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'Despite our first half-day in Nepal being a leisurely one the tour got off to a good start and we still managed to see a Greater Spotted Eagle, our first globally-threatened species, soaring over our city centre hotel. We saw considerably more birds when we explored the luxuriant moss-encrusted, oak-rhododendron and the subtropical broad-leaved forests on Phulchowki Mountain on the edge of the Kathmandu Valley the following day however. Among the first birds of the day was a Collared Owlet that Suchit impressively found for us at the first attempt. (His ability to spot birds was something he would repeatedly amaze us with over the following two weeks). This, our first night bird, was soon followed by our first Brown-throated Treecreeper and shortly after that a Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, the latter being the first of the 16 species of woodpecker we would encounter on the tour. Other goodies on the three days we spent on Phulchowki included Black Eagle, Large Hawk Cuckoo, several superbly obliging Speckled Piculets, Black-throated Thrushes, Little Pied and Ultramarine Flycatchers, Cutias on all three days, both Scaly-breasted and Pygmy Wren Babblers, two species of tesia, several Fire-tailed Sunbirds and more barwings, minlas, fulvettas, sibilas and yuhinas that we could shake a stick at! Fabulous birding and a great introduction to Nepal's ornithological delights!

Heading away from Kathmandu the following morning we had a half-hour flight to Biratnagar down in the south-eastern corner of Nepal. Our route took us parallel to the mighty Himalayan mountain chain that forms the northern border to this tiny, landlocked nation and we were treated to some superb views of the mightiest peaks on the planet. We spent the next four nights at a comfortable camp right on the edge of the Koshi Tappu National Park – and had no sooner arrived than we were treated to some stupendous views of what turned out to be the 'Bird of the Tour' – a magnificent male Siberian Rubythroat that became a semi-permanent fixture of the bird baths right outside the camp's restaurant-cum-bar! Other ornithological highlights inside the camp included the Globally Vulnerable Lesser Adjutant, a fine male Yellow Bittern, a Small-billed Scaly Thrush and a typically recalcitrant Rusty-rumped Warbler while the undoubted mammalian highlight was a repeated, evening solo performance, from a fishing Cat!

The Koshi Camp crew, keen birders almost to a man, certainly kept us busy – be it with a jungle walk that produced Swamp Francolin, a Vulnerable Subcontinent endemic, Brown Fish or Brown Hawk Owl; a jeep safari to a nearby wetland that produced, among others, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Greater Painted-snipe and Striated Grassbird or a river raft trip where the myriad highlights included the poorly-known Swamp Prinia, a single critically-endangered White-rumped Vulture, an adult Eastern Imperial Eagle, Great Black-headed Gulls and Black-bellied Terns as well as some spectacular, close range, performances from a party of Ganges Dolphins. Somehow we even found time to explore a neighbouring patch of forest where we were treated to a couple of parties of Oriental Pied Hornbills, two Blue-bearded Bee-eaters, Rufous Woodpecker and the only Banded Bay Cuckoos that we'd actually see all trip. On the way back to camp we stopped and enjoyed close range views of a fine pair of Indian Coursers. All this as well as Koshi Tappu providing some of the best Dal Bhat of the entire tour.

All too soon it was time to leave however – but not, as we'd hoped, on an overland drive to world-renowned Chitwan National Park but in a chartered plane back to Kathmandu. The protests we'd managed to avoid around Biratnagar had grown and the area around Chitwan was in turmoil. Suchit and his team hoped that the drive from the capital down to the park would be safer and less fraught, and they were right. What's more, the views of the Himalayan mountains, and Everest in particular, were even more impressive on the flight back to Kathmandu than they had been four days earlier!

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We spent the next two nights and one full day exploring the grassland and jungle around Machan Wildlife Camp and, while we saw few mammals, we certainly weren't disappointed with the bird life. Quality species came thick and fast with Black Francolin, Red Junglefowl, Lesser Coucal, Himalayan Flameback, Tickell's Thrush, Himalayan Rubythroat, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Yellow-eyed Babbler, White-bellied Erpornis, Spotted Bush Warbler, Crimson Sunbird and Common Green Magpie all being added to our already burgeoning list from the confines of the camp grounds! We never ventured very far afield but our short walk and jeep drive still produced the following highlights - Black Stork, Brown Crake, Collared Falconet, a couple of majestic Great Pied Hornbill, White-tailed Stonechat and two subcontinent endemics in the forms of Grey-crowned Prinia and the rarely encountered Bristled Grassbird!

Our original itinerary should have had us then transferring from Machan to another lodge at the far, western end of the park, but it wasn't to be. Talks between the government and the protesters had broken down, the hoped for lifting of the impromptu road blocks never happened and unfortunately we were unable to make it to our next base. Perseverance paid off and we headed to another lodge just outside the park's western section instead. Access from here into the reserve's western grasslands was easy and views, plus photographs, of several impressive Indian Rhinos ensued. Add to these a couple of encounters with Slender-billed Babbler (another grassland specialist that's a vulnerable sub-continent endemic), three Woolly-necked Storks, a soaring Grey-headed Fish-eagle, a Changeable Hawk-eagle, umpteen Indian Peafowl and Rufous-rumped Grassbird and we fared pretty well before. All too soon, and one-and-a-half days earlier than planned, we had to leave Chitwan and the Terai. It was here at a lodge that two of us were woken by presumed early morning wake up calls but which were eventually determined to be from geckos in their respective rooms!

Not that leaving Chitwan was the end of the tour, far from it, and the journey back to the Capital was rewarding in itself. Our first and unscheduled stop yielded a couple of vociferous Striated Prinias and then unexpected Wallcreeper, our second stop a Brown Dipper, our third a pair of enthralling Ibisbill and another stop two more forketails in the shapes of Slaty-backed and Spotted. Dropping Suchit off close to home for a short, but well deserved rest, everyone else headed through Kathmandu for some sightseeing around the Tibetan style stupa at Bouddhanath. The following day saw us making our third visit back to Phulchowki and enjoying our third, and arguably best, encounter with Cutia. On our final day in Nepal Suchit took us to the Botanical Gardens at Godaveri where we added Asian Barred Owlet, Besra and Blue-fronted Redstart among others. Slaty-blue Flycatcher had the honour of being our 365<sup>th</sup> and final species before we returned to the city for an afternoon of sightseeing around Patan and Pashupatinath.

We only had two weeks in this small country but did so much and the fact that we walked away from excellent telescope views of Spiny Babbler, Nepal's only endemic, and yet it still only came sixth, with one third as many votes as the winning species, in the end of tour 'Bird of the Trip' poll says something about the quality of the birds we saw on the tour...Moreover the fact that we had no less than 18 write-ins also attests to just how much Nepal's changed in the eight years since we last ran a tour here. Some of the write-ins aren't yet found in the national field guide and there are a couple of reason's for this – one was the country's first Daurian Redstart and couldn't have been predicted, while others such as Swamp Prinia are truly world class rarities (and in this case a subcontinent endemic) that has only recently been discovered by the country's leading ornithologists.' – *Paul Holt*.

### Bird List:

The order, English and scientific names mostly follow those used in 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. The globally threatened status as defined by BirdLife International (2004) *Threatened birds of the world 2004 CD-Rom* Cambridge, U.K. BirdLife International is indicated in the following manner: CR = Critically Endangered; EN =

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Endangered; VU = Vulnerable. Subcontinent endemics are highlighted as follows: End = Subcontinent endemic; Sub.-End = Subcontinent breeding endemic; N-End = Nepal endemic.

#### Key to the status codes:

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

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

A		B	C	
6	Great Crested Grebe	1	4	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
2	Spot-billed Pelican VU			<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
5	Little Grebe			<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
6	Little Cormorant	4	200	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
6	Great Cormorant	8	550	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
6	Oriental Darter	3	10	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
6	Little Egret	7	10	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
6	Great Egret	7	300	<i>Egretta alba</i>
6	Intermediate Egret	3	4	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
6	Grey Heron	3	15	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
6	Purple Heron	4	1	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
6	Eastern Cattle Egret	10	100	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
6	Indian Pond-heron	8	40	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
6	Striated Heron	2	6	<i>Butorides striata</i>
6	Black-crowned Night-heron	2	23	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
6	Yellow Bittern	3	1	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
6	Chestnut Bittern	1	1	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
1	Black Bittern	1	2	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>
6	Asian Openbill	5	30	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
4	Black Stork	1	2	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
2	Woolly-necked Stork	1	3	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
4	Black-necked Stork			<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
5	Lesser Adjutant VU	5	6	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
6	Black-headed Ibis	2	30	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
6	Indian Black Ibis End	4	20	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
5	Eurasian Spoonbill			<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
6	Lesser Whistling-duck	3	30	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
3	Bar-headed Goose			<i>Anser indicus</i>
5	Ruddy Shelduck	5	200	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
4	Cotton Teal			<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
6	Gadwall	3	100	<i>Anas strepera</i>
3	Falcated Duck			<i>Anas falcata</i>
6	Eurasian Wigeon	3	15	<i>Anas penelope</i>
6	Mallard	1	8	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
6	Indian Spot-billed Duck	1	13	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
6	Northern Shoveler	1	1	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
5	Northern Pintail	2	3	<i>Anas acuta</i>
5	Garganey			<i>Anas querquedula</i>

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6	Common Teal	1	15		<i>Anas crecca</i>
6	Red-crested Pochard	2	3		<i>Netta rufina</i>
5	Common Pochard				<i>Aythya ferina</i>
4	Ferruginous Duck				<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
3	Baer's Pochard VU				<i>Aythya baeri</i>
3	Tufted Duck				<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
2	Common Merganser	2	2		<i>Mergus merganser</i>
1	Jerdon's Baza				<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
3	Black Baza				<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
6	Oriental Honey-buzzard	1	1		<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
5	Black-winged Kite	2	1		<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
5	Black Kite	9	10		<i>Milvus migrans</i>
3	'Black-eared' Kite				<i>Milvus [migrans] lineatus</i>
5	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	1	1		<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
2	Egyptian Vulture				<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
5	White-rumped Vulture CR	2	1		<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
4	Slender-billed Vulture CR				<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>
5	Himalayan Vulture	2	2		<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
3	Griffon Vulture				<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
3	Cinereous Vulture				<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>
4	Red-headed Vulture				<i>Aegyptius calvus</i>
5	Short-toed Eagle	3	2		<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
6	Crested Serpent-eagle	6	3		<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
5	Western Marsh Harrier				<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
4	Hen Harrier				<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
5	Pied Harrier				<i>Circus melanoleucus</i>
2	Crested Goshawk	1	1		<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
6	Shikra	7	3		<i>Accipiter badius</i>
5	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1	1		<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
1	Besra Sparrowhawk	1	1		<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
6	White-eyed Buzzard	4	3		<i>Butastur teesa</i>
4	Himalayan Buzzard				<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
5	Long-legged Buzzard	2	6		<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
5	Black Eagle	2	1		<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
2	Indian Spotted Eagle				<i>Aquila hastata</i>
5	Greater Spotted Eagle VU	2	1		<i>Aquila clanga</i>
6	Steppe Eagle	2	3		<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
3	Eastern Imperial Eagle VU	1	1		<i>Aquila heliaca</i>
3	Booted Eagle	1	1		<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
1	Rufous-bellied Eagle				<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>
6	Changeable Hawk-eagle	1	1		<i>Spizaetus limnaeetus</i>
4	Mountain Hawk-eagle	1	1		<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>
6	Osprey	3	3		<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
4	Collared Falconet	1	1		<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>
6	Common Kestrel	5	3		<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
2	Red-headed Falcon	1	1		<i>Falco chicquera</i>
4	Peregrine Falcon				<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
6	Black Francolin	3	4	(H)	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>
5	Swamp Francolin VU End	2	5	(H)	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>
6	Common Hill-partridge	1	1	H	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>

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4	Rufous-throated Hill-partridge			<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>
6	Red Junglefowl	3	6	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
4	Kaleej Pheasant			<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
6	Indian Peafowl End	3	10	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
1	Common Crane			<i>Grus grus</i>
4	Eastern Water Rail			<i>Rallus indicus</i>
6	White-breasted Waterhen	5	15	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
5	Brown Crake	2	2 (H)	<i>Porzana akool</i>
3	'Eastern' Baillon's Crake			<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
6	Ruddy-breasted Crake	1	2	<i>Porzana fusca</i>
4	Purple Swampfen	1	2	<i>Porphyrio [porphyrio] poliocephalus</i>
6	Common Moorhen	6	30	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
5	Eurasian Coot			<i>Fulica atra</i>
4	Bengal Florican EN			<i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>
4	Pheasant-tailed Jacana			<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
6	Bronze-winged Jacana	5	30	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>
4	Greater Painted-snipe	2	3	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
1	Pacific Golden Plover	1	8	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
5	Little Ringed Plover	3	10	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
6	Kentish Plover	1	6	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
2	Northern Lapwing			<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
1	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	2	2	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
4	River Lapwing	4	4	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>
1	Grey-headed Lapwing			<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>
6	Red-wattled Lapwing	6	6	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
3	Pintail Snipe			<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
6	Common Snipe	1	4	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
4	Eurasian Curlew			<i>Numenius arquata</i>
2	Spotted Redshank	1	1	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
6	Common Redshank	3	10	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
6	Common Greenshank	4	30	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
6	Green Sandpiper	7	4	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
2	Wood Sandpiper			<i>Tringa glareola</i>
5	Common Sandpiper	4	2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
5	Temminck's Stint	2	10	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
6	Ibisbill	1	2	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>
6	Indian Stone-curlew	2	2	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
4	Great Thick-knee			<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
1	Indian Courser	1	2	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>
5	Small Pratincole	4	200	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
2	'Steppe' Gull			<i>Larus [heuglini] barabensis</i>
5	Great Black-headed Gull	1	3	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>
2	Brown-headed Gull	1	1	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
1	Common Black-headed Gull			<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
5	River Tern			<i>Sterna aurantia</i>
3	Little Tern	1	10	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
5	Black-bellied Tern	1	4	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>
6	Rock Pigeon	12	200	<i>Columba livia</i>
6	Oriental Turtle-dove	7	4	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
6	Spotted Dove	9	40	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>

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5	Red Collared-dove	4	10		<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
6	Eurasian Collared-dove	5	20		<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
2	Barred Cuckoo-dove	1	1	H	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>
6	Emerald Dove	3	2		<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
4	Orange-breasted Green-pigeon				<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
4	Grey-fronted Green-pigeon End				<i>Treron affinis</i>
5	Yellow-footed Green-pigeon	1	2		<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>
1	Wedge-tailed Green-pigeon				<i>Treron sphenurus</i>
6	Alexandrine Parakeet	2	6		<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
6	Rose-ringed Parakeet	5	10		<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
6	Plum-headed Parakeet End	6	20		<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
1	Rosy-headed Parakeet				<i>Psittacula roseata</i>
5	Red-breasted Parakeet	3	5		<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>
6	Greater Coucal	7	6		<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
5	Lesser Coucal	1	1		<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>
3	Sirkeer Malkoha End				<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
5	Green-billed Malkoha	2	3		<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>
4	Asian Koel	3	2		<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
5	Banded Bay Cuckoo	3	2	(H)	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
3	'Square-tailed' Drongo Cuckoo				<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
5	Large Hawk-cuckoo	3	3		<i>Hierococcyx sparverioides</i>
4	Common Hawk-cuckoo	8	5	(H)	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
5	Oriental Cuckoo	2	1	H	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>
6	Oriental Scops-owl	3	2	H	<i>Otus sunia</i>
4	Collared Scops-owl				<i>Otus lettia</i>
5	Brown Fish-owl	1	1		<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
6	Collared Owlet	3	2	(H)	<i>Galucidium brodiei</i>
4	Asian Barred Owlet	1	3		<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>
6	Jungle Owlet End	2	3		<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
6	Spotted Owlet	6	10		<i>Athene brama</i>
5	Brown Hawk-owl	7	2	(H)	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
2	Short-eared Owl				<i>Asio flammeus</i>
4	Grey Nightjar				<i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i>
6	Large-tailed Nightjar	4	2	(H)	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>
6	Savanna Nightjar	1	2	H	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>
4	Indian White-rumped Spinetail End				<i>Zoonavena syvatica</i>
3	Asian Palm-Swift	1	1		<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
3	Alpine Swift				<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
6	Little Swift	3	10		<i>Apus affinis</i>
6	Crested Treeswift	3	2		<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
2	Red-headed Trogon				<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>
6	Common Kingfisher	5	4		<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
3	Blue-eared Kingfisher				<i>Alcedo meninting</i>
6	Stork-billed Kingfisher	5	3		<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
6	White-throated Kingfisher	10	10		<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
3	Black-capped Kingfisher				<i>Halcyon pileata</i>
6	Lesser Pied Kingfisher	6	6		<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
5	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	2	2		<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>
6	Little Green Bee-eater	5	20		<i>Merops orientalis</i>
1	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	1	3		<i>Merops philippinus</i>

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6	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	5	50		<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
5	Indian Roller	5	6		<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
3	Dollarbird				<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
5	Common Hoopoe	3	3		<i>Upupa epops</i>
4	Indian Grey Hornbill End				<i>Ocyceros birostris</i>
5	Oriental Pied Hornbill End	3	4		<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>
4	Great Pied Hornbill	1	2		<i>Buceros bicornis</i>
5	Great Barbet	4	20	(H)	<i>Megalaima virens</i>
5	Lineated Barbet	2	6	(H)	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>
4	Golden-throated Barbet	3	6	(H)	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>
5	Blue-throated Barbet	5	10		<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>
6	Coppersmith Barbet	5	2	(H)	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
5	Eurasian Wryneck	1	1		<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
6	Speckled Piculet	4	5	(H)	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>
1	White-browed Piculet				<i>Sasia ochracea</i>
1	Indian Pygmy Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
5	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	4	3		<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>
5	Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker	7	3		<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>
2	Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker	2	2		<i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i>
2	Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker	2	2		<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>
4	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	2	2		<i>Hypopicus hyperythrus</i>
4	Rufous Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>
5	Lesser Yellownape	3	2		<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
6	Greater Yellownape	1	2		<i>Picus flavinucha</i>
5	Streak-throated Woodpecker	4	3		<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>
6	Grey-faced Woodpecker	3	2		<i>Picus canus</i>
5	Himalayan Flameback	3	2		<i>Dinopium shorii</i>
6	Black-rumped Flameback End	6	5		<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
5	Greater Flameback	1	2		<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>
4	Bay Woodpecker	1	1	H	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>
5	Bengal Bushlark	2	2		<i>Mirafra assamica</i>
5	Ashy-crowned Finch-lark	1	3		<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
3	Greater Short-toed Lark	2	15		<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
1	Hume's Lark	1	1		<i>Calandrella acutirostris</i>
6	Sand Lark	3	10		<i>Calandrella raytal</i>
4	Crested Lark				<i>Galerida cristata</i>
6	Oriental Skylark	1	2		<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
6	Grey-throated Sand-martin	4	40		<i>Riparia chinensis</i>
6	Barn Swallow	6	20		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
1	Wire-tailed Swallow				<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
6	Red-rumped Swallow	3	10		<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
3	Streak-throated Swallow				<i>Hirundo fluvicola</i>
4	Nepal House-martin				<i>Delichon nipalense</i>
6	White Wagtail	8	80		<i>Motacilla alba</i>
6	White-browed Wagtail	2	3		<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
6	Citrine Wagtail	6	20		<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
3	Western Yellow Wagtail	1	1		<i>Motacilla flava</i>
6	Grey Wagtail	6	1		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
6	Richard's Pipit	1	2	H	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
6	Paddyfield Pipit	5	2		<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

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4	Blyth's Pipit	1	1	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
6	Tree Pipit			<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
6	Olive-backed Pipit	6	10	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
5	Rosy Pipit	4	6	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>
6	Large Cuckooshrike	6	9	<i>Coracina macei</i>
5	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	1	2	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>
1	Black-headed Cuckooshrike			<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
3	Rosy Minivet			<i>Pericrocotus roseus</i>
6	Small Minivet	2	6	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
6	Long-tailed Minivet	4	6	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>
1	Short-billed Minivet	1	1	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>
6	Scarlet Minivet	3	10	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>
6	Pied Flycatcher-shrike	3	6	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
6	Large Woodshrike	2	5	<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>
5	Common Woodshrike	1	2	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>
3	Asian Paradise Flycatcher			<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
5	Black-naped Monarch	1	2	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
6	White-throated Fantail	9	6	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>
6	Yellow-bellied Fantail	1	5	<i>Chelidorhynchus hypoxantha</i>
6	Striated Bulbul	1	2	<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>
4	Black-crested Bulbul	3	6	<i>Pycnonotus flaviventris</i>
6	Red-whiskered Bulbul	8	20	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
6	Himalayan Bulbul End	4	10	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>
6	Red-vented Bulbul	9	50	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
2	Ashy Bulbul			<i>Hemixos flavala</i>
5	Mountain Bulbul			<i>Hypsipetes mccllellandi</i>
6	Himalayan Black Bulbul	2	4	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
5	Common Iora	5	4	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
6	Gold-fronted Leafbird	3	4	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
5	Orange-bellied Leafbird	3	2	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>
6	Brown Shrike	4	3	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
6	Long-tailed Shrike	9	4	<i>Lanius schach</i>
6	Grey-backed Shrike	4	3	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>
2	Brown Dipper	1	2	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
1	Altai Accentor			<i>Prunella himalayana</i>
2	Rufous-breasted Accentor	2	2	H <i>Prunella strophiatea</i>
4	Orange-headed Thrush			<i>Zoothera citrina</i>
4	Small-billed Scaly Thrush	2	1	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>
1	Dark-sided Ground-thrush			<i>Zoothera marginata</i>
5	Tickell's Thrush End	3	1	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>
4	Grey-winged Blackbird			<i>Turdus boulboul</i>
5	Black-throated Thrush	1	8	<i>Turdus [ruficollis] atrogularis</i>
6	Blue Whistling-thrush	3	5	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
6	Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher	2	3	<i>Ficedula strophiatea</i>
5	Red-throated Flycatcher			<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
4	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	1	1	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>
5	Little Pied Flycatcher	2	2	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>
5	Ultramarine Flycatcher	1	1	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>
3	Slaty-blue Flycatcher	1	1	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>
5	Verditer Flycatcher	6	30	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>

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1	Large Niltava	1	1	H	<i>Niltava grandis</i>
5	Small Niltava	3	2		<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>
4	Rufous-bellied Niltava	1	1		<i>Niltava sundara</i>
5	Pale-chinned Flycatcher	3	4		<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>
4	Blue-throated Flycatcher				<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>
6	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	4	6		<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
4	Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush	3	7		<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>
4	Blue Rock-thrush				<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
5	Siberian Rubythroat	3	4		<i>Luscinia calliope</i>
6	Himalayan Rubythroat	3	3		<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>
6	Bluethroat	2	2		<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
5	Himalayan Red-flanked Bush-Robin				<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>
4	Golden Bush-Robin	1	1	H	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>
6	Oriental Magpie-Robin	9	10		<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
6	White-rumped Shama	3	10		<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
6	Black Redstart	2	2		<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
3	Hodgson's Redstart				<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>
1	Daurian Redstart	1	1		<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>
2	Blue-fronted Redstart	1	1		<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>
6	White-capped River-chat	3	5		<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
6	Plumbeous Water-redstart	3	6		<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosa</i>
4	Black-backed Forktail	3	1		<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>
1	Slaty-backed Forktail	1	1		<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>
3	Spotted Forktail	2	2		<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>
6	Common Stonechat	7	10		<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
5	White-tailed Stonechat	2	3		<i>Saxicola leucurus</i>
6	Pied Bushchat	3	6		<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
6	Grey Bushchat	2	2		<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>
6	White-throated Laughingthrush	2	20		<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>
3	White-crested Laughingthrush	1	8		<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>
6	Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	1	4		<i>Garrulax monileger</i>
1	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush				<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>
6	Striated Laughingthrush	2	3		<i>Grammatoptila striata</i>
4	Rufous-necked Laughingthrush				<i>Dryonastes ruficollis</i>
5	Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush				<i>Ianthocincla rufogularis</i>
6	Streaked Laughingthrush	2	2		<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>
6	Red-headed Laughingthrush	3	10		<i>Trochalopteron erythrocephalum</i>
5	Cutia	3	4		<i>Cutia nipalensis</i>
4	Abbott's Babbler	1	5		<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>
6	Puff-throated Babbler	4	2		<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>
6	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babbler	2	3		<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogeus</i>
1	White-browed Scimitar-babbler				<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>
5	Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler	3	2		<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>
4	Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler	2	2		<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>
5	Pygmy Wren-babbler	3	2		<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>
5	Black-chinned Babbler End	3	4		<i>Stachyris pyrrhops</i>
6	Grey-throated Babbler	2	3		<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>
6	Striped Tit-Babbler	4	5		<i>Macronous gularis</i>
6	Chestnut-capped Babbler	3	8		<i>Timalia pileata</i>
6	Yellow-eyed Babbler	1	4		<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>

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6	Spiny Babbler	N-End	1	2		<i>Turdoides nipalensis</i>
6	Striated Babbler		2	6		<i>Turdoides earlei</i>
5	Slender-billed Babbler	VU End	2	10		<i>Turdoides longirostris</i>
6	Jungle Babbler	End	9	21		<i>Turdoides striata</i>
5	Red-billed Leiothrix					<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>
5	Hoary-throated Barwing		2	6		<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>
4	Bar-throated Minla		2	4		<i>Minla strigula</i>
3	Rufous-winged Fulvetta		3	8		<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>
4	White-browed Fulvetta		3	10		<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>
6	Nepal Fulvetta		3	5		<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>
6	Rufous Sibia		3	40		<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>
6	Whiskered Yuhina		3	10		<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>
6	Stripe-throated Yuhina		2	8		<i>Yuhina gularis</i>
3	Black-throated Parrotbill		1	2	H	<i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i>
6	White-browed Shrike-babbler		2	4		<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>
5	Green Shrike-babbler		3	2		<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>
6	White-bellied Erpornis		2	3		<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
6	Zitting Cisticola		5	2	(H)	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
1	Bright-caped Cisticola		1	1		<i>Cisticola exilis</i>
1	Swamp Prinia		1	2		<i>Prinia cinerascens nepalicola</i>
6	Striated Prinia		2	4	(H)	<i>Prinia crinigera</i>
6	Grey-crowned Prinia	End	2	6	(H)	<i>Prinia cinereocapilla</i>
6	Grey-breasted Prinia		3	10		<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
4	Graceful Prinia					<i>Prinia gracilis</i>
4	Yellow-bellied Prinia		1	1		<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>
4	Ashy Prinia		2	4		<i>Prinia socialis</i>
6	Plain Prinia		1	3		<i>Prinia inornata</i>
6	Common Tailorbird		8	4		<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
6	Chestnut-headed Tesia		5	3	(H)	<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>
6	Yellow-browed Tesia		1	4		<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>
5	Pale-footed Bush-warbler		1	1		<i>Cettia pallidipes</i>
5	Large Bush-warbler		1	1	H	<i>Cettia major</i>
6	Grey-sided Bush-warbler		3	4	(H)	<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>
1	Strong-footed Bush-warbler					<i>Cettia fortipes</i>
6	'Himalayan' Aberrant Bush-warbler		3	2	(H)	<i>Cettia flavolivacea</i>
4	Spotted Bush-warbler		4	3	(H)	<i>Bradypterus thoracicus</i>
1	Rusty-rumped Warbler		1	2		<i>Locustella certhiola</i>
4	Paddyfield Warbler					<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>
6	Blyth's Reed-warbler		1	6		<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
5	Indian Reed-warbler		1	2	H	<i>Acrocephalus [stentoreus] brunnescens</i>
5	Thick-billed Warbler		1	1		<i>Acrocephalus aedon</i>
6	Siberian Chiffchaff		2	5		<i>Phylloscopus [collybita] tristis</i>
6	Dusky Warbler		2	2		<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
6	Smoky Leaf-warbler		4	2	(H)	<i>Phylloscopus fulgiventis</i>
6	Tickell's Leaf-warbler		4	4		<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>
6	Orange-barred Leaf-warbler		3	30		<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>
6	Grey-faced Leaf-warbler		2	10		<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>
6	Lemon-rumped Leaf-warbler		1	2		<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>
6	Yellow-browed Leaf-warbler		2	3		<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
6	Hume's Leaf-warbler		7	4	(H)	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>

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6	Greenish Warbler	8	8	(H)	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
6	Blyth's Leaf-warbler	6	10		<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>
6	Grey-hooded Warbler	4	20		<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>
1	Green-crowned Warbler	1	1		<i>Seicercus burkii</i>
6	Whistler's Warbler	2	1		<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>
6	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	4	4		<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>
6	Black-faced Warbler	3	10		<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>
2	Yellow-bellied Warbler	1	2		<i>Abroscopus superciliaris</i>
6	Striated Grassbird	1	1		<i>Megalurus palustris</i>
2	Bristled Grassbird End	1	1		<i>Chaetornis striata</i>
5	Rufous-rumped Grassbird	2	2	(H)	<i>Graminicola bengalensis</i>
1	Lesser Whitethroat	1	1		<i>Sylvia curruca</i>
6	Red-headed Tit	4	10		<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
6	Great Tit	7	6		<i>Parus major</i>
6	Green-backed Tit	4	6		<i>Parus monticolus</i>
6	Black-lore'd Yellow Tit End	4	2		<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>
1	Sultan Tit				<i>Melanochloa sultanea</i>
6	Yellow-browed Tit	3	6		<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>
6	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	4	6		<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>
6	White-tailed Nuthatch	3	12		<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>
6	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	3	6		<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
3	Wallcreeper	1	1		<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
5	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	1	1		<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>
5	Brown-throated Treecreeper	3	3		<i>Certhia discolor</i>
2	Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker				<i>Dicaeum melanoxanthum</i>
6	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	4	5		<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>
6	Purple Sunbird	5	4		<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
4	Mrs Gould's Sunbird				<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>
6	Green-tailed Sunbird	3	10		<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>
4	Black-breasted Sunbird				<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
3	Crimson Sunbird	2	3		<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>
5	Fire-tailed Sunbird	3	2		<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>
3	Streaked Spiderhunter	1	1	H	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>
6	Oriental White-eye	6	10		<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
5	Crested Bunting	7	8		<i>Melophus lathamii</i>
2	Little Bunting				<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>
2	Yellow-breasted Bunting				<i>Emberiza aureola</i>
5	Black-faced Bunting				<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>
4	Himalayan Greenfinch				<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>
4	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	1	3		<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>
5	Common Rosefinch	1	8		<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
2	Brown Bullfinch				<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>
2	Red Avadavat	1	20		<i>Amandava amandava</i>
6	White-rumped Munia	1	4		<i>Lonchura striata</i>
6	Scaly-breasted Munia	4	30		<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
6	House Sparrow	12	20		<i>Passer domesticus</i>
6	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	2	10		<i>Passer montanus</i>
5	Yellow-throated Petronia				<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>
5	Baya Weaver	4	50		<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
5	Spot-winged Starling	1	3		<i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>

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5	Grey-headed Starling	8	100		<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>
2	Brahminy Starling	1	2		<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>
5	Asian Pied Starling	7	30		<i>Gracupica contra</i>
6	Common Myna	11	30		<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
4	Bank Myna	1	5		<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>
6	Jungle Myna	3	30		<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
5	Common Hill-myna	4	8		<i>Gracula religiosa</i>
1	Indian Golden Oriole				<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>
6	Black-hooded Oriole	8	10		<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
5	Maroon Oriole	4	4		<i>Oriolus traillii</i>
6	Black Drongo	8	40		<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
6	Ashy Drongo	2	2		<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
6	White-bellied Drongo End	1	2		<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
6	Bronzed Drongo	2	4		<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
6	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	1	1		<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>
6	Hair-crested Drongo	6	10		<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>
6	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	2	2		<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
6	Ashy Woodswallow	3	20		<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
5	Eurasian Jay	1	2		<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
2	Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	1	1		<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>
5	Red-billed Blue Magpie	1	8		<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>
4	Common Green Magpie	2	2	(H)	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>
6	Rufous Treepie	6	10		<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
6	Grey Treepie	3	1		<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>
6	House Crow	11	100		<i>Corvus splendens</i>
6	Large-billed Crow	14	20		<i>Corvus [macrorhynchus] japonensis</i>

## Mammals:

The order and English names mostly follow Menon, Vivek (2003). *A Field Guide to Indian Mammals*. Dorling Kindersley, Delhi.

5	Indian Flying Fox	4	4		<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
6	Rhesus Macaque	8	10		<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
6	Terai Grey Langur	3	8		<i>Semnopithecus hector</i>
6	Golden Jackal	3	3	H	<i>Canis aureus</i>
2	Indian Fox	1	2		<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>
3	Sloth Bear				<i>Ursus ursinus</i>
5	Yellow-throated Marten	1	2		<i>Mustela kathiah</i>
5	Common Indian Mongoose	3	2		<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
3	Ganges Dolphin	1	5		<i>Platanista gangetica</i>
5	Jungle Cat	1	1		<i>Felis chaus</i>
1	Fishing Cat	4	1		<i>Felis viverrina</i>
6	Indian Rhinoceros	2	4		<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>
5	Wild Boar	2	6		<i>Sus scrofa</i>
6	Spotted Deer (Chital)	3	10		<i>Axis axis</i>
6	Hog Deer	3	2		<i>Axis porcinus</i>
6	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)				<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>
5	Sambar	2	1		<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
1	Gaur (Indian Bison)				<i>Bos gaurus</i>
6	Wild Water Buffalo	2	20		<i>Bubalus arnee</i>

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4	Northern Palm Squirrel	2	1	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>
5	Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	2	2	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>
1	Irrawaddy Squirrel	1	4	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>