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PREFACE.

Published information regarding the birds of Darjeeling is very scanty, and what there is, is hidden away in various publications not easily accessible to the ordinary visitor.

Due to the large increase in visitors during the past three years there has been much more interest than ever before, shown in the birds of our neighbourhood and frequently the question has been asked whether there is any book on the local birds.

The authors feel that the accompanying list which they have drawn up may be of some assistance to those interested and they hope that some day, it may be used as the basis for an illustrated book on the subject.

Darjeeling is in every way, except politically, part of Sikkim. The Civil District of Darjeeling has never, for geographical reasons, been a suitable division for ornithological purposes.

The area decided on by the authors to comprise the Neighbourhood of Darjeeling is a natural geographical division, almost entirely surrounded by rivers and valleys. The area is approximately 275 sq. miles (the surface area for birds is of course very much greater, due to hills and valleys) or about three quarters the area of Greater London.

In this area, there have been recorded 453 different species, equal to about three quarters of the number recorded for the British Isles. and one in five of all the species recorded in the Fauna of British India, 2nd edition, for the whole of India, Burma and Ceylon.

Our area is probably one of the richest in bird life in the Indian Empire, brought about partly through being in a migratory area.

A certain number of species recorded in the Fauna of British India, as being found round Darjeeling, have not been included in this list. Many of these records in F.B.I. merely mean that there are skins or eggs, in the British Museum, labelled Darjeeling. In the earlier days of collecting, it was possible or even probable that individuals making expeditions from the Plains to the Eastern Himalayas labelled all their specimens 'Darjeeling' irrespective of where they were taken.

During the past four decades, the valleys in the southern portion of our area have been very systematically and continuously worked but the Darjeeling Spur and its scarps, down to the rivers, seem only to have had spasmodic observation. It may be that, if this spur can be worked by resident observers for a period of some years, some of the excluded species may be found to belong to our area.

Nomenclature has been brought as up to date, as far as possible, consistent with the information in the possession of the authors. Changes have been so many since the 2nd edition of the F.B.I. was published, that it is possible some may have escaped their notice.

The authors desire to record their appreciation of the work done in the past by Messrs. G. E. Shaw and H. Stevens on whose records they have freely drawn and without which it would have been impossible for them to have made a complete list.

Use has also been made of the notes published in the 'Ibis' of a trip made by Col. Meinertzhagen in 1925/26.

Thanks are also due to Mr. C. M. Inglis, the Curator of the Darjeeling Natural History Museum, for assisting the authors with all the information in his possession.

Darjeeling. August, 1944.
SKETCH MAP OF DARJEELING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

SCALE: 0 1 2 3 4 Miles
NOTES.

DARJEELING NEIGHBOURHOOD is the area included within the following boundaries: Starting from Singla, following the Runges to its junction with the Tista, then down to Kalijhora, then due west to Latpancher, Kurseong and Mirik, then north to Simana Busti and Manibanjang and from there, north-east down the Chota Runges back to Singla.

DARJEELING is the Spur from Ghoom to North Point, bounded by the Old Calcutta Road, Bhutia Busti, Lebong Cart Road as far as Victoria Road, then by this road round the Botanical Gardens and then round Rose Bank and back to Ghoom by the cart road.

SENCHAL, where referred to, means the whole of the high hill, south of Tiger Hill, in addition to what is usually known as the Golf Course and View Point.

Records have been corrected up to the end of January, 1945.

D denotes that the species has been recorded in Darjeeling.

The number in brackets before each species is the reference number to the Fauna of British India, 2nd edition.

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(T. E. elevations are those of the bungalows.)
BIRDS OF DARJEELING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

(7) CORVUS LEVAILLANTI INTERMEDlUS
The Himalayan Jungle Crow
Resident at all elevations. Common.

(11) CORVUS SPLENDENS SPLENDENS
The Common Indian House-Crow
Resident at all elevations. Very local.

(22) CVRASSA FLAVIROSTRIS FLAVIROSTRIS
The Sikkim Yellow-billed Magpie
Resident above 5500 ft. Common.

(24) Cissa chinensis chinensis
The Indian Green Magpie
Resident up to 5500 ft. Common.

(32) DENDROCITTA FORMOSAE HIMALAYENSI$ D
The Eastern Himalayan Tree-pie
Resident up to 7000 ft. Common.

(34) DENDROCITTA FRONTALIS
The Black-browed Tree-pie

(43) GARRULUS BISPECULARIS INTERSTINCTUS
The Sikkim Jay
Rare. Probably resident on Sanchal. Lower in winter.

(46) NUCIFRAGA CARYOCATACTES HEMISPILA
The Himalayan Nutcracker
Occasional winter visitor to Sanchal. Last recorded Dec. 1942.

(59) PARUS MONTICOLUS MONTICOLUS
The Green-backed Tit
Resident at all elevations. Common.

(64) LOPHOPHANES ATER AEMODIUS
The Himalayan Cole Tit
Breeds from 10,000 ft. up to limit of the trees. Down to 7000 ft. in winter. Not common. Recorded Darjeeling Dec. 1944; Jan. 1945.

(70) SYLVIPARUS MODESTUS MODESTUS
The Yellow-browed Tit
Breeds above 6500 ft. Lower in winter. Sparingly distributed. Local.

(73) MACHLOLOPHUS SPILONOTUS SPILONOTUS
The Northern Black-spotted Yellow Tit
Resident from 4700 to 8000 ft. Sparingly and locally distributed.

(77a) AEGITHALISCUS CONCINNUS RUBRICAPILLUS
The Sikkim Red-headed Tit
Resident from 5000—7500 ft. Fairly common.

(87) MELANOCHLORA SULTANEA SULTANEA
The Indian Sultan Tit
Resident up to 5000 ft. Common. (Tumsong 4800 ft. once).

(90) PARADOXORNIS FLAVIROSTRIS
The Black-throated or Gould's Parrot-Bill

(92) SUTHORA UNICOLOR
The Brown Suthora
Resident on Sanchal above 6500 ft. Not common.

(95) SUTHORA POLIOTIS HUMII
The Black-fronted Suthora
Probably resident on Sanchal above 6000 ft. Rare.

(104) PSITTIPARUS RUFICEPS RUFICEPS
The Sikkim Red-headed Parrot-Bill
Recorded on occasions in the Rungbong valley. Rare straggler.
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<td>SITTA FORMASA The Beautiful Nuthatch</td>
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<td>Breeds from 3900-6900 ft. Probably lower in winter.</td>
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<td>TROCHALOPTERON SUBUNICOLOR SUBUNICOLOR The Nepal Plain-coloured Laughing-Thrush</td>
<td>Three times recorded. Pashok, 3500 ft. 23/12/25; Darjeeling, 6500 ft. 3/1/26; Rumbi, 7000 ft., 1931.</td>
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<td>POMATORHINUS SCHISTICEPS SCHISTICEPS The Himalayan Slaty-headed Scimitar-Babbler</td>
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<td>POMATORHINUS FERRUGINOSUS FERRUGINOSUS The Western Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler</td>
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(214) POMATORHINUS RUFICOLIS RUFICOLIS
*The Nepal Rufous-necked Scimitar-Babbler*
Resident from 4000 ft. upwards. Fairly common.

(220) POMATORHINUS ERYTHROGENYS HARINGTONI
*The Sikkim Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler*
Resident from 1500 ft. up to 6500 ft. Common.

(226) XIPHORAMPHUS SUPERCILIARIS
*The Sikkim Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler*

(232) CAMPSORHYNCHUS RUFULUS RUFULUS
*The Sikkim White-headed Shrike-Babbler*
Resident below 2500 ft. Local.

(233) PELLORNEUM RUFICEPS MANDILI
*The Assam Spotted Babbler*
Resident up to 4000 ft. Locally common.

(262) RIMATOR MALACOPTILUS
*The Long-billed Wren-Babbler*
Recorded from Gopalpura 5600 ft. on 1/2/21 and Rangmoor, 6300 ft. Sept. 1932.

(270) STACHYRIS NIGRICEPS NIGRICEPS
*The Sikkim Black-throated Babbler*
Resident up to 6300 ft. Common.

(273) STACHYRIS CHRYSAEA CHRYSAEA
*The Nepal Golden-headed Babbler*
Resident up to 6300 ft. Fairly common.

(277) STACHYRIDOPSIS RUFICEPS RUFICEPS
*The Assam Red-headed Babbler*
Breeds from about 4000-7500 ft. Lower in winter. Fairly common.

(280) STACHYRIDOPSIS RUFIFRONS AMIGUA
*The Assam Red-fronted Babbler*
Breeds up to 3500 ft. To plains and foothills in winter. Common.

(283) MIXORNIS GULARIS RUBRICAPILLA
*The Assam Yellow-breasted Babbler*
Straggles up the Tista Valley from the Plains as far as Birik.

(286) ALCIPPE NEPALENSIS NEPALENSIS
*The Nepal White-eyed Quaker Babbler*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(301) PSEUDOMINLA CINEREA
*The Dusky-green Tit-Babbler*
Recorded between Sonada and Surnul at 6000 ft. in March 1922 and in the Tista Valley at 3850 ft. on 24/2/20. Rare and very locally distributed.

(302) PSEUDOMINLA CASTANICEPS CASTANICEPS
*The Sikkim Chestnut-headed Babbler*
Breeds from about 5000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Fairly common.

(304) FULVETTA VINIPECTA CHUMBIENSIS
*The Nepal White-browed Fulvetta*
Resident from 7500 ft. upwards. Some birds lower in winter. Fairly common.

(309) LIOPARUS CHRYSOTIS CHRYSOTIS
*The Himalayan Golden-breasted Fulvetta*
Resident from 6500 ft. upwards. Not common.

(310) HETEROPHASA PICAIOIDES PICAIOIDES
*The Nepal Long-tailed Sibia*
Resident up to 2500 ft. Not common.

(311) LEIOPTILA CAPISTRATA BAYLEI
*The Bhutan Black-headed Sibia*
Breeds from 5000 ft. upwards. To foothills in winter. Very common.

(321) ACTINODURA EGERTONI EGERTONI
*The Nepal Bar-Wing*
Resident up to 6300 ft. Not common.
SIBIA NIPAULENSIS NIPAULENSIS
The Hoary Bar-Wing
Occasional winter visitor to our area, seldom coming below 9000 ft.

STAPHIDA STRIATA RUFIGENIS
The White-browed Staphidia

SIVA STRIGULA STRIGULAS
The Nepal Stripe-throated Siva

SIVA CYANOUROPTERA CYANOUROPTERA
The Nepal Blue-winged Siva
Breeds chiefly from 5000-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Fairly common.

YUHINA GULARIS GULARIS
The Nepal Stripe-throated Yuhina
Probably breeds on Senchal above 7000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

YUHINA OCCIPITALIS OCCIPITALIS
The Slaty-headed Yuhina
Breeds above 6500 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

YUHINA NIGRIMENTUM NIGRIMENTUM
The Nepal Black-chinned Yuhina
Resident up to 3500 ft. Fairly common.

IXULUS FLAVICOLLIS FLAVICOLLIS
The Nepal Yellow-naped Ixulus
Breeds from about 5000 ft. 7000 ft. Down to foothills in winter. Common.

ERPORMIS XANTHOLEUCA XANTHOLEUCA
The Nepal White-bellied Herpomis
Recorded from Birch Hill at 6500 ft. in Dec. 1930. All other records indicate the bird is resident from Plains level up to 4500 ft.

LEIOThRIX LUTEA CALLIPYGA
The Indian Red-billed Leiothrix
Resident from about 3000-7000 ft. Very common

CUTIA NIPAULENSIS NIPAULENSIS
The Nepal Cutia
Probably breeds from 5000-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare and locally distributed.

PITERUTHIUS ERYTHROPTERUS
The Red-winged Shrike-Babbler
Breeds above 6000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common. Local.

PITERUTHIUS EANOBARBUS MELANOTIS
The Himalayan Chestnut-throated Shrike-Babbler
Breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not common.

HILAROCICHLA RUFIVENTER
The Rufous-bellied Shrike-Babbler
Breeds from 6000-8000 ft. Rare.

AEGITHINA TIPHIA TIPHIA
The Common Iora
Breeds up to 5600 ft. Lower in winter. Fairly common.

MYZORNIS PYRKHOURA
The Fire-tailed Myzornis
Probably found on Senchal in winter. Rare.

CHLOROPSIS AURIFRONS AURIFRONS
The Indian Gold-fronted Chloropsis
Resident up to 3000 ft. Local.

CHLOROPSIS HARDWICKII HARDWICKII
The Indian Orange-bellied Chloropsis
Resident up to 6500 ft. Common.

MESIA ARGENTAUDRIS ARGENTAUDRIS
The Indian Silver-eared Mesia
Breeds from 4000-6500 ft. Lower in winter. Common.
(377) MINLA IGNOTINCIA
The Red-tailed Minla
Breeds from 4500 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common.

(380) GRINIGER GULARIS FLAVEOLUS
The Indian Yellow White-throated Bulbul
Resident up to 2000 ft. Common.

(386) MICROCELI PSAROIDES PSAROIDES
The Himalayan Black Bulbul
Resident at all elevations. Common.

(391) IXOS FLAVALA FLAVALA
The Himalayan Brown-eared Bulbul
Resident up to 4000 ft. Fairly common.

(394) IXOS MACCLELLANDI MACCLELLANDI
The Himalayan Rufous-bellied Bulbul
Resident from 4000-6500 ft. Not common.

(397) ALCURUS STRIATUS
The Striated Green Bulbul
Resident from 4700-6500 ft. Common.

(403) MOLPASTES CAFER BENGALENSIS
The Bengal Red-vented Bulbul
Resident up to 4500 ft. Common. Occasionally wanders up to 6500 ft. under favourable conditions.

(405) MOLPASTES LEUCOGENYS LEUCOGENYS
The Himalayan White-cheeked Bulbul
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(410) OTOCOMPSA JOCOSA EMERIA
The Bengal Red-whiskered Bulbul
Resident in Tista Valley as far up as Birik, 600 ft. Common.

(413) OTOCOMPSA FLAVIVENTRIS FLAVIVENTRIS
The Himalayan Black-crested Yellow Bulbul
Resident up to 5000 ft. Not common.

(448) CERTHIA FAMILIARIS MANDELLII
The Nepal Common Tree-Creeper
Resident from 7500 ft. upwards. Not uncommon.

(451) CERTHIA DISCOLOR DISCOLOR
The Sikkim Tree-Creeper
Probably breeds from 5800-7500 ft. Lower in winter.

(455) CERTHIA NIPALENSIS
Blyth's Tree-Creeper
Recorded down to 6500 ft. in winter.

(457) TICHODROMA MURARIA
The Wall-Creeper
Uncommon winter visitor at all elevations.

(458) TROGOLODYTES TROGLODYTES NIPALENSIS
The Nepal Wren
Probably resident on Senchal. Rare.

(462) ELACHURA FORMOSA
The Spotted Wren

(470) SPELAEORNIS CAUDATUS
The Tailed Wren

(471) PNOEPYGA ALBIVENTRIS ALBIVENTRIS
The Nepal Scaly-breasted Wren
Resident from 5000 ft. upwards. Rare.
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(472) PNOE PYGA PUSILLA PUSILLA
The Himalayan Brown Wren
Resident up to 6500 ft. Rare.

(475) TESIA CYANIVENTER CYANIVENTER
The Nepal Slaty-bellied Wren
Resident up to 6000 ft. Fairly common.

(476) TESIA CASTANEOCORONATA CASTANEOCORONATA
The Chestnut-headed Wren
Breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

(479) CINCLUS PALLASII TENUIROSTRIS
The Indian Brown Dipper
Breeds from 700 ft. upwards in winter. Higher in summer. Not uncommon.

(484) LARVIVORA BRUNNEA BRUNNEA
The Indian Blue Chat
Probably breeds from 5000 ft. to 9000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

(487) HETEROXENICUS HYPERTHYRUS
The Rusty-billed Short-Wing
Once recorded in our area. Mongpu 3800 ft. May 1920.

(488) HETEROXENICUS CRURALIS
The White-browed Short-Wing
Resident from 5000 ft. upwards. Not common.

(489) HETEROXENICUS NIPALENSIS NIPALENSIS
The Nepal Short-tailed Chat
Breeds from 4700-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Rather rare.

(491) HODGSONIUS PHOENICUROIDES PHOENICUROIDES
The Nepal Long-tailed Short-Wing
Probably breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Rare.

(494) SAXICOLA CAPRATA BICOLOR
The Northern Indian Stone-Chat or Pizel Bush-Chat
Seen occasionally in the winter months at about 4000 ft. elevation.

(495) SAXICOLA TORQUATA INDICA
The Indian Bush-Chat
Breeds from 3000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common.

(496) SAXICOLA TORQUATA PRZEWALSKII
The Turkestan Bush-Chat

(502) RHODOPHILA FERREA FERREA
The Western Dark-Grey Bush-Chat
Breeds from 4000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common.

(518) ENICURUS MACULATUS GUTTATUS
The Eastern Spotted Forktail
Resident from 3000-7500 ft. Common.

(519) ENICURUS SCHISTACEUS
The Slaty-backed Forktail
Resident from the foothills up to 4000 ft. Very common.

(520) ENICURUS IMMACULATUS
The Black-backed Forktail
Resident up to 1500 ft. Common.

(521) ENICURUS LESCHENALTI INDICUS
The Indian Black-breasted Forktail
Once recorded. Badamtam 3000 ft. 15/1/26.

(525) MICROCHLIA SCOLERI SCOLERI
The Himalayan Little Forktail
Breeds from 2500 ft. upwards. Common.

(526) PHOENICURUS FRONTALIS
The Blue-fronted Redstart
Winter visitor down to 3500 ft. Not common.
The Chestnut-breasted Redstart
Passage migrant. Rare.

The Eastern Indian Redstart
Regular winter visitor round Darjeeling and passage migrant through the valleys to the Plains.

The White-capped Redstart
Breeds from 7000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter.

The Himalayan Plumbeous Redstart
Breeds from 2500 ft. upwards. Lower in winter.

The Chinese Red-spotted Blue-Throat
Rare winter visitor. Twice recorded from Gopaldara, 3500 ft., 13/2/19 & 2/12/21.

The Eastern White-spotted Blue-Throat
Rare winter visitor. Twice recorded: Tista Bridge, 900 ft., 28/12/25; Sanchal, 8000 ft., 6/10/43.

The Common Ruby-Throat
Winter visitor and passage migrant. Not common

The Eastern Himalayan Ruby-Throat
Winter visitor probably down to the Plains. Not common.

The Tibet Ruby-Throat

The Nepal Golden Bush-Robin
Probably only a winter visitor. Down to 2400 ft. Not common.

The Nepal Red-flanked Bush-Robin
Winter visitor down to about 3600 ft. Not uncommon.

The Indian White-browed Bush-Robin
Rare winter visitor. Recorded: Sanchal, 7750 ft. 7/2/17; Sukia Pohri, 6800 ft., 13/2/20; Tista Bridge, 1000 ft., 28/12/25.

The Rufous-bellied Bush-Robin
Rare winter visitor. Observed as low as Nurbong, 1085 ft., 21/2/14.

The White-tailed Blue-Robin
Breeds from 4000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not common.

The Blue-fronted Callene
Once recorded; Jorepokri, 7/7/04.

The Indian Magpie-Robin
Breeds up to 5500 ft. Lower in winter. Fairly common.

The Indian Shama
Resident up to 3800 ft. Not common.

The White-collared Blackbird
Regular winter visitor. Some birds straggle down to the foothills. Not common.
The Grey-winged Blackbird
Breeds from about 4000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

The Western Grey-headed Thrush
Rare winter visitor. Recently recorded: below Kurseong, 2900 ft., March 1943; Darjeeling, 7200 ft., 4/4/43 and 11/12/44.

The Red-throated Thrush
Winter visitor at all elevations. Common locally

The Black-throated Thrush
Winter visitor at all elevations. Common.

The Grey Thrush

The Pied Ground-Thrush
Very rare. Possibly breeds from 4000-6000 ft. Recorded: Mongpu, 4000 ft., April 1920 & July 1927; Rumbi, 4500 ft., April 1927; Namring, 3500 ft., 16/4/42

The Northern Orange-headed Ground-Thrush
Resident up to 5800 ft. Not uncommon.

The Himalayan Small-billed Mountain-Thrush
Winter visitor at all elevations. Not common.

The Sikkim Plain-backed Mountain-Thrush
Winter visitor down to 4500 ft. Not common.

The Large Brown Thrush
Probably breeds from about 5000 ft. upwards. Some birds lower in winter.

The Lesser Brown Thrush
Breeds up to 6000 ft. at least. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

The Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush
Breeds from 5000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

The Blue-headed Rock-Thrush
Breeds from 2500 ft. upwards. Most birds are summer visitors only. Not uncommon.

The Indian Blue Rock-Thrush
Winter visitor from 3500 ft. downwards. Not uncommon

The Burmese Blue Rock-Thrush
Once recorded: Mongpu, 2500 ft., Jan. 1919.

The Himalayan Whistling-Thrush
Resident at all elevations. Very common.

The Purple Thrush
Very rare. Recorded from Mongpu, 5000 ft., May 1920; Rangiroon, 6500 ft., July 1932; Namring, 3500 ft., June 1934.

The Maroon-backed Accentor
Rare and irregular winter visitor down to 7000 ft.
HEMICHELIDON SIBIRICA FULGINOSA
The Nepal Sooty Flycatcher
Breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

HEMICHELIDON FERRUGINEA
The Ferruginous Flycatcher
Breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Rather rare.

SIPHIA STROPHIATA STROPHIATA
The Himalayan Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher
Winter visitor down to 1200 ft. Possibly breeds on Senchal. Not common.

SIPHIA PARVA ALBICILLA
The Eastern Red-breasted Flycatcher
Passage migrant to the foothills. Common.

MUSCICAPULA HODGSONII
The Rusty-breasted Flycatcher
Passage migrant rare.

MUSCICAPULA HYPERTHYRA HYPERTHYRA
The Indian Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher
Breeds from 4000-8000 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

MUSCICAPULA TRICOLOR TRICOLOR
The Western Slaty-Blue Flycatcher
Breeds from about 4000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not common.

MUSCICAPULA SUPERCIARIIS AESTIGMA
The Little Blue and White Flycatcher
Breeds from 4600-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

MUSCICAPULA MELANOLEUCA MELANOLEUCA
The Indian Little Pied Flycatcher
Breeds from 4600-7000 ft. Rare.

MUSCICAPULA SAPPHIRA
The Sapphire-headed Flycatcher
Probably breeds from 3500-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

MUSCICAPULA VIVIDA OATESI
The Rufous-bellied Blue Flycatcher

MUSCICAPULA RUBECULOIDES RUBECULOIDES
The Indian Blue-throated Flycatcher
Breeds up to 4000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

MUSCICAPULA HODGSONI
The Pigmy Blue Flycatcher

EUMYIAS THALLASSINA THALLASSINA
The Common Verditer Flycatcher
Breeds from 4000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common.

ANTHIPES MONILEGER MONILEGER
The Sikkim White-gorgeted Flycatcher
Probably breeds from about 5000-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

OLCYORNIS OLIVACEUS POLIOGENYS
The Sikkim Olive Flycatcher
Resident up to 3000 ft. Not common.

ALSEONAX MUTTUI MUTTUI
The Indian Ruddy-brown Flycatcher

CULICICAPA CFYLOENSIS CFYLOENSIS
The Ceylon Grey-headed Flycatcher
Resident at all elevations up to 7000 ft. Common.

NILTAVA GRANDIS GRANDIS
The Large Sikkim Niltava
Resident from 3000 ft. upwards. Not uncommon.
NILTAVA SUNDARA SUNDARA
The Nepal Beautiful Niltava
Resident from 2000-7000 ft. Not uncommon.

NILTAVA MACRIGORIAE
The Small Niltava
Breeds from 4000-6000 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

TCHITREA AFFINIS SATURIATOR
The Duars Paradise Flycatcher
Once recorded from our area. Mongpu, 3000 ft., Aug. 1950.

HYPOTHYMIS AZUREA STYANI
The Northern Indian Black-naped Flycatcher
Probably breeds up to 4000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

CHELIDORHYNX HYPOXANTHUM
The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Breeds from 6500 ft. upwards. Lower in winter.

LEUCOCERCA ALBICOLLIS ALBICOLLIS
The Indian White-throated Fantail Flycatcher
Resident up to 6500 ft. Common.

LANIUS NIGRICEPS NIGRICEPS
The Indian Black-headed Shrike
Breeds from 3500-6000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

LANIUS SCHACH TEPHRONOTUS
The Northern Grey-backed Shrike
Passage migrant and winter visitor from 4000 ft. downwards. Common.

LANIUS CRISTATUS CRISTATUS
The Brown Shrike
Passage migrant and winter visitor below 3500 ft. Common.

HEMIPUS PICATUS CAPITALIS
The Brown-backed Pied Shrike
Breeds up to 5000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

TEPHRODORNIS GULARIS GULARIS
The Nepal Wood-Shrike
Breeds up to 4000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

PERICROCOTUS FLAMMEUS SPACIOSUS
The Indian Scarlet Minivet
Breeds up to 7000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

PERICROCOTUS BREVIROSTRIS AFFINIS
The Assam Short-billed Minivet

PERICROCOTUS SOLARIS SOLARIS
The Yellow-throated Minivet
Probably breeds from 2000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Rare.

LALAGE MELASCHISTA MELASCHISTA
The Dark Grey Cuckoo-Shrike
Summer visitor breeding up to 7200 ft. Common.

GRAUCALES MACELI NIPALENSIS
The Himalayan Large Cuckoo-Shrike
Breeds up to about 5000 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon locally.

ARTAMUS FUSCUS
The Ashy Swallow-Shrike
Summer visitor breeding up to 5600 ft. Common.

DICRURUS MACROCERCUS ALBIRICTUS
The Himalayan Black Drongo
Status uncertain. Recorded twice from Glenburn, 3000 ft., 10.10.30 and 3000 ft., 25/3/31. Probably a few birds straggle up the Tista and Rungeet valleys to breed. Easily overlooked.
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(774) DICRURUS LÉUCOPHÆUS STEVÉNSI
The Himalayan Grey Drongo
Resident at all elevations. Very common.

(780) CHAPTIA AENEA AENEA
The Northern Bronzed Drongo
Resident up to 5000 ft. at least. Common.

(782) CHİBİA HOTTENTOTTİA HOTTENTOTTİA
The Indian Hair-crested Drongo
Breeds up to 4000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(786) BIRRİNGA REMİFER TECTİLOSTRİS
The Indian Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo
Resident chiefly below 2000 ft. Recorded occasionally up to 5000 ft. Not common.

(789) DISSEMOヌRUS PARADİSEUS GRANDIS
The Assam Large Racket-tailed Drongo
Resident up to 2000 ft. Occasionally straggles up to 5000 ft. Not common.

(799) ACROCEPHALUS DUMETORUM
The Small Olive Reed-Warbler
Once recorded. Mongpu, 4000 ft., April 1927.

(810) TRİBURA THORACICA THORACICA
The Spotted Bush-Warbler
Very little is known about this bird in our area: recorded at Runghbee, 5000 ft., June 1875.

(811) TRİBURA LUTEIOVENTRİS
The Brown Bush-Warbler
Apparently breeds round about 9000 ft. Some birds lower in winter.

(814) ORTHOTOMUS SUTORİUS PATİA
The Burmese Tailor-Bird
Resident up to about 6000 ft. Common.

(828) FRANKLINİA RUFESCENTİS RUFESCENTİS
Beavan’s Wren-Warbler
Twice recorded: Mongpu, 3800 ft., June 1920, July 1925.

(852) PHYLLOSCOPUS AFFINIS
The Yellow-bellied or Tickell’s Willow-Warbler
Passage migrant. Not common.

(859) PHYLLOSCOPUS FULIGİVENTER
The Smoky Willow-Warbler
Once recorded: Tista Bridge. 900 ft., 28/12/25.

(863) PHYLLOSCOPUS MACULİPENNİS MACULİPENNİS
The Grey-faced Willow-Warbler
Probably only winter visitor to our area down to 3700 ft. Not uncommon.

(864) PHYLLOSCOPUS PULCHER PULCHER
The Nepal Orange-barred Willow-Warbler
 Probably breeds from 5000 ft. upwards, Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

(866) PHYLLOSCOPUS PROREGULUS CHLORONOŢUS
The Sikkim Yellow-rumped Willow-Warbler
Probably breeds from 5000 ft. upwards. Fairly common.

(871) PHYLLOSCOPUS INORNATUS HUMEI
The Indian Pale-breasted Willow-Warbler
Winter visitor from 5000 ft. downwards. Not uncommon.

(875) PHYLLOSCOPUS TROCHİLOİDES VIRIDANUS
The Greenish Willow-Warbler
Once recorded: Mongpu, 4000 ft., April 1927.

(878) PHYLLOSCOPUS MAGNİROSTRİS
The Large Willow-Warbler
Twice recorded: Mongpu, 3800 ft., Aug. 1923; Senchal, 7500 ft., Aug. 1924.

(883) PHYLLOSCOPUS REGULOIDES REGULOIDES
The Himalayan Crowned Willow-Warbler
Probably breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.
(881) **PHYLLOSCOPUS REGULOIDES ASSAMENSIS**  
_Hartert's Willow-Warbler_  
Once recorded from our area. Rangoon Aug. 1932.

(888) **SEICERCUS AFFINIS**  
_The Allied Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Resident up to 6300 ft. Common.

(889) **SEICERCUS BURKII BURKII**  
_The Sikkim Black-browed Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Probably breeds from 4500 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common.

(891) **SEICERCUS XANTHOSCHISTOS XANTHOSCHISTOS**  
_The Eastern Grey-headed Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Resident up to 6300 ft. Common.

(893) **SEICERCUS POLIOGENYS**  
_The Grey-cheeked Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Resident from 4700 ft. upwards. Not uncommon.

(894) **SEICERCUS CASTANICEPS CASTANICEPS**  
_The Nepal Chestnut-headed Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Resident up to 7500 ft. Common.

(895) **PHYLLOSCOPUS CANTATOR**  
_The Yellow-headed Willow-Warbler_  
Resident up to 3500 ft. Local. Not common.

(897) **ABROSCOPUS SUPERCILIARIS FLAVIVENTRIS**  
_Tenasserim Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Breeds up to 3300 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

(899) **ABROSCOPUS SCHISTICEPS SCHISTICEPS**  
_The Nepal Black-faced Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Probably resident only between 5000 and 7000 ft. Very local. Not common.

(902) **ABROSCOPUS ALBOGULARIS ALBOGULARIS**  
_The Nepal White-throated Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Resident up to 2500 ft. Not common.

(904) **TICKELIA HODGSONI**  
_The Broad-billed Flycatcher-Warbler_  
Probably resident from about 3800 ft. upwards. Not common.

(906) **NEORNIS FLAVOLIVACEUS FLAVOLIVACEUS**  
_The Nepal Aberrant Warbler_  
Probably breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Rare.

(918) **HOMOCHLAMYS FORTIPES FORTIPES**  
_The Sikkim Strong-footed Bush-Warbler_  
Breeds from 5000 ft. upwards. Some birds lower in winter. Common.

(913) **HOMOCHLAMYS PALPIDIPES PALPIDIPES**  
_The Sikkim White-flanked Bush-Warbler_  
Resident from 3000 ft. upwards. Not common.

(917) **HOREITES BRUNNIFRONS BRUNNIFRONS**  
_The Nepal Rufous-capped Bush-Warbler_  
Winter visitor down to 3600 ft. Not uncommon.

(922) **PHYLLEGATES CORONATUS CORONATUS**  
_The Golden-headed Warbler_  
Recorded from Mongpu, 6200 ft., Sept. 1923; 4500 ft., Nov. 1932; Sureil, 5200 ft., Nov. 1925. Rare straggler.

(923) **SUYA CRINIGER CRINIGER**  
_The Nepal Brown Hill-Warbler_  

(928) **SUYA ATROGULARIS ATROGULARIS**  
_The Sikkim Black-throated Hill-Warbler_  
Resident from 4000 ft. upwards. Very common locally.

(945a) **REGULUS REGULUS SIKKIMENSIS**  
_The Sikkim Goldcrest_  
Winter visitor down to 7000 ft. Not common.
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(949a) CEPHALOPYRUS FLAMMICERPS SATURATUS
    The Sikkim Fire-capped Tit-Warbler
    Probably breeds round about 4000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare

(950) IRENA PUELLA PUELLA
    The Sikkim Fairy Blue-bird
    Resident in the Tista Valley below 800 ft. Not uncommon

(955) ORIOLUS CHINENSIS TENRIOSTRA
    The Burmese Black-naped Oriole
    Rare straggler from the Plains. Once recorded: Glenburn, 3000 ft., 19/1/32

(958) ORIOLUS XANTHORNUS XANTHORNUS
    The Indian Black-headed Oriole
    Rare straggler from the Plains. Once recorded: Namring, 3500 ft., 28/10/34

(961) ORIOLUS TRAILII TRAILII
    The Indian Maroon Oriole
    Resident up to 7000 ft. Common.

(964) GRACULA RELIGIOSA INTERMEDIA
    The Indian Crackle
    Common resident below 2500 ft.

(970) SARYGLOSSA SPILOPTERA ASSAMENSIS
    The Assam Spotted-wing Starling
    Breeds up to 3800 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

(982) STURNIA MALABARICA MALABARICA
    The Indian Grey-headed Myna
    Breeds up to 4500 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon

(996) ACRIDOTHERES TRISTIS TRISTIS
    The Common Indian Myna
    Resident at all elevations. Very common.

(998) ACRIDOTHERES GINGINIANUS
    The Bank Myna
    Once recorded as a straggler from the Plains: Glenburn, 3000 ft., 11/5/31.

(1024) UROLONCHA STRIATA ACUTICAUDA
    The Himalayan White-backed or Hodgson’s Munia
    Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(1031) UROLONCHA PUNCTULATA PUNCTULATA
    The Indian Spotted Munia
    Resident up to 5000 ft., straggles up to 7000 ft. Common locally.

(1040) PERISSOSPIZA AFFINIS
    The Allies Grosbeak
    Rare winter visitor. Twice recorded in Darjeeling: Jan. 1925 & May 1928.

(1042) MYCEROBAS MELANOZANTHOS
    The Spotted-winged Grosbeak
    Uncommon winter visitor.

(1044) PYRRHULA ERYTHROCEPHALA
    The Red-headed Bullfinch
    Uncommon winter visitor down to about 6000 ft.

(1045) PYRRHULA ERYTHACA ERYTHACA
    Beavan’s Bullfinch
    Very rare straggler from S. E. Tibet to our area. Recorded: Jorebungalow 7400 ft. in 1874; then Phalut, 10,000 ft. (out of our area) 9/1/26 and Darjeeling, 6900 ft. 1/3/43.

(1047) PYRRHULA NIPALENSIS NIPALENSIS
    The Nepal Brown Bullfinch
    Probably breeds from 5200 ft. upwards. Lower in winter down to 2000 ft. Not common.

(1049) PYRRHOPLECTES EPAULETTA
    The Gold-headed Black Finch
    Rare winter visitor down to about 4600 ft.
(1050) **LOXIA CURVIROSTRA HIMALAYANA**  
*The Himalayan Crossbill*
Very rare straggler in winter. Recorded Turzum, 5200 ft., 28/12/26 and 12/2/17.

(1051) **HAEMATOSPiza SIPAHI**  
*The Scarlet Finch*
Winter visitor from about 6300 ft. down to 1500 ft. Not common.

(1069) **CARPODACUS ERYTHRINUS ROSEATUS**  
*D*  
*The Indian Common or Hodgson’s Rose-Finch*
Passage migrant. Not uncommon.

(1076) **PROCARDuelIS NIpaLENSIS NIpaLENSIS**  
*D*  
*The Nepal Dark Rose-Finch*
Winter visitor down to 4500 ft. Not common.

(1078) **PROCARDuelIS RUBESCENS RUBESCENS**  
*Blanford’s Rose-Finch*
Winter visitor down to 4500 ft. Rare.

(1089) **HYPACANTHIS SPINOIDES SPINOIDES**  
*D*  
*The Himalayan Greenfinch*
Breeds above 6000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1096) **PASSer DOMESTICUS INDICUS**  
*The Indian House-Sparrow*
Resident up to 4500 ft. Very local.

(1102) **PASSer MONTANUS MALACCENSIS**  
*D*  
*The Malay Tree-Sparrow*
Resident at all elevations. Very common.

(1105) **PASSer RUTILANS CINNAMOMEUS**  
*The Bhutan Cinnamon Tree-Sparrow*
Probably passage migrant only. Rare.

(1115) **FRINGILAUDA NEMORICOLA NEMORICOLA**  
*D*  
*The Nepal or Hodgson’s Mountain-Finch*
Winter visitor down to 5200 ft. Not uncommon.

(1122) **EMBERiza pusilla**  
*D*  
*The Little Bunting*
Passage migrant. Not common.

(1131) **EMBERiza aureola**  
*D*  
*The Yellow-breasted Bunting*
Passage migrant. Rare.

(1139) **MELOPHUS LATHAMI SUBCRISTATA**  
*The Crested Bunting*
Summer visitor only from 2000-6000 ft.

(1144) **DELICHON NIpaLENSIS**  
*The Nepal or Hodgson’s House Martin*
Breeds from 3000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common locally.

(1148) **RIPARIA PALUDICOLA BREVICAUDA**  
*The Indian Sand Martin*
Only recorded from Riyang in our area, where it breeds.

(1149) **KREMNOCHELIDON RUPESTRIS**  
*The Crag-Martin*
Passage migrant: winter visitor below 4000 ft. Common.

(1152) **HIRUNDO RUSTICA RUSTICA**  
*The Common Swallow*
Passage migrant. Rare.

(1153) **HIRUNDO RUSTICA GUTTURALIS**  
*The Eastern Swallow*
Breeds from 3000-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Very common.

(1161) **HIRUNDO DAURICA NIpaLENSIS**  
*The Himalayan or Hodgson’s Striated Swallow*
Breeds up to 7000 ft. Lower in winter. Very common.
MOTACILLA ALBA DUKHUNENSIS
The Indian White Wagtail
Passage migrant. Not common.

MOTACILLA ALBOIDES
Hodgson's Pied Wagtail
Passage migrant. Rare.

MOTACILLA MADERASPATENSIS
The Large Pied Wagtail
Resident in the Tista Valley up to 1200 ft. Very local

MOTACILLA LEUCOPSIS
The White-faced Wagtail
Passage migrant. Rare. Namring, 4000 ft., 29/9/44.

MOTACILLA CINEREA CASPICA
The Eastern Grey Wagtail
Not uncommon. Winter visitor and passage migrant; possibly breeds sparingly above 6500 ft.

MOTACILLA CITREOLA CITEROLA
The Yellow-headed Wagtail
Rare passage migrant. Recorded Namring; 3500 ft., 21/9 37.

MOTACILLA CITREOLA CAI CARATA
The Indian or Hodgson's Yellow-headed Wagtail
Rare passage migrant. Labda; 3200 ft.; Sept. 1919; 2850 ft.; Sept. 1920.

DENDRONANTHUS INDICUS
The Forest Wagtail
Passage migrant. Rather rare.

ANTHUS HODGSONI HODGSONI
The Indian Tree-Pipit
Resident from 6000 ft. upwards and common winter visitor below 4500 ft.

ANTHUS RICHARDI RICHARDI
The Siberian Long-clawed or Richard's Pipit
Rare passage migrant. Namring, 4000 ft., 28/9/35; Poomong, 4000 ft., 11/5/36.

ANTHUS CAMPESTRIS THERMOPHILUS
The Daurian or Blyth's Pipit
Passage migrant. Not common.

ANTHUS ROSEATUS
The Vinous-breasted or Hodgson's Pipit
Should occur in our area as passage migrant. Common in N. Sikkim in summer and the Plains in winter.

OREOCORYS SYLVANUS
The Upland Pipit
Only twice recorded: Mungpu, 3500 ft., Aug. 1923; Namring, 3600 ft., 4/7/44. Probably rare resident from this elevation upwards.

CALANDRELLA BRACHYDACTYLA LONGIPENNIS
The Yarkand Short-toed Lark
Once recorded: Namring, 4000 ft., 10/10/37. Passage migrant.

ZOSTEROIS PALPEBROSA
The Northern White-Eye
Resident up to 7500 ft. Common.

AETHOPYGA SIPARAJA SCHERIAE
The Indian Yellow-backed Sunbird
Resident up to 4000 ft. Not common.

AETHOPYGA IGNICAUDA IGNICAUDA
The Nepal Fire-tailed Sunbird
Resident from 2000 ft. upwards. Not common.

AETHOPYGA GOULDIAE GOULDIAE
The Simla or Mrs. Gould's Yellow-backed Sunbird
Resident from about 4000 ft. upwards. Rare.
(1272) AETHOPYGA SATURATA SATURATA
*The Nepal Black-breasted Sunbird*
Probably breeds chiefly between 3000 and 7000 ft. Some birds lower in winter. Uncommon.

(1274) AETHOPYGA NIPALENSIS NIPALENSIS
*The Nepal Yellow-backed Sunbird*
Resident chiefly from 4000 ft. upwards. Occasionally down to 2000 ft. Fairly common.

(1295) ARACHNOTHERA MAGNA MAGNA
*The Indian streaked Spider-Hunter*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Fairly common.

(1296) ARACHNOTHERA LONGIROSTRA LONGIROSTRA
*The Indian Little Spider-Hunter*
Apparently very local. Recorded from Darjeeling, 6700 ft. in February.

(1301) DICAEUM CHRYSOERHEUM INTENSUM
*The Sikkim Yellow-vented Flower-Pecker*
Stragglers up to 2500 ft. from the Plains. Rare in our area.

(1303) DICAEUM IGNIPECTUM IGNIPECTUM
*The Nepal Fire-breasted Flower-Pecker*
Resident from 3500 ft. upwards. Not uncommon.

(1306) DICAEUM CONCOLOR OLIVACEUM
*The Burmese Plain-colored Flower-Pecker*
Once recorded from our area: Singla, 1000 ft., June 1930.

(1315) PACHYGLOSSA MELANOXANTHA
*The Yellow-bellied Flower-Pecker*
Twice recorded: Sonada, 6500 ft., May 1920 and March 1921.

(1317) PITTA NEPALENSIS
*The Blue-naped Pitta*
Resident up to 5200 ft. Not common.

(1323) PITTA BRACHYURA
*The Indian Pitta*
Recorded once from Rangit Valley on 11/6/19. Very rare.

(1325) PITTA CUCULLATA CUCULLATA
*The Green-breasted Pitta*
Once recorded: Namring, 3500 ft., 23-5-35. Probably straggler from the foothills.

(1335) PSARISOMUS DALHOUSIAE
*The Long-tailed Broadbill*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(1344) PICUS CANUS GYLDENSTOLPEI
*The Assam Black-naped Woodpecker*
Resident up to about 5500 ft. Not uncommon.

(1346) PICUS CHLOROLOPHIUS CHLOROLOPHUS
*The Eastern Himalayan Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker*
Resident up to 5000 ft. Common.

(1353) CHRYSOPHLEGMA FLAVINUCHA FLAVINUCHA
*The Large Yellow-naped Woodpecker*
Resident up to 6500 ft. Common.

(1356) GECINULUS GRANTIA GRANTIA
*The Assam Pale-headed Woodpecker*
Resident up to 3500 ft. Locally common.

(1358) HYPOPICUS HYPERYTHRUS SIKKIMENSIS
*The Eastern Rufous-bellied Woodpecker*
Rare probably resident down to 7000 ft.

(1364) DRYOBATES DARJELLENSIS
*The Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker*
Breeds from 7200 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

(1365) DRYOBATES CATHPHARIUS CATHPHARIUS
*The Himalayan Lesser Pied Woodpecker*
Breeds from 4500-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.
(1368) **DRYOBATES MACEI**  
*The Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker*  
Resident up to 4000 ft. Common.

(1376) **YUNGUPECUS NANUS SEMICORONATUS**  
*The Darjeeling Pigmy Woodpecker*  
Breeds up to 4500 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1383) **BLYTHIPICUS PYRRHOTIS PYRRHOTIS**  
*The Red-eared Bay Woodpecker*  
Breeds from 3800-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

(1389) **MICROPTERNUS BRACHYURUS PHAIOCPEPS**  
*The Northern Rufous Woodpecker*  
Resident up to 4000 ft. Locally common.

(1404) **CHRYSOCOLAPTES GUTTACRISTATUS GUTTACRISTATUS**  
*The Bengal Larger or Tickell's Golden-backed Woodpecker*  
Resident up to 3500 ft. Locally common.

(1416) **VIVIA INNOMINATUS INNOMINATUS**  
*The Himalayan Speckled Piculet*  
Resident up to about 5000 ft. Common.

(1419) **SASIA OCHRACEA OCHRACEA**  
*The Indian Rufous Piculet*  
Resident up to 6000 ft. Fairly common.

(1424) **IYX TORQUILLA JAPONICA**  
*The Japanese Wryneck*  
Twice recorded: Gopaldara, 4200 ft., Dec. 1911. Pumong, 4000 ft., 2/10/44. Rare passage migrant.

(1427) **MEGALAIMA VIRENS MARSHALLORUM**  
*The Himalayan Great Barbet*  

(1432) **THEREICERYX LINEATUS HODGSONII**  
*The Assam Lineated Barbet*  
Once recorded from our area: Kurseong, 4500 ft., Dec. 1911.

(1436) **CYANOPS ASIATICA ASIATICA**  
*The Bengal Blue-throated Barbet*  
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(1441) **CYANOPS DUVAUCELI CYANOTIS**  
*The Indian Blue-eared Barbet*  
Once recorded from our area: Birik, 600 ft., Nov. 1926.

(1444) **CYANOPS FRANKLINII FRANKLINII**  
*The Indian Golden-throated Barbet*  
Resident from about 4000 ft. upwards. Common.

(1452) **CUCULUS CANORUS TELEPHONUS**  
*The Asiatic Cuckoo*  
Summer visitor, breeding from 3500 ft. upwards. Common.

(1454) **CUCULUS OPTATUS**  
*The Himalayan Cuckoo*  
Breeds from about 4000-7000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1455) **CUCULUS POLIOCEPHALUS POLIOCEPHALUS**  
*The Small Cuckoo*  
Summer visitor, breeding from 4500 ft. upwards. Common.

(1456) **CUCULUS MICROPTERUS MICROPTERUS**  
*The Indian Cuckoo*  
Breeds up to 5000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1457) **HIEROCOCOCYX SPARVERIOIDES**  
*The Large Hawk-Cuckoo*  
Resident from 3500-6500 ft. Common.

(1460) **HIEROCOCOCYX FUGAX NISICOLOR**  
*The Nepal or Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo*  
Recorded three times from our area: Darjeeling, 7000 ft., Aug. 1904; Mongpu, 4500 ft., May 1920; Kurseong, 4500 ft., Jan. 1944.
(1462) CACOMANTIS MERIDIUS PASSERINUS
The Indian Plain-tail Cuckoo
Breeds up to about 5000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1464) PENTHOCERYX SONERATII SONERATII
The Indian Banded Bay Cuckoo

(1468) CHALCITES MACULATUS MACULATUS
The Emerald Cuckoo
Probably breeds from 3000-6000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

(1470) SURNICULUS LUGUBRIS DICTHRURIDES
The Indian Drongo-Cuckoo
Probably breeds up to about 5000 ft. To foothills in winter. Common.

(1474) CLAMATOR COROMANDUS
The Red-winged Crested Cuckoo
Resident up to 5000 ft. Not uncommon locally.

(1479) RHOPODYTES TRISTIS TRISTIS
The Himalayan Large Green-billed Malkoha
Resident up to 5500 ft. Locally common.

(1495) CENTROPUS BENGALENSIS BENGALENSIS
The Common Lesser Crow-Pheasant
Resident up to about 3500 ft. Rare and very local.

(1504) PISTACULA HIMALAYANA HIMALAYANA
The Himalayan Slaty-headed Paroquet
Breeds up to about 7000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

(1508) PISTACULA ALEXANDRII FASCIATUS
The Indian Red-breasted Paroquet
Probably only breeds below 2000 ft. Wanders higher in winter, up to 4000 ft.

(1519) CORACIAS BENGALENSIS AFFINIS
The Burmese Roller
A straggler from the Plains as far up the Tista as Rungpo also recorded 8 times

(1520) EURYSTOMUS ORIENTALIS ORIENTALIS
The Broad-billed Roller
Resident up to 3000 ft. Local: not common.

(1528) MELITTOPHAGUS ERYTHROCEPHALUS ERYTHROCEPHALUS
The Chestnut-headed Bee-eater
Only recorded from Riyang, 700 ft., where it is resident.

(1529) ALCEMEROPS ATHERTONI
The Blue-bearded Bee-eater
Resident up to 3500 ft. Very local. Rare.

(1532) CERYLE LUGUBRIS GUTTULATA
The Himalayan Great Pied Kingfisher
Resident up to about 5000 ft. Not uncommon.

(1533) ALCEDO ATTIIS BENGALENSIS
The Common Indian Kingfisher
Resident up to 3500 ft. Not common.

(1544) CEYX ERITHACA FRITHACA
The Indian Three-toed Kingfisher
Rare straggler. Twice recorded: Mongpu, 3600 ft., Sept. 1913; Singla, 900 ft.,
June 1930.

(1548) RAMPHALCYON CAPENSIS GURIAL
The Brown-headed Stork-billed Kingfisher
Occasional straggler from the Plains up to about 3500 ft.

(1551) HALCYON SMYRNENSIS FUSCA
The Indian White-breasted Kingfisher
Resident up to 3000 ft. Very local.

(1555) ENTOMOTHERA COROMANDA COROMANDA
The Indian Ruddy Kingfisher
Twice recorded: Singla, 1000 ft., June 1930; Namring, 3500 ft., 4/8/34.
(1503) DICHOEROS BICORNIS BICORNIS
_The Indian Great Hornbill_
Resident up to 2500 ft. Not uncommon.

(1565) HYDROCINSA MALABARICA MALABARICA
_The Indian Large Pied Hornbill_
Resident at Kalijhoya only in our area. Not uncommon.

(1580) UPupa EPOPS SATURATA
_The Tibetan Hoopoe_
Passage migrant. Not uncommon.

(1586) HARPACTES ERYTHROCEPHALUS ERYTHROCEPHALUS
_The Burmese Red-headed Trogon_
Resident up to 3000 ft. Common. Has straggled as high as Birch Hill; Aug. 1954.

(1589) MICROPUS MELBA MELBA
_The Alpine Swift_
Once recorded: Darjeeling (near Museum).

(1593) MICROPUS PACIFICUS PACIFICUS
_The Large White-rumped Swift_
Passage migrant. Not common.

(1598) MICROPUS AFFINIS NIPALENSIS
_The Nepal House-Swift_
Breeds up to 7000 ft. Usually lower in winter.

(1602) CYPSIURUS BATASIENSIS INFUMATUS
_The Eastern Palm-Swift_
Only recorded from Glenburn, 3000 ft., and Takvar T. F. (2200 ft.) where it breeds.

(1603) HIRUNDAPUS CAUDACUTUS NUDIPES
_The Indian White-throated Spinetail_
Occurs not uncommonly from 3000-6000 ft. during the summer months. Breeding
haunts unknown.

(1609) COLLOCALIA FUCIPHAGA BREVIROSTRIS
_The Himalayan Plain-rumped Swiftlet_
Resident at all elevations. Common locally. Breeding haunts unknown in our area.

(1624) CAPRIMULGUS MACROURUS HODGSONI
_The Nepal Long-tailed Nightjar_
Resident up to about 3800 ft. Very rare and local.

(1626) CAPRIMULGUS INDICUS JOTAKA
_The Japanese Jungle Nightjar_
Breeds up to 8000 ft. Probably lower in winter. Not common.

(1636a) TYTO ALBA STERTENS
_The Indian Barn-Owl_
Once recorded: Darjeeling, 7000 ft., July 1933.

(1640) PHODILUS BADIUS SATURATUS
_The Northern Bay Owl_
Resident up to about 2500 ft. Rare.

(1642) ASIO OTUS OTUS
_The Long-eared Owl_
Once recorded: Thirpu, 5200 ft., 7, 3, 36. Rare passage migrant.

(1643) ASIO FLAMMEUS FLAMMEUS
_The Short-eared Owl_
Once recorded: Rangli Rangliot, 4500 ft., 27, 11, 38. Rare passage migrant.

(1645) STRIX NIVICOLA
_The Himalayan Wood-Owl_
Resident from 7000 ft. upwards. Rare.

(1647) STRIX INDRANEE NEWARENSIS
_The Himalayan Brown Wood-Owl_
Resident at all elevations. Not uncommon.

(1657) KETUPA FLAVIPES
_The Tawny Fish-Owl_
(1663) **HUIUA NIPALENSIS**
The Forest Eagle-Owl
Resident up to 7000 ft. Not common.

(1671) **OTUS BAKKAMOENA LETTIA**
The Burmese Collared Scops Owl
Resident up to 5000 ft. Common.

(1672) **OTUS SPILOCEPHALUS SPILOCEPHALUS**
The Eastern Spotted Scops Owl
Resident up to 6000 ft. Not uncommon.

(1690) **GLAUCIDIUM CUCULOIDES RUFESCENS**
The Burmese Barred Owlet
Resident up to 7000 ft. Common.

(1697) **GLAUCIDIUM BRODIEI TUBIGER**
The Eastern Collared Pigmy Owlet
Probably resident up to 5000 ft. Rare.

(1698) **NINOX SCUTULATA LUGUBRIS**
The Indian Brown Hawk-Owl
Probably resident up to about 3000 ft. Twice recorded: Labda, 2900 ft., Aug. 1926; Singla, 900 ft., July 1930.

(1704) **PANDION HALIAETUS HALIAETUS**
The European Osprey
Winter visitor to Tista River as far up as Riyang. Observed as late as May 22nd.

(1705) **AEGYPIUS MONACHUS**
The Cinereous Vulture
Casual visitor to our area down to 3500 ft.

(1706) **SARCOGYPS CALVUS**
The Black or Pondicherry Vulture
Resident at all elevations. Common.

(1709) **Gyps Himalayensis**
The Himalayan Griffon Vulture
Probably breeding above 8000 ft. Casual visitor.

(1713) **PSEUDOGYPS BENGALENSIS**
The Indian White-backed Vulture
Casual visitor from the Plains at all elevations.

(1716) **Gypaetus barbatus hemachalanus**
The Himalayan Bearded Vulture or Lammergeyer
Casual visitor from the higher mountains down to about 4000 ft.

(1718) **Falco Peregrinus Calidus**
The Eastern Peregrine Falcon
Passage migrant. Rare.

(1725) **Falco Subbuteo Centralasiae**
The Central Asian Hobby
Passage migrant and rare winter visitor.

(1729) **Falco Severus Rufipedoides**
The Indian Hobby
Probably breeds from 2500-6500 ft. To plains in winter. Rare.

(1734) **Microhierax Coerulescens Coerulescens**
The Himalayan Red-legged Falconet
Resident up to 4000 ft. Straggles higher. Not common.

(1739) **Erythropsus Amurensis**
The Eastern Red-legged Falcon
Once recorded: Mongpu, 3860 ft., Oct. 1918.

(1740) **Cerchneis Tinnunculus Tinnunculus**
The European Kestrel
Resident from 3000 ft. upwards. Locally common.

(1741) **Cerchneis Tinnunculus Interstinctus**
The Himalayan Kestrel
Passage migrant and winter visitor.
Aquila nipalensis nipalensis
*The Eastern Steppe Eagle*
Passage migrant and winter visitor. Local.

Hieraetus pennatus
*The Booted Eagle*
Regular but rare passage migrant and winter visitor. Local.

Lophotriorchis kieneri kieneri
*The Himalayan Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle*
Resident up to 5000 ft. Rare.

Ictinaetus malayensis farniger
*The Indian Black Eagle*
Resident up to 6500 ft. Fairly common.

Spizaetus cirrhatus limnaetus
*The Changeable Hawk-Eagle*

Spizaetus nipalensis nipalensis
*Hodgson's or the Nepal Feather-toed Hawk-Eagle*

Hematornis cheela cheela
*The Northern Indian Crested Serpent-Eagle*
Resident at all elevations up to 7000 ft. Common.

Butastur teesa
*The White-eyed Buzzard-Eagle*
A straggler from the Plains. Once recorded: Mongpu, 3800 ft., Feb. 1921.

Haliaeetus leucoryphus
*The White-bellied or Pallas's Fishing-Eagle*
Occasional visitor to the hills in summer.

Icthyophaga nanus plumbeus
*The Himalayan Grey-headed Fishing-Eagle*
Occurs on the Tista River. Not common.

Haliastur indicus indicus
*The Indian Brahminy Kite*
Ascends the hills up to 7000 ft., chiefly as a summer visitor.

Milvus migrans govinda
*The Common Pariah Kite*
Resident up to about 8000 ft. Common locally.

Milvus migrans lineatus
*The Black-eared or Large Indian Kite*

Elanus coeruleus vociferus
*The Indian Black-winged Kite*
Rare straggler up to about 5000 ft. Not recorded since 1921.

Circus macrourus
*The Pale Harrier*
Passage migrant. Not uncommon.

Circus pygargus
*Montagu's Harrier*
Passage migrant and uncommon winter visitor below 5000 ft. Local.

Circus cyaneus cyaneus
*The Hen-Harrier*
Passage migrant and not uncommon winter visitor locally below 5000 ft.

Circus melanocephalus
*The Pied Harrier*
Passage migrant and not uncommon winter visitor below 4000 ft. Local.

Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus
*The Marsh Harrier*
Once recorded: Singla, 900 ft., April 1925.

Buteo rufinus rufinus
*The Long-legged Buzzard*
Passage migrant and winter visitor at all elevations. Not uncommon.
(1799) BUTEO BURMANICUS
*The Japanese Desert-Buzzard.*
Passage migrant and winter visitor below 5000 ft. Common.

(1801) ASTUR GENTILIS SCHVEDOWI
*The Eastern Goshawk.*
Only twice recorded: Sungma, 4500 ft., 18.11.18; Darjeeling, 6500 ft., January 1928.

(1803) ASTUR BADIUS DUSSUMIERI
*The Indian Shikra.*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(1810) ASTUR TRIVIRGATUS INDICUS
*The Northern Crested Goshawk.*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Rare.

(1811) ACCIPITER NISUS NISOSIMILIS
*The Asiatic Sparrow-Hawk.*
Once recorded on migration: Mongpu, 3000 ft., Nov. 1918.

(1812) ACCIPITER NISUS MELANOSCHISTUS
*The Indian Sparrow-Hawk.*
Resident at all elevations. Common.

(1814) ACCIPITER VIRGATUS AFFINIS
*The Northern Besra Sparrow-Hawk.*
Resident up to 7000 ft. Rare.

(1819) PERNIS PHILORHYNCHIUS RUFI COLLIS
*The Indian Crested Honey-Buzzard.*
Resident up to about 4000 ft. Rare and local.

(1820) PERNIS APIVORUS ORIENTALIS
*The Siberian Honey-Buzzard.*
Regular passage migrant. Not common.

(1822) BAZA LEUPHOTES LEUPHOTES
*The Indian Black-crested Baza.*
Resident up to about 4000 ft. Rare.

(1824) BAZA JERDONI JERDONI
*The Northern Brown or Blyth’s Baza.*
Probably resident up to 6000 ft. Very rare.

(1840) SPHENOCERCUS APICAUDUS APICAUDUS
*The Himalayan Pin-tailed Green Pigeon.*
Resident up to 5000 ft. Very local and not common.

(1841) SPHENOCERCUS SPHENURUS SPHENURUS
*The Himalayan Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon or Kakla Green Pigeon.*
Resident from 3500-7000 ft. Local. Not uncommon.

(1843) DACULA BADIA INSIGNIS
*The Nepal Maroon-backed or Hodgson’s Imperial Pigeon.*
Breeds up to about 3500 ft. Rare. Both higher and lower in winter.

(1852) CHALCOPHAPS INDICA INDICA
*The Indian Emerald Dove.*
Resident up to 6000 ft. Common.

(1864) COLUMBA PULCHRICOLLIS
*The Ashy Wood-Pigeon.*
Probably breeds from 6500 ft. upwards. Some birds wander as far as the Plains in winter.

(1867) DENDROTRERON HODGSONII
*The Speckled Wood-Pigeon.*
Winter visitor down to 5500 ft. Rare.

(1870) STREPTOPELLA ORIENTALIS ORIENTALIS
*The Rufous Turtle-Dove.*
Probably only occurs as a rare winter visitor down to about 6000 ft.

(1873) STREPTOPELLA CHINENSIS SURATENSIS
*The Indian Spotted Dove.*
Summer visitor up to 6500 ft. Common.
MACROPYGIA UNCHALI TUSALIA
*The Indian Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove*
Resident up to about 7000 ft. Common.

GALLUS BANKIVA MURGHI
*The Indian Red Jungle-Fowl*
Breeds commonly up to 3000 ft. Straggles up to 7000 ft. A great wanderer.

GENNADUS MELANOTUS
*The Black-tailed Kalij Pheasant*
Resident up to about 7000 ft. Common locally.

LOPHOPHORUS IMPEJANUS
*The Impeyan Pheasant or Monal*
Occurs on Souchal, having been re-introduced.

COTURNIX COTURNIX COTURNIX
*The Common Grey Quail*
Rare passage migrant.

ARBOROPHILA TORQUEOLA TORQUEOLA
*The Assam Common Hill-Partridge*
Resident from 7000 ft. upwards. Common.

ARBOROPHILA RUFOGULARIS RUFOGULARIS
*Blyth's or the Sikhim Rufous-throated Hill-Partridge*
Resident up to about 7000 ft. Common.

TURBIN SUSCITATOR PLUMBIPES
*The Burmese Bustard Quail*
Resident up to about 6000 ft. Common.

TURBIN TANKI TANKI
*The Indian Large Button Quail*
Recorded up to 7500 ft. Probably rare straggler.

PORZANA PUSILLA PUSILLA
*The Eastern Baillon's Crake*
Once recorded: Okayri T.E. 5000 ft. April 1940.

AMAUORNIS BICOLOR
*The Olive-backed or Eulens's Crake*
Only recorded from Mirik, 5500 ft. on 30-1-38 and Rungbong Valley. 4200 ft.
27/3/18. Very rare resident.

BURIHINUS OEDIEMUS
*The Indian Stone-Plover*
Ascends the Tista River to 3000 ft. Probably rare resident.

STERNA HIRUNDA TIBETANA
*The Tibetan Tern*
Once recorded on migration: Darjeeling, 6500 ft. May 1926.

HOPLOPTERUS DUVAUCELII
*The Spur-winged Plover*
Breeds up to 1000 ft. on Tista and Rungeet rivers. Absent in the Rains.

IBIDORHYNCHA STRUTHESII
*The Ibis-Bill*
Uncommon winter visitor to the larger rivers below 1000 ft.

TRINGA OCHROPHUS
*The Green Sandpiper*
Common winter visitor and passage migrant on the big rivers below 1000 ft.

TRINGA HYPOLEUCOS
*The Common Sandpiper*
Common passage migrant and winter visitor on the big rivers below 1000 ft.

SCOLOPAX RUSTICOLA RUSTICOLA
*The Woodcock*
Breeds from 6500 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Common locally.

CAPELLA NEMORICOLA
*The Wood-Snipe*
Probably breeds from 6000 ft. upwards. Lower in winter. Not common.

CAPELLA SOLITARIA
*The Eastern Solitary Snipe*
Regular winter visitor at all elevations. Rare.
CAPELLA GALLINAGO GALLINAGO  
The Common or Fantail Snipe  
Passage migrant and local winter visitor to Mirik swamp.

CAPELLA STENURA  
The Pintail Snipe  
Passage migrant and local winter visitor to Mirik swamp.

LYMNOCRYPTES MINIMA  
The Jack Snipe  
Passage migrant and local winter visitor to Mirik swamp.

PHALACROCORAX CARBO SINENSIS  
The Indian Large Cormorant  
Occasional visitor to the larger rivers below 1200 ft.

PHALACROCORAX NIGER  
The Little Cormorant  
Casual winter visitor on Tista and Rungeet rivers.

ARDEA PURPUREA MANILLIENSIS  
The Eastern Purple Heron  
Occasional visitor up the Tista River as far as Riyang, 700 ft.

ARDEA CINEREA CINEREA  
The Common Grey Heron  
Occurs in winter on the Tista and Rungeet Rivers. Not common.

ARDEA IMPERIALIS  
The Great White-bellied Heron  
Recorded as a rare straggler up the Tista River as far as Birik, 500 ft.

EGRETTA GARZETTA GARZETTA  
The Little Egret  
Winter visitor up the Tista River as far as Riyang.

BUTORIDES STRIATUS JAVANICUS  
The Indian Little Green Heron  
Probably resident up to 3600 ft. Not common.

MARECA PENELlope  
The Wigeon  
Passage migrant. Not common.

NETTION CRECCA CRECCA  
The Common Teal  
Passage migrant and local winter visitor to Mirik swamp.

DAFILA ACUTA ACUTA  
The Pintail  
Rare passage migrant.

NETTA RUFINA  
The Red-crested Pochard  

NYROCA FULIGULA FULIGULA  
The Tufted Pochard  

MERCUS MERGANSER ORIENTALIS  
The Eastern Goosander  
Winter visitor to the larger rivers. Not uncommon.

The following pass over our area on migration without coming down.

GRUS GRUS LILFORDI  
The Eastern Common Crane

ANTHROPOIDES VIRGO  
The Demoiselle Crane

ANSER ANSER  
The Grey Lag Goose

ANSER INDICUS  
The Bar-headed Goose

CASARCA FERRUGINEA  
The Ruddy Sheldrake or Brahminy Duck
A SUPPLEMENT TO "Birds of Darjeeling & Neighbourhood"

CONTAINING

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(2) CORVUS CORAX TIBETANUS
*The Tibetan Raven*
Occurs, uncommonly, from 12000-18000 ft. according to season, in the extreme Northern ranges. Not uncommon on the Gyantse plain. Resident.

(48) PYRRHOCORAX PYRRHOCORAX HIMALAYANUS
*The Eastern Red-billed Chough*
Breeds from 12000-16000 ft. Down to 8000 ft. in winter. Recorded up to 20,000 ft. in summer. Common.

(49) PYRRHOCORAX GRACILUS FORSYTHI
*Himalayan Yellow-billed Chough*
Resident. Occurs from 15,000 ft. or higher down to 8000 ft. according to season. According to Stevens it avoids human habitations. Not common.

(50) PODOCES HUMILIS
*Hume's Ground Chough*
Recorded from Gyagong, 16,000 ft. and Thangu, 15,000 ft. Common in Chumbi valley and Gyantse plain.

(67) LOPHOPHANES RUFONUCHALIS BEAVANI
*The Sikkim Black Tit*
Breeds from 10,000 ft. up to limit of the trees. Down to 8000 ft. in winter. Common.

(68) LOPHOPHANES DICHROUS DICHROUS
*The Brown-crested Tit*
Resident from 9000-12,000 ft. Not uncommon locally.

(85) AEGITHALISCUS IOUSCHISTOS
*The Rufous-fronted Tit*
Resident from 9000-10,000 ft. Not uncommon.

(89) CONOSTOMA AEMODIUM
*The Great Parrot Bill*
Breeds from 10,000-12,000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

(100) SUTHORA FULVIFRONS FULVIFRONS
*The Fulvous-fronted Suthora*
Resident from 10,000-12,000 ft. in "maling" bamboo. Not common.

(140) IANTHOCINCLA OCELLATA OCELLATA
*The Sikkim White-Spotted Laughing-Thrush*
Resident from 9000-12,000 ft. Not common. Local.

(161) TROCHALOPTERON AFFINE AFFINE
*The Nepal Black-faced Laughing-Thrush*
Breeds from 9000-13,000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(171) TROCHALOPTERON LINEATUM SETIFER
*The Nepalese Streaked Laughing-Thrush*
Once recorded: Dentam, 4500 ft., 1925.

(358) PTERUTHIUS XANTHOCHLORIS XANTHOCHLORIS
*The Nepal Green Shrike-Babbler*
Probably breeds from 8000-10,000 ft. Lower in winter. Not uncommon.

(473) SPHENOCICHLA HUMEI
*Hume's Wedge-billed Wren*
Once recorded from about 6000 ft. above Namchi. Practically nothing is known about this bird.

(477) CINCLUS CINCLUS CASHMIERIENSIS
*The Kashmir or White-breasted Asiatic Dipper*
Occurs from 12,000-17,000 ft. Observed on Changu Lake, 12,800 ft. on 8/5/29. Not common.

(486) HETEROXENICUS STELLATUS
*Gould's Short-wing*
Once recorded from Yumuthang, 12,500 ft. Obtained by Stevens at 7000 ft. in East Nepal 8/4/12.
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(497) SAXICOLA TORQUATA STEJNEGERI
The Japanese Bush-Chat
Once recorded on migration, Karponang, 9000 ft., 23, 9/31.

(527) PHOENICurus SChISTICEPS
The White-throated Redstart
Breeds from about 12,000 ft. up to 17,000 ft. Lower in winter but rarely below 10,000 ft. Not uncommon.

(533) PHOENICurus ERYTHROGANIER GRANDIS
The Afghan Redstart
Probably breeds from 14,000-17,000 ft. Lower in winter. Not recorded lower than 11,900 ft.; Sandakphu, 9/4/30. Rare.

(541) GRANDULA COELICOLOR COELICOLOR
Hodgson's Grandala
Breeds from 16,000 ft. up to nearly 20,000 ft. Down to 9000 ft. in winter. Common.

(553) ADELAURA COERULOCEPHALA
The Blue-headed Robin
Sabarkun. Nepal-Sikkim frontier, 11,500 ft.; 19/2, 12.

(565a) TURDUS MERULA BUDDHAE
The Central Asian Blackbird
Once recorded; Yumthang, 14,000-15,000 in winter.

(575) TURDUS KESSLERI PRZEWALSKI
Przewalski's Thrush
Twice recorded, Changu, 12,100 ft. on 21, 12/25 and above Darjeeling, 9000 ft. Evidently straggler from Sikkim in Tibet in winter.

(620) LAIOSCOPUS COLLARIS NIPALENSIS
The Eastern Alpine Accentor
Probably breeds from about 14,000-18,000 ft. Down as low as 6500 ft. in winter, usually not below 9000 ft. Not uncommon.

(624) LAIOSCOPUS HIMALAYANUS
The Altai or Rufous-backed Accentor
Probably breeds from 12,000-17,000 ft. Down to 9500 ft. in winter. Not uncommon.

(628) PRUNELLA STROPHIATA STROPHIATA
The Eastern Rufous-breasted Accentor
Breeds from 12,000-16,000 ft. Down to 7500 ft. in winter. Not common.

(630) *PRUNELLA FULVESCENS FULVESCENS
The Turkestan Brown Accentor
Rare straggler from Tibet in winter. Not recorded below 10,000 ft.

(880) PHYLLOSCOPUS TROCHILOIDES TROCHILOIDES
The Dull Green Willow-Warbler
Probably breeds from 11,000-14,000 ft. Wanders down to the Plains in winter. Not common.

(882) PHYLLOSCOPUS CORONATUS CORONATUS
Temminick's Crowned Willow-Warbler
Twice recorded on migration; Rangpo, 2100 ft. and Gangtok, 6400 ft., 12/25.

(909) HOMOCLAMYS ACANTHIZOIDES BRUNNESCENS
The Sikkim Rufous-backed Bush-Warbler
Probably breeds from 9000-11,000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

(915) HOMOCLAMYS MAJOR
The Large Bush-Warbler
Probably breeds from 9000-12,000 ft. Lower in winter. Very rare.

(1041) PERISSOSPIZA CARNIPES CARNIPES
The Nepal White-winged Grosbeak
Only found in the northern part of Sikkim. Breeds from 9000-12,000 ft. Not recorded below 8500 ft. Not uncommon.
The Red-headed Rose Finch
3 times recorded from the Singalala ridge: Tongla, 10,000 ft.; KalaPokari, 10,000 ft. 28/4/12; Sandakphu, 11,900 ft., 12/10/28.

The Red-breasted Rose Finch
Recorded from Sikkim above 14,000 ft. only. Last record, Natu La, 14.750 ft. 21/12/25.

The Nepal White-browed Rose Finch
Breeds from 12,000-17,000 ft. Down to 8800 ft. in winter. Common.

The Nepal Beautiful Rose Finch
Breeds from 12,000-15,000 ft. Down to 8800 ft. in winter. Rare.

The Pink-browed Rose Finch
Twice recorded on the Singalala ridge; Tongla, 10,000 ft. 22/1/12 and 8/2/12; Phalut, 11,800 ft., 12/4/30. A straggler from Nepal.

The Nepal Large Rose Finch
Probably breeds from 12,000-15,000 ft. Down to 9000 ft. in winter. Not common.

The Red-browed Finch
Probably resident from 9000-10,000 ft. Not common.

The Tibetan Twite
Rare straggler from Tibet. Natu La, 14,100 ft., 21/12/25.

The Tibetan Siskin
Breeds above 14,000 ft. Lower in winter. Rare.

The Tibet Snow-Finch
Breeds from 12,000-15,000 ft. Recorded down to 10,000 ft. in winter. Rare.

The Ashy-necked or Mandelli’s Snow-Finch
Probably only a straggler from Tibet. Yumtso, 17,000 ft., 14/10/27.

The Red-necked Snow-Finch
Probably only an occasional visitor from Tibet. Natu La, 14,100 ft., 21/12/25.

The Black-throated or Blanford’s Snow-Finch
Probably only an uncommon winter visitor: Natu La, 14,000 ft., 21/12/25.

The Tibetan Rosy-rumped Mountain Finch
Occasional straggler from Tibet. Yumtso, 17,000 ft., 14/10/27.

The Grey-headed Wagtail
Rare passage migrant, obtained at Yumthang, 12,000 ft.

The Japanese Water Pipit
Casual and rare passage migrant.
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(1208) OCTOCORIS ALPESTRIS ELWESI
The Tibetan or Elwe's Horned Lark
Only found on the extreme northern border from 15,000-18,000 ft.

(1212) ALAUDA ARvensis INOPINATA
The Tibetan Skylark
Recorded from Thangu, 19,100 ft. on 19/11/25.

(1215) ALAUDA GULGULA GULGULA
The Indian Small Skylark

(1215a) ALAUDA GULGULA TRIBORHYNCHA
The Nepal Small Skylark
Kalimpong, 4500 ft., 15/10/25.

(1222) CALANDRELLA BRACHYACTyla LONGIPENNIS
The Yarkand Short-toed Lark
Apparently rather irregular passage migrant.

(1633) BATRACHOSTOMUS JAVENSIs HODGSONI
Hodgson's Frogmouth
Recorded from Rangit Valley, 3000-4000 ft. and from Namchi. Very rare.

(1858) COLUMBA LEUCONOTA LEUCONOTA
The White-bellied or Nepalese Snow Pigeon
Breeds from 10,000-14,000 ft. Lower in winter. Common.

(1861) COLUMBA PALUMBUS CASIOTIS
The Eastern Wood-Pigeon or Ring-Dove
Only reported from Tonglu, 10,000 ft. Status uncertain.

(1872) STREPTOPELIA ORIENTALIS MEENA
The Indian Rufous Turtle-Dove
Recorded from Rhenock, 3200 ft., Status uncertain.

(1931) TRAGOPAN SATyRA
The Crimson Horned-Pheasant or Satyr Tragopan
Breeds from 8000-12,000 ft. Down to 6000 ft. in winter. Not uncommon locally.

(1936) ITHAGINIS CRUENTUS
The Blood-Pheasant
Breeds from about 12,000-14,000 ft. Down to 10,000 ft. in winter. Common locally.

(1986) PERDIX HODGSONIae HODGSONIae
The Tibetan Partridge
Probably occurs in extreme N. E. Sikkim above 12,000 ft. No local records or specimens. Not uncommon according to F.B.I.

(1992) TETRAOGALLUS TIBETANUS AQUILONIFER
The Sikkim Snow-Cock
Twice recorded. Above Thangu, 15,700 ft. and round Gyagong. 16,500 ft. Probably resident.

(1993) LERWA LERWA
The Snow-Patridge
Breeds from about 12,500-17000 ft. Lower in winter. Not common.

(2264) ANAS PLATYRHYNCHA PLATYRHYNCHA
The Mallard
Rare passage migrant.

(2275) QUERQUEDA QUERQUEDULA
The Garganey or Blue-winged Teal
Passage migrant.

(2276) SPATULA CLYPEATA
The Shoveller
Rare passage migrant.

(2280) NYROCA RUFa RUFa
The White-eyed Pochard
Passage migrant.

(2292) PODICEPS RUFICOLLIS CAPENSIs
The Indian Little Grebe
Once recorded.
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(101) SUTHORA RUFICEPS RUFICEPS
_The Red-headed Suthora_
Recorded for Sikkim only in F.B.I. Not met with by Stevens and no specimens in Darjeeling Museum.

(229) DUMETIA HYPERYTHRA
_The Rufous-bellied Babbler_
No records except in F.B.I. Possible straggler to the foothills from the west.

(317) LEIOPTILA ANNECTENS ANNECTENS
_The Sikkim Chestnut-headed Sibia_
Recorded from 4000 ft. upwards. No up to date information available.

(344) IXULUS OCCIPITALIS
_The Chestnut-headed Ixulus_
No records except in F.B.I. Possible straggler from the East, between 3000 and 7000 ft.

(514) OENANTHE DESERTI OREOPHILA
_The Tibetan Desert-Chat_
Winter visitor from Tibet, straggling down to about 4000 ft. Possibly breeds in extreme N. E. Sikkim above 12,000 ft.

(581) TURDUS OBSCURUS OBSCURUS
_The Dark Thrush_
Recorded in F.B.I. as occurring as far west as Sikkim. Of doubtful occurrence.

(627) PRUNELLA ATROGULARIS
_The Black-throated Accentor_
Recorded in F.B.I. as occurring in Sikkim. May occur as a straggler in winter.

(655) MUSCIAPULA UNICOLOR UNICOLOR
_The Indian Pale Blue Flycatcher_
Should occur from foothills up to 3000 ft. No records for 65 years.

(663) MUSCIAPULA MAGNIROSTRIS
_The Large-billed Blue Flycatcher_
Apparently recorded on the strength of doubtfully labelled specimens in the British Museum. May be a rare resident from 3000 to 7000 ft.

(807) LOCUSTELLA NAEVIA STRAMINEA
_The Eastern Grasshopper Warbler_
No records since 1876. May occur as accidental visitor on migration.

(827) FRANKLINIA GRACILIS HODSONII
_The Ashy Grey Wren-Warbler_
May straggle into our area from the Plains.

(829) FRANKLINIA RUFESCENTS AUSTENI
_The Assam Wren-Warbler_
May straggle into our area from the Plains.

(830) FRANKLINIA CINEREOCAPILLA
_Hodgson’s Wren-Warbler_
May straggle into our area from the Plains.

(1063) PROPASSER RODEPEPLUS
_The Spotted-winged Rose-Finch_
Recorded in F.B.I. as extending as far west as Sikkim. Doubtful.

(1127) EMBERIZA CIA GODLEWSKII
_The Chinese Meadow-Bunting_
No records. Possible straggler in winter.

(1135) EMBERIZA RUTILA
_The Chestnut Bunting_
Possible straggler in winter.

(1175) MOTACILLA FLAVA BEEMA
_The Indian Blue-headed Wagtail_
Sure to occur on migration, though no definite records to date.

(1199) ANTHUS RUFOGULARIS
_The Red-throated Pipit_
Possible passage migrant.
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(1209) MELANOCORYPHA MAXIMA
The Long-billed Calandra Lark
Probably stragglers into extreme N. E. Sikkim from Tibet, where it is common.

(1334) SERILOPHUS RUBROPYGUS
The Nepal Collared or Hodgson’s Broadbill
May straggle into our area from the Plains.

(1450) INDICATOR XANTHONOTUS
The Yellow-backed Honey Guide
No records since 1879. Possibly still occurs as a very rare and local resident.

(1540) ALCEDO MENENTING COLTARTI
The Assam Blue-eared Kingfisher
May straggle into our area from the Duars.

(1629a) CAPRIMULUGUS MONTICOLUS BURMANICUS
Baker’s Burmese Nightjar
May straggle into our area from the Duars.

(1659) BUBO BUBO TIBETANUS
The Tibetan Great-Horned Owl
Probably occurs in extreme north above 14,000 ft.

(1660) BUBO BUBO BENGALENSIS
The Indian Great-Horned Owl
Recorded for the Himalayas from Kashmir to Assam up to 5000 ft. Possibly rare resident.

(1719) FALCO PEREGRINATOR PEREGRINATOR
The Shahin Falcon
Recorded for the lower Himalayas up to 8000 ft. Possibly very rare resident.

(1740) AQUILA CHRYSAETOS DAPHANE
The Himalayan Golden Eagle
Apparently no actual specimens from Sikkim but it is sure to occur as a casual visitor at any rare.

(1859) COLUMBA LEUCONOTA GRADARIA
The Tibetan Snow Pigeon
Probably only occurs as a casual visitor above 14,000 ft.

(1883) OENOPPELIA TRANQUEBARICA MURMENSIS
The Sikkim Red Turtle-Dove
Only likely to be found at low elevations.

(1901) POLYPELECRON BICALCARATUM BAKERI
The Bhutan Peacock-Pheasant
The Grey-headed Lapwing
Specimen marked ‘Darjeeling’ in British Museum. Possibly passage migrant.

(1966) ARBOROPHILA MANDELLII
The Red-breasted Hill-Partridge
May occur in N. E. Sikkim as a straggler from the Chumbi Valley.

(2033) ROSTRATULA BENGHALENSIS BENGHALENSIS
The Indian Painted Snipe
Recorded in F.B.I. for swamps and lakes of Himalayas up to 5000 ft. May occur.

(2129) MICROSCAROPS CINEREUS
The Grey-headed Lapwing
Specimen from Darjeeling in British Museum. Possibly a passage migrant.

(2134) NUMENIUS ARQUATA ORIENTALIS
The Eastern Curlew
Specimen from Darjeeling in British Museum. Possibly a passage migrant.

(2155) EROLIA MINUTA MINUTA
The Little Stint
Specimen marked ‘Darjeeling’ in British Museum. Possibly passage migrant.
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(18) PICA PICA BOTTANENSIS
The Black-rumped Magpie

(20) UROCISSA ERYTHROHYNCHA OCCIPITALIS
The Red-billed Blue Magpie

(47) NUCIFRAGA MULTIPUNCTATA
The Larger-spotted Nutcracker

(75) MACHLOLOPHUS XANTHOGENYS XANTHOGENYS
The Northern Yellow-cheeked Tit

(182) BABAX WADDELLI
The Giant Tibet Babax

(198) ACANTHOPTILA NIPALENSIS
The Spiny Babbler

(235) CHRY SOMMA SINENSIS SATURATOR
The Bhutan Yellow-eyed Babbler

(267) MALACOGINCLA SEPIARIA ABBOTTII
The Indian Rusty-vented Babbler

(444) CERTHIA HIMALAYANA HIMALAYANA
The Himalayan Tree-Creeper

(498) SAXICOLA LEUCURA
The White-tailed Bush-Chat

(500) SAXICOLA INSIGNIS
Hodgson’s Bush-Chat

(574) TURDUS EUNOMUS
The Dusky Thrush

(618) COCHEA VIRIDIS
The Green Thrush

(700) LEUCOCERCA AUREOLA AUREOLA
The White-browed Fantail Flycatcher

(714) LANIUS SCHACH ERYTHRONOTUS
The Rufous-backed Shrike

(744) PERICROCOTUS ROSEUS ROSEUS
The Indian Rosy Minivet

(765) DICTURUS ANNÉCTENS
The Crow-billed Drongo

(818) ORTHOTOMUS ATROGULARIS NITIDUS
The Burmese Black-necked Tailor-Bird

(936) PRINIA SOCIALIS INGLISI
The Duars Ashy Wren-Warbler

(948) LEPTOPOECILE SOPHIAE OBSCURA
The Tibetan Tit-Warbler

(953) ORIOLUS ORIOLUS KUNDOO
The Indian Oriole

(999) AFTHIOPSAR FUSCUS FUSCUS
The Indian Jungle Myna

(1061) PROPASSER RHODOCHILAMY S GRANDIS
The Simla Red-mantled Rose-Finch

(1070) CARPODACUS RUBICILLOIDES RUBICILLOIDES
The Kansu Great Rose-Finch

(1071) CARPODACUS RUBICILLA SEVERTZOVII
The Turkestan or Severtzoff’s Rose-Finch

(1104) PASSER MONTANUS TIBETANUS
The Tibetan Tree-Sparrow
HIRUNDO FLUVICOLA  
The Indian Cliff-Swallow

ANTHUS SORDIDUS JERDONI  
The Brown Rock-Pipit

ANTHUS RICHARDI RUFULUS  
The Indian Pipit

ALAUDA GULGULA THAMARUM  
The Laduk Skylark

MIRAFRA ASSAMICA ASSAMICA  
The Bengal Bush-Lark

CHALCOPARIA SINGALENSIS ASSAMENSIS  
The Indian Ruby-Cheek

AETHOPYGA SIPARAJA MUSSORIENSIS  
The Kuman Yellow-backed Sunbird

PICUS SQUAMATUS SQUAMATUS  
The Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker

PICUS VITTATUS MYRMECOPHANEUS  
The Nepal Little Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker

DINOPSIUM SHORII  
The Himalayan Golden-backed Three-toed Woodpecker

CACOMANTIS MERULINUS QUERULUS  
The Burmese Plaintive Cuckoo

CLAMATOR JACOBINUS JACOBINUS  
The Indian Pied Crested Cuckoo

CENTROPUS SINENSIS SINENSIS  
The Common or Northern Crow-Pheasant

PSITTACULA KRAMFRI BOREALIS  
The Eastern Rose-ringed Paroquet

PSITTACULA CYANOCEPHALA CYANOCEPHALA  
The Western Blossom-headed Paroquet

PSITTACULA CYANOCEPHALA BENGALENSIS  
The Eastern Blossom-headed Paroquet

CORYLIS VERNALIS VERNALIS  
The Indian Loriquet

MEROPS ORIENTALIS ORIENTALIS  
The Indian Green Bee-eater

ALCEDO HERCULES  
The Great Blue Kingfisher

UPUPA EPOPS ORIENTALIS  
The Indian Hoopoe

KETUPA ZEYLONENSI S HARDWICKII  
The Northern Brown Fish Owl

OTUS SUNIA SUNIA  
The Northern Brown Scops Owl

CERCHNEIS NAUMANNI PF kinensis  
The Chinese Lesser Kestrel

HIERAETUS FASCINATUS FASCINATUS  
Bonelli’s or the Slender Hawk Eagle

CROCO PUS PHOENICOPTERUS PHOENICOPTERUS  
The Bengal Green Pigeon

MUSCADIVORA AENEA SYLVATICA  
The Indian Green Imperial Pigeon
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(1856)  COLUMBA LIVIA INTERMEDIA
The Indian Blue Rock-Pigeon

(1897)  PAVO CRISTATUS
The Common Pea-Fowl

(1978)  FRANCO LINUS FRANCO LINUS MELANONOTUS
The Assam Black Partridge

(2003)  TURNIX DUSSEMIERI
The Little Button-Quail

(2014)  RALLINA EURYZONOIDAE NIGROLINATA
The Indian Banded Crane

(2031)  METOPIDUS INDICUS
The Bronze-winged Jacana

(2123)  VANELLOCHETTUSIA LEGURA
The White-tailed Lapwing

(2125)  LOBIVANELLUS INDICUS INDICUS
The Indian Red-wattled Lapwing

(2128)  LOBIPLUVIA MALABARICA
The Yellow-wattled Lapwing

(2130)  HIMANTOPUS HIMANTOPUS HIMANTOPUS
The Black-winged Stilt

(2137)  LIMOSA LIMOSA LIMOSA
The Black-tailed Godwit

(2250)  NETTAPUS COROMANDELIANUS
The Cotton-Teal

(2260)  DENDROCYGNA JAVANICA
The Lesser or Common Whistling Teal