

TRAVELREPORT

Eagle's Nest

Passerine birding on its best

15-04 t/m 01-05-2011



Grandala 20-04 Sela Pass, there is only one blue colour in the world after this bird.

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ITENERARY

- **Fri 15-04:** Flew from Brussels in the early morning to London Heathrow. Later that afternoon flew to Delhi to arrive on the next day.
- **Sat 16-04:** Flew from Delhi to Guwahati. After arrival drove to Nameri, ending a long travel.
- **Sun 17-04:** Birded at Nameri, after crossing the river in the lowlands. In the morning together with four Dutch birders (o.a. Peter Maaskant and Hemme Batjes) seeing a strange duck....
- **Mon: 18-04:** In the early morning owling at Nameri later on travelled with birding stops (Blue-naped Pitta) to Dirang to arrive in the evening.
- **Thue 19-04:** Mandala Road beyond Mandela village, to the pass (3.100 meter)
- **Wed 20-04:** Birding from Sela Pass (4080 meter) down to Dirang
- **Thur 21-04:** Birding at Mandala Road again, beyond the village. In the afternoon at Sangti Valley.
- **Fri 22-04:** Birding to Sela Pass, a little bit later than on 20-04 and slowly on the way back.
- **Sat 23-04:** In the morning at Mandala road (lower down area), later on driving to Lama Camp at Eagle's Nest arriving just before dark.
- **Sun 24-04:** Birding around Lama Camp (2.200 meter)
- **Mon 25-04:** Birding from Lama Camp to Eagle's Nest Pass.
- **Thue 26-04:** Left very early from Lama Camp to bird Eagle's Nest Pass, later on drove to the other site at Sunderview Camp.
- **Wed 27-04:** Birded down via Bompou Camp to Sesni Camp.
- **Thur 28-04:** Same route as the day before
- **Fri 29-04:** Birded around Sunderview Camp, later down to Bompou Camp and back up to Sunderview Camp
- **Sat 30-04:** Birded on the route from Sunderview Camp, over the pass to Lama Camp and later on drove to Tezpur.
- **Sun 01-05:** Drove from Tezpur to Guwahati via the rubbish Dump. Later that night flew to London and to Brussel;



Map of the area (nicked from an other report), Kaziranga NP not visited. Dirang is to the NW of Eaglenest



In memory of Rob Goldbach who died, killed by an Elephant two years ago. I had an experience with Elephants in Eagle's Nest. These animals are totally invisible (see digi's) and as an inexperienced birder in that area I almost bumped in to a mother and calf less than 100 meters away but hidden in the vegetation. Luckily our Indian guides started running and warned me....

Legenda:

***AAAA** = New (Holarctic) Species (**73**)

***AAAA** = New Species not Holarctic (**138**)

AAAAA = Good species for the trip or for me

*The list order is conform Palearctic Birds by Beaman with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue mainly based on publications in the "important magazines". Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important and really visible in the field. The totals of birds per species are just a total of the birds I saw to give an idea how many of a species you encounter during a trip. Only species seen are mentioned. A total of **345** species was seen by myself*

The weather was variable with weather types constantly moving in and out during the trip. We were lucky with the rain, only one morning until 11 A.M. kept us from birding. On the higher altitudes the weather could be very cold (freezing), especially in the early morning. In the valleys the temperature could raise to 39C.

Useful Addresses and links:

<http://allindiabirdingtours.com/> - Ground agent (Peter Lobo)

<https://skydrive.live.com/?cid=e4bbdf8b2917abcd&sc=photos&id=E4BBDF8B2917ABCD%211972> (pics from our trip)

[http://www.birdquest-tours.com/pdfs/report/INDIA%20\(EAGLENEST\)%20REP%2011%20ebook.pdf](http://www.birdquest-tours.com/pdfs/report/INDIA%20(EAGLENEST)%20REP%2011%20ebook.pdf) (trip report by Hannu)



The “Temminck’s trojants” having breakfast after seeing a very fine male Temminck’s Tragopan (see report)



Lama Camp (above) and Sunder-View Camp. Great quite comfortable tents in the middle of the bird action!

THE BIRDSPECIES

Podicipedidae	Great Crested Grebe - Podiceps cristatus	22-4-2011 3 ex. at one of the small lakes at Sela Pass
Phalacrocoracidae	Little Cormorant - Phalacrocorax niger Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo	Seen in small numbers in the lowlands near water. 17-04 2 ex. at Nameri
Ardeidae	Little Egret - Egretta garzetta Great Egret - Casmerodius albus Eastern Cattle - Egret Bubulcus ibis Purple Heron - Ardea purpurea Indian Pond-Heron - Ardeola grayii	Seen in small numbers in the lowlands near water. 17-04 1 ex. near Nameri and 1 bird on the way from Tezpur Common in the lowlands in breeding plumage. 16-04 1 ex. on the way to Nameri Very common in the lowlands in breeding plumage (for a change)
Ciconidae	Asian Openbill - Anastomus oscitans *<u>Lesser Adjutant - Leptoptilus javanicus</u> *<u>Greater Adjutant - Leptoptilus dubius</u>	Common in the lowlands sometimes in small flocks 17-04 1 ex. on the way to Nameri and 01-05 10 ex, spread over the morning in the lowlands and Dump (1), ID based on size and wing pattern. 16-04 1 ex, in flight on the way to Nameri, 01-05 180 ex at the rubbish Dump of Guwahati, some in breeding plumage also the white wing panel was visible see: http://www.youtube.com/user/maxberlijn#p/u/15/7YqqiFlMETM
Anatidae	*<u>White-winged Duck Cairina scutulata</u> Lesser Whistling-duck - Dendrocygna bicolor Ruddy Shelduck - Tadorna ferruginea	17-04 1 ex, seen three times in flight at a ditch at Nameri, nice big duck with many spots on the head, a bit like Muscovy. Seen in small flocks in the lowlands. 22-4-2011 1 ex. at one of the small lakes at Sela Pass
Accipitridae	*<u>Jerdon's Baza - Aviceda jerdoni</u> Oriental Honey-Buzzard - Pernis ptilorhynchus Black-shouldered Kite - Elanus caeruleus Brahminy Kite - Haliastur indus Black Kite - Milvus migrans ssp: <i>migrans+lineatus</i> ? <u>Pallas's Fish-Eagle - Haliaeetus leucoryphus</u> Himalayan Griffon Vulture - Gyps himalayensis Lammergeir - Gypaetus barbatus Crested Serpent-Eagle - Spilornis cheela	17-04 1 imm. at Nameri, no rufous on the underwingcoverts 16-04 1 ex. flying along the way to Nameri 01-05 1 ex. seen flying along the way to Guwahati 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri, rare in this part of India. 16-05 1 ex. seen along the way to Nameri + 01-05 both subspecies (looking like them) seen tents at the rubbish dump at Guwahati 17+18-04 a total of 4 birds seen , giving good views of which at least 1 adult Seen at several places, in Nameri (sleeping in the trees) the mountains 20-04 2 ex. flying over the monals at Sela Pass 17-04 common in Nameri, often calling + 23-04 1 ex. at the lower elevation

	Crested Goshawk - <i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	17-04 1 ex. at Nameri in flight 23-04 1 ex. giving prolonged flight views along the way
	Besra - <i>Accipiter virgatus</i> Eurasian Sparrowhawk - <i>Accipiter nisus</i>	A total of 3 birds seen spread over the trip. 25-04 1 adult sitting in a tree at the pass. Seen quite well with a plain grey face, white throat with black line, pale upper wing feathers and a quite typical structure. A good species for the aerae, probably "rained" down
	*<u>White-eyed Buzzard - Butastur teesa</u> Himalayan Buzzard - <i>Buteo (buteo) burmanicus</i> Black Eagle - <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> Steppe Eagle - <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> Rufous-bellied Eagle - <i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i> Mountain Hawk-Eagle - <i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i> Osprey - <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A total of 5 birds seen spread over the trip. A total of 6 birds seen spread over the trip, giving nice views 16-04 1 ad. flying along the way to Nameri 17-04 1 imm., without red belly at Nameri A total of 6 birds seen at Eagle's Nest, giving nice views 17-04 2 ex. flying along the river at Nameri.
Falconidae	Common Kestrel - <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> Peregrine Falcon - <i>Falco peregrinus</i> ssp: <i>peregrinator</i>	20-04 1 female somewhere on that day. 17-04 1 ad. in a tree at Nameri + 27-04 1 imm. In flight at E.N.
Phasianidae	*<u>Snow Partridge – Lerwa lerwa</u> *<u>Common Hill-Partridge - Arborophila torqueola</u> Blood Pheasant - <i>Ithaginis cruentus</i> *<u>Temminck's Tragopan - Tragopan temminckii</u> *<u>Himalayan Monal - Lophophorus impejanus</u> <u>Kalij Pheasant</u> <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> ssp: <i>melanota</i>	20-04 10 ex. in one flock at Sela Pass, good digisoped views. Heard often during the trip and saw two times well (26 +28-04) very nice birds, see: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15dHWsTET84&list=UUGtoMFQuS_fBHMb-IBd73mQ&index=1&feature=plcp 20-04 2 birds scoped up from above and seen well while crossing an open area. 26-04 1 male seen superbly well at the pass, all features seen while sitting in front of me on a bamboo stick see: http://dutchbirding.nl/news.php?ntype=17 20-04 3 males seen well for quite some time walking around at Sela Pass, first one alone and later two together, great looking birds 19-04 1 male in front of the first car (where I was luckily in) at Mandela Road.
Rallidae	*<u>Black-tailed Crane - Porzana bicolor</u> <u>Eastern Water Rail - Rallus indicus</u> Common Moorhen - <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	21-04 2 ex. seen very well in wet grass at Sangti Valley. A bit like a long-billed Spotted Crane, very dark on the underp. with a quite long greenish bill 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri. 17-04 2 ex. near Nameri
Burhinidae	Great Thick-knee - <i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	17-04 1 ex. flying along the river at Nameri
Charadriidae	Red-wattled Lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Quite commonly seen at suitable area's in the lowlands.

	River Lapwing - <i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	17-04 3 ex. at Nameri, "long time no see" for this species for me.
	Pacific Golden Plover - <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	01-05 2 ex. in summer plumage seen at an old rice field along the way
	Long-billed Plover - <i>Charadrius placidus</i>	21-04 1 ex. seen very well at close range in the river at Sangti Valley
	Little Ringed Plover - <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	A total of 3 seen at suitable area's during the trip
Scolopacidae	Common Sandpiper - <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	17-04 2 ex. at the Nameri river and 21-04 1 ex. at Sangti Valley
Glareolidae	Small Pratincole - <i>Glareola lactea</i>	17-04 10 ex, at the sandy river beaches, often in flight.
Sternidae	Brown-headed Gull – <i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>	20-04 10+ on migration over the pass 17-04 6 ex (and a chick) sitting and flying along the river at Nameri.
Columbidae	River Tern - <i>Sterna aurantia</i>	
	Snow Pigeon - <i>Columba leuconota</i>	20-04 30 ex. seen in small flocks at Sela Pass.
	*<u>Speckled Woodpigeon - <i>Columba hodgsonii</i></u>	A total of 20 birds seen spread over three days with the most (15) on 27-04
	Ashy Woodpigeon - <i>Columba pulchricollis</i>	27-04 1 ex + 28-04 25 ex. at nice views of birds perched.
	Red-collared Dove <i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	16-04 1 ex. sitting on a wire along the way.
	Oriental Turtle-Dove <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i> ssp: <i>agricola</i>	Quite common in the lowlands and hills, meena like.
	Spotted Dove <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Common in the lowlands, the most common dove there.
	*<u>Barred Cuckoo - Dove <i>Macropygia unchall</i></u>	17-04 1 female at Nameri + 4 ex. spread over three days at E.N. nice views
	*<u>Thick-billed Green - Pigeon - <i>Treron curvirostra</i></u>	17-04 2 ex. at Nameri on the campground in the scope.
	*<u>Pin-tailed Green - Pigeon <i>Treron apicauda</i></u>	17-04 1 ex. in flight at Nameri + 18-04 10 ex. in one flock along the way.
	*<u>Yellow-footed Green - Pigeon <i>Treron phoenicoptera</i></u>	16-04 5 ex. along the way to Nameri + 18-04 2 ex. along the way to Dirang.
	*<u>Wedge-tailed Green - Pigeon - <i>Treron sphenurus</i></u>	17-04 1 ex. seen well in a tree at Nameri + 28-04 1 ex. at E.N seen in the scoop, with the tail shape and bordeaux reddish shoulders.
	Green Imperial Pigeon - <i>Ducula aenea</i>	Common in Nameri
	*<u>Mountain Imperial Pigeon - <i>Ducula badia</i></u>	Seen at Nameri (11 seen there) and the lower parts of E.N. (7 seen there)
Psittacidae	*<u>Indian (Vernal) Hanging-Parrot <i>Loriculus vernalis</i></u>	17-04 6 ex., in pairs at Nameri
	Rose-ringed Parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	17-04 4 ex. at Nameri, surprisingly scarce in this part of India
	*<u>Red-breasted Parakeet - <i>Psittacula alexandri</i></u>	Common in Nameri
Cuculidae	Chestnut winged Cuckoo - <i>Clamator coromandus</i>	17-04 1 ex. seen well at Nameri.

	Asian Koel - Eudynamys scolopacea	17-04 Heard many times at Nameri
	*Asian Emerald Cuckoo - Chrysococcyx maculatus	29+30-04 1 bird seen (on the 30th very well) at E.N. very nice views of this small green cuckoo
	Greater Coucal - Centropus sinensis	Heard many times at Nameri
	Lesser Coucal - Centropus bengalensis	17-04 2 ex. seen well at Nameri
	Plantive Cuckoo - Cacomantis merulinus	Common at Nameri and other lowland localities
	*Square-tailed Drongo Cuckoo - Surniculus lugubris	17-04 3 ex. at Nameri nice views including the undertailpattern.
	Large Hawk - cuckoo	Commonly heard and sometimes seen every day of the trip.
	Hierococcyx sparverioides	22-04 1 ex. seen very well on the way to the pass singing from a tree, heard on 28+29-04. Middle size cuckoo with yellow eyering and rufous breast.
	*Whistling Hawk-cuckoo - Hierococcyx nisicolor	30-04 1 ex. heard down in the lower valley at E.N.
	Small Cuckoo - Cuculus poliocephalus	Seen from 25-04 onwards when birds seem to arrive at E.N.
	Indian Cuckoo - Cuculus micropterus	Almost seen and heard at Mandala Road area and E.N. Looking like Eurasian.
	*Himalayan Cuckoo - Cuculus saturatus	Heard and seen on four days at Mandala Road and E.N.
	Eurasian Cuckoo - Cuculus canorus	
Strigidae	Asian Barred Owlet - Glaucidium cuculoides	17+18-04 1 bird heard at Nameri and 23-04 1 bird seen well at Mandala road.
	Brown Boobook - Ninox scutulata ssp: burmanica	18-04 3 ex. at nameri in the early morning seen well
Caprimulgidae	Grey Nightjar - Caprimulgus jotaka	Heard and seen daily at E.N at dusk and down on low numbers
	Large-tailed Nightjar - Caprimulgus macrurus	17-04 1 bird seen well at Nameri
Apodidae	Himalayan Swiftlet - Aerodramus brevirostris	18-04 Commonly seen on the day + 5 ex. seen at the last days of the tour.
	White-throated Needletail - Hirundapus caudacutus ssp: nudipes	21-04 3 ex + 23-04 3 ex., migrating birds in small flocks, great views
	Silver-backed Needletail - Hirundapus cochinchinensis	17-04 4 ex. at Nameri. Checked very good for confusion with White-throated.
	Asian Palm Swift - Cypsyurus balasiensis	18-04 5 ex. seen along the way + 01-05 1 ex. seen in the lowlands.
	*Blyth's Swift - Apus leuconyx	21-04 10 ex in one flock + 28-04 10 ex., again in a flock. Species ID based on geographic situation. I did not know about the split when I saw them.
Trogonidae	*Ward's Trogon - Harpactes wardi	26-04 1 female at E.N. + 28-04 1 male at E.N, seen and heard very well also two birds where heard during the trip but not seen. Cracking birds, and very exciting to find and study them!
Alcedinidae	White-throated Kingfisher - Halcyon smyrnensis	Common in the lowlands
	Himalayan Pied Kingfisher - Cercle Lugubris	21-04 1 ex. at a stream along the Mandala Road. Nice views.
	Pied Kingfisher - Ceryle rudis	Common in the lowlands (Nameri)

Meropidae	<p>Little Green Bee-eater - Merops orientalis ssp: <i>orientalis</i> Chesnut-headed Bee-eater - Merops leschenaulti</p>	<p>17-04 3 ex. at Nameri</p> <p>17-04 common at Nameri.</p>
Coraciidae	<p>Black-billed Roller - Coracias benghalensis ssp <i>affinis</i> Dollarbird - Eurystomus orientalis</p>	<p>A total of 7 seen in the lowlands at the beginning of the trip.</p> <p>17-04 1 bird at Nameri high up in a tree, good views</p>
Upupidae	<p>Common Hoopoe - Upupa epops</p>	<p>25+26-04 1 ex. on the road to the pass at E.N. quite tame.</p>
Bucerotidae	<p>*Great Hornbill - Buceros bicornis *Rufous-necked Hornbill - Aceros nipalensis *Wreathed Hornbill - Aceros undulatus *Oriental Pied Hornbill - Anthracoceros albirostris</p>	<p>17-04 6 ex. seen in small groups at Nameri</p> <p>A total of 7 seen on three days. Mostly in flight, but also nice views in a tree</p> <p>17+18-04 a total of 16 seen in flocks in the lowlands.</p> <p>30-04 1 sitting a tree next to the road just after the border control. Quite small</p>
Capitonidae	<p>Lineated Barbet – Megalaima lineata Great Barbet - Megalaima virens *Golden-throated Barbet - Megalaima franklinii Blue-throated Barbet - Megalaima asiatica *Blue-eared Barbet - Megalaima australis</p>	<p>Common at Nameri</p> <p>Quite common, mainly at E.N. and the common sound in the park</p> <p>18-04 2 birds along the way to Dirang + 2 birds seen on two days at E.N.</p> <p>Common in the lowlands</p> <p>17-04 Common in Nameri.</p>
Picidae	<p>Eurasian Wryneck - Jynx torquilla Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker - Dendr. canicapillus Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker - Dendrocopos macei Rufous-bellied Pied Woodpecker - Dendr. hyperythrus *Darjeeling Pied-Woodpecker Dendrocopos darjellensis Rufous Woodpecker - Mocypterus brachyurus Greater Yellownape - Picus flavinucha Lesser Yellownape - Picus chlorolophus *Pale-headed Woodpecker - Gecinulus grantia *Greater Flameback - Chrysocolaptes lucidus</p>	<p>27-04 1 bird on the path at E.N. in the early morning mist. A migrant.</p> <p>17-04 3 ex. at Nameri, great views</p> <p>17-04 1 ex. seen quite well in a dead tree at Nameri.</p> <p>A total of 4 birds seen spread over four days at Mandala and E.N. A great woodpecker</p> <p>19-04 1 ex. at Mandala + 26-04 1 ex. at E.N. very buffish on the underparts</p> <p>17-04 1 ex. at Nameri</p> <p>18-04 1 ex. at Nameri in the early morning</p> <p>17-04 1 ex. at Nameri</p> <p>18-04 1 bird at the Blue-N. Pitta stop, seen quite well with a pale yellowish head</p> <p>A total of 5 seen at Nameri.</p>
Eurylaimidae		

Pittidae	*<u>Long-tailed Broadbill - Psarisomus dalhousiae</u>	27-04 3 ex. at E.N., amazing views of this amazing bird, two where building a nest hanging over the road!
Alaudidae	*<u>Blue-naped Pitta - Pitta nipalensis</u> *<u>Bengal Bushlark - Mirafra assamica</u> Greater Short-toed Lark - Calandrella brachydactyla Sand Lark - Calandrella raytal	18-04 1 bird seen very well!! at a roadstop to Dirang, great views of a male calling from the undergrowths, with the blue nape, very well pictured in the Rasmussen guide. Bird of the trip for many (because not expected) 01-05 1 ex. at a roadstop driving into the lowlands scoped up. 21-04 1 ex. in the abandoned ricefields of Sangti Valley 17-04 4 ex. seen very well all together at a gravelbank at Nameri, very plain.
Hirundinidae	Grey-throated Sand-martin - Riparia chinensis Asian House-martin - Delichon nipalense Barn Swallow - Hirundo rustica	Common (mainly at the river) at Nameri 17+18-04 a total of 5 birds in the lowlands 17-04 2 ex. at Nameri
Laniidae	Long-tailed Shrike - Lanius schach ssp: <i>tricolor</i> Grey-backed Shrike - Lanius tephronotus	17-04 1 ex. at Nameri in the grasslands 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri + 20-04 1 ex. near Sela Pass
Oriolidae	*<u>Slender-billed Oriole - Oriolus tenuirostris</u> Black-hooded Oriole - Oriolus xanthornus *<u>Maroon Oriole - Oriolus traillii</u>	23-04 1 male seen and heard well while waiting in front of the hotel in Dirang, very long thin bill seen (and on digi) A total of 3 birds seen in the lowlands. 19-04 1 ex. along the Mandala Road and seen daily from 24-04 with 2 at a day.
Dicruridae	Black Drongo - Dicrurus macrocercus Ashy Drongo - Dicrurus leucophaeus Bronzed Drongo - Dicrurus aeneus Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo - Dicrurus remifer Spangled (Hair-crested) Drongo - Dicrurus hottentottus	Common in the lowlands Common mainly in E.N. 18-04 5 ex. at Nameri 27+28-04 5 ex. in total at E.N. 18-04 3 x. at Nameri.
Sturnidae	*<u>Chestnut-tailed Starling - Sturnus malabaricus</u> Asian Pied Starling - Sturnus contra Common Myna - Acridotheres tristis Jungle Myna - Acridotheres fuscus White-vented Myna - Acridotheres grandis	A total of 12 ex. at Nameri, nice birds often near trunks high in trees. A total of 21 birds in the lowlands Common in the lowlands. Common in the lowlands Quite common in the lowlands and hills, meena like.

	*Common Hill-Myna - <u>Gracula religiosa ssp: intermedia</u>	A total of 7 seen in the lowlands mainly Nameri.
Corvidae	*Yellow-billed Blue - Magpie <u>Urocissa flavirostris</u> Rufous Treepie - Dendrocitta vagabunda Grey Treepie - Dendrocitta formosae ssp: <i>himalayensis</i> Spotted Nutcracker - Nucifraga caryocatactes Red-billed Chough - Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax Large-billed Crow - Corvus macrorhynchos House Crow - Corvus splendens Eastern Jungle Crow - Corvus (macrorhynchos) leuallantii	A total of 11 birds seen, with seven on 21-04. Nice birds, noisy, bill seen well 01-05 2 ex. seen along the way to Guwahati 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri + 2 ex. at E.N. later in the trip. A total of 8 birds seen at E.N. and Mandala Road. 20-04 20 ex. seen Sela Pass and common there at 22-04. Quite common in the higher parts visited on the trip. Common in the lowlands Quite common in the lowlands.
Campephagidae	Ashy Woodswallow - Artamus fuscus Large Cuckoo Shrike - Coracina macei ssp: <i>nipalensis</i> *Black-winged Cuckoo Shrike - Coracina melaschistos Grey-chinned Minivet - Pericrocotus solaris Long-tailed Minivet - Pericrocotus ethologus *Short-billed Minivet - Pericrocotus brevirostris Scarlet Minivet - Pericrocotus flammeus *Large Woodshrike - Tephrodornis gularis	18-04 1 ex. along the way on the wire + 01-05 1 ex. seen very well along the way. 17-04 1 ex. on the way to Nameri A total of 7 birds seen, often in pairs. On both 28 and 30-04 2 birds seen. A total of 12 birds seen on three days during the trip, a bird of lower elevations 23-04 2 ex., a pair seen well near Lama Camp. A total of 5 birds seen on 17 and 18-04. 30-04 1 ex. seen along the road while waiting for the border control, nice views.
Irenidae	Common Iora - Aegithina tiphia Golden-fronted Leafbird - Chloropsis aurifrons Orange-bellied Leafbird - Chloropsis hardwickii *Asian Fairy - Bluebird Irena puella	17-04 common at Nameri. 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri A total of 8 birds at E.N. seen 17-04 a pair at Nameri, nice male, a bit far away in a tree + 30-04 1 female along the way
Pycnonotidae	*Striated Bulbul - Pycnonotus striatus Black-crested Bulbul - Pycnonotus flaviventris Red-whiskered Bulbul - Pycnonotus jocosus Red-vented Bulbul - Pycnonotus cafer *White-throated Bulbul - Alophoixus flaveolus Mountain Bulbul - Hypsipetes mccllellandii	A total of 15 seen at E.N and common on 29-04 17-04 10 ex. at Nameri 17-04 common at Nameri. Common in the lower elevations visited on the trip 17+18-04 both 1 ex. at Nameri, a big bulbul 18-04 25 ex. on the way to Dirang + 26-04 2 ex. at E.N.

Timaliidae

Himalayan Black Bulbul -
Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Common throughout

Striated Laughingthrush -
Grammatoptila striatus
***Grey-sided Laughingthrush**
- Dryonastes caerulatus
***Spotted Laughingthrush -**
Lanthocincla ocellata
***Bhutan Laughingthrush -**
Trochalopteron imbricatum
***Black-faced Laughingthrush**
- Trochalopteron affinie
***Blue-winged**
Laughingthrush -
Trochalopteron squamatum

Seen on many days in low numbers (up to 10) in family parties.
A total of 9 birds seen spread over three days.
Often in small parties.
21-04 2 ex. at Mandala + 25-04 1 male singing at the pass. "Mother all Laughingthrushes"

Quite common at the higher parts of the trip
19-04 2 ex. at Mandala + 22-04 1 ex., great birds as in the book with a black face.
7 ex. in total at E.N.

Chestnut-crowned
Laughingthrush - Troch.
erythrocephalus

A total of 6 birds seen and heard during our stay in Mandala and E.N.
23+24-04 2 birds seen very well and prolonged in the scope!! at a known valley for the birds. Great birds quite easy to find on sound, pictured well in the book....(not)

***Bugun Liocichla - Liocichla**
bugunorum

A total of 6 birds seen at Eagle's Nest. Great lovely birds, like giant Nuthatches, in the top five of the trip!

***Himalayan Cutia - Cutia**
nipalensis

17-04 3 ex. at Nameri, prize of "the most boring lifer of the trip" goes to this species

***Abbott's Babbler -**
Malacocincla abbotti
Streak-breasted Scimitar
Babbler - Pomatorhinus
ruficollis

A total of 5 birds seen at Mandala and E.N.

***Coral-billed Scimitar-**
Babbler - Pomatorhinus
ferruginosus
***Slender-billed Scimitar-**
Babbler - Xiphirhynchus
superciliaris
***Scaly-breasted Wren-**
Babbler - Pnoepyga
albiventer

28+29 a total of 3 birds seen in feeding flocks at E.N., one giving great views.

23+24 a total of 4 birds seen, for me in the top 5 of birds of the trip, giving great close up views, with its remarkable sound and great shaped bill.
19-04 1 ex. seen very well singing from the base of a bush, sitting in a little hole, many scales on the underparts

***Pygmy Wren-Babbler -**
Pnoepyga pusilla

Heard almost daily at E.N. and finally (after many many attempts) seen very well on 27+28-04 (both 2 birds), a tiny thing

***Rufous-throated Wren-**
Babbler - Spelaeornis
caudatus

23-04 1 ex. seen and heard very well near Lama Camp, the buff (more reddish) throat seen very well.

***Spotted Wren-Babbler -**
Spelaeornis formosus

24-04 1 seen well at the Lama Camp area + 27-04 1 heard in song.

***Bar-winged Wren-Babbler -**
Spelaeornis troglodytoides
ssp: sherriffi

21-04 3 ex. in one flock seen and heard in full view together singing at a gully at Mandala Road, a great Wren-Babbler, quite big and long tailed with rich rufous flanks.

Rufous-capped Babbler -
Stachyris ruficeps

A total of 12 seen in bird flocks in the area, often low down and in one or two's in a flock

***Golden Babbler - Stachyris**
chrysaea

A total of 12 birds seen on three days during the trip, often in flocks with other birds, great birds and easy to identify

***Striped Tit-babbler -**
Macronous gularis

17-04 2 birds seen at Nameri, not the most exciting lifer..

Silver-eared Mesia - *Leiothrix argentea*

Red-billed Leiothrix - *Leiothrix lutea*

***Blyth's Shrike-babbler -**

Pteruthius aeralatus

***Green Shrike-Babbler -**

pteruthius xanthochlorus

***Black-eared Shrike-Babbler**

- *Pteruthius melanotis*

***Rusty-fronted Barwing -**

Actinodura egertoni

***Streak-throated Barwing -**

Actinod. waldeni ssp:

daflaensis

***Bar-throated Minla - Minla**

strigula

***Red-tailed Minla - Minla**

ignotincta

Bue-winged Minla - *Minla*

cyanouroptera

***Golden-breasted Fulvetta -**

Alcippe chrysotis

***Yellow-throated Fulvetta -**

Alcippe cinerea

***Rufous-winged Fulvetta -**

Alcippe castaneiceps

***Brown-throated Fulvetta -**

Alcippe ludlowi

***Nepal Fulvetta - Alcippe**

nipalensis

***Long-tailed Sibia -**

Heterophasia picaoides

***Rufous-backed Sibia -**

Heterophasia annexens

***Beautiful Sibia -**

Heterophasia pulchella ssp:

nigroaurita

Striated Yuhina - *Staphida*

castaneiceps

***White-naped Yuhina -**

Yuhina bakeri

Whiskered Yuhina - *Yuhina*

flavicollis

***Stripe-throated Yuhina -**

Yuhina gularis

***Rufous-vented Yuhina -**

Yuhina occipitalis

***Black-chinned Yuhina -**

Yuhina nigrimenta

***Fire-tailed Myzornis -**

Myzornis pyrrhura

18-04 1 ex. driving to Dirang + 28-04 commonly seen on that day.

A total of 37 birds seen in small flocks spread over four days.

19-04 3 ex. seen very well sitting very quiet in a tree but calling + 21-04 1 ex.

26-04 1 ex. seen very well on the way to the pass.

25-04 2 ex. seen very well in bare branches, very nice birds.

A total of 25 seen in small flocks in the forested hills.

26-04 3 ex. in one flock at E.N + 28-04 2 ex. in a flock of Rusty-fronted.

A total of 35 birds noted, in small feeding flocks mixed in with other species or on their own

A total of 17 seen in the hills, mixed in feeding flocks or as species alone, sometimes a bit

Nuthatch like in its appearance.

A total of 10 birds seen (with ten on 21-04) during the trip

A total of 13 seen, mostly in flocks up to 5 birds together, one of my top five birds of the trip, what a "cracker!"

A total of 14 birds was seen of this *phylloscopus* like *fulvetta*

A total of 21 birds seen spread over four days, easy to identify with rufous crown

A total of 26 birds seen on the trip, mostly solitary, a very nice *fulvetta*

19-04 1 ex. along the Mandala road, the only one seen on the trip.

18-04 10 ex. together seen while driving to Dirang

18-04 1 ex. seen very well on the way to Dirang, I first thought it was a *Cutia*!!

Very commonly seen on the trip often in small flocks.

23-04 2 ex. in a bird flock at Mandala

18-04 5 ex. in a bird flock driving up to Dirang, obvious birds and the only record.

Seen in various numbers on five days of the trip, most common on 26-04, noisy

The commonest Yuhina of the trip.

Common on 19, 21 and 22-04, as pictured in the books.

23-04 10 ex. in one flock, black chin hard to see

19-04 2 ex. seen very well just low of the pass at

Mandala, immediately "bingo" at our first try, seen very well all the details of this number two of the bird of the trip seen, for the story in Dutch see:

<http://dutchbirding.nl/news.php?id=641>

Muscicapidae	<u>*Brown Parrotbill - paradoxornis unicolor</u>	25-04 4 ex. in a little flock at E.N. pass, great views of this big parrotbill
	<u>*Grey-breasted Parrotbill – Sinornis poliotis</u>	29-04 15 ex. at E.N. in one flock in the bamboo, seen well, a very nice little parrotbill.
	<u>*White-breasted Parrotbill - Psittiparus ruficeps</u>	23-04 5 ex. in a small flock + 28-04 15 ex. in a big flock, great parrotbills
	Dark-sided Flycatcher - Muscicapa sibirica	Seen on many days in low numbers in the highlands.
	Brown-breasted Flycatcher - Muscicapa muttui	23-04 1 ex. along the Mandala road.
	Slatybacked Flycatcher - Ficedula hodgsonii	23-04 2 ex. seen quite well at Mandala road.
	Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher - Ficedula strophilata	21-04 commonly seen at Mandala road (migrants??) + 27-04 1 ex.
	Taiga Flycatcher - Flycatcher - Ficedula parva	17+18 common in the lowlands (also nice males) + 24-04 1 ex.
	<u>*Snowy-browed Flycatcher - Ficedula hyperythra</u>	26-04 1 males seen very well lower down at E.N., with the "snowy brow"
	<u>*Little Pied Flycatcher - Ficedula westermanni</u>	19-04 2 females along the Mandala road + 23-04 1 male giving cracking views at the same place, the male is really awesome!
Monarchidae	<u>*Ultramarine Flycatcher - Ficedula supercilialis</u>	Common on 19-04 at Mandala road+ 2 ex. on 23-04, again a very nice flycatcher
	Slaty-blue Flycatcher - Ficedula tricolor	A total of 6 seen, males and females.
	<u>*Sapphire Flycatcher - Ficedula sapphira</u>	21-04 1 male + 23-04 2 ex., good views.
	Verditer Flycatcher - Eumyias thalassina	A quite common flycatcher spread over the whole trip
	<u>*Large Niltava - Niltava grandalis</u>	28-04 1 male seen very well and closely at a lunch stop at E.N., a huge flycatcher.
	Small Niltava - Niltava macgrigoriae	28-04 2 ex. a pair at E.N. + 31-04 2 ex. along the way. Blue shoulders on male seen.
	Rufous-bellied Niltava - Niltava sundara	A total of 11 seen spread over four days at E.N.
	<u>*Pale Blue Flycatcher - Cyornis unicolor</u>	2 males seen at E.N. seen very well coming into the tape.
	<u>*Blue-throated Flycatcher - Cyornis rubeculoides</u>	23-04 1 male seen well at the lowdown beginning of the Mandala road.
	<u>*Pygmy Blue Flycatcher - Muscicapella hodgsoni</u>	28-04 1 male seen well at E.N. Ridiculously small, like a sunbird, great views.
Sylviidae	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher - Culicicapa ceylonensis	Seen almost daily in the forest in low numbers, the most on 28 and 29-04
	Yellow-bellied Fantail - Rhipidura hypoxantha	Seen almost daily in the forest, alone or in mixed feeding birdflocks
	White-throated Fantail - Rhipidura albicollis	A total of 8 seen on every day one bird spread over the trip
Sylviidae	Chestnut-headed Tesia - Tesia castaneocoronata	A total of 6 birds seen and two heard, good views of this most common tesia.
	<u>*Slaty-bellied Tesia - Tesia olivacea</u>	28-04 1 seen very well (after heard one before) at E.N., with a yellow crown
	<u>*Grey-bellied Tesia - Tesia cyaniventer</u>	28-04 1 seen very well (after heard one before) at E.N., with a grey crown

Grey-sided Bush-warbler -
Cettia brunnifrons ssp:
muroides

Brownish-flanked Bush -
Warbler *Cettia fortipes*

***Hume's Bush-warbler -
*Cettia brunescens***

***Russet Bush-warbler -
*Bradypterus mandelli***

***Mountain Tailorbird -
*Orthotomus cuculatus***

Common Tailorbird -
Orthotomus sutorius
Smoky Warbler - *Phylloscopus*
fulgiventris

Tickell's Leaf-warbler -
Phylloscopus affinis
Ashy-throated Warbler -
Phylloscopus maculipennis
Lemon-rumped Leaf-warbler -
Phylloscopus chloronotus

Buff-barred Warbler -
Phylloscopus pulcher
Yellow-browed Warbler -
Phylloscopus inornatus
Greenish Warbler -
Phylloscopus trochiloides
Large-billed Leaf-Warbler -
Phylloscopus magnirostris

***Blyth's Leaf Warbler -
*Phylloscopus reguloides***

***Grey-hooded Warbler -
Phylloscopus
*xanthoschistos***

Whistler's Warbler - *Seicercus*
whistleri

***White-spectacled Warbler -
*Seicercus affinis***

***Grey-cheeked Warbler -
*Seicercus poliogenys***

Chestnut-crowned Warbler -
Seicercus castaniceps

***Broad-billed Warbler -
*Tickellia hodgsoni***

***Black-faced Warbler -
Abroscopus schisticeps ssp:
*flavimentalis***

***Yellow-bellied Warbler -
Abroscopus superciliaris
ssp: *flaviventris***

A total of 6 birds seen and two more heard.

A total of 6 birds seen and one more heard. Very
good views with a little patience

22-04 1 ex. seen and heard on the way back from
the pass, a very small warbler

19-04 1 ex. along the Mandala road + 28-04 quite
commonly seen

29-04 1 ex. seen well after two more heard in the
days before

17-04 common at Nameri.

17-04 1 ex. at Nameri near the White headed
duck pond, seen very well

A total of 8 birds seen spread over the trip +
common on 25-04. Very yellow

A total of 17 seen spread over the trip with the
most on 19-04 (10)

A total of 27 birds noted, with the most on 19-04
(20), often in mixed bird flocks

19-04 1 ex. seen along the Mandela road + 22-04
near the same place.

17-06 6 ex. at Nameri

17-06 2 ex. seen well at Nameri

Quite common in the hills and far more heard
than seen.

The most common *phylloscopus* of the trip seen
daily, with obvious crown stripe and pale bill, now
a new species after the split from Claudia's

19-04 3 ex. seen well along the Mandela road +
23 and 24-04 1 bird each. A right decision to

include this species in *phylloscopus*

Seen on 5 days during the trip, mostly on the
higher parts of the hills

29-04 1 ex in a mixed bird flock, quite green side
head.

11 birds seen spread over five days in the trip all
in the hills.

A total of 7 seen spread over the trip

26-04 2 ex. together in E.N. nice views of an
obvious looking species (see book)

A total of 26 seen in small flocks + common on
24-04

A total of 2 seen on the way up to Dirang at a stop
along the road, very nice views

24-04 1 ex. in song at E.N. + 30-04 1 ex. an other
in song, nice views as in the books.

Cisticolidae

***Black-throated Prinia -
*Prinia atrogularis***

Turdidae

Striated Grassbird - Megalurus
palustris

17+18-04 3 ex. in song at Nameri

28+29-04 a total of 4 birds seen and heard, very nice (digi)scoped views. It looked as if they were arriving in this period. A species in my top five of species seen on the trip

***Purple Cochoa - Cochoa
purpurea**

Seen in low numbers up to 4 birds a day in the mountains, often in tops of trees looking like species we were searching for (Cochoa's..)

Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush -
Monticola rufiventris

18-04 1 male along Mandala road + 22 and 23-04 both days 1 ex. also along the road, great views of this cracking species

***Blue-headed Rock-thrush -
Monticola cinclorhynchus**
Blue Rock-thrush - Monticola
solitarius

17+18-04 both 1 ex. at Nameri

20-04 50 ex. in big flocks at Sela Pass, great views in the snow, what a bird.

***Grandala - Grandala
coelicolor**

Heard many times in E.N. and 3 seen on 29-04, finally great views of this dark blue skulker with a very wide brow
A total of 5 seen during the trip.

***White-browed Shortwing -
Brachypteryx montana**

Blue Whistling-Thrush -
Myiophonus caeruleus

20-04 1 ex. seen well in song just lower of the Sela Pass, also digiscoped this bird. It belonged to the "mountain form". A big plain-backed zoothera.

20-04 1 ex. in a flock of Grandala's

***Plain-backed Thrush -
Zoothera mollissima**

Tibetan Blackbird - Turdus
maximus

21-04 1 ex. seen well along Mandala Road + 23-04 2 ex. a pair at the lower point of this road near a whole in a tree.., very good views.

***Tickell's Thrush - Turdus
unicolor**

A total of 5 birds seen along the Mandala road on three days, great thrushes.

***White-collared Blackbird -
Turdus albocinctus**

Grey-winged Blackbird -
Turdus boulboul

19-04 1 ex. + 21-04 2 ex. along the Mandala road.
21-04 6 ex. in a mixed flock of thrushes, one female was very tame.

Red-Throated Thrush - Turdus
ruficollis

21-04 10 ex. in a mixed flock, mostly not adult males (only one)

Black-throated Thrush - Turdus
atrogularis

21-04 4 ex. in a mixed flock of thrushes (see above), very dusky like but with a lot of red dots on the underparts and no orange wing flash see also:

<http://dutchbirding.nl/gallery.php?p=bigpic&qal=8&fid=6372&page=1>

Hybrid Naumman's X Dusky
Thrush - Turdus naumanni x
eunomus

20-04 3 ex. one nice male, just on the other side of the Sela Pass.

Himalayan Red-flanked Bush-
Robin - Tarsiger rufilatus

21-04 1 male seen very well in song at a stop along the Mandala road, not often seen in this area, but arrived just as a summer visitor

Indian Blue Robin - Luscinia
brunnea

21-04 1 singing male at Mandala. Great views of a male on territory like an orange sitting in the trees. In my top five of the trip!

***Golden Bush-robin -
Tarsiger chrysaeus**

A total of 3 seen in the lowlands.

Oriental Magpie-Robin -
Copsychus saularis

	White-rumped Shama - <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> ssp: <i>indicus</i>	17-04 1 ex. in song at Nameri
	Blue-fronted Redstart - <i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	20+22-04 a total of 5 ex. at Sela Pass
	Hodgson's Redstart - <i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>	19-04 1 female along the Mandala road
	White-capped Water Redstart - <i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	Quite common at streams mainly in the Mandala road part of the trip
	Plumbeous Water Redstart - <i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>	A total of 4 birds seen spread over four days at Mandala
	<u>White-tailed Blue Robin -</u> <u><i>Myiomela leucura</i></u>	21-04 1 male in song and showing well along the Mandala road, a good species for the area
	<u>*Black-backed Forktail -</u> <u><i>Enicurus immaculatus</i></u>	17-04 1 male nicely seen at a stream at Nameri.
	Slaty-backed Forktail - <i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	18-04 3 ex. along a river driving up to Dirang 17-04 10 ex. at Nameri + 21-04 2 ex. at Sangti valley
	Siberian Stonechat - <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	
	Grey Bushchat - <i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	Seen almost daily along the trip, sometimes in quite high numbers
Troglodytidae	Winter Wren - <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	20-04 1 ex. along the Mandala road + 22-04 1 ex. on the way to the Sela Pass
Cinclidae	Brown Dipper - <i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	19-04 1 ex. in a stream along the Mandala road
Prunellidae	Rufous-breasted Accentor - <i>Prunella strophiata</i>	A total of 3 birds seen at the Mandala road part of the trip, along the higher elevations
	Alpine Accentor - <i>Prunella collaris</i>	10 ex. together at the Sela Pass
Aegothelidae	<u>*Fire-capped Tit -</u> <u><i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i></u>	21-04 2 ex. seen well along the Mandala road, one male with reddish forehead, a bonus tick
	Black-throated –Tit - <i>Aegithalos concinnus</i> ssp: <i>rubricapillus</i>	21-04 2 ex. along the Mandala road + 23-04 2 ex. also along this road
	<u>*Rufous-fronted Tit -</u> <u><i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i></u>	19-04 2 ex. near the pass at Mandala (with the Myzorniz) + 21-04 1 ex. at the same place, seen very well as pictured in the book.
Paridae	Coal Tit - <i>Parus ater</i> ssp: <i>aemodius</i>	19+20-04 1 ex. on each day along the Mandala road, a bit more crested than ours.
	Rufous-vented Tit - <i>Parus rubidiventris</i>	21+22-04 2 ex. on each day along the Mandala road.
	Green-backed Tit - <i>Parus monticolus</i>	A total of 9 spread over the trip
	Yellow-cheeked Tit - <i>Parus spilonotus</i>	A total of 9 seen at E.N., often alone not in bird flocks
	<u>*Yellow-browed Tit -</u> <u><i>Sylviparus modestus</i></u>	A total of 9 seen of this nondescript species in Mandala/E.N. area, often one is present in every bird flock.
	Grey-crested Tit - <i>Parus dichrous</i>	19-04 4 ex. along the Mandala road 17-04 2 seen (and heard) very well a huge tit!
	<u>*Sultan Tit - <i>Melanochlora sultanea</i></u>	
Sittidae		

Certhidae	*<u>Chestnut-bellied - Nuthatch</u> <u>Sitta cinnamoventris ssp:</u> <u>tonkinensis</u>	17-04 1 seen very well in a tree at Nameri, like Indian.. 24-04 1 ex. at E.N. +29-04 1 ex. also at E.N., both in bird flocks.
	White-tailed Nuthatch - Sitta himalayensis	27-04 1 ex. seen (and heard calling) very well at a nest site at E.N. a huge nuthatch, giving very nice prolonged views, no words for this nuthatch, only that is is not Holarctic..
	*<u>Beautiful Nuthatch - Sitta formosa</u>	
Motacillidae	*<u>Rusty-flanked Treecreeper - Certhia nipalensis</u> *<u>Brown-throated Treecreeper - Certia discolor</u>	19-01 2 ex. at the pass along Mandala road + 21-04 1 ex, giving nice views with very rusty coloured flanks A total of 3 seen in the Mandela and E.N. area, dark throat easy to see
	Himalayan Wagtail - Motacilla alba ssp: <i>alboides</i> Amur Wagtail - Motacilla alba ssp: <i>leucopsis</i>	17-04 1 ex. at Nameri + 21-04 1 ex. at Mandela road. Both males.
	Citrine Wagtail - Motacilla citreola Grey wagtail - Motacilla cinerea	17-04 3 ex. at Nameri along the river 01-05 3 ex. at the rubbish dump.
	Richard's Pipit - Anthus richardi Paddyfield Pipit - Anthus rufulus Olive-backed Pipit - Anthus hodgsoni	18-05 2 ex. along the way up to Dirang 21-04 1 ex. at Sangti valley seen very well and Paddyfield excluded, biiger with a more pale lore and "classic" call 21-04 2 ex. seen well at Sangti valley
	Rosy Pipit - Anthus roseatus	Commonly seen during the trip, almost daily Seen at the higher parts visited, the replacement of the Waterpipit.
	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker - Dicaeum ignipectus *<u>Plain Flowerpecker - Dicaeum minullum</u>	23-04 2 ex. + 29-04 5 ex. seen at the lower parts visited 17-04 1 ex. at Nameri
Nectariniidae	*<u>Black-throated Sunbird - Aethopyga saturate ssp: assamensis</u> *<u>Mrs Gould's Sunbird - Aethopyga gouldiae ssp: isolata</u> Green-tailed Sunbird - Aethopyga nipalensis *<u>Fire-tailed Sunbird - Aethopyga ignicauda</u> *<u>Streaked Spiderhunter - Arachnothera magna</u>	A total of 8 birds seen al in the lower parts of E.N. on the "Bompu side". Quite common in the lower hills of Mandela and E.N., to nice to be thru... Quite common in the lower hills of visited area's, slightly less spectacular as Gould's 20-04 2 males seen very well at Sela Pass, what a cracker at this height! 18-04 4 ex. on the way up to Dirang + 27-04 2 ex. at the lower elevations.
Zosteropidae	Oriental White-eye - Zosterops palpebrosus	Seen on 22,23 and 24-04, with the most (noted as common) on the last day.
Ploceidae	Eurasian Tree Sparrow - Passer montanus	Seen at many places except E.N.

Fringillidae	Russet Sparrow - <i>Passer rutilans</i>	Small numbers at the Dirang area.
	Indian Baya Weaver - <i>Ploceus philippus</i>	16-04 30 ex. in one flock along the way to Nameri all not in breeding plumage
	Plain Mountain-Finch - <i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>	A total of 60 seen on both visits at the Sela Pass, 17-04 7 ex. at Nameri + 30-04 1 male at Sunderview Camp, migrants
	Common Rosefinch - <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	22-04 4 ex. seen briefly with at least one male while walking down at Sela Pass
	* <u>Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch - <i>Carpodacus thura</i></u>	20-04 1 male in song, giving scope views, a very dark rosefinch, brown on breast and rump with a weak pink brow
	* <u>Dark-rumped Rosefinch - <i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i></u>	19-04 1 male at Mandela Road + 25-04 3 ex. both times prolonged digiscoped views of this "southern pine Grosbeak"
	* <u>Crimson-browed Finch - <i>Propyrrhula subhimachala</i></u>	27-04 1 female + 28-04 5 ex. (in one flock with males) + 30-04 3 ex. with one very nice male, digiscoped
	* <u>Scarlet Finch - <i>Haematospiza sipahi</i></u>	24+25 a total of 10 ex. near Lama Camp, a nice flock
	* <u>Brown Bullfinch - <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i></u>	19-04 2 females at Mandala road + 24-04 1 female seen very well with the white tertial flags near Lama Camp
	* <u>Gold-naped Black Finch - <i>Pyrrhoplectes epauletta</i></u>	23-04 2 ex., a pair at the lower down part of Mandela road, nice views, as pictured.
Emberizidae	* <u>Spot-winged Grosbeak - <i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i></u>	
	Little Bunting - <i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	23-04 1 ex at Lama Camp + 27-04 1 ex. in the lower parts visited, both migrants
	* <u>Crested Bunting - <i>Melophus lathami</i></u>	A total of 8 seen, one male in breeding plumage seen well on 21-04 at Sangti Valley



Fire-Tailed Myzornis my number 1 bird



Purple Cochoa an unexpected surprise



Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler very spectacular



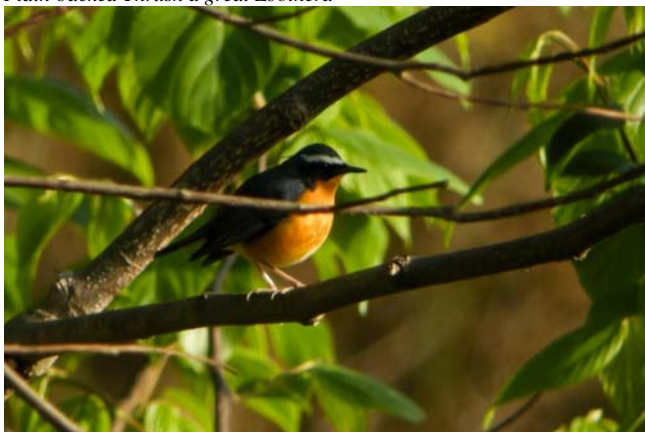
Finally Crimson-browed Finch finally on mu list



Scarlet Finch now we are talking red!



Plain-backed Thrush a great Zoothera



Indian Blue Robin a late arriving migrant



Luckily we SAW Bugun Liocichla much better....

Red-Throated Thrush Female a late migrant



White-winged Duck was mostly seen in flight

Finally Ward's Trogon gave himself up



Temminck's Tragopan number 1 bird of the trip



but Black-tailed Crake was also very much wanted..



Spotted Laughingthrush one of the most beautiful of its family



Time for an other trip.....

Photo's mainly by Mike Galtry and some by myself

MAMMALS

- Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*: Two at Nameri.
- Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah*: A total of six at Eaglenest.
- Irrawaddy Squirrel (Hoary-bellied Himalayan S) *Callosciurus pygerythrus*: Two at Nameri NP.
- Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops maclellandii*: Seen almost daily at Eaglenest.
- Unidentified Flying Squirrel *Petaurista* sp: The identification of the fresh skin of a large flying squirrel found at a wood cutters hut near the top of the Mandala road is still work in progress.
- Himalayan Wiesel *Mustela sibirica* (NL): Two at Eaglenest.
- Small Indian Mongoose *Herpestes javanicus* (NL): One individual near Elephant Flats on the way to Dirang.

- Capped Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus pileatus*: Seen on two days around Nameri.
- Arunachal Macaque *Macaca munzala*: A troop of six at Lama camp. It was discovered as a new taxon in 1997 but at that time it was thought to be a new subspecies of Tibetan or Pere David's Macaque. Described as a new species in 2004, it was the first species of macaque to have been discovered since 1903 when the Indonesian Pagai Island Macaque was discovered. The Arunachal Macaque is closely related to the Assamese Macaque, and recently (2011) some researchers suggested that it might be better treated as a form of Assamese Macaque.
- Assamese Macaque *Macaca assamensis*: Small numbers of macaques sighted at Nameri NP belonged to this species.
- Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus muntjak* (H): Two were heard at Nameri, and a third one at Lamacamp.
- Asian Elephant (Indian E) *Elephas maximus*: Good views of a group of 10 around Bompu. In addition a group of elephants was heard at Nameri. I almost stumbled one one while searching for tragopans. All of the birders were already running while I did not have a clue, thanks for the warning Sudesh!...

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