

Northern India – December 2015 / January 2016



Blue-capped Redstart, Sattal

Itinerary:

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| 23. December | Flight Zürich – Delhi |
| 24. December | Transfer to Sattal – afternoon birding at Sattal |
| 25. December | Sattal |
| 26. December | Transfer to Pangot – afternoon birding in Pangot |
| 27. December | Pangot |
| 28. December | Morning birding at Pangot – Transfer to Delhi |
| 29. December | Birding at Okhla |
| 30. December | Birding at Sultanpur – Transfer to Ranthambhore |
| 31. December | Morning birding at Ranthambhore Fort – afternoon Safari |
| 1. January | Morning birding at Soorwal dam – Transfer to Bharatpur |
| 2. January | Full day birding at Bharatpur |
| 3. January | Bund Bhareta – afternoon around Bharatpur |
| 4. January | Morning birding at Bharatpur – Transfer to Dholpur, birding at Chambal River |
| 5. January | Birding around Dholpur including Talab Shahi and at Chambal River |
| 6. January | Boatsafari Chambal River – Transfer via Agra to Delhi |
| 7. January | Flight Delhi – Zürich |

The first part of the trip was organised by Asian Adventures (<http://www.asianadventures.net>). Everything ran smoothly and Jungle Lore Lodge in Pangot is a very nice place to stay. The lowland part was organised by Gurudongma Tours & Treks (<http://www.allindiabirding.com/>). They provided me with the best bird guide I ever had in India, Sunil Kumar from Bharatpur. His knowledge is outstanding and his id-skills are excellent!

Sites and species

Sattal

I stayed at the Pine Crest Resort, situated along the road from Bhimtal to Bhowali. Most birding was done along the road to Sattal and around Sattal (1350m) itself. From the dam a path goes down a small valley (passing the famous „studio“, a place where there are always bird photographers around). Birding was good, however activity was rather low in early morning due to low temperatures. Most notable observation was a White-tailed Rubythroat, which hopped around just outside the restaurant at the Pine Crest Resort. I almost fainted during breakfast.....

Pangot

Situated north of Nainital at 1850m, Pangot (or Pangoot) is a good base to explore the forests and slopes of the Kumaon Range. Jungle Lore Resort held many species (Laughingthrushes, Pink-browed Rosefinch, Black-headed Jay) and is absolutely worth the stay. We birded along the road from Pangot north along the ridge, searching for Pheasants (without much luck) and other birds. 2 nights is probably not enough for this area. We had stunning views of the Himalayas.

Okhla Bird Sanctuary

This sanctuary is situated at the River Yamuna on the Noida shore. There are two entrances, one in the north, at the beginning of the Delhi Noida Direct Flyway, the other one in the south along Amrapali Marg. The sanctuary is open every day, entrance fee for foreigners is 350 RS. We saw some good birds (including the rare Great Crested Grebe) but we failed with Grassbirds and the likes due to a very strong wind, which made birding difficult. I later found out that a vagrant Pallid Scops Owl would also have been present.

Sultanpur National Park

15 kms west from Gurgaon, this was the location we wanted to visit on the 29th December. But that was a Tuesday and Sultanpur is closed on Tuesdays. However, we returned the next day and it was worth it. 100 m after the entrance we heard and eventually saw Brook's Leaf Warbler. Among the many waterfowl a close White-tailed Lapwing was a nice addition to the list. We struggled a while finding a Sind Sparrow, but on the way out we found a nice male in the reed.

Ranthambhore National Park

Well, it was New Year and the hotels around the park were packed with Indian tourists. We first drove with the car from the park entrance to the fort. On the way up to the fort we saw a pair of Painted Spurfowl, looking for food in the garbage. Crested Buntings on the top were noteworthy and Yellow-throated Petronias were everywhere. On the way out we spotted another pair of Spurfowls in the rocks at an old gate.

In the afternoon I did a tiger safari. Every safari car gets a zone in a lottery. However, the tickets for the best tiger zone (3) were miraculously given to the richest people. We

ventured into zones 4 and 5, no tiger but an Indian Vulture. A single bird in the sky was a sad reminder of the fate of this and other vulture species in India.

Soorwal dam is north of Ranthambhore. A small road leads to the dam. We encountered thick fog but once the fog lifted we saw lots of birds, including a flock of 19 Indian Skimmers.

Bharatpur

Keoladeo National Park is unfortunately no longer a wintering site for Siberian Cranes but it's still full of birds. In the dry parts just after the entrance we found Indian Stone-curlew. In a thicket at the barrier the regular Siberian Rubythroat showed well. Indian Grey Hornbills were searching for fruits in fruiting trees, huge Black-necked Storks flew over and Dusky Eagle-Owls were sitting on a nest in the middle of the park. We also ventured into the southern, dry parts of the park, finding Long-billed Pipits and Black Francolin. Greater Painted-snipes were seen outside the park, in a small sewage pond at the southern tip of the village of Malah (10 minutes to drive from the park entrance). Local guides know the place and can bring you there. We took bicycles to be more mobile.

Bund Baretha, a big artificial lake south of Bharatpur still sometimes holds Indian Skimmer. However, we didn't see any. We first walked along the western shore (from the dam), finding White-capped Bunting and several Jungle Bush Quails. Then we moved on to the old palace in the east but with no other special sightings.

About 20 minutes north of Bharatpur are some dry fields (Chaukipura – Chak Sakeetra on Google maps). We walked through the fields and had some nice birds including Desert Wheatear, Isabelline Wheatear and Indian Courser.

Chambal River

After arriving in Dholpur we immediately headed to the river and walked from the boating station at the northern shore along the river westwards. We saw 2 Indian Skimmers and several Black-bellied Terns. A Laggar Falcon was also a good addition to the list.

The next day we explored the area west of Dholpur. One main attraction is the old Talab Shahi Lake, near the town of Bari. We had 31 Black-bellied Terns there among other terns, gulls, ducks and waders. South of the main road from Dholpur to Bari a small road leads to dry hills. We found Painted Sandgrouse, Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse and Barred Buttonquail along this road.

The boat safari was a nice end to the tour. Although we didn't see more Skimmers, we had very nice views of the endangered Gharials.



Birdlist

Taxonomy follows IOC 5.4 (www.worldbirdnames.org), lifers in bold

ANATIDAE: Ducks, Geese and Swans

<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	Lesser Whistling Duck	Javapfeifgans
<i>Anser anser</i>	Greylag Goose	Graugans
<i>Anser indicus</i>	Bar-headed Goose	Streifengans
<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Knob-billed Duck	Glanzente
<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Ruddy Shelduck	Rostgans
<i>Anas strepera</i>	Gadwall	Schnatterente
<i>Anas penelope</i>	Eurasian Wigeon	Pfeifente
<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	Indian Spot-billed Duck	Indien-Fleckschnabelente
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Northern Shoveler	Löffelente
<i>Anas acuta</i>	Northern Pintail	Spiessente
<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Garganey	Knäkente
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Eurasian Teal	Krickente
<i>Netta rufina</i>	Red-crested Pochard	Kolbenente
<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Common Pochard	Tafelente
<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Ferruginous Duck	Moorente
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Eurasian Teal	Krickente

PHASIANIDAE: Pheasants and allies

<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Black Francolin	Halsbandfrankolin
<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	Grey Francolin	Wachtelfrankolin
<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	Jungle Bush Quail	Dschungelwachtel
<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	Hill Partridge	Hügelbuschwachtel
<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>	Painted Spurfowl	Perlspornhuhn
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Red Junglefowl	Bankivahuhn
<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	Kalij Pheasant	Kalifasan
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Indian Peafowl	Pfau

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes

<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Little Grebe	Zwergtaucher
<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Great Crested Grebe	Haubentaucher

PHOENICOPTERIDAE: Flamingos

<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Greater Flamingo	Rosaflamingo
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CICONIIDAE: Storks

<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Painted Stork	Buntstorch
<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Asian Openbill	Silberklaffschnabel
<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	Black-necked Stork	Riesenstorch

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibises, Spoonbills

<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Ibis	Schwarzhalsibis
<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	Red-naped Ibis	Warzenibis
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Glossy Ibis	Sichler
<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Eurasian Spoonbill	Löffler

ARDEIDAE: Herons, Bitterns

<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>	Black Bittern	Schwarzdommel
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nachtreiher
<i>Butorides striata</i>	Striated Heron	Mangroveieher
<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Indian Pond Heron	Paddyreiher
<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	Eastern Cattle Egret	Östlicher Kuhreiher
<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Grey Heron	Graureiher

<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Purple Heron	Purpureiher
<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret	Silberreiher
<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	Intermediate Egret	Mittelreiher
<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Little Egret	Seidenreiher
<u>PELECANIDAE: Pelicans</u>		
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Dalmatian Pelican	Krauskopfpelikan
<u>PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants, Shags</u>		
<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	Little Cormorant	Mohrenscharbe
<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	Indian Cormorant	Braunwangenscharbe
<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Great Cormorant	Kormoran
<u>ANHINGIDAE: Anhingas, Darters</u>		
<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Oriental Darter	Orient-Schlangehalsvogel*
<u>PANDIONIDAE: Ospreys</u>		
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Western Osprey	Fischadler
<u>ACCIPITRIDAE: Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u>		
<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Black-winged Kite	Gleitaar
<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Egyptian Vulture	Schmutzgeier
<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	Crested Honey Buzzard	Schopfwespenbussard
<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	White-rumped Vulture	Bengalengeier
<i>Gyps indicus</i>	Indian Vulture	Indiengeier
<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	Himalayan Vulture	Schneegeier
<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	Crested Serpent Eagle	Schlangenweihe
<i>Clanga clanga</i>	Greater Spotted Eagle	Schelladler
<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	Booted Eagle	Zwergadler
<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Steppe Eagle	Steppenadler
<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	Bonelli's Eagle	Habichtsadler
<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Shikra	Schikrasperber
<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	Besra	Besrasperber
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Sperber
<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Western Marsh Harrier	Rohrweihe
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite	Schwarzmilan
<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>	Upland Buzzard	Mongolenbussard
<u>RALLIDAE: Rails, Crakes and Coots</u>		
<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	White-breasted Waterhen	Weissbrust-Kielralle
<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Swamphen	Graukopf-Purpurhuhn
<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen	Teichhuhn
<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common Coot	Blässhuhn
<u>GRUIDAE: Cranes</u>		
<i>Grus antigone</i>	Sarus Crane	Saruskranich
<u>TURNICIDAE: Buttonquails</u>		
<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	Barred Buttonquail	Bindenlaufhühnchen
<u>BURHINIDAE: Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u>		
<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	Indian Stone-curlew	Indientriel
<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	Great Stone-curlew	Krabbentriel
<u>BRECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilts, Avocets</u>		
<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Black-winged Stilt	Stelzenläufer
<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Pied Avocet	Säbelschnäbler
<u>CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers</u>		

<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	River Lapwing	Flusskiebitz
<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	Gelblappenkiebitz
<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Red-wattled Lapwing	Rotlappenkiebitz
<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	White-tailed Lapwing	Weisschwanzkiebitz
<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Little Ringed Plover	Flussregenpfeifer
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Kentish Plover	Seeregenpfeifer

ROSTRATULIDAE: Painted-snipes

<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Greater Painted-snipe	Goldschnepfe
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JACANIDAE: Jacanas

<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	Wasserfasan
<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	Bronze-winged Jacana	Hindublatthühnchen

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers, Snipes

<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common Snipe	Bekassine
<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Black-tailed Godwit	Uferschnepfe
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Common Redshank	Rotschenkel
<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Marsh Sandpiper	Teichwasserläufer
<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common Greenshank	Grünschenkel
<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Green Sandpiper	Waldwasserläufer
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wood Sandpiper	Bruchwasserläufer
<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common Sandpiper	Flussuferläufer
<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Little Stint	Zwergstrandläufer
<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Temminck's Stint	Temminckstrandläufer
<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Curlew Sandpiper	Sichelstrandläufer
<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Ruff	Kampfläufer

GLAREOLIDAE: Coursers, Pratincoles

<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>	Indian Courser	Koromandelrennvogel
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LARIDAE: Gulls, Terns and Skimmers

<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>	Indian Skimmer	Indischer Scherenschnabel
<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>	Brown-headed Gull	Braunkopfmöwe
<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Black-headed Gull	Lachmöwe
<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	Pallas's Gull	Fischmöwe
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern	Lachseeschwalbe
<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	River Tern	Hinduseeschwalbe
<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	Black-bellied Tern	Schwarzbauch-Seeschwalbe
<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Whiskered Tern	Weissbart-Seeschwalbe

PTEROCLIDAE: Sandgrouse

<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	Braunbauch-Flughuhn
<i>Pterocles indicus</i>	Painted Sandgrouse	Bindenflughuhn

COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons, Doves

<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Dove (feral)	Strassentaube
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Eurasian Collared Dove	Türkentaube
<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	Red Turtle Dove	Zwerglächtaube
<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Dove	Perlhalsstaube
<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	Laughing Dove	Palmtaube
<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Common Emerald Dove	Graukappen-Glanztaube
<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Rotschultertaube

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos

<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Greater Coucal	Heckenkuckuck
<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	Asian Koel	Koel

STRIGIDAE: Owls*Otus bakkamoena*

Indian Scops Owl

Indien-Zwergohreule

Bubo coromandus**Dusky Eagle-Owl****Koromandeluhu***Athene brama*

Spotted Owlet

Brahmakauz

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nightjars*Caprimulgus macrurus*

Large-tailed Nightjar

Langschwanz-Nachtschwalbe

APODIDAE: Swifts*Apus affinis*

Little Swift

Haussegler

CORACIIDAE: Rollers*Coracias benghalensis*

Indian Roller

Hinduracke

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers*Halcyon smyrnensis*

White-throated Kingfisher

Braunliest

Alcedo atthis

Common Kingfisher

Eisvogel

Ceryle rudis

Pied Kingfisher

Graufischer

MEROPIDAE: Bee-eaters*Merops orientalis*

Green Bee-eater

Smaragdspint

UPUPIDAE: Hoopoes*Upupa epops*

Eurasian Hoopoe

Wiedehopf

BUCEROTIDAE: Hornbills***Ocyroceros birostris*****Indian Grey Hornbill****Keilschwanztoko****MEGALAIMIDAE: Asian Barbets***Psilopogon virens*

Great Barbet

Heulbartvogel

Psilopogon zeylanicus

Brown-headed Barbet

Braunkopf-Bartvogel

Psilopogon asiaticus

Blue-throated Barbet

Blauwangen-Bartvogel

Psilopogon haemacephalus

Coppersmith Barbet

Kupfer-Schmiedbartvogel

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers*Jynx torquilla*

Eurasian Wryneck

Wendehals

Dendrocopos hyperythrus

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker

Braunkehlspecht

Dendrocopos nanus

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

Indienspecht

Dendrocopos macei

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker

Isabellbrustspecht

Dendrocopos auriceps**Brown-fronted Woodpecker****Braunstirnspecht***Dendrocopos mahrattensis*

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker

Gelbscheitelspecht

Dendrocopos himalayensis **Himalayan Woodpecker****Himalayaspecht***Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

Greater Yellownappe

Gelbnackenspecht

Picus chlorolophus

Lesser Yellownappe

Gelbhaubenspecht

Picus squamatus**Scaly-bellied Woodpecker****Schuppengrünspecht***Picus canus*

Grey-headed Woodpecker

Grauspecht

Dinopium shorii

Himalayan Flameback

Himalaya-Feuerrückenspecht

Dinopium benghalense

Black-rumped Flameback

Orangespecht

FALCONIDAE: Caracaras, Falcons*Falco tinnunculus*

Common Kestrel

Turmfalke

Falco jugger

Laggar Falcon

Laggarfalke

Falco peregrinus

Peregrine Falcon

Wanderfalke

PSITTACIDAE: Old World Parrots*Psittacula himalayana*

Slaty-headed Parakeet

Himalayasittich

Psittacula alexandri

Red-breasted Parakeet

Bartsittich

Psittacula eupatria

Alexandrine Parakeet

Grosser Alexandersittich

Psittacula krameri

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Halsbandsittich

TEPHRODORNITHIDAE: Woodshrikes and allies

<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Elsterraupenschmätzer
<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	Common Woodshrike	Kleiner Raupenwürger

AEGITHINIDAE: loras

<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	Common lora	Schwarzflügeliora
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CAMPEPHAGIDAE: Cuckooshrikes

<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	Long-tailed Minivet	Langschwanz-Mennigvogel
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LANIIDAE: Shrikes

<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	Brown Shrike	Braunwürger
<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Isabelline Shrike	Isabellwürger
<i>Lanius schach</i>	Long-tailed Shrike	Schachwürger
<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Southern Grey Shrike	Mittelmeer-Raubwürger

DICRURIDAE: Drongos

<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Black Drongo	Königsdrongo
<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	Ashy Drongo	Graudrongo
<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	White-bellied Drongo	Graubrustdrongo
<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	Bronzed Drongo	Bronzedrongo

RHIPIDURIDAE: Fantails

<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	White-browed Fantail	Weisstirn-Fächerschwanz
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CORVIDAE: Crows, Jays

<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Eurasian Jay	Eichelhäher
<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>	Black-headed Jay	Strichelhäher
<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>	Red-billed Blue Magpie	Rotschnabelkitta
<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	Rufous Treepie	Wanderbaumelster
<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	Grey Treepie	Graubrust-Baumelster
<i>Corvus splendens</i>	House Crow	Glanzkrähe
<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Large-billed Crow	Dickschnabelkrähe
<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	Indian Jungle Crow	Indische Dschungelkrähe

STENOSTIRIDAE: Fairy Flycatchers

<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus</i>	Yellow-bellied Fantail	Goldbauch-Fächerschwanz
<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Graukopfschnäpper

PARIDAE: Tits, Chickadees

<i>Periparus ater</i>	Coal Tit	Tannenmeise
<i>Parus cinereus</i>	Cinereous Tit	Aschfarbene Meise
<i>Parus monticolus</i>	Green-backed Tit	Bergkohlmeise
<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>	Himalayan Black-lored Tit	Kronenmeise

ALAUDIDAE: Larks

<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	Grauscheitellerche
<i>Mirafraga erythroptera</i>	Indian Bush Lark	Rotflügellerche
<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Crested Lark	Haubenlerche
<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Greater Short-toed Lark	Kurzzehenlerche
<i>Alaudala raytal</i>	Sand Lark	Uferlerche

PYCNONOTIDAE: Bulbuls

<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Rotohrbülbül
<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	Himalayan Bulbul	Himalajabülbül
<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	White-eared Bulbul	Weissohribülbül
<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Red-vented Bulbul	Russbülbül
<i>Hemixos flavala</i>	Ashy Bulbul	Weisskehlbülbül

Hypsipetes leucocephalus Black Bulbul China-Rotschnabelbühl

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows, Martins

<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	Grey-throated Martin	Graukehl-Uferschwalbe
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Sand Martin	Uferschwalbe
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	Rauchschwalbe
<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Wire-tailed Swallow	Rotkappenschwalbe
<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Eurasian Crag Martin	Felsenschwalbe
<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	Dusky Crag Martin	Einfarbschwalbe
<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Red-rumped Swallow	Rötelschwalbe
<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>	Streak-throated Swallow	Braunscheitelschwalbe

PNOEPYGIDAE: Wren-babblers

Pnoepyga albiventer Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler Himalajasschuppentimalie

CETTIIDAE: Cettia Bush Warblers and allies

Cettia castaneocoronata Chestnut-headed Tesia Rotkopftesia

AEGITHALIDAE: Bushtits

Aegithalos concinnus Black-throated Bushtit Schwarzkehl-Schwanzmeise

PHYLLOSCOPIIDAE: Leaf Warblers and allies

<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common Chiffchaff	Zilpzalp
<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	Himalajalaubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	Pamirlaubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	Ashy-throated Warbler	Graukehl-Laubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	Lemon-rumped Warbler	Sichuanlaubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>	Brook's Leaf Warbler	Brookslaubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Hume's Leaf Warbler	Tienschan-Laubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Greenish Warbler	Grünlaubsänger
<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>	Grey-hooded Warbler	Graukopflaubsänger
<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	Whistler's Warbler	Whistlerlaubsänger

ACROCEPHALIDAE: Reed Warblers and allies

<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Clamorous Reed Warbler	Stentorrohrsänger
<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Blyth's Reed Warbler	Buschrohrsänger

CISTICOLIDAE: Cisticolas and allies

<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Zitting Cisticola	Zistensänger
<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	Grey-breasted Prinia	Graubrustprinie
<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	Graceful Prinia	Streifenprinie
<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	Jungle Prinia	Dschungelprinie
<i>Prinia socialis</i>	Ashy Prinia	Rostbauchprinie
<i>Prinia inornata</i>	Plain Prinia	Schlichtprinie
<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common Tailorbird	Rotstirn-Schneidervogel

TIMALIIDAE: Babblers

<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	Rotwangensäbler
<i>Stachyridopsis pyrrhops</i>	Black-chinned Babbler	Schwarzkinntimalie

LEIOTHRICHIDAE: Laughingthrushes

<i>Turdoides caudata</i>	Common Babbler	Langschwanzdrossling
<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	Large Grey Babbler	Malcolmdrossling
<i>Turdoides striata</i>	Jungle Babbler	Dschungeldrossling
<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>	Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	Rostkinnhählerling
<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	White-throated Laughingthrush	Weisskehlhählerling
<i>Garrulax striatus</i>	Striated Laughingthrush	Streifenhählerling
<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>	Streaked Laughingthrush	Borstenhählerling

<i>Trochaloxyron erythrocephalum</i>	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	Rotscheitelhäherling
<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>	Blue-winged Minla	Blauflügelsiva
<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	Red-billed Leiothrix	Sonnenvogel
<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	Rufous Sibia	Schwarzkappentimalie

SYLVIIDAE: Sylviid Babblers

<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Lesser Whitethroat	Klappergrasmücke
<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	Yellow-eyed Babbler	Goldaugentimalie

ZOSTEROPIDAE: White-eyes

<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>	Whiskered Yuhina	Gelbnackenyuhina
<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Oriental White-eye	Gangesbrillenvogel

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches

<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	Zimtbauchkleiber
<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>	White-tailed Nuthatch	Weisschwanzkleiber
<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Samtstirnkleiber

CERTHIIDAE: Treecreepers

<i>Certhia himalayana</i>	Bar-tailed Treecreeper	Himalajabaumläufer
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STURNIDAE: Starlings, Rhabdornis

<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	Bank Myna	Ufermaina
<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common Myna	Hirtenmaina
<i>Gracupica contra</i>	Pied Myna	Elsterstar
<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	Brahminy Starling	Pagodenstar
<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Rosy Starling	Rosenstar
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common Starling	Star

TURDIDAE: Thrushes

<i>Turdus unicolor</i>	Tickell's Thrush	Einfarbdrossel
<i>Turdus boulboul</i>	Grey-winged Blackbird	Bülbülamstel

MUSCICAPIDAE: Chats, Old World Flycatchers

<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	Indian Robin	Strauchschmätzer
<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Oriental Magpie-Robin	Dajaldrossel
<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	Tickellblauschnäpper
<i>Niltava sundara</i>	Rufous-bellied Niltava	Rotbauchblauschnäpper
<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>	Small Niltava	Feenblauschnäpper
<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Luscinia svecica	Blauehlchen
<i>Calliope pectoralis</i>	White-tailed Rubythroat	Bergrubinkehlchen
<i>Calliope calliope</i>	Siberian Rubythroat	Rubinkehlchen
<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>	Himalayan Bluetail	Himalajablauschwanz
<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>	Golden Bush Robin	Goldschwanz
<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>	Spotted Forktail	Fleckenscherenschwanz
<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	Blue Whistling Thrush	Purpurpeifdrossel
<i>Ficedula strophiate</i>	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Zimtkehlschnäpper
<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Red-breasted Flycatcher	Zwergschnäpper
<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	Taiga Flycatcher	Taigaschnäpper
<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>	Blue-capped Redstart	Blaukopf-Rotschwanz
<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Black Redstart	Hausrotschwanz
<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	Blue-fronted Redstart	Himalajarotschwanz
<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>	Plumbeous Water Redstart	Wasserrotschwanz
<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	White-capped Redstart	Weisskopf-Rotschwanz
<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Blue Rock Thrush	Blaumerle
<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Rötelmerle
<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	Siberian Stonechat	Sibirisches Schwarzkehlchen
<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	Pied Bush Chat	Mohrenschwarzkehlchen

<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	Grey Bush Chat	Grauschmätzer
<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Isabelline Wheatear	Isabellsteinschmätzer
<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Desert Wheatear	Wüstensteinschmätzer
<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>	Brown Rock Chat	Braunschmätzer

NECTARINIIDAE: Sunbirds

<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	Purple Sunbird	Purpurenektarvogel
<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	Green-tailed Sunbird	Grünschwanz-Nektarvogel

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches

<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	Haussperling
<i>Passer pyrrhonotus</i>	Sind Sparrow	Dschungelsperling
<i>Passer rutilans</i>	Russet Sparrow	Rötelsperling
<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	Yellow-throated Sparrow	Gelbkehlsperrling

PLOCEIDAE: Weavers, Widowbirds

<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	Black-breasted Weaver	Bengalenweber
<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	Baya Weaver	Bayaweber

ESTRILDIDAE: Waxbills, Munias and allies

<i>Amandava amandava</i>	Red Avadavat	Tigerfink
<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	Indian Silverbill	Indischer Silberschnabel

PRUNELLIDAE: Accentors

<i>Prunella himalayana</i>	Altai Accentor	Himalajabraunelle
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MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails, Pipits

<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Western Yellow Wagtail	Schafstelze
<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Citrine Wagtail	Zitronenstelze
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	Gebirgsstelze
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	White Wagtail	Bachstelze
<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	White-browed Wagtail	Mamulastelze
<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	Paddyfield Pipit	Orientspornpieper
<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Tawny Pipit	Brachpieper
<i>Anthus similis</i>	Long-billed Pipit	Langschnabelpieper
<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Tree Pipit	Baumpieper
<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Olive-backed Pipit	Waldpieper

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches

<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Common Rosefinch	Karmingimpel
<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>	Pink-browed Rosefinch	Rosenbrauengimpel
<i>Chloris spinoides</i>	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	Himalajagrünfink

EMBERIZIDAE: Buntings, New World Sparrows and allies

<i>Emberiza lathami</i>	Crested Bunting	Haubenammer
<i>Emberiza cia</i>	Rock Bunting	Zippammer
<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	White-capped Bunting	Silberkopfammer

Mammals

<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus Monkey	Rhesusaffe
<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	Southern Plains Grey Langur	Dussumier-Hanuman-Langur
<i>Semnopithecus hector</i>	Tarai Grey Langur	Taria-Hanuman-Langur
<i>Semnopithecus schistaceus</i>	Nepal Grey Langur	Nepalesischer Hanuman-Langur
<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>	Northern Red Muntjac	Indischer Muntjak
<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	Sambar	Sambar
<i>Axis axis</i>	Chital	Axishirsch
<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	Nilgai	Nilgauantilope

Gazella bennettii
Naemorhedus goral
Sus scrofa
Canis aureus
Funambulus pennantii
Mus musculus
Pteropus giganteus

Chinkara
Himalayan Goral
Wild Boar
Golden Jackal
Five-striped Palm Squirrel
House Mouse
Indian Flying Fox

Indische Gazelle
Grauer Goral
Wildschwein
Goldschakal
Nördliches Palmenhörnchen
Hausmaus
Indischer Riesenflughund

Reptiles

Crocodylus palustris
Gavialis gangeticus
Pangshura tentoria

Mugger Crocodile
Indian Gharial
Yellow-bellied Tent Turtle

Sumpfkrokodil
Gangesgavial
Indische Dachschildkröte



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