INDIA

Jammu and Kashmir
Padder Valley

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June – Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} June

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**Introduction**

As time goes by its quality rather than quantity that dictates where I go. A bird high on my wants list was Orange Bulfinch because apart from it being a stunning looking bird it is not very easy to see. It has been seen in the Kashmir Valley but only in winter and an attempt by a couple of trips to see it in the summer failed possibly because access to the national park is problematical. So where is it possible to see it. Checking E bird I notice there were a bunch of records from the Padder Valley a remote area in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. Through the power of the internet I managed to track down the observer a Dr Neeraj Sharma from Institute of Mountain Environment, University of Jammu located at the Bhaderwah campus who informed me he had indeed seen Orange Bulfinch on a number of occasions in the area. With regards access he confirmed it would be possible and in fact he had a field trip to the area planned for late June and I was welcomed to join it. I had some reservations as Kashmir has a UK government travel warning and the road to Padder was listed as one of the most dangerous in the India but then time is not on my side so I said thanks for invite count me in.

**Logistics**

At first the logistics to get to this remote part Jammu and Kashmir appeared to very complicated but with Neeraj’s help they were relatively easy. He organised all the transport, guest houses and trekking logistics i.e., guides, porters, tents, etc.
The town of Gulabgarh the headquarters of Padder Valley is about an eight hour drive from Jammu. Access from Jammu is initially via the main Jammu to Srinagar highway a good four / dual lane highway. After about three hours you reach a favoured tourist destination, Patnitop and to Batote, a picturesque small township half an hour later where the road forks. A minor but still good sealed road follows the Chenab River to Doda where the road to Bhaderwah starts. One continues on the main road to Kishtwar which is about two hours away. From Kishtwar you continue to follow Chenab River and after about three hours you will arrive in Gulabgarh. This stretch of the road once referred to as one of the most dangerous roads in India has now been improved dramatically and there are now sections of sealed road though some sections are still not for the faint hearted. From Gulabgarh a road crosses the river and runs alongside a tributary (Bhot stream) and after a few km’s there is a fork to the right which leads to the village Garh. This is where Monoj, our guide for the trip, lives and has his family house and from where we started and finished the trek. As I was joining Neeraj for the field trip I stopped off in Bhaderwah where he is based to pick up and drop off the other participants. The area around Bhaderwah contains some good forest and was the only place I saw Brown-fronted Woodpecker. Due to an urgent engagement Neeraj could only join us for the last two nights of the trek. For the whole trek I was accompanied by Dinesh and Ravinder, the Ph.D scholars, Sudesh, a researcher who teaches at College level and Manoj and Anil who are field assistants at the Jammu University.

Sites
Bhaderwah Area – Lesser Himalayas
As the trip started and ended in Bhaderwah I managed to do some birding close to the town. The town is located about 20Km’s from the main road in a valley surrounded by forested hills. The limited birding I did at the two different locations proved productive and I’m sure the area could produce more if time was available.

Site A (32.939785, 75.744107) – An area of mature pine forest above the town accessed by car. The area was explored late one afternoon from the road and both Himalayan and Grey-Headed Woodpecker were seen. Unfortunately rain stopped play.

Site B (32.960904, 75.708978) – A valley opposite the guest house I was staying in. I explored the valley one morning and again it was quite productive for the limited amount of time I was there. I saw my only Brown-fronted Woodpecker there.
Gulabgarh – Greater Himalayas

We trek from Manoj’s house located at 2100m (33.313929, 76.20001) to campsite one at 3500m which was located on the edge of the tree line. The first part of the trail was through open fields before passing through low trees eventually reaching good forest just after the river crossing (33.298818, 76.209221) at an altitude of 2600m. From here there is a good path through the forest all the way up to the tree line and then it was a 500m contour to the campsite located in an open alpine meadow. I didn’t do the forest justice as I was concentrating on climbing. I’m sure more stops would have produced more birds.
From the camp site I explore south wards along the edge of the tree line. The area consisted of open meadows, low bushes and trees and held a good selection of birds. The walk from camp site one to two was through a mixture of habitat from open country, forest and scree slopes. Again due to time constraints not a lot of birding was done along the route. Camp site two was set in an open area surrounded by mature forest. The area was good for Spectacled Finch and I’m sure without the rain would had produced quite a few more birds.
The walk down passed through some great looking old forest and again I’m sure would had been very productive if it had not been for the rain and low mist.
widening the road to four lanes and so progress slowed a bit. We turned off the main road onto a smaller road and headed towards Doda. It was quite birdy along the road with White-capped Bunting, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Black Francolin, being a few of the birds we saw. At Doda we took the road to Bhaderwah and arrive some 6 hours after setting off. I checked into the Guest house before heading to the faculty where I was introduced to the team. It was still light and I wanted to go birding so they arranged to take me to an area of forest on the edge of town. We stopped the car and walked up a small trail. It was not jumping with birds but I did eventually manage to see Grey-head and Himalayan Woodpeckers, Bar-tailed Treecreeper and Black Bullbul plus a few commoner species.

Unfortunately it started to rain so we headed back down to the car and I was dropped off at the guesthouse. When the rain stopped I explore the area looking for a good place to go birding the following morning and wooded valley opposite the guest house looked promising. I was joined by the team for dinner and we discussed the programme for the next few days over a few whiskies.

Sunday 24th June
Woke at 5am to brilliant blue skies so I was quickly out of bed and into the field to explore the wooded valley I had located the previous evening. I set off on a path through some rice paddies which eventually lead to scattered trees as it followed the valley and slowly climb upwards. Like the previous day there were lots of birds calling but it was very hard to locate anything. A Plumeous Redstart, a couple of Spotted Forktails and a pair or Yellow-billed Blue Magpies were seen and a Koel and Common Cuckoo were heard calling in the distance. Then I saw a Woodpecker land on a distant tree which turned out to be a Brown-fronted. Excellent one off the list. It hung around but trying to get photos proved problematic.

Spotted Forktail

Grey-hooded Warbler

Pied Cuckoo
I continued on up for a while before it was time to turn back as we were due to leave at 9am. The return trip produced very little new and I arrived back at the guest house where breakfast was waiting. The team were still preparing so I checked out the garden next to the guest house which proved productive with Tickles Thrush, Yellow Greenfinch, Oriental White-eye and Grey-hooded warbler. A little later whilst the car was being loaded I explored the faculty grounds and found a Jacobin Cuckoo. Eventually we were ready to set off though it was now nearer 11pm. We headed down the valley to Doda where we turn onto the Kishtwar road. There was not much traffic and after 40km we made a stop at a friends where we had refreshments and picked up a tent. We set off again making a brief stop just outside Kishtwar where we saw Peregrine, Streak Laughingthrush and White-capped Bunting.

We had a late lunch in the town and also brought some supplies before continuing on. Not far out of the town we encountered our first and only army check point of the trip. It took about 30 minutes of form filling and telephone conversations before they would let us proceed though I think it was more of a surprise at seeing a westerner than a problem with access. The road to Gulabgarh once describe as the most dangerous in India is undergoing improvement and although it is still carved out of the hill side with steep drops to the Chenab River large stretches are now sealed. We made a couple stops on route after seeing Parakeets fly across the road and eventually we managed to locate a Slaty-headed Parakeet eating apples in a tree. Things were still going to plan.
Eventually arrived in Gulabgarh where we had a cup of tea before buying the final provisions. From the town I could finally see the ridge we were going to climb after spending many hours looking at it on google earth. Leaving the town we crossed the river then headed up a side valley along a dirt road before turning off on to a new dirt road that went higher. The road was still being built and a number of times we had to get out of the car and remove boulders and high mounds to allow the car to pass. It was just getting dark as we reached the closest we could get to Manoj’s house in the village of Garh. We parked and in the dark walked the last 400m up a steep path loaded up with our luggage. We were all glad to get there it had been a long day. We had dinner and then it was bed. Tomorrow we start trekking up.

Monday 25th June
I was up at first light and explored the area around Monoj house (33.313929, 76.20001) which consisted of terraced fields with scattered trees. The best birds being Western Crowned Warbler and a pair of Ultramarine Flycatchers plus a couple of Slaty-headed Parakeets. I returned to house hoping for an early start but by the time the porters were organised and breakfast was served it was 9.30am before we set off. The first part of the hike was through terraced fields on a very ill defined steep path. Once exiting the fields we continued on up through open country and again the path was very steep and the going was tough. We eventually arrived at a small river on the edge of good forest (33.298818, 76.209221) where we rested for an hour whilst the porters made tea. We then continued on up along a well defined path that zig zagged up the through the forest. It was hard birding whilst trying to make some progress though a couple stops and blasts of Collard Owlet produced lots of Phylloscopus warblers of which Western Crowned and Lemon-rumped were identified.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher
Eurasian Wren
Himalayan Bluetail

Other birds included my first White-cheeked Nuthatch, Rufous-napped Tits and Slaty-backed Flycatchers. As we climb higher Himalayan Bluetail's became evident especially above 3000m. We thought the tree line was at 3200m however we were still in deep forest at that height and it was another 300m climb before we eventually reached the tree line. It was now 5pm we had been climbing for seven and a half hours and we were all getting pretty tired. It took a while for the stragglers to arrive and we then contoured the edge of the tree line to an open flat area where we could camp (33.283981, 76.21245). The wind got and it became very cold so we quickly put the tents up and the porters started fires for cooking. Once the tents were up I started to explore the area. The wind had died down and it was wonderful evening. I spent a while checking out the alpine meadows and the edge of the tree line and had great views of White-tailed Rubythroat, a female White bellied Redstart and Tickell’s Warbler and in the fading light a distant Spectacled Finch was located calling from the top of a tree. As the light faded about 8pm I returned to camp for dinner and a well earned nights sleep.
Tuesday 26th June
I woke early and sat at the entrance to my tent watching it slowly getting light. By 5am I was out ready to start exploring in the half light. I left the campsite and walked along the edge of the treeline to the next valley. There was lots of birdsong with Rubythroats and Tickell's Warblers singing and a quick blast of Collard Owlet at a section of forest produced my first of many Spectacled Finch. As I crossed into another meadow I flushed two Himalayan Monal's. It was great birding. On the way back I was lucky as I fell and my camera landed hard on a rock with me on top. Luckily no damage was done to the camera though I was a bit bruised and blooded. On the scree slopes near the campsite there were Red-fronted Serin's and Plain Mountain Finch as well as few European Goldfinch

I arrived back at the camp site where breakfast was waiting so I sat down scanning the surrounding trees as I eat. In the far distance I saw a large bird perch up on top of a tree. I thought it was just a Mistle Thrush but on checking it out I was sure it was a Nutcraker. It started flying luckily towards us and it landed in a large bare tree in front of the campsite. It was indeed a Kashmir Nutcracker. I finished breakfast and helped the porters dismantle the tents. I then decided to check out a tree just down from the camp site in an open area which held a number of birds. When I got to it I realised there was a small stream under it and the birds were dropping down to drink. A pair of White-cheeked Nuthatches had a nest and were coming in to feed the chicks. I walked under the tree and whilst taking some photos I thought I heard a Bullfinch call. I looked up and saw a bird feeding on some hanging seeds and as soon as I put my bins on it I realised it was a female Orange Bullfinch. I fired off a couple of shots before it moved deeper into the tree. Wow I was not expecting that at this site. I tried to find a better viewing angle but couldn't.
The others were keen to move on to the next camp site so I reluctantly returned and we headed off on the 4km trek. I was not too concerned campsite two was meant to be the Orange Bullfinch strong hold. We walked for a fifteen minutes before the porters stopped to rest and then bizarrely started playing cards for forty minutes. Time which I could have spent at campsite one. Eventually we continued on. The path was ill defined and it was very undulating. We kept on going and I thought this is a very long 4km. At one stop in the early afternoon a flock of 10 Himalayan Vultures flew over.

We continued on and after five hours reached a good area of forest. I thought we had reached the camp site but no after a rest we carried on and had to cross a large area of scree before reaching good forest again eventually arriving at clearing our campsite for the next two nights (33.316884, 76.229107). It had been a 14km walk not 4km and we were all quite exhausted. Neeraj and Dinesh had arrived an hour or so earlier. We pitched the tents and whilst the porters cooked dinner I explored the area hoping for an evening Bullfinch but no luck. I returned to the camp and whilst writing my notes and heard a strange call and a stunning male Black and Yellow Grosbeak landed in a tree.
What a stunning end to the day. It was now dark and whilst waiting for dinner Sudesh was checking his photos out and he showed me stunning video of a pair of Orange Bulfinch he had taken in the morning 30m from campsite one whilst I was exploring further afield. I couldn’t believe it. I was a bit despondent when I retired that night even though it had been a good days birding.

**Wednesday 27th June**

I could hear the rain on the tent overnight but thought it would just be a brief shower and we would wake up to brilliant blue skies again. I was disappointed when at 5am it was still over caste though the rain had stopped. I was up and started to search the area for Bullfinch but nothing just Accentors and Spectacled Finches.

I extended my search away from the clearing but bird activity was slow due to the dull weather. A couple of attempts to liven things up with Collard Owlet call had the desired affect and there was soon Slaty-backed Flycatcher, numerous Phylloscopus Warblers and Tits showing in nearby trees but no Kashmir Nuthatch which I was hoping for.

I also tried the bushes by the river for White-throated Bushtit but nothing came out. By 10am the weather started to get worse with the constant drizzle now turning into light rain. I preserved and found a Rufus-gorgetted Flycatcher a new bird for the area deep in the forest and a number of Black and Yellow Grosbeaks but apart from the usual Rufous-breasted Accentors, Dark-sided Flycatchers and Bluetails there was very little else. As the day progressed the rain became heavier and long periods were spent sheltering under the trees. Dinner was a wet affair as we sheltered from the rain and we were all glad to retire to the dry tents

**Thursday 28th June**

The rain continued all night and the hoped for break in the weather didn’t happen so it was a rainy start again. Birding in the rain was not very productive even the birds were finding it hard and were now feeding on the forest floor or low bushes.
We were due to set off at 8am however breakfast took longer to prepare than estimated and by the time we were ready it was gone 10am. By now the rain was constant and it was a case of head down and follow the trail and try not to slip which was easier said than done and we all ended up falling a number of times. It was a very steep trail down which went through some great old forest which I’m sure would have been very productive but the rain and mist prevented any real birding. We exited the forest and passed through some open areas before reaching the fields. The last part down was hard as there was no obvious trail to Manoj house but we eventually reached wet and covered in mud.

It was good to get out of our wet clothes and dry off. We had a lovely lunch but by now it was gone 3pm and we had a long drive. It was a long walk to the car as the top part of the road was impassable due to the weather. We loaded up the car and then it was a slow drive back to Bhaderwah and at times I wondered if we would get there due to landslides and debris on the road. We did but it was late. After checking into the same guest house where I had stayed previously we had final diner together before retiring.

**Friday 29th June**

I was hoping the weather would improve so I could get a couple of hours birding in before we left for the airport but it was still raining when I woke and if anything it was heavier. Due to the weather it was decided that we should set off quite early as there had been numerous landslides. It was a good call as the road was littered with boulders and mud and in a couple of places there were quite long queues of traffic causing further delays. Once we had past the road roadworks on the main highway the road became clearer and we made good progress to the Jammu. We dropped Monoj, Sudesh and Anil in the town and then I was dropped off at the airport in plenty of time for my flight. The short hop to Delhi was on time. I transferred to Terminal 3 and then four hours later was on the flight to Hong Kong.
Systematic List

**Black Francolin** *Francolinus francolinus*
Two flew across the road on route to Bhaderwah 23rd June

**Himalayan Monal** *Lophophorus impejanus*
Four campsite one on 26th June

**Koklass Pheasant** *Pucrasia macrolopha*
One heard on trek to campsite one on 25th June

**Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus*
Two Bhaderwah 23rd June

**Brown-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos moluccensis*
One in valley near Bhaderwah guest house 24th June

**Himalayan Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos himalayensis*
First seen in Bhaderwah 23rd June and then seen daily in small numbers

**Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens*
One heard Bhaderwah 24th June

**Indian Grey Hornbill** *Ocyceros birostris*
Five flew across the road on route to Bhaderwah 23rd June

**Common Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
Small numbers seen in Bhaderwah and journey to Gulabgarh areas

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
Two 23rd and four 24th June Bhaderwah

**Jacobin Cuckoo** *Clamator jacobinus*
One Bhaderwah campus 24th June

**Common Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
One heard calling Bhaderwah 24th June

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*
One heard Bhaderwah 24th June and one heard calling from campsite one on 26th June

**Lesser Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus*
Up to three heard daily in the Bhaderwah and Gulabgarh areas

**Slaty-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula himalayana*
Two seen between Kishtwah and Gulabgarh 24th June. Four seen around Garh village 25th June

**Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei*
One heard Bhaderwah 24th June. Two heard on trek to campsite one on 25th June

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
Small parties seen along the Bhaderwah to Gulabgarh road on the 24th and 28th June
Speckled Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*
Up to two daily around campsite two

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*
Up to ten seen daily in the Bhaderwah and Gulabgarh areas

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
Regularly seen on route between Jammu and Bhadarwah and small numbers seen in Bhaderwah area

Himalayan Vulture *Gyps himalayensis*
Twelve seen on trek between campsite one and two 26th June

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*
One campsite one 26th June. One Campsite two on 27th June

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
One on route to Gulabgarh 24th June

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
One at roadside stop outside Kishtwar 24th June

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Small numbers seen daily below about 2400m

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris*
Up to ten seen daily at lower elevations ie below about 2400m

Kashmir Nutcracker *Nucifraga multipunctata*
One flew in to campsite one 26th June and one campsite two 28th June

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
Two campsite two on 27th June

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*
Varying numbers seen daily at all elevations

Indian Golden Oriole *Oriolus kundoo*
Two around Garh Village 25th June

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*
Two around Garh Village 25th June

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocerus*
Small numbers seen daily below about 2400m

Indian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradise*
One flew across the road on route Bhaderwah 23th June

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*
Small numbers seen daily even the highest elevations

Tickell’s Thrush *Turdusunicolor*
One Bhaderwah 24th June
**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*
Six campsite one 26th June and one campsite two on 27th June

**Chestnut Thrush** *Turdus rubrocanus*
One campsite two 26th June and two same location 27th June

**Dark-sided Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica*
Up to twenty seen daily above 3000m during the trek.

**Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher** *Ficedula strophiata*
One campsite two on 27th and 28th June

**Ultramarine Flycatcher** *Ficedula superciliaris*
Four Garh Village and two on lower part of trek to campsite one 25th June

**Slaty-blue Flycatcher** *Ficedula tricolor*
Up to two seen daily on trek 25-28th June

**White-tailed Rubythroat** *Calliope pectoralis*
Four campsite one on 25th June and three at same location 26th June

**Himalayan Bluetail** *Tarsiger rufilatus*
Up to twenty seen daily at high elevation above 3000m

**Blue-fronted Redstart** *Adelura frontalis*
One Garh Village 25th June

**Blue-capped Redstart** *Adelura coeruleocephala*
Up to six seen daily during trek above 3000m

**White-bellied Redstart** *Luscinia phaenicuroides*
A female seen at Campsite one 25th June and a male 26th June

**Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Rhyacornis fuliginosa*
One Bhaderwah 24th June

**Spotted Forktail** *Enicurus maculatus*
One Bhaderwah 23rd June and two in valley near Guest House 24th June

**Eastern Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus*
Two Bhaderwah 24th June and one Garh 25th June

**Grey Bush Chat** *Saxicola ferreus*
Two Garh on 25th and one 28th June

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
Common around Jammu and Baderwah with numbers decreasing as we got closer to Gulabgarh. Not seen during the trek

**White-cheeked Nuthatch** *Sitta leucopsis*
First seen on trek on the 25th June and then up to ten seen daily above 3000m

**Bar-tailed Treecreeper** *Certhia himalayana*
One Bhaderwah 23rd June
**Hodgson's Treecreeper** *Certhia hodgsoni*
One campsite one on 26th June and up to five daily campsite two with a pair feeding young near the tents

**Coal Tit** *Periparus ater*
Up to twenty seen daily on trek from 25th to 28th June

**Rufous-napped Tit** *Periparus rufonuchalis*
First seen on trek to campsite one on the 25th June. Then up to 20 seen daily at elevations above 2600m

**Great Tit** *Parus major*
One Bhaderwah 24th June

**Black-throated Tit** *Aegithalos concinnus*
Three Garh Village 25th June

**Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Singles seen daily during the trek

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*
Two Garh village 25th June

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
Small numbers seen around Bhaderwah 24th and 29th June

**Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*
Four Bhaderwah 23rd June and two 24th June. Two Garh village 25th June

**Himalayan Bulbul** *Pycnonotus leucogenis*
Seen daily at lower elevations below 2400m. Common roadside bird between Bhaderwah and Gulaghur and around Garh Village

**Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer*
Two on route to Bhaderwah 23rd June

**Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus*
One in garden next to guest house Bhaderwah 24th June

**Brown-flanked Bush Warbler** *Horornis fortipes*
Up to twenty heard daily up to about 3000m

**Lemon-rumped Warbler** *Abrornis chloronotus*
Good numbers seen daily at Bhaderwah and the during the trek

**Buff-barred Warbler** *Abrornis pulcher*
Up to four heard singing daily at Campsite one and two

**Hume’s Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*
At least one photographed Campsite two 26th June

**Tickell’s Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis*
Up to five daily campsite one two on trek between campsites

**Greenish Leaf Warbler** *Seicercus trochiloides*
Small numbers seen daily during the trek at higher elevations

**Western Crowned Leaf Warbler** *Seicercus occipitalis*
First seen Bhaderwah and then small numbers seen daily

**Grey-hooded Leaf Warbler** *Seicercus xanthoschistos*
One Bhaderwah 24th June

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*
One campsite one on 26th June and one at campsite two on 27th June

**Streaked Laughing-thrush** *Trochalopteron lineatum*
First seen on route to Gulabgarh and then seen daily in small numbers up to 2400m

**Variegated Laughing-thrush** *Trochalopteron variegatum*
Up to ten seen or heard daily during the trek mainly above 3000m though

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Good numbers seen daily below 2400m

**Russet Sparrow** *Passer cinnamomeus*
A few seen around Bhaderwah. Became more common on the route to Gulabgarh and around Garh Village. Not seen above 2400m

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
One Garh Village 28th June

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
One campsite one on 26th June

**Rosy Pipit** *Anthus roseatus*
One campsite one on 26th June

**Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiata*
Common at higher elevations with up to twenty seen daily during trek 25th to 28th June

**Plain Mountain Finch** *Leucosticte nemoricola*
Two campsite one on 26th June

**Yellow-breasted Greenfinch** *Chloris spinoides*
Four Bhaderwah 24th June, three campsite one 26th June and two on route to Jammu 29th June

**European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*
Three campsite one on 26th June and three campsite two 28th June

**Red-fronted Serin** *Serinus pusillus*
Up to four daily campsite one 25th to 26th June

**Spectacled Finch** *Callacanthis burtoni*
First seen at Campsite one on the 25th June then seen daily with them being particually common around campsite two where up to thirty seen daily

**Common Rosefinch** *Erythrina erythrina*
Four campsite one on 26th June
Pink-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodochroa*
Up to ten daily campsite one on 25\textsuperscript{th} and 26\textsuperscript{th} June

Orange Bullfinch *Pyrrhula aurantiaca*
One feeding in tree near campsite one on 26\textsuperscript{th} June

Black-and-yellow Grosbeak *Mycerobas icterioides*
Up to six seen daily around campsite two 26\textsuperscript{th} to 28\textsuperscript{th} June

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*
Seen only at high elevations around campsite one and trek to campsite two

White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti*
Seen daily a regular road side bird. Maximum of 20 journey to Gulabgarh 24\textsuperscript{th} June but not seen above 2400m