- 63. Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*
- 64. Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*
- 65. Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*
- 66. Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*
- 67. Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*
- 68. Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*
- 69. Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*
- 70. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- 71. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
- 72. Gadwall *Anas strepera*

GRUIFORMES: *Rallidae*

- 73. White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
- 74. Black-tailed Crake *Amaurornis bicolour* (Heard only)
- 75. Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus*
- 76. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: *Jacanidae*

- 77. Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*
- 78. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasiana chirurgus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Ibisorhynchidae

- 79. Ibisbill *Ibisorhyncha struthersii*
- 80. Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae

- 81. Great Thick-knee *Burhinus recurvirostris*
- 82. Eurasian Thick-Knee *Burhinus oedicephalus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae

- 83. Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

- 84. Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*
- 85. River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*
- 86. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*
- 87. Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus*
- 88. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*
- 89. Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
- 90. Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
- 91. Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
- 92. Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
- 93. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
- 94. Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
- 95. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
- 96. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
- 97. Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
- 98. Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Sternidae

- 99. River Tern *Sterna aurantia*

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

- 100. Rock Pigeon/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*
- 101. Snow Pigeon *Columba leucostris*
- 102. Speckled Woodpigeon *Columba hodgsonii*
- 103. Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis agricola*
- 104. Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
- 105. Red Collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
- 106. Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*
- 107. Barred Cuckoo Dove *Macropygia unchall*
- 108. Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*
- 109. Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*
- 110. Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda*
- 111. Wedged Tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus*
- 112. Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron p. phoenicopterus*
- 113. Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
- 114. Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

- 115. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*
- 116. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

- 117. Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseata*
- 118. Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*
- 119. Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

- 120. Large Hawk Cuckoo *Cuculus sparverioides*
- 121. Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo *Cuculus nisicolor* Heard only
- 122. Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*
- 123. Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
- 124. Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*
- 125. Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*
- 126. Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*
- 127. Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculates*
- 128. Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris lugubris*
- 129. Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*
- 130. Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*
- 131. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
- 132. Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

- 133. Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus spilocephalus* heard only
- 134. Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia lettia* heard only
- 135. Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia sunia*
- 136. Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*
- 137. Chinese Tawny Owl *Strix nivicola* seen very briefly
- 138. Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei garoense*
- 139. Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*
- 140. Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata burmanica*

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

- 141. Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka*
- 142. Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus bimaculatus*
- 143. Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

- 144. Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris brevirostris*
- 145. Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*
- 146. Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
- 147. Blyth's /Forktail Swift *Apus leuconyx*
- 148. House Swift *Apus [affinis] nipalensis*

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

- 149. Ward's Trogon *Harpactes wardi*

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

- 150. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
- 151. Blyth's Kingfisher *Alcedo hercules*
- 152. Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis capensis*
- 153. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis perpulchra*
- 154. Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris guttulata*
- 155. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

- 156. Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*
- 157. Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*
- 158. Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*
- 159. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaultia*

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

- 160. Black-billed Roller *Coracias [benghalensis] affinis*
- 161. Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis cyanicollis*

CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae

- 162. Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

CORACIIFORMES: Bucerotidae

- 163. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*
- 164. Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*
- 165. Rufous-necked Hornbill *Aceros nipalensis*
- 166. Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus*

PICIFORMES: Capitonidae

- 167. Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*
- 168. Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*
- 169. Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*
- 170. Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*
- 171. Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

PICIFORMES: Picidae

- 172. Grey-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
- 173. Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei macei*
- 174. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus hyperythrus*
- 175. Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*
- 176. Crimson-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos cathpharius*
- 177. Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus chlorolophus*
- 178. Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*
- 179. Grey-faced Woodpecker *Picus canus hessei*
- 180. Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense*
- 181. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus guttacristatus*
- 182. Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia*
- 183. Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae

- 184. Blue-naped Pitta *Pitta nipalensis* heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae

- 185. Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*
- 186. Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

- 187. Bengal Bushlark *Mirafra assamica*
- 188. Sand Lark *Calandrella raytal raytal*
- 189. Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula vernayi*
- 190. Hume's Short-toed Lark *Calandrella acutirostris*

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

- 191. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica gutturalis*
- 192. Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*
- 193. Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalensis* cutting

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

- 194. White Wagtail *Motacilla alba alba/dukhunensis*
- 195. East Siberian Wagtail *Motacilla alba ocularis*
- 196. Amur Wagtail *Motacilla alba leucopsis*
- 197. Himalayan Wagtail *Motacilla alba alboides*
- 198. Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola citreola*
- 199. Tibetan Wagtail *Motacilla [citreola] calcarata*
- 200. Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi*
- 201. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
- 202. Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*
- 203. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*
- 204. Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*
- 205. Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni*
- 206. Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus*

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae

- 207. Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei nipalensis*
- 208. Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos*
- 209. Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus laetus*
- 210. Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*
- 211. Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*
- 212. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus semiruber*
- 213. Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*
- 214. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

- 215. Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*
- 216. Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
- 217. Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*
- 218. Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*
- 219. White-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus flaveolus*
- 220. Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava flava*
- 221. Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclellandii mcclellandii*
- 222. Himalayan Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

- 223. Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons aurifrons*
- 224. Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii hardwickii*

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

- 225. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

PASSERIFORMES: Cinclidae

- 226. Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii dorjei*

PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae

- 227. Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes nipalensis*

PASSERIFORMES: Prunellidae

- 228. Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*
- 229. Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophia*

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

- 230. Blue-capped Rock Thrush *Monticola cinclorhynchus*
- 231. Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*
- 232. Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*
- 233. Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus eugenei*
- 234. Plain-backed Thrush *Zoothera mollissima mollissima*
- 235. Small-billed Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*
- 236. White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus*
- 237. Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul*
- 238. Tickell's Thrush *Turdus unicolor*
- 239. Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys nipalensis*
- 240. White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

- 241. Black-throated Prinia *Prinia atrogularis atrogularis*
- 242. Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris flaviventris*
- 243. Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata fusca*

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

- 244. Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea*
- 245. Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*
- 246. Chestnut-headed Tesia *Cettia castaneocoronata*
- 247. Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons muroides*
- 248. Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler *Cettia major*
- 249. Hume's Bush Warbler *Horornis [acanthizoides] brunnescens*
- 250. Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler *Horornis fortipes fortipes*
- 251. Spotted Bush Warbler *Locustella thoracicus*
- 252. Russet Bush Warbler *Locustella mandelli*
- 253. Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
- 254. Thick-billed Warbler *Iduna aedon*
- 255. Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus*
- 256. Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*
- 257. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*
- 258. Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus fuscatus*
- 259. Smoky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuligiventer fuligiventer*
- 260. Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*
- 261. Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*
- 262. Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*
- 263. Lemon-rumped Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus chloronotus*
- 264. Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*
- 265. Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides trochiloides*
- 266. Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides reguloides*
- 267. Yellow-vented Warbler *Phylloscopus cantator*

- 268. Grey-hooded Warbler *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos*
- 269. Whistler's Warbler *Seicercus whistleri whistleri*
- 270. Green-crowned Warbler *Seicercus burkii*
- 271. Grey-cheeked Warbler *Seicercus poliogenys*
- 272. Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*
- 273. Rufous-faced Warbler *Abroscopus albogularis*
- 274. Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*
- 275. Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps flavimentalis*
- 276. Broad-billed Warbler *Tickellia hodgsoni*
- 277. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

- 278. Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica*
- 279. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophciata*
- 280. Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*
- 281. Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*
- 282. White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula monileger monileger*
- 283. Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*
- 284. Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris aestigma*
- 285. Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor tricolor*
- 286. Sapphire Blue Flycatcher *Ficedula sapphira*
- 287. Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*
- 288. Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*
- 289. Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae*
- 290. Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*
- 291. Pale-chinned Flycatcher *Cyornis poliogenys*
- 292. Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides rubeculoides*
- 293. Pygmy Blue Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*
- 294. Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
- 295. Himalayan Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis tschebaiewi*
- 296. Siberian Rubythroat
- 297. Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica*
- 298. Himalayan Bluetail *Tarsiger rufilatus*
- 299. Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus chrysaeus*
- 300. Rufous-breasted Bush Robin *Tarsiger hyperythrus*
- 301. Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis erimelas*
- 302. White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus indicus*
- 303. Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris*
- 304. White-throated Redstart *Phoenicurus schisticeps*
- 305. Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*
- 306. White-capped Water Redstart *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*
- 307. Plumbeous Water Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*
- 308. White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum* heard only
- 309. Blue-fronted Robin *Cinclidium frontale* heard only
- 310. Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri*
- 311. Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus*

- 312. Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus guttatus*
- 313. Purple Cochoa *Cochoa purpurea*
- 314. Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis*
- 315. Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maura maurus*
- 316. Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea haringtoni*
- 317. Grandala *Grandala coelicolor*

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

- 318. Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*
- 319. White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

- 320. Bhutan Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron imbricatum*
- 321. Scaly Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron subunicolor*
- 322. Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron squamatus*
- 323. Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *T. erythrocephalus nigrimentum*
- 324. Black-faced Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron affinis bethalae*
- 325. Spotted Laughingthrush *Lanthocincla ocellatus ocellatus*
- 326. Chestnut-backed Laughingthrush *Dryonastes nuchalis*
- 327. Rufous-necked Laughingthrush *Dryonastes ruficollis*
- 328. Striated Laughingthrush *Grammatoptila striata*
- 329. White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis albogularis*
- 330. White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus leucolophus*
- 331. Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger monileger*
- 332. Grey-sided Laughingthrush *Garrulax caerulatus caerulatus*
- 333. Crimson-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*
- 334. Bugun Liocichla *Liocichla bugunorum*
- 335. Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*
- 336. Marsh Babbler *Pellorneum palustre*
- 337. White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*
- 338. Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis godwini*
- 339. Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*
- 340. Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*
- 341. Scaly-breasted Cupwing *Pnoepyga albiventer*
- 342. Pygmy Cupwing *Pnoepyga pusilla*
- 343. Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler *Sphenocichla humei*
- 344. Rufous-throated Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis caudatus*
- 345. Bar-winged Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis troglodytoides sherriffi*
- 346. Spotted Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis formosus*
- 347. Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons ambigua*
- 348. Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyris ruficeps ruficeps*
- 349. Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*
- 350. Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps nigriceps*
- 351. Pin-striped Tit Babbler *Macronous gularis*
- 352. Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*
- 353. Jerdon's Babbler *Chrysomma altirostre griseigulare*
- 354. Marsh Babbler *Pellorneum palustre*

355. Slender-billed Babbler *Turdoides longirostris*
356. Striated Babbler *Turdoides earlei*
357. Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentea*
358. Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea calipyga*
359. Himalayan Cutia *Cutia nipalensis*
360. White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*
361. Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni*
362. Streak-throated Barwing *Actinodura waldeni daflaensis*
363. Blue-winged Siva *Siva cyanouroptera*
364. Chestnut-tailed Minla *Chrysominla strigula yunnanensis*
365. Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*
366. Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Liparus chrysotis*
367. Yellow-throated Fulvetta *Pseudominla cinerea*
368. Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Pseudominla castaneiceps*
369. Ludlow's Fulvetta *Fulvetta ludlowi*
370. Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis*
371. Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectens*
372. Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*
373. Beautiful Sibia *Heterophasia pulchella nigroaurita*
374. White-naped Yuhina *Yuhina bakeri*
375. Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*
376. Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*
377. Rufous-vented Yuhina *Yuhina occipitalis*
378. Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta*
379. Fire-tailed Myzornis *Myzornis pyrrhura*

PASSERIFORMES: Paradoxornithidae

380. Brown Parrotbill *Cholornis unicolor*
381. Black-throated Parrotbill *Sinornis nipalensis poliotis*
382. Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill *Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris*
383. White-breasted Parrotbill *Psittiparus ruficeps*

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

384. Red-crowned (Black-throated) Tit *Aegithalos concinnus rubricapillus*
385. Rufous-fronted Tit *Aegithalos iouschistos*

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

386. Coal Tit *Parus ater aemodius*
387. Grey-crested Tit *Lophophanes dichrous dichrous*
388. Rufous-vented Tit *Parus rubidiventris*
389. Grey Tit *Parus [major] cinereus nipalensis*
390. Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*
391. Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*
392. Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*
393. Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

394. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris*
395. White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*

- 396. Beautiful Nuthatch *Sitta Formosa*
- 397. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*
- 398. Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*

PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae

- 399. Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis*
- 400. Hodgson's Treecreeper *Certhia hodgsoni*

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

- 401. Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*
- 402. Mrs Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae isolata*
- 403. Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis nipalensis*
- 404. Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata assamensis*
- 405. Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*
- 406. Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja labecula*
- 407. Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*
- 408. Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

- 409. Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*
- 410. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*
- 411. Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

- 412. Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

- 413. Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris* heard only
- 414. Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*
- 415. Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

PASSERIFORMES: Irenidae

- 416. Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella*

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

- 417. Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus cristatus*
- 418. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach tricolor*
- 419. Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

PASSERIFORMES: Prionopidae

- 420. Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

- 421. Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus albrictus*
- 422. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus hopwoodi*
- 423. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
- 424. Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*
- 425. Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus*
- 426. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus grandis*

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

- 427. Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

- 428. Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris flavirostris*
- 429. Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

- 430. Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda vagabunda*
- 431. Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae himalayensis*
- 432. Collared Treepie *Dendrocitta frontalis*
- 433. Spotted Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes macella*
- 434. Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
- 435. House Crow *Corvus splendens splendens*
- 436. Eastern Jungle Crow *Corvus [macrorhynchos] levaillantii*
- 437. Large-billed Crow *Corvus [macrorhynchos] japonensis*

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

- 438. Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa peninsularis*
- 439. Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus*
- 440. White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis*
- 441. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*
- 442. Asian Pied Starling *Gracupica contra*
- 443. Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica*

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae

- 444. Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus burmanicus*
- 445. Black-breasted Weaver *Ploceus benghalensis*

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

- 446. White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata acuticauda*

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

- 447. Crested Bunting *Melophus lathamii*
- 448. Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*
- 449. Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala*

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

- 450. Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola*
- 451. Brandt's Mountain Finch *Leucosticte brandti*
- 452. Crimson-browed Finch *Pinicola subhimachala*
- 453. Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*
- 454. Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus roseatus*
- 455. Blanford's Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubescens*
- 456. Dark-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus edwardsii*
- 457. Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus thura*
- 458. Yellow-breasted Greenfinch *Carduelis spinoides*
- 459. Brown Bullfinch *Pyrrhula nipalensis*
- 460. Red-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*
- 461. Grey-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythaca*
- 462. Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos*
- 463. White-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas carinipes*
- 464. Gold-naped Finch *Pyrrhoplectes epauletta*
- 465. Scarlet Finch *Haematospiza sipahi*

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

- 466. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
- 467. Russet Sparrow *Passer rutilans*
- 468. Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidea

- 469. Blyth's Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*
- 470. Black-headed Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius rufiventer*
- 471. Green Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus*
- 472. Black-eared Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*
- 473. Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Mammals

- 1. Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*
- 2. Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah*
- 3. Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandi*
- 4. Smooth-coated Otter *Lutrogale perspicillata*
- 5. Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula*
- 6. Hoolock Gibbon *Hoolock hoolock*
- 7. Capped Langur *Trachypithecus pileatus*
- 8. Assam Macaque *Macaca assamensis*
- 9. Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta*
- 10. Eurasian Wild Pig *Sus scrofa*
- 11. Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*
- 12. Swamp Deer *Cervus duvaucelii*
- 13. Hog Deer *Axis porcinus*
- 14. Blue Sheep *Pseudois nayaur*
- 15. Wild Water Buffalo *Bubalus arnee*
- 16. Indian Rhinoceros *Rhinoceros unicornis*
- 17. Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*
- 18. Tiger *Panthera tigris*

The Total species of birds for the trip is **473** out of which 13 are heard.



Snow Partridge feeding in Sela Pass

Pictures from the Tour



Green Shrike Babbler

Eaglenest WLS, one of the cutie small bird of the eastern Himalayas gave us a long view and posed for our camera

Pygmy-blue Flycatcher

Mandala Road, one of the small flycatchers awaited us for a good view



Snowy-browed Flycatcher

Eaglenest WLS, the bird was breeding in one of the Tragopan Trail.



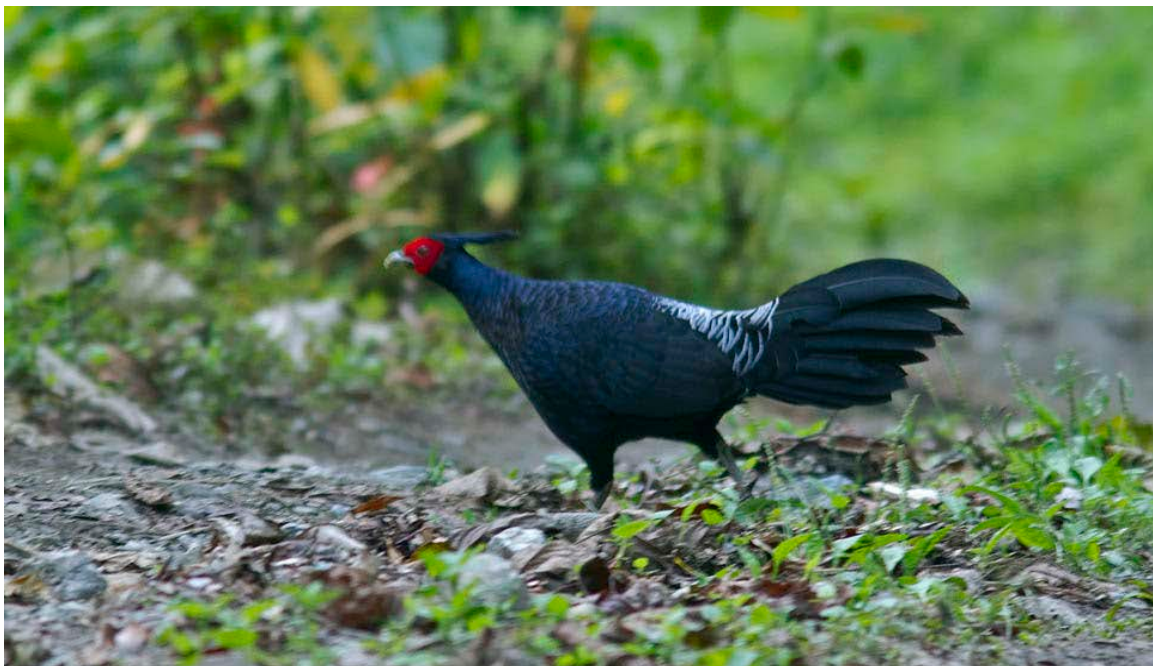


Crimson-browed Finch

Eaglenest, The male was greedily feeding on the tender leaves just by the side of the path that allowed us close view and photo

Great Pied Hornbill

Nameri , The Male Bird Flew above our heads as we were crossing the Jia-Bhorali river .



Kalij Pheasant

A beautiful male Kalij Pheasant seen often feeding on the small pebbles on the path below Bompu Camp

Beautiful Nuthatch

One of the special birds of Eastern Himalayas gave us a long time views.



Streak – throated Barwing

On a hot sunny day the bird was cooling with a bath in Eaglenest. This particular species of barwing is believed to be a cross breeds between Hoary and Streak Throated

Paris Peacock

On our lunch stop in Sessa, a beautiful shining green Butterfly was mud-puddling just on the side of the road



Ibisbill flying over the Jia-Bhorali River in Nameri



Golden Babbler

One of the lovely coloured species from Eaglenest

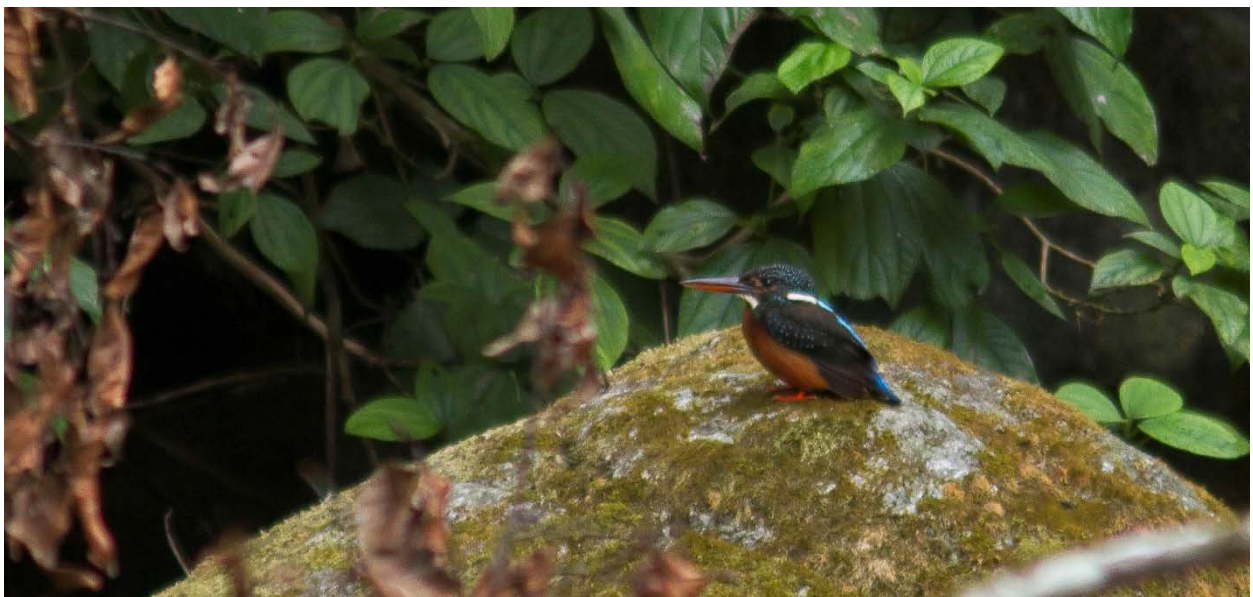


Yellow-throated Fulvetta

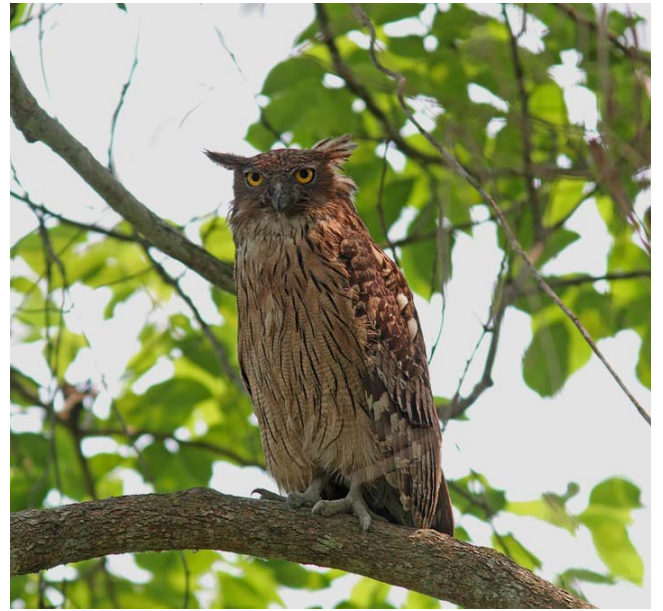
One of the common bird of Eaglenest mostly moving in a flock like a rain drops in the ground



Dark-necked Tailorbird in Kaziranga & Rufous -vented Yuhina in Mandala



A rare Blyth's Kingfisher on the way to Dirang



Grey-headed Fish Eagle watching out his hunting ground & Brown Fish Owl in his breeding territory, Kaziranga NP



Hair-crested Drongo & common Snipe in Kaziranga National Park



Indian one-horned Rhino : The pride of Assam



The Group Birding just below Sela Pass ,one of the best scenic place on Earth



Bompou Camp: opened after close for 2years is one of the comfortable camps at an altitude of 1700 meters in Eaglenest WLS.



From Right- Sakari, Marja, Jarkko,Jenni,Petteri,Hanna,Anderas ,Heikki and Myself Chewang