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Our pace quickened...we could hear our quarry, a Himalayan Monal, and it wasn't far away but visibility was poor - the sun was only just coming up and, to make matters worse, much of the mountain was shrouded in cloud. Suddenly however there it was, flying up and in to a conifer about 100 metres away. A minute or so later it flew again, in to another conifer where it was much, much easier to see. It remained there for well over five minutes giving all of us plenty of time to admire his resplendent multi-coloured plumage and to listen to his occasional penetrating calls. What a beast - like an oversized fluorescent Turkey it had us transfixed. Surely birds shouldn't be this big and this colour, and if they are shouldn't they stay hidden? We were on the Pele La, it was only our fifth full day in this, the *Land of the Thunder Dragon* and we were well on our way to having another fabulous Bhutan tour. For the only the second time Himalayan Monal won the end of tour 'Bird of the Tour' poll. Another Bhutanese speciality, the aptly named, Beautiful Nuthatch, pushed it hard but eventually came in second with Ward's Trogon and White-bellied Heron in distant third and fourth places respectively.

Everyone saw all of the 33 species that received a vote in the 'Bird of the Tour' poll – on how many tours, let alone ones where most of the birding is in the forest – can we say that? Everyone saw the luminous Himalayan Monals, everyone saw the Beautiful Nuthatch that danced backwards and forwards for over ten minutes, everyone saw the Ward's Trogon that sat and sat and sat, everyone even saw the Sikkim Wedge-billed Babblers the sang in our faces. Everyone saw ALL the best birds in Bhutan.

All our more exciting birds had their own encounter stories. Some of them such as Ward's Trogon had, for some of us, involved a fruitless clamber up a steep hillside. Those of the group with more sense waited back on the road, seemingly aware that we'd see and 'scope one from that very road later in the day!

Its seemingly inevitable that on every tour groups discuss how we're doing compared to previous trips and how we're shaping up to their expectations. I've lost count now of how many times I've said that the Sunbird Bhutan tour just can't get better...and yet it does. Year after year they just keep getting better. Where will it end? On our previous 13 Bhutan tours we've found umpteen new birds for the country. This year however we didn't find any but just look at the list of specialities that we did stumble in to – Blood and Kalij Pheasants Satyr Tragopan; Himalayan Monal; Yellow-rumped Honeyguide, four species of hornbill including Rufous-necked; Red-headed and Ward's Trogon; Blue-bearded Bee-eater; Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo; White-throated Needletail; Dark-rumped Swift; Snow, Pin-tailed and Thick-billed Green Pigeons; Black-necked Crane; Black-tailed Crake; Ibisbill; Pallas's Fish Eagle; White-bellied Heron; Greater Adjutant; Beautiful Nuthatch; six species of wren babbler including Long-billed, Rufous-throated, Bar-winged and Spotted; Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler; Nepal Cutia; Black-headed Shrike Babbler; Golden-breasted Fulvetta, Yellow-throated, Rufous-winged and the rarely seen Brown-cheeked Fulvettas; White-naped Yuhina; Great, Brown, Black-throated and Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbills; Dark-rumped Rosefinch; Crimson-browed, Scarlet and Gold-naped Finches.

But there's far, far more to any tour than the star birds and, as always, our Bhutan tour is simply brimming over with memorable moments and stupendous encounters. It got off to a good start with a fabulous panoramic flight along the southern edge of the Himalayan Mountain chain with spectacular mountain views blessing much of the journey. Once in Paro we were met by Lebo, our knowledgeable guide, and Chador, our superbly skilled driver, and then we were off. Soon afterwards we were watching our first Bhutanese birds – among them an Ibisbill at a site we'd taken our groups to previously. But that wasn't all, we then moved to a site where we've seen Black-tailed Crake– and sure enough within minutes of our arrival out they came – a pair that showed superbly to an admiring crowd. Lunch was a tasty introduction to Bhutanese cuisine and we didn't have too long to wait before our third major encounter of the day – this time with an

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obliging pair of Wallcreepers. What a day - welcome to Bhutan!

We were up early the following morning, after a night that never seemed quite long enough, with the Dochu La, our first Bhutanese pass, beckoning. True to form it yielded a few of its jewels – the best of which were some very co-operative Fire-tailed Myzornis and three Brown Parrotbills...

Spending the following two nights at a guesthouse not far from Punakha, once Bhutan's winter capital, gave us the opportunity to go in search of Bhutan's rarest bird - White-bellied Heron. With an estimated world population of just 600 birds it was incredible that it didn't take us long to find one! The supporting cast included another *Globally Threatened* species in the form of a pair of Pallas's Fish Eagles. After an enjoyable morning Lebo took us on an insightful and thoroughly enjoyable guided tour inside the magnificent Punakha dzong. Even the most fanatical birders among us felt that our time had been well spent.

A Yellow-rumped Honeyguide was the highlight of the following morning with a solitary lingering Black-necked Crane being the afternoon treat. Our second major pass, the Pele La, welcomed us the following morning and it was here we spent time searching for some more high altitude specialities. The day's primary target, the aforementioned Himalayan Monal gave itself up, in spectacular style within a couple of minutes of our arrival. Other pre-breakfast goodies included a Great Parrotbill that sat out and sang.

Goodies on the Zhemgang road, our next port of call, included some fabulous encounters with our first Rufous-necked and Great Hornbills, a couple of obliging Blue-bearded Bee-eaters and our first Red-faced Liocichlas! Our introduction to Bhutanese camping went smoothly – everyone slept, the tents were sufficiently comfortable and spacious and, as if we ever doubted it, the camp crew hard working and capable. It was all just as well, since we were to have six more days under canvas later on the tour!

Heading back to Trongsa we then continued our eastward traverse. Our next destination was a guest house in Bumthang. A guest house replete with log burning stoves and buck wheat pancakes. This comfortable abode was to be the last roof over our head for a full six nights!

Over the years we've found that the drive over Bhutan's highest road pass, the mighty Thrumsing La between central and eastern Bhutan (effectively between Bumthang and Sengor), provides some of the best opportunities to encounter pheasants and 2010 provided no exception. We saw four Blood Pheasants (our only ones of the entire tour) and had a respectable encounter with a stunning male Satyr Tragopan. Our next camp, the one below Sengor, was our highest and frequently the coldest but the mild weather we'd been experiencing continued and we again found ourselves basking in sunshine! The following day we caught up with a few more higher altitude Bhutanese specialities in the forms of Bar-winged Wren-babbler, Broad-billed Warbler, Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler and Black-headed Shrike-babbler.

We reached the middle Limithang road with just three primary targets remaining - the only two on this section of the road being the often vociferous Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler and the ever elusive Ward's Trogon! We scored with both on our very first day - being blessed with glorious views of a pair of babblers and prolonged studies of a female trogon. Despite a torrential overnight thunderstorm that threatened to wash us out of our final camp site the weather lifted almost as soon as the sun came up and off we headed. We'd missed Beautiful Nuthatch at all our usual sites down the Zhemgang road but, thanks to some timely information, scored superbly today. Then it was on down to Samdrup Jongkhar close to the Indian border continued – where a few distant Dark-rumped Swifts, umpteen Asian Fairy Bluebirds and green pigeons to mention but a few beckoned.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye to the crew who'd taken such superb care of us over the

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previous weeks and to leave Bhutan. The drive back to Gauhati in Assam was uneventful (or as uneventful as any drive in India ever is) and was enlivened by a few birds including, two Greater Adjutant's, the day's primary target. Once in Delhi we settled briefly in to our comfortable hotel before it was all over. We returned to the airport and started to head home.

Our memories of Bhutan are sure to fade, but hopefully not too quickly and I'd hope that we'll long remember our encounters with White-bellied Heron, Himalayan Monal, Satyr Tragopan, Ward's Trogon, Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler and Beautiful Nuthatch to mention but a few. I wrote at the end of last year's tour report 'or perhaps the memories that will linger longest won't be avian at all – perhaps our most savoured memories will be of the Bhutanese scenery, of hillsides cloaked in dense forest with magnificent snow-capped peaks as a back drop, or of our crew's magnificent efforts to keep us happy and entertained'.

The birding in Bhutan is awesome, really awesome and Paul's in little doubt that this tiny kingdom hosts what's arguably the best birding on the planet, and after a tour like we'd just had, who could argue?

Bird List:

The order, English and scientific names follow those used in Inskipp T., Lindsey, N. & Duckworth, W. *An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Oriental Region*. Oriental Bird Club. 1996. These are the ones also used in the principal field guide to Bhutan - Inskipp, C., Inskipp, T. and Grimmett, R. 2nd edn. 2004. Birds of Bhutan. Christopher Helm, London. (ISBN 0-7136-5163-6).

However a few taxonomic revisions have recently been made, mostly by Pamela Rasmussen. These are detailed in her book - Rasmussen, P. C. and Anderton, J. C. (2005) *Birds of South Asia*. The Ripley Guide. Vols. 1 and 2. Smithsonian Institution and Lynx Edicions, Washington D.C. and Barcelona. All of these changes are highlighted in the following list with an asterisk *.

Column A = Number of tours on which this species has been recorded.

Column B = Number of days this species was seen on the last tour.

Column C = Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour.

H = denotes a species that was heard but was not seen

(H) = denotes a species that was heard more often than it was seen.

I = a species that was only recorded in India.

A		B	C		
5	Rufous-throated Partridge	2	2	H	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>
5	Common Hill Partridge	6	6	(H)	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>
4	Chestnut-breasted Partridge	2	4	H	<i>Arborophila mandellii</i>
5	Blood Pheasant	1	4		<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>
5	Satyr Tragopan	4	2	(H)	<i>Tragopan satyra</i>
5	Himalayan Monal	2	4		<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>
4	Red Junglefowl	1	2	H	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
3	Kalij Pheasant	5	3		<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
4	Grey Peacock Pheasant				<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>
1	Indian Peafowl				<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
4	Lesser Whistling-duck	1	50	I	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
1	Bar-headed Goose				<i>Anser indicus</i>
5	Ruddy Shelduck	2	100		<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
1	Common Shelduck				<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
4	Gadwall	1	8		<i>Anas strepera</i>

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4	Eurasian Wigeon	1	12		<i>Anas penelope</i>
3	Mallard				<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
1	Chinese Spot-billed Duck*				<i>Anas zonorhyncha</i>
3	Northern Shoveler	1	3		<i>Anas clypeata</i>
4	Northern Pintail				<i>Anas acuta</i>
4	Common Teal				<i>Anas crecca</i>
3	Red-crested Pochard				<i>Netta rufina</i>
3	Common Pochard	1	1		<i>Aythya ferina</i>
2	Ferruginous Pochard				<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
4	Tufted Duck				<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
2	Common Merganser	1	2		<i>Mergus merganser</i>
5	Yellow-rumped Honeyguide	3	2		<i>Indicator xanthonotus</i>
3	Speckled Piculet	2	2	(H)	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>
3	White-browed Piculet	2	1		<i>Sasia ochracea</i>
5	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	3	3		<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>
2	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	1	1	I	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>
5	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>
5	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i>
3	Darjeeling Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>
5	Rufous Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>
5	Lesser Yellownape	2	1		<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
5	Greater Yellownape	3	2		<i>Picus flavinucha</i>
5	Grey-headed Woodpecker	1	1	H	<i>Picus canus</i>
1	Black-rumped Flameback				<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
4	Greater Flameback	1	2	H	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>
2	Pale-headed Woodpecker				<i>Gecinulus grantia</i>
5	Bay Woodpecker	6	4	(H)	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>
5	Great Barbet	12	15	(H)	<i>Megalaima virens</i>
2	Lineated Barbet	1	4	I	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>
5	Golden-throated Barbet	8	10	(H)	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>
5	Blue-throated Barbet	8	6	(H)	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>
2	Blue-eared Barbet	2	4		<i>Megalaima australis</i>
4	Coppersmith Barbet	1	1	I	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
4	Oriental Pied Hornbill	1	1		<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>
5	Great Hornbill	3	3		<i>Buceros bicornis</i>
5	Rufous-necked Hornbill	5	3		<i>Aceros nipalensis</i>
5	Wreathed Hornbill	2	2		<i>Aceros undulatus</i>
5	Common Hoopoe	6	2		<i>Upupa epops</i>
4	Red-headed Trogon	3	2		<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>
5	Ward's Trogon	2	4		<i>Harpactes wardi</i>
3	Dollarbird	1	1		<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
5	Common Kingfisher	2	2		<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
2	Stork-billed Kingfisher	1	2	I	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
5	White-throated Kingfisher	5	3		<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
5	Crested Kingfisher	2	2		<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>
2	Pied Kingfisher	1	1	I	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
5	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	5	3		<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>
4	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	1	2	I	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
1	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	1	1		<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
2	Indian Roller	2	1		<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
5	Large Hawk Cuckoo	10	5	(H)	<i>Cuculus sparverioides</i>
5	Common Hawk Cuckoo	1	2	I	<i>Cuculus varius</i>
4	Whistling Hawk Cuckoo*	1	1		<i>Hierococyx nisicolor</i>
5	Eurasian Cuckoo	5	2	(H)	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>

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1	Indian Cuckoo				<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
5	Oriental Cuckoo	9	3	(H)	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>
1	Banded Bay Cuckoo				<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
3	Plaintive Cuckoo	3	1	H	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>
5	Asian Emerald Cuckoo	4	1		<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>
2	Violet Cuckoo				<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>
5	Square-tailed Drongo Cuckoo	3	2		<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
5	Asian Koel	2	6		<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
3	Green-billed Malkoha	1	2		<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>
2	Rose-ringed Parakeet				<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
1	Greater Coucal				<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
5	Himalayan Swiftlet	7	100		<i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>
5	White-throated Needletail	2	20		<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>
5	Asian Palm Swift	2	10		<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
5	Fork-tailed Swift	8	20		<i>Apus pacificus</i>
5	Dark-rumped Swift	2	4		<i>Apus acuticauda</i>
4	Little Swift	1	1		<i>Apus affinis</i>
5	Mountain Scops Owl	6	3	H	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>
4	Collared Scops Owl				<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
1	Brown Wood Owl				<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
1	Himalayan Wood Owl*				<i>Strix nivicola</i>
5	Collared Owlet	5	2	(H)	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>
5	Asian Barred Owlet	6	2	(H)	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>
5	Grey Nightjar	3	2		<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>
5	Rock Pigeon	13	300		<i>Columba livia</i>
5	Snow Pigeon	1	103		<i>Columba leuconota</i>
5	Speckled Wood Pigeon	2	1		<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>
5	Oriental Turtle Dove	13	20		<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
5	Spotted Dove	8	15		<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
3	Red Collared Dove				<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
1	Eurasian Collared-dove				<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
5	Barred Cuckoo Dove	2	6		<i>Macropygia unchall</i>
4	Emerald Dove	1	2		<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
2	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon				<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>
2	Thick-billed Green Pigeon	2	9		<i>Treron curvirostra</i>
5	Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	3	23		<i>Treron apicauda</i>
2	Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	1	2		<i>Treron sphenura</i>
4	Mountain Imperial Pigeon	1	1		<i>Ducula badia</i>
3	Black-necked Crane	1	1		<i>Grus nigricollis</i>
3	White-breasted Waterhen	1	2		<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
5	Black-tailed Crake	2	3		<i>Porzana bicolor</i>
2	Common Moorhen				<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
2	Common Coot				<i>Fulica atra</i>
1	Pintail Snipe				<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
2	Common Greenshank				<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
4	Green Sandpiper				<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
2	Wood Sandpiper				<i>Tringa glareola</i>
4	Common Sandpiper				<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
4	Bronze-winged Jacana	1	3		<i>Metopidius indicus</i>
5	Ibisbill	1	2		<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>
3	Pacific Golden Plover	1	4		<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
3	Little Ringed Plover				<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
1	Northern Lapwing				<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
5	River Lapwing	2	2		<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>

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1	Grey-headed Lapwing	1	14		<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>
5	Red-wattled Lapwing	1	10		<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
1	Eurasian Woodcock				<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
2	Pallas's Gull				<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>
4	Brown-headed Gull				<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
1	Whiskered Tern				<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
3	Osprey	3	1		<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
1	Pied Falconet				<i>Microhierax melanoleucos</i>
2	Jerdon's Baza				<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
5	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	1	1		<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
1	Black-winged Kite	1	1		<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
5	Black Kite	1	10		<i>Milvus migrans</i>
1	'Black-eared' Kite				<i>Milvus [migrans] lineatus</i>
4	Pallas's Fish Eagle	1	2		<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>
1	White-tailed Eagle				<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
1	White-rumped Vulture				<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
5	Himalayan Griffon	5	15		<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
5	Crested Serpent Eagle	4	1		<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
3	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	1	1		<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
4	Hen Harrier	1	1		<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
1	Pied Harrier				<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>
5	Crested Goshawk	2	2		<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
1	Shikra				<i>Accipiter badius</i>
4	Besra				<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
5	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1	1		<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
1	Northern Goshawk				<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
5	accipiter sp.	5	2		<i>accipiter sp.</i>
5	Himalayan Buzzard*	2	1		<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
1	Long-legged Buzzard				<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
5	Black Eagle	5	2		<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
1	Greater Spotted Eagle				<i>Aquila clanga</i>
2	Indian Spotted Eagle*				<i>Aquila hastata</i>
3	Steppe Eagle				<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
1	Booted Eagle				<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
5	Rufous-bellied Eagle	3	2		<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>
5	Mountain Hawk Eagle	9	3		<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>
5	Common Kestrel	7	7		<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
1	Eurasian Hobby				<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
1	Peregrine Falcon 'Shaheen'				<i>Falco peregrinus peregrinator</i>
1	Little Grebe				<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
5	Great Crested Grebe	1	1		<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
5	Little Cormorant	1	10		<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
5	Great Cormorant	2	25		<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
1	Oriental Darter				<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
5	Little Egret	1	5		<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
1	White-bellied Heron	1	1		<i>Ardea insignis</i>
3	Purple Heron	1	1		<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
3	Great Egret				<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
5	Intermediate Egret	1	1		<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
5	Eastern Cattle Egret	1	50		<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
5	Indian Pond Heron	1	10		<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
1	Black Stork				<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
5	Lesser Adjutant	1	15		<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
3	Greater Adjutant	1	2		<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>

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5	Asian Openbill Stork	1	20	I	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
3	Blue-naped Pitta				<i>Pitta nipalensis</i>
4	Long-tailed Broadbill	1	2		<i>Psarisomus dalhousiae</i>
5	Golden-fronted Leafbird	2	2		<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
5	Orange-bellied Leafbird	4	8		<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>
3	Brown Shrike				<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
5	Long-tailed Shrike	7	6		<i>Lanius schach tricolor</i>
5	Grey-backed Shrike	7	2		<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>
4	Eurasian Jay				<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
5	Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	7	12		<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>
4	Common Green Magpie	1	2		<i>Cissa chinensis</i>
5	Rufous Treepie	1	2	I	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
5	Grey Treepie	9	12		<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>
5	Black-billed Magpie	2	4		<i>Pica pica</i>
5	Spotted Nutcracker	7	20		<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>
5	Red-billed Chough	4	80		<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>
5	House Crow	3	20		<i>Corvus splendens</i>
5	Large-billed Crow	14	100		<i>Corvus [macrorhynchos] japonensis</i>
5	Eastern Jungle Crow	1	10	I	<i>Corvus [macrorhynchos] leuallantii</i>
2	Slender-billed Oriole				<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>
2	Black-hooded Oriole				<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
5	Maroon Oriole	5	9		<i>Oriolus traillii</i>
5	Asian Fairy Bluebird	2	10		<i>Irena puella</i>
2	Large Cuckooshrike				<i>Coracina macei</i>
5	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	6	4		<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>
5	Grey-chinned Minivet	9	10		<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>
5	Long-tailed Minivet	7	20		<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>
5	Short-billed Minivet	9	6		<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>
5	Scarlet Minivet	6	6		<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
5	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	3	4		<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
5	Yellow-bellied Fantail	6	5		<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>
5	White-throated Fantail	9	4		<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>
5	Black Drongo	1	15	I	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
5	Ashy Drongo	13	40		<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
5	Bronzed Drongo	6	5		<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
5	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	2	6		<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>
4	Hair-crested Drongo	2	2		<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>
3	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	1	1		<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
3	Black-naped Monarch	1	1		<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
5	Common Iora	1	3		<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
3	Large Woodshrike				<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>
5	Brown Dipper	3	3		<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
5	Blue-capped Rock Thrush	7	10		<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>
5	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	7	10		<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>
5	Blue Rock Thrush	4	2		<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
5	Blue Whistling Thrush	16	40		<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
3	Plain-backed Thrush				<i>Zoothera mollissima</i>
1	Long-tailed Thrush				<i>Zoothera dixonii</i>
1	Tickell's Thrush				<i>Turdus unicolor</i>
5	White-collared Blackbird	5	20		<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>
5	Grey-winged Blackbird	1	3		<i>Turdus boulboul</i>
2	Black-throated Thrush*				<i>Turdus [ruficollis] atrogularis</i>
2	Chestnut Thrush				<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>
1	Grandala				<i>Grandala coelicolor</i>

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5	Lesser Shortwing	2	4	H	<i>Brachypteryx leucophrys</i>
1	White-browed Shortwing				<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>
4	Dark-sided Flycatcher	5	2		<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>
1	Ferruginous Flycatcher				<i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i>
1	Slaty-backed Flycatcher				<i>Ficedula hodgsonii</i>
5	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	6	4		<i>Ficedula strophciata</i>
5	Red-throated Flycatcher*	3	5		<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
5	White-gorgeted Flycatcher	4	3	H	<i>Ficedula monileger</i>
5	Little Pied Flycatcher	6	10		<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>
5	Ultramarine Flycatcher	3	2		<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>
4	Slaty-blue Flycatcher	1	1		<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>
4	Sapphire Flycatcher	2	1		<i>Ficedula sapphira</i>
5	Verditer Flycatcher	11	20		<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>
5	Large Niltava	6	8	(H)	<i>Niltava grandis</i>
5	Small Niltava	4	5	(H)	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>
5	Rufous-bellied Niltava	2	4	(H)	<i>Niltava sundara</i>
1	Pale-chinned Flycatcher				<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>
3	Pale Blue Flycatcher				<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>
5	Blue-throated Flycatcher	2	2		<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>
5	Pygmy Blue Flycatcher	1	2		<i>Muscicapella hodgsoni</i>
5	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	9	8		<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
5	Himalayan Orange-flanked Bush Robin*	2	6	(H)	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>
5	Golden Bush Robin	1	2	H	<i>Tarsiger chrysaesus</i>
1	Rufous-breasted Bush Robin				<i>Tarsiger hyperythrus</i>
2	White-browed Bush Robin				<i>Tarsiger indicus</i>
5	Oriental Magpie Robin	10	6		<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
4	White-rumped Shama	2	2		<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
3	Black Redstart	1	2		<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
5	Hodgson's Redstart	6	6		<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>
5	Blue-fronted Redstart	6	10		<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>
5	White-capped Water Redstart	8	2		<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
5	Plumbeous Water Redstart	5	5		<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>
5	White-tailed Robin	2	3		<i>Myiomela leucura</i>
2	Blue-fronted Robin				<i>Cinclidium frontale</i>
4	Little Forktail				<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>
5	Black-backed Forktail	2	2		<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>
4	Slaty-backed Forktail				<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>
1	White-crowned Forktail				<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>
4	Spotted Forktail				<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>
1	Purple Cochoa				<i>Cochoa purpurea</i>
5	Common Stonechat	3	3		<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
5	Grey Bushchat	8	6		<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>
4	Chestnut-tailed Starling	2	4		<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>
5	Asian Pied Starling	1	10	I	<i>Sturnus contra</i>
5	Common Myna	10	50		<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
4	Jungle Myna	1	2	I	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
4	White-vented Myna				<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>
5	Hill Myna	2	4		<i>Gracula religiosa</i>
5	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	6	3		<i>Sitta castanea</i>
5	White-tailed Nuthatch	7	6		<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>
5	Beautiful Nuthatch	1	1		<i>Sitta formosa</i>
5	Wallcreeper	2	2		<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
3	Eurasian Treecreeper				<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
5	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	1	3	(H)	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>

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5	Brown-throated Treecreeper	4	4			<i>Certhia discolor</i>
5	Winter Wren	2	1	H		<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
2	Fire-capped Tit					<i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>
5	Rufous-vented Tit	3	10			<i>Parus rubidiventris</i>
5	Coal Tit	3	15			<i>Parus ater</i>
5	Grey-crested Tit	3	6			<i>Parus dichrous</i>
2	Great Tit	3	4	H		<i>Parus major</i>
5	Green-backed Tit	14	10			<i>Parus monticolus</i>
5	Yellow-cheeked Tit	6	4			<i>Parus spilonotus</i>
5	Yellow-browed Tit	5	6			<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>
5	Sultan Tit	5	5			<i>Melanochlora sultanea</i>
5	Black-throated Tit	4	6			<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
5	Rufous-fronted Tit	5	5			<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>
3	Grey-throated Martin*					<i>Riparia chinensis</i>
1	Common Sand Martin					<i>Riparia riparia</i>
5	Barn Swallow	3	10			<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
4	Red-rumped Swallow					<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
3	Striated Swallow	1	10		I	<i>Hirundo striolata</i>
2	Asian House Martin					<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
5	Nepal House Martin	4	70			<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>
5	Ashy Woodswallow	1	4		I	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
5	Goldcrest	1	1	H		<i>Regulus regulus</i>
5	Striated Bulbul	6	4			<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>
5	Black-crested Bulbul*	3	4			<i>Pycnonotus flaviventris</i>
5	Red-whiskered Bulbul	2	10			<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
3	Himalayan Bulbul	3	4			<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>
5	Red-vented Bulbul	12	50			<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
4	White-throated Bulbul					<i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>
5	Ashy Bulbul	3	2			<i>Hemixos flava</i>
5	Mountain Bulbul	1	4			<i>Hypsipetes maclellandii</i>
5	Himalayan Black Bulbul*	12	40			<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
4	Zitting Cisticola	1	4		I	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
5	Striated Prinia	4	4	(H)		<i>Prinia criniger</i>
5	Black-throated Prinia*	8	2	(H)		<i>Prinia atrogularis</i>
5	Rufescent Prinia	2	6			<i>Prinia rufescens</i>
1	Grey-breasted Prinia					<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
2	Plain Prinia	1	4		I	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
5	Oriental White-eye	8	10			<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
5	Chestnut-headed Tesia	3	20	(H)		<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>
4	Slaty-bellied Tesia					<i>Tesia olivea</i>
4	Grey-bellied Tesia	2	7	(H)		<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>
5	Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	9	8	(H)		<i>Cettia fortipes</i>
5	Hume's Bush Warbler*	2	2			<i>Cettia brunnescens</i>
5	Grey-sided Bush Warbler	5	3	(H)		<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>
5	Russet Bush Warbler	1	2			<i>Bradypterus mandelli</i>
2	Rusty-rumped Warbler	1	4	H	I	<i>Locustella certhiola</i>
1	Blyth's Reed-warbler					<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
1	Indian Reed-warbler	1	1	H	I	<i>Acrocephalus [stentoreus] runnescens</i>
4	Mountain Tailorbird					<i>Orthotomus cuculatus</i>
5	Common Tailorbird	2	4	(H)		<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
2	Dusky Warbler					<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
3	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	4	4			<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>
3	Buff-barred Warbler	3	15			<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>
5	Ashy-throated Warbler	8	8			<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>

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5	Lemon-rumped Warbler	6	8		<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>
4	Yellow-browed Warbler	2	2	H	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
3	Hume's Warbler	1	3		<i>Phylloscopus humei mandelli</i>
2	Greenish Warbler				<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
5	Blyth's Leaf Warbler	11	20		<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>
5	Yellow-vented Warbler	5	6	(H)	<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>
5	Grey-hooded Warbler	10	10		<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>
3	Golden-spectacled Warbler	2	2		<i>Seicercus burkii</i>
5	Whistler's Warbler	5	15		<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>
5	White-spectacled Warbler	1	2		<i>Seicercus affinis</i>
5	Grey-cheeked Warbler	4	6		<i>Seicercus poliogenys</i>
5	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	7	15		<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>
5	Broad-billed Warbler	2	4		<i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i>
4	Rufous-faced Warbler				<i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>
5	Black-faced Warbler	4	8		<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>
4	Yellow-bellied Warbler	1	2		<i>Abroscopus supercilialis</i>
3	Striated Grassbird	1	6	I	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>
5	White-throated Laughingthrush	6	50		<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>
5	White-crested Laughingthrush	4	6	(H)	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>
2	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush				<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>
3	Necklaced laughingthrush sp.	1	1	H	<i>Garrulax monileger/pectoralis</i>
2	Rufous-necked Laughingthrush	1	4		<i>Garrulax ruficollis</i>
5	Striated Laughingthrush	10	10		<i>Garrulax striatus</i>
3	Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	2	2		<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>
5	Spotted Laughingthrush	3	2		<i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>
5	Grey-sided Laughingthrush	3	8		<i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>
5	Bhutan Laughingthrush*	5	8		<i>Garrulax imbricatus</i>
5	Blue-winged Laughingthrush	4	2		<i>Garrulax squamatus</i>
5	Scaly Laughingthrush	1	4	H	<i>Garrulax subunicolor</i>
5	Black-faced Laughingthrush	3	8		<i>Garrulax affinis</i>
5	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	7	4		<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>
5	Red-faced Liocichla	1	2		<i>Liocichla phoenicea</i>
4	Puff-throated Babbler	1	1	H	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>
5	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	4	3	(H)	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogyne</i>
2	White-browed Scimitar Babbler				<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>
5	Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	1	2		<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>
3	Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler				<i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i>
4	Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler	1	3		<i>Xiphirhynchus supercilialis</i>
5	Long-billed Wren Babbler	1	1		<i>Rimator malacoptilus</i>
5	Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler	1	3	(H)	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>
5	Pygmy Wren Babbler	4	8	H	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>
5	Rufous-throated Wren Babbler	2	4	(H)	<i>Spelaeornis caudatus</i>
5	Bar-winged Wren Babbler	1	1		<i>Spelaeornis troglodytoides</i>
5	Spotted Wren Babbler	3	4	(H)	<i>Spelaeornis formosus</i>
5	Sikkim Wedge-billed Babbler*	1	2		<i>Sphenocichla humei</i>
5	Rufous-capped Babbler	8	3		<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>
5	Golden Babbler	5	4		<i>Stachyris chrysaea</i>
5	Grey-throated Babbler	1	1		<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>
5	Striped Tit Babbler	1	4		<i>Macronous gularis</i>
4	Jungle Babbler	1	2	H I	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>
5	Silver-eared Mesia	3	20		<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>
2	Red-billed Leiothrix				<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>
5	Cutia	4	5		<i>Cutia nipalensis</i>
5	Black-headed Shrike Babbler	1	3	(H)	<i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i>

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5	White-browed Shrike Babbler	7	4		<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>
5	Green Shrike Babbler	6	7	(H)	<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>
5	Black-eared Shrike Babbler	2	2		<i>Pteruthius melanotis</i>
5	Rusty-fronted Barwing	8	20		<i>Actinodura egertoni</i>
4	Hoary-throated Barwing	4	6		<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>
5	Blue-winged Minla	2	60		<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>
5	Chestnut-tailed Minla	7	10		<i>Minla strigula</i>
5	Red-tailed Minla	7	10		<i>Minla ignotincta</i>
5	Golden-breasted Fulvetta	2	3		<i>Alcippe chrysotis</i>
5	Yellow-throated Fulvetta	4	8		<i>Alcippe cinerea</i>
5	Rufous-winged Fulvetta	4	8		<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>
5	White-browed Fulvetta	5	10		<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>
1	Brown-throated Fulvetta	1	1		<i>Alcippe ludlowi</i>
5	Nepal Fulvetta	1	15		<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>
5	Rufous Sibia	13	20		<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>
2	Long-tailed Sibia				<i>Heterophasia picaoides</i>
5	Striated Yuhina	2	20		<i>Yuhina castaniceps</i>
5	White-naped Yuhina	4	8		<i>Yuhina bakeri</i>
5	Whiskered Yuhina	6	20		<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>
5	Stripe-throated Yuhina	6	10		<i>Yuhina gularis</i>
5	Rufous-vented Yuhina	5	15		<i>Yuhina occipitalis</i>
5	Black-chinned Yuhina	1	1		<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>
3	White-bellied Erpornis	2	2		<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
4	Fire-tailed Myzornis	1	20		<i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i>
1	Grey-headed Parrotbill				<i>Paradoxornis gularis</i>
5	Great Parrotbill	1	1		<i>Conostoma oemodium</i>
5	Brown Parrotbill	1	3		<i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i>
2	Fulvous Parrotbill				<i>Paradoxornis fulvifrons</i>
4	Black-throated Parrotbill	1	3		<i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i>
4	Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill	1	5		<i>Paradoxornis ruficeps</i>
2	Bengal Bushlark	1	2	I	<i>Mirafraga assamica</i>
1	Greater Short-toed Lark	1	2		<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
3	Oriental Skylark	1	20		<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
1	Plain Flowerpecker				<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>
5	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	5	6		<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>
5	Mrs Gould's Sunbird	5	6		<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>
5	Green-tailed Sunbird	8	20		<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>
5	Black-throated Sunbird	5	4		<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
5	Crimson Sunbird	3	4		<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>
4	Fire-tailed Sunbird				<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>
4	Little Spiderhunter	1	1		<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>
5	Streaked Spiderhunter	5	6		<i>Arachnothera magna</i>
5	House Sparrow	4	10		<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>
5	Russet Sparrow	3	20		<i>Passer rutilans</i>
5	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	12	30		<i>Passer montanus</i>
5	White Wagtail	5	10		<i>Motacilla alba alboides</i>
1	White-browed Wagtail				<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
3	Citrine Wagtail	1	2	I	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
5	Grey Wagtail	4	5		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
5	Paddyfield Pipit	1	2	I	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
1	Blyth's Pipit	1	1	I	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
5	Olive-backed Pipit	13	15		<i>Anthus h. hodgsoni</i>
5	Rosy Pipit	2	2		<i>Anthus roseatus</i>
1	Buff-bellied Pipit				<i>Anthus rubescens japonicus</i>

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4	Alpine Accentor	1	25		<i>Prunella collaris</i>
5	Rufous-breasted Accentor	1	5		<i>Prunella strophciata</i>
2	Maroon-backed Accentor				<i>Prunella immaculata</i>
1	Baya Weaver				<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
4	White-rumped Munia	2	6		<i>Lonchura striata</i>
4	Scaly-breasted Munia	1	1	I	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
1	Chestnut Munia	1	4	I	<i>Lonchura atricapilla</i>
5	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	3	25		<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>
2	Tibetan Siskin				<i>Carduelis thibetana</i>
3	Plain Mountain Finch				<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>
3	Dark-breasted Rosefinch				<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>
3	Common Rosefinch	2	7		<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
2	Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch*	1	8		<i>Carpodacus pulcherrimus</i>
4	Dark-rumped Rosefinch	2	5		<i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i>
5	Crimson-browed Finch	2	1		<i>Propyrrhula subhimachala</i>
5	Scarlet Finch	4	3		<i>Haematospiza sipahi</i>
4	Red Crossbill	2	9		<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
4	Brown Bullfinch	4	12		<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>
5	Red-headed Bullfinch	1	1	H	<i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>
1	Grey-headed Bullfinch				<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>
5	Collared Grosbeak	1	2		<i>Mycerobas affinis</i>
2	Spot-winged Grosbeak				<i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i>
4	White-winged Grosbeak	2	20		<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>
4	Gold-naped Finch	2	3		<i>Pyrrhoplectes epauletta</i>
5	Crested Bunting	3	4		<i>Melophus lathamii</i>
5	Little Bunting	3	3		<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>