Himalayan Birding Tour
Pangot, Sattal, Corbett

13–19 November 2020
Trip Report

Mike Prince, Deepak Kumar
Logistics: Asian Adventures
Summary

This was a continuation of our short “Looking up from lockdown” tours to top Indian birding destinations, taking advantage of a relaxation in COVID-19 restrictions. Itineraries were designed to be easy-paced, minimising travel, and using established bases that we knew to be implementing sensible health precautions. Overall birding was as usual fantastic, and we definitely felt safer being in outside environments in remote and uncrowded places, than stuck at home in towns and cities hardly getting out!

Driving from Delhi, we spent three nights at India’s first and foremost birding lodge, Jungle Lore at Pangot in the Himalayan foothills. We then spent one night at Sattal, before heading back down into the plains and two nights on the periphery of Corbett National Park, at Falcon Nest Resort.

Altogether we saw 224 species in just 7 days, including travel days. This was a very respectable total, for this time of year can be relatively slow in the mountains: with breeding long finished, the resident birds are quieter and summering birds have left, yet winter visitors have only just started to arrive, ahead of the first snowfall higher up. Indeed, a short rainy spell we experienced at Pangot was part of a weather system that brought heavy snow to areas further north, and higher in altitude, but we left before we could experience the difference it made to birdlife here!

This trip was a cut-down itinerary of the classic North India circuit, which produces an amazing diversity of birds, scenery, and culture, and is the ideal tour for first-time visitors to India, as well as established travellers wanting to enjoy more brilliant birding! Contact us if you are interested in joining us for this tour, or other birding and wildlife watching tours throughout India.

Blue-fronted Redstart

Tour Diary

Delhi to Pangot

We left Delhi early morning and, as so often on Bubo Birding tours, aimed for a seldom-visited site to break the journey and hopefully find something interesting. Here we choose Baur Reservoir, near Haldwani in Uttar Pradesh, and had a rewarding couple of hours there. Large numbers of duck were present, with Gadwall the commonest species, although considerably outnumbered by the 10,000 Coot. 40 Ferruginous Ducks were nice to see, as were both Pallas’s and Black-headed Gulls. Despite it being the middle of the day, we concentrated on a reedy patch for small birds, and had good views of Moustached Warbler and Yellow-bellied Prinia. A flock of Rosy Pipits also had one Tree Pipit, giving a nice comparison. This is a site well worth exploring further: other sightings this winter have included Greater Scaup, Chestnut-capped Babbler, and Yellow-breasted Bunting.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76182612

Baur Reservoir

As we headed up from the plains past Kaladungi, Deepak casually said, “Just check that tree. Sometimes there is a Collared Falconet sat on the top”, and indeed there was!

We stopped in the late afternoon to explore some scrubby forest at Narayan Nagar, not far from Nainital, and had our first taste of Himalayan birding, with a good variety of birds, including Kalij Pheasant, Himalayan Woodpecker, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Pink-browed Rosefinch, and Rock and White-capped Buntings.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76188229

Pangot area

Arriving after dark, we had a listen and look for owls and nightjars but failed. Unfortunately, our few days staying here coincided with the Diwali festival, and the extra noise with firecrackers and other disturbance, although relatively restrained here, seemed to have scared off the usual Mountain Scops Owl and Grey Nightjar.

We decided to look for Cheer Pheasant on our first morning, and this was another failure! However, a brilliant Hill Partridge at the side of the road on our
way was first bird of the day and a good one to see—although we hear this bird quite often, close and prolonged views are difficult to come by.

Lots of scanning the grassy and rocky slopes—exactly the same colours as Cheer Pheasants!—at “Cheer Point” did give us brilliant views though of a few Himalayan Goral.

Birds seen included Eurasian Sparrowhawk, “proper” raven-like Large-billed Crows, Eurasian Crag Martin, Himalayan Prinia—this Himalayan form of Striated Prinia has been split by IOC, along with Chinese Prinia from Myanmar and China, although eBird has not yet adopted this—and an impressive flock of nearly a hundred Altai Accentors.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76226143

The rest of the morning was spent exploring various areas in the Pangot area, both from the road here at “Cheer Point” back to Pangot, and then from the road from there towards Nainital, in the Kilbury area.

We spent a few minutes at a place Deepak called “Woodpecker Point” and indeed did see a pair of Rufous-bellied Woodpeckers. Other birds seen included Himalayan Vulture, Spotted Forktail, Brown-fronted Woodpecker, Yellow-browed Tit, Buff-barred Warbler, White-tailed Nuthatch and Bar-tailed Treecreepers, and a Mistle Thrush.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76226225
https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76226526

Deepak knew of a daytime roost of Brown Wood Owl and we saw one bird here, although it was quite well hidden from view. On a later visit we saw a second bird in flight, but again, no clear views.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76226709
Other than meal times, we didn’t spend much time at Jungle Lore lodge itself. Birding just around the lodge can be excellent though, with great photographic opportunities. The noisy flock of about 80 White-throated Laughingthrushes were an impressive sight. Of course, meal times are a highlight too!

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76226858

In the afternoon we headed out west to check some areas near Bagar. We were particularly keen to find Grey-crowned Prinia, a scarce and range-restricted species that is seen more often here than anywhere else. We found several Grey-breasted Prinias, which do look similar, but had no luck with the Grey-crowned. We did get super views of a pair of Golden Bush Robins, the male singing frequently, and plenty of other nice species, including Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, White-capped Redstart, Rufous-breasted Accentor, and Common Rosefinch.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76227255
https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76227286

The following morning, we birded at Kilbury, up to the Forest Rest House there, and from various points along the road. The highlight was a wonderful mixed feeding flock of warblers, tits, and nuthatches, moving rapidly through the trees. Lemon-rumped Warblers were the commonest bird in the flock, which also included some lovely Black-faced Warblers, and we saw Hill Partridge, Long-tailed Minivet, and Eurasian Jay, nearby.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76270971
After Deepak’s “Woodpecker Point” of yesterday, I managed to see Brown-fronted, Rufous-bellied, Himalayan and Scaly-bellied Woodpeckers from a single spot, so we now have a “New Woodpecker Point” to be visited on future trips!

We had our breakfast here and noted a few raptors passing over as it warmed up: several Himalayan Griffons, Steppe Eagles, a Black Eagle, a Himalayan Buzzard, and a Mountain Hawk Eagle mobbed by Large-billed Crows. An impressive 100 Nepal House Martins passed overhead with some Eurasian Crag Martins.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76271097

Exploring the Ghuggu Kham area in the afternoon was productive with a wide variety of species. As well as many seen earlier in the day, we also saw Asian Barred Owlet, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Aberrant Bush Warbler, Black-chinned Babbler, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Striated Laughingthrush—working their way up through the middle of a tree to the top and then flying out to another, as they often do—, Rock Bunting, and came across a small group of Pink-browed Rosefinches, including some males.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76274581

Sattal area

The next morning, we started early for Sattal. Just over an hour from Pangot, this is at a lower elevation of approximately 1,500m—enough to make a considerable difference in the variety of species. Unfortunately, as is the case with many areas of the Himalayan foothills, our first stop was in an area that had suffered major development since Deepak’s last visit here.

Thankfully, it still provided excellent birding, but the habitat will undoubtedly get more and more fragmented in the future. Our only (surprisingly) Grey-backed Shrike of the trip was here, we had excellent close views of Rufous-bellied Niltava, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrushes and a flock of Red-billed Leiothrixes, and patience eventually rewarded us with a lovely singing Himalayan Rubythroat.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76321647

The Sattal area has a number of photographic hides set up, with water and food provided to attract species not otherwise so easy to see at close range. We weren’t here for photography however, so didn’t use them, but a walk near one of the hides showed us Oriental Turtle Dove, Lesser Yellownape, Maroon Oriole, and a mixed flock of White-throated and White-crested Laughingthrushes.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76321650

bubobirding.com | asianadventures.net
Sattal means “seven lakes”, which are interconnected. The walk from Sita Tal to Purna Tal passes a famous site for bird photography, the Sattal “Studio Point”. This is a natural small stream through a wet grassy area which leads into Purna Tal, with forested hills to the side. The running water here attracts many species to drink and bathe, and it is possible to sit in the open nearby and get close views. For many photographers, their day is spent sitting and waiting here!

We stopped briefly, meeting a small group of bird photographers who had driven here on their major trip from Hyderabad to Munsiyari and other sites higher in the Uttarakhand Himalayas.

During the few minutes we were here, Green-backed and Himalayan Black-lored Tits, Himalayan and Black Bulbuls, Buff-barred, Lemon-rumped and Grey-hooded Warblers, Black-throated Tits, Indian White-eyes, Black-chinned Babblers, Streaked Laughingthrushes, Red-billed Leiothrixes and Blue-winged Minlas, all visited the stream.

All along, a pair of Brown Fish Owls were perched in an overlooking tree, and a Spotted Forktail spent some time along a nearby stretch of the stream.

We preferred to explore rather than stay here, so continued on the trail alongside Purna Tal and beyond. Scaly Thrush, Rufous-gorgeted and Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Whistler’s Warbler, Chestnut-bellied and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, and Slaty-headed Parakeet, were all seen well. Often a good site for woodpeckers, including both Yellownapes, although today we could only find Grey-headed Woodpecker.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76321759

Post lunch in our comfortable hotel overlooking Bhimtal Lake, we went to another popular area, misleadingly known as Chaffi—it follows a stream through forest beside the Bhimtal to Dhanachuli road, whereas Chaffi itself is through the forest several kilometres north of here. Birding was very productive: several Scaly-breasted Cupwings (or Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler) were calling loudly, with one seen for a few seconds as it moved through the undergrowth, and a Chestnut-headed Tesia did the same. Both Small and Rufous-bellied Niltavas were seen, and a Slaty-backed Forktail showed very well, with a Spotted Forktail nearby—Little is often found here too. There was a noisy Crested Kingfisher along the river, but we couldn’t find the Tawny Fish Owl that is often seen here.
Early the next morning, on our journey away from Sattal to Corbett, we tried a couple of good forested areas, first at Shyamket, a small village near a tea garden. Bird activity was extremely high here as the sun rose above the hillside, and we came across Blue-throated Barbet, Greater Yellownape, Long-tailed Minivet, Maroon Oriole, Bronzed Drongo, Blue-fronted Redstart, Verditer Flycatcher, Asian Barred Owlet, and superb singing Eurasian Goldfinches. These look dramatically different from European birds, being a paler and greyer color generally, and completely lacking the black and white on the face.

It was then on to a walk through the forest surrounding Kainchi Temple, along the stream. A Little Forktail was found immediately, and then a Long-billed Thrush, typically throwing aside leaves with its amazing bill as it foraged in the undergrowth. Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, Himalayan Prinia, and Whiskered Yuhina, were also seen here.

Corbett Tiger Reserve and surroundings

Just before we reached the town of Ramnagar, we passed a field where the stubble had been set alight, and this attracted a large flock of Red-rumped Swallows hawking insects. As we crossed the barrage over the River Kosi we saw the regular Ruddy Shelduck flock, which numbered an impressive 240 birds.

We were headed to a place further up the River Kosi, along the eastern border of Corbett Tiger Reserve, to look for two key wintering species: Ibisbill and Wallcreeper. Ibisbills are to be found most winters, especially near the Girija Devi Temple, but we were probably a bit too early—whilst some years they are present in late October, it is more usual for them to arrive later in November or early December. Pleasingly we were successful with the Wallcreeper though, and watched one flitting amongst the shingle rocks.

River Lapwings and Crested Kingfishers, plus both the “water” Redstarts, are regular here, and late afternoon is a good time for flocks of Himalayan Swiftlets overhead. We had excellent views of another Long-billed Thrush, quite in the open amongst the rocks at the edge of the river and doing its impression of an Asian Openbill! A Blue Rock Thrush was nearby, a Crimson Sunbird in the flowering bushes, and a subadult Bonelli’s Eagle flew overhead.
Corbett Tiger Reserve has a variety of habitats ranging from open grasslands to dense forests, and jeep safaris provide fantastic wildlife viewing, both for mammals and birds. Inside the protected area you are not able to walk, for obvious safety reasons—whilst birding from a slow open jeep is still excellent, thankfully there are also great birding areas on the periphery of the park. Whilst on most tours we do take a few safaris, and stay overnight inside the park itself, on this trip we decided to concentrate purely on birds and so visited some prime habitat outside.

We started at Kumeria, further north on the Kosi River, seeing our first Red Junglefowl on the way. Immediately on arrival we chanced upon a mixed feeding flock, with Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Hume’s, Lemon-rumped Whistler’s and Grey-hooded Warblers, Chestnut-bellied and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, and Bar-tailed Treecreepers. Black-crested Bulbul, Small and Rufous-bellied Niltavas, Slaty-blue and Taiga Flycatchers, were also present in the forest alongside the river.

Walking along the river, we found the four common species of kingfishers, the two redstarts, Grey, White and White-browed Wagtails, and it was good to see Rosy Pipits and White-capped Buntings. I had walked ahead, in a vain attempt to check another promising area of shingle river side for Ibisbill, when Deepak waved me back—he had just heard and seen a Nepal Cupwing (or Nepal Wren Babbler) in bushes across the river. Never having seen one before, this was a bird I was very keen to see! Initially, I was disappointed because the river was quite wide here, and the bird skulking in undergrowth wouldn’t give good views, but I need not have worried for it hopped out on to a large rock and stayed in the open for several minutes! We also heard it sing on a few occasions.

For a while here we had been hearing persistent alarm calls from Barking Deer, Sambar and Langurs. Still, our focus was on watching my lifer, when we got brief views of an interesting looking bush warbler with obvious pale legs. Suddenly there was a roar from the forest not far from where we were standing: Tiger! Since we were on foot, we decided to be sensible and quickly backed off from the area, although not before I grabbed a few quick photos of the warbler! So, an unidentified warbler, and we didn’t actually see a tiger, but an exciting few minutes! Thankfully, the photos when viewed later were good enough to show that it wasn’t actually a bush warbler but a Dusky Warbler—whilst this is common in east India, there are just a few records of this species every winter in the north and north west.

On the return journey a Mountain Hawk Eagle flew over, and in a single tree we had the impressive sight of three Collared Falconets together, occasionally flying out on hunting sallies and returning.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76377166
We stopped at a couple of different spots along the road back, where there was a view of the river through the trees. At one of these there was a Pallas’s Fish Eagle nest in a tree on the other side—one young bird was just visible in the nest, and an adult flew in to the tree briefly.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76377212

A further stop near the Jhoola Pul Suspension Bridge, and some thorough searching, gave us the other fish eagle that is regular here: Lesser Fish Eagle, perched deep inside a tree overlooking the river.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76377215

In the afternoon we visited another forested area, heading away from the river at the village of Mohan. A pair of Great Hornbills were seen well feeding on small berries in the tree tops. A Jungle Owlet showed very well, Ashy Bulbul, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Black-throated Sunbird and a Striated Heron were all new for the trip, the latter feeding along the stream near another Long-billed Thrush. Lineated Barbet, White-throated Fantail, Bronzed Drongo, Scaly-breasted Cupwing, Chestnut-headed Tesla, and Rufous-bellied Niltava added to an impressive list for a relatively short birding session.

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76377467

As we returned along the main road, we met a naturalist friend of Deepak’s, who was waiting with his jeep as a Tiger had crossed the road just a few minutes before. We also waited for a little while, but decided that would just have to be another close miss for the day and gave up to return to our resort!

We stayed near Teda village on the east side of the Kosi River, avoiding the chaos of Ramnagar and the busy road north from there where most of the resorts are situated. This meant we could walk directly into good scrub habitat, alongside a now dried-up stream. We spent our last morning doing this, and it was pleasant and productive. Oriental Turtle Dove, Small Minivet, Grey-breasted Prinia, Black-crested Bulbul, Hume’s Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Grey Bushchat, Slaty-blue, Taiga and Ultramarine Flycatchers, and Citrine Wagtail, were all seen here, with the star being the juvenile Besra seen perched and in flight.

As the morning warmed up, eyes were on the sky as, over a period of just 15 minutes, we saw Black Stork and both Red-headed and Cinereous Vultures fly over. We were quite reluctant to tear ourselves away for the drive back to Delhi!

https://ebird.org/india/checklist/S76377507
Systematic List

Number in parentheses indicates the number of different days on which the species was recorded.

**Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae**
1. Greylag Goose *Anser anser* (1)
2. Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* (1)
3. Garganey *Spatula querquedula* (1)
4. Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* (1)
5. Gadwall *Mareca strepera* (1)
6. Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* (1)
7. Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha* (1)
8. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* (1)
9. Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca* (1)
10. Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* (1)
11. Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* (1)
12. Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (1)
13. Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* (1)

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**
14. Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola* (3)
15. Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus* (1)
16. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* (2)
17. Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos* (5)

**Grebes Podicipedidae**
18. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* (1)
19. Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* (1)

**Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**
20. Rock Dove *Columba livia* (5)
21. Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* (2)
22. Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis* (1)

**Cuckoos Cuculidae**
23. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* (1)

**Swifts Apodidae**
24. White-rumped Spinetail *Zoonavena sylvatica* (1)
25. Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* (2)
26. Little Swift *Apus affinis* (1)

**Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**
27. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* (1)
28. Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* (1)
29. Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus* (1)
Himalayan Birding Tour: Pangot, Sattal, Corbett
View itinerary and enquire about this tour

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*
30. River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* (2)
31. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* (4)

Jacanas *Jacanidae*
32. Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus* (1)

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*
33. Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* (1)
34. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* (3)
35. Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* (2)
36. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* (1)

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*
37. Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* (1)
38. Pallas's Gull *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus* (1)

Storks *Ciconiidae*
39. Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* (1)

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*
40. Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger* (2)
41. Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* (5)

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*
42. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* (1)
43. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (1)
44. Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* (1)
45. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* (3)
46. Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus* (1)
47. Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii* (2)
48. Striated Heron *Butorides striata* (2)

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*
49. Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus* (1)
50. Red-headed Vulture *Sarcogyps calvus* (1)
51. Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (1)
52. Himalayan Vulture *Gyps himalayensis* (2)
53. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (1)
54. Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* (3)
55. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* (1)
56. Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* (2)
57. Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata* (1)
58. Besra *Accipiter virgatus* (1)
59. Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* (2)
60. Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (3)
61. Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (1)
62. Lesser Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus humilis* (1)
63. Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo burmanicus* (1)

**Owls Strigidae**
64. Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis* (1)
65. Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* (3)
66. Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum* (2)
67. Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* (2)

**Hoopoes Upupidae**
68. Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* (1)

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**
69. Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* (1)
70. Indian Grey Hornbill *Ocyceros briostris* (1)

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**
71. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* (3)
72. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* (5)
73. Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris* (3)
74. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* (1)

**Rollers Coraciidae**
75. Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* (1)

**Asian Barbets Megalaimidae**
76. Great Barbet *Psilopogon virens* (5)
77. Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* (2)
78. Brown-headed Barbet *Psilopogon zeylanicus* (1)
79. Blue-throated Barbet *Psilopogon asiaticus* (1)

**Woodpeckers Picidae**
80. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus* (1)
81. Brown-fronted Woodpecker *Dendrocopites auriceps* (4)
82. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* (2)
83. Himalayan Woodpecker *Dendrocopos himalayensis* (2)
84. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* (1)
85. Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense* (2)
86. Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus* (1)
87. Scaly-bellied Woodpecker *Picus squamatus* (1)
88. Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* (6)
89. Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* (2)

**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**
90. Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens* (2)

**Old World Parrots Psittaculidae**
91. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* (1)
92. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* (2)
93. Slaty-headed Parakeet *Psittacula himalayana* (3)
94. Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala* (2)
95. Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* (1)

**Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae**

96. Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* (1)
97. Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus* (2)

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

98. Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii* (1)

**Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies Vangidae**

99. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus* (3)

**Ioras Aegithinidae**

100. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* (1)

**Fantails Rhipiduridae**

101. White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* (4)

**Drongos Dicruridae**

102. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* (2)
103. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* (2)

**Shrikes Laniidae**

104. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* (4)
105. Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus* (1)

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

106. Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* (1)
107. Black-headed Jay *Garrulus lanceolatus* (5)
108. Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* (3)
109. Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* (2)
110. Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae* (4)
111. House Crow *Corvus splendens* (2)
112. Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* (1+)
113. Indian Jungle Crow *Corvus culminatus* (1+)

**Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**

114. Yellow-bellied Fantail *Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus* (1)
115. Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* (2)

**Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice Paridae**

116. Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus* (2)
117. Coal Tit *Periparus ater* (3)
118. Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus* (5)
119. Cinereous Tit *Parus cinereus* (3)
120. Himalayan Black-lobed Tit *Machlolophus xanthogenys* (2)

**Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae**

121. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* (2)
122. Himalayan Prinia *Prinia crinigera* (2)
123. Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* (4)
124. Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* (1)
125. Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis* (1)
126. Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* (1)
127. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* (1)

Reed Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*
128. Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon* (1)
129. Blyth’s Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (1)

Cupwings *Pnoepygidae*
130. Scaly-breasted Cupwing *Pnoepyga albiventer* (3)
131. Nepal Cupwing *Pnoepyga immaculata* (1)

Swallows *Hirundinidae*
132. Grey-throated Martin *Riparia chinensis* (3)
133. Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (2)
134. Dusky Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne concolor* (1)
135. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* (1)
136. Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* (5)
137. Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalense* (2)

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*
138. Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris* (2)
139. Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* (5)
140. Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* (1)
141. Himalayan Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys* (7)
142. Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* (3)
143. Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala* (1)

Leaf Warblers *Phylloscopidae*
144. Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher* (3)
145. Hume’s Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* (5)
146. Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus* (5)
147. Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* (1)
148. Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* (4)
149. Whistler’s Warbler *Phylloscopus whistleri* (2)
150. Grey-hooded Warbler *Phylloscopus xanthochistos* (7)

Bush Warblers and Allies *Scotocercidae*
151. Chestnut-headed Tesia *Cettia castaneocoronata* (2)
152. Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps* (1)
153. Aberrant Bush Warbler *Horornis flavolivaceus* (5)

Long-tailed Tits *Aegithalidae*
154. Black-throated Bushtit *Aegithalos concinnus* (1)

Sylviid Warblers, Parrotbills, and Allies *Sylviidae*
155. Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca* (2)
White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies Zosteropidae
156. Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis* (1)
157. Indian White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* (6)

Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers, and Allies Timaliidae
158. Black-chinned Babbler *Cyanoderma pyrrhops* (5)
159. Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Erythrogenys erythrogenys* (3)

Laughingthrushes and Allies Leiothrichidae
160. Striated Laughingthrush *Grammatoptila striata* (3)
161. Jungle Babbler *Argya striata* (4)
162. Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush *lanthocincla rufogularis* (2)
163. White-throated Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus albogularis* (1)
164. Streaked Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron lineatum* (5)
165. Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum* (2)
166. Rufous Sibia *Heterophasia capistrata* (4)
167. Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* (2)
168. Blue-winged Minla *Actinodura cyanouroptera* (3)

Wallcreeper Tichodromidae
169. Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria* (1)

Nuthatches Sittidae
170. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris* (3)
171. White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis* (2)
172. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* (2)

Treecreepers Certhiidae
173. Bar-tailed Treecreeper *Certhia himalayana* (5)

Starlings Sturnidae
174. Pied Myna *Gracupica contra* (2)
175. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* (2)
176. Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus* (1)

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae
177. Long-billed Thrush *Zoothera monticola* (2)
178. Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma* (1)
179. Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* (1)

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae
180. Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis* (3)
181. Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae* (3)
182. Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara* (2)
183. Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* (1)
184. Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* (7)
185. Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri* (1)
186. Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus* (4)
187. Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* (1)
188. Himalayan Rubythroat *Calliope pectoralis* (1)
189. Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus* (2)
190. Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor* (4)
191. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiata* (1)
192. Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* (1)
193. Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* (2)
194. Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis* (1)
195. Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* (3)
196. White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* (4)
197. Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* (1)
198. Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus* (3)
199. Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata* (1)
200. Grey Bush Chat *Saxicola ferreus* (6)

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*
201. Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* (1)
202. Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis* (1)
203. Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* (1)

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae*
204. Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava* (1)
205. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* (1)

Accentors *Prunellidae*
206. Altai Accentor *Prunella himalayana* (1)
207. Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophiata* (2)

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*
208. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (3)
209. Russet Sparrow *Passer cinnamomeus* (3)

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*
210. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* (4)
211. Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* (1)
212. White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla maderaspatensis* (5)
213. White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* (3)
214. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* (1)
215. Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* (1)
216. Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus* (2)
217. Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* (1)
218. Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* (1)

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies *Fringillidae*
219. Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* (2)
220. Pink-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodochroa* (3)
221. Yellow-breasted Greenfinch *Chloris spinoides* (3)
222. European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* (1)
Old World Buntings *Emberizidae*

223. Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* (3)
224. White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti* (3)
### eBird Checklists

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Checklist</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>13 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Moradabad - Bazpur Road, Uttar Pradesh</td>
<td>S76182576</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Baur Reservoir, Haldwani</td>
<td>S76182612</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kaladungi Road</td>
<td>S76188276</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Narayan Nagar</td>
<td>S76188229</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jungle Lore Birding Lodge</td>
<td>S76193461</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Pangot - Cheer Point Road</td>
<td>S76226044</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot--Cheer Point</td>
<td>S76226143</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kunjakhark - Cheer Point Road</td>
<td>S76226225</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kunjakhark - Cheer Point Road</td>
<td>S76226289</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot--Cheer Point</td>
<td>S76226420</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot--Woodpecker Point</td>
<td>S76226526</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot - Kilbury Road</td>
<td>S76226709</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot - Kilbury Road</td>
<td>S76226755</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jungle Lore Birding Lodge</td>
<td>S76226858</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot - Bagar Road</td>
<td>S76226938</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bagar Talla</td>
<td>S76227255</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bagar Talla</td>
<td>S76227286</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Pangot - Kilbury Road</td>
<td>S76270981</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kilbury</td>
<td>S76270971</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kilbury - Nainital Road</td>
<td>S76271097</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pangot - Kilbury Road</td>
<td>S76271088</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ghuggu Kham</td>
<td>S76274581</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Kilbury - Nainital Road</td>
<td>S76311728</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sattal--Farsoli</td>
<td>S76321647</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sattal--Sattal Estate</td>
<td>S76321650</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sattal</td>
<td>S76321658</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sattal--Purna Tal</td>
<td>S76321759</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bhimtal - Dhanachuli Road (Chaafi)</td>
<td>S76321790</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Shyamkhet</td>
<td>S76356443</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kainchi Temple</td>
<td>S76358457</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kaladungi - Ramnagar Road</td>
<td>S76362250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kosi Barrage</td>
<td>S76360202</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Koshi River -- Girija Devi Temple</td>
<td>S76362257</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Mohan</td>
<td>S76377088</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kumeria, Corbett</td>
<td>S76377166</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kumeria, Corbett</td>
<td>S76377186</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kumeria--Kosi River View</td>
<td>S76377212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jhoola Pul (Suspension Bridge), Garjiya, Ramnagar</td>
<td>S76377215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Teda</td>
<td>S76377222</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mohan</td>
<td>S76377467</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Checklist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Nov 2020</td>
<td>Teda</td>
<td>S76377507</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>