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White-browed Nuthatch, Mount Victoria © James Eaton / Birdtour Asia

This Myanmar custom tour recorded an impressive 319 species during our 12-day visit to the country. The highlight of the tour was the visit to Mount Victoria in the Chin Hills bordering India, White-browed Nuthatch dazzled on several occasions as did plenty of near-endemic specialties including Brown-capped, Striped and Assam Laughingthrushes, Grey Sibia, Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Chin Hills Wren Babbler and the proposed split Mount Victoria Babax. There were also a few less expected species; White-rumped Falcon, Black-headed Shrike Babbler and Spotted Wren Babbler being notable. Either side of the Mount Victoria visit, birding around the historic temples of Bagan revealed the four central Burmese endemics; Burmese Bushlark, White-throated Babbler, Jerdon's Minivet and Hooded Treepie. Finally a flight to the east found two further near-endemics; Burmese Yuhina and Collared Myna along with Black-headed Greenfinch, Silver-eared Laughingthrush and we finished off with several dazzling Jerdon's Bushchats.

Following our flight from Bangkok to Yangon we took a short break before connecting with our internal flight north to the historic town of Bagan in preparation for the following days birding. In place for dawn we covered an area of dry, open scrub and acacia among the historic temples, a wonderful experience in itself. As the sun began to raise behind the temples the first *chicks*, *chacks* and *tacks* resounded around us. Endemic White-throated Babbler dived from bush to bush in noisy family parties and our second endemic Burmese Bushlark sang their distinctive songs from nearby Cactus Trees. The Cactus Trees in particular were brimming with birds; wintering Yellow-streaked Warblers being most numerous along with the ever-present Streak-eared Bulbul and Common Iora. Indian Nightjar were flushed on three occasions giving great looks as they sat tight, presuming we

couldn't see them! *Burmanicus* Vinous-breasted Myna was common among the Jungle Myna, showing just how distinctive they are from their more widespread, yellow-billed cousins. In this dry, arid landscape raptors proved numerous as Oriental Honey Buzzard, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Eurasian Kestrel and Pied Harrier all took to the sky while a pair of Lanner Falcon sat quietly on a nearby temple patiently selecting their next meal from the local pigeons constantly whizzing past. As the morning progressed and the heat picked up we began to slow down and chose a new tactic – let the birds come to us as we sat under an Acacia. Within a minute of debating this new tactic the third, and most difficult endemic; Hooded Treepie flew-past, tail dropping before swooping up into a nearby bush giving us nice looks at this beautiful bird before flying off once more. Returning to the same spot in the afternoon activity was slower with much the same as the morning including another treepie until just as the sun started to disappear, a delightful flock of the nomadic Jerdon's Minivet flew in and alighted on a nearby bush. The flock comprised of three females and a gorgeous orange-breasted male, the final central Myanmar endemic, what a great start to the tour!



Burmese Bushlark and White-throated Babbler, Bagan

A full-day drive west over the Irrawaddy River on our third day took us through a variety of habitats, firstly the dry, open savannah revealed three more Hooded Treepie including a marvellous pair perched in the open, White-eyed Buzzard and, most importantly, Long-billed Pipit, here of the range-restricted *yamethini* race, and with pipit taxonomy you just never know what's waiting to be spilt! Passing through open dipterocarp forest our next target lay in wait at the roadside – a splendid female White-rumped Falcon, here of the streaky endemic *insignis* subspecies. Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Gold-fronted Leafbird, Blue-throated Flycatcher and White-browed Fantail were also notable before we reached the beautiful Nagabwet Forest Reserve with Finsch's Parakeets raucously flying around us along with Rose-ringed and Red-breasted Parakeets. We reached our comfortable lodge, situated at the base of Mount Victoria in the early evening in great anticipation for the following four-days of birding.

With four full days birding Mount Victoria, the highest peak in the Chin Hills, bordering the Indian border we spent our time at various elevations and a range of different habitats searching for the many range-restricted and Chin Hills endemics found on this glorious mountain.

Each morning we drove up the mountain from our comfortable lodge on the lower slopes of the mountain. Driving up regularly revealed Grey Nightjar sat either on the road or on roadside stumps. On one occasion a Eurasian Woodcock was seen roding past against a stunning orange and blue sunrise while on another an early wake-up call morning led to a Brown Wood Owl calling overhead. Not surprisingly dawn on our first morning found us eagerly awaiting the mountains most well-known species – White-browed Nuthatch, known only from this and surrounding peaks. After savouring our first of many cute White-browed Fulvetta and a single Aberrant Bush Warbler a piping call nearby alerted us to some conifers and our first of beautifully-marked nuthatches. We saw a total of six during the course of our stay, culminating in superlative views of a cute bird feeding at arms-reach overhead. With the main target soon under our belts we concentrated on the large number of range-restricted species found only in western Myanmar aside from the seldom-visited areas of bordering India.

Laughingthrushes loved the lush understory in the deciduous forest and both Assam and near-endemic Brown-capped Laughingthrushes popped out on several occasions before quickly jumping

back into the bush. Other babblers of the under-storey included another recent-split; Chin Hills Wren Babbler (from Long-tailed Wren Babbler and yet another near-endemic). These little beauties are real skulkers but with careful manoeuvring we were well placed as a pair began feeding for over half an hour down to just a metre at times as we attempted to hold our breath. Wren Babblers were mostly silent during our visit but we made the most out of the brief snatches of song from the tangles, Pygmy and Scaly-breasted Wren Babblers provided a nice comparison as they fed on opposite sides of the track simultaneously and we even had a couple of Spotted Wren Babbler, including an individual that refused to jump off its favoured perch until we had double helpings the beautifully marked plumage. The remaining highlights of the deciduous forest lurked in the mid-storey in numerous feeding flocks which passed through during our stay. Composed largely of Buff-barred and Yellow-browed Warblers, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Rufous-winged and White-browed Fulvetta and range-restricted Grey Sibia there were usually a couple of added bonuses in the bigger flocks; pairs of Black-headed Shrike Babblers twice passed through with White-browed Shrike Babblers in tow, Green Shrike Babbler appeared on numerous occasions, an important race to see as it has been shown to be genetically distinct from birds in the rest of their range. Himalayan Cutia made a brief appearance, as did a bulky Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, several Manipur Treecreepers, Grey-hooded and Whistler's Warblers, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, Nepal Fulvetta, numerous Maroon Orioles and eventually a fantastic flock of six Streak-throated Barwing. Wintering thrushes were mostly the range-restricted Grey-sided but also included Eye-browed and a single Black-breasted Thrushes.



White-rumped Falcon and Yellow-breasted Greenfinch, Mount Victoria

On the south side of the mountain, the large patches of open coniferous forests hold a totally different avifauna, making a pleasant change when things become quiet in the deciduous forest. Here Buff-barred Warblers seem to number in the hundreds, Black-bibbed Tit popped up several times as did *churring* Blue-fronted Redstarts, Siberian Bluetails, numerous Bar-tailed Treecreeper, cute Yellow-browed Tit and a brief Yellow-billed Blue Magpie.

The tangled under-storey was of particular interest in this area as numerous specialities popped up on request; feisty Spot-breasted Parrotbills wouldn't stop once started along with groups of Mount Victoria Babax. This species is usually lumped with Chinese Babax though the completely different vocalisations and isolated range may point towards Myanmar gaining another endemic. Wintering passerines loved this habitat, especially the flocks of Olive-backed Pipit, Chestnut and Little Buntings while closer scrutiny revealed Black-throated Prinia and Slaty-blue Flycatcher and on our final morning a flock of 30 or so Yellow-breasted Greenfinches feeding busily on the thistles, these being of the distinctive Chin Hills race. A stunning pair of Spotted Forktail twice appeared on the roadside and the numerous flowering buddleias hosted not-so-dazzling Fire-tailed Sunbirds as all the males were in eclipse, sporting only elongated red tails as reminders of their stunning breeding garb.

The pastures on the lower slopes of the mountain brought a final shift in avifauna with plenty of interest. We spent a morning walking along the road, scoping the grass and scrub that predominate between the scenic orchards. All our main targets here took just an hour, as we waited for the sun to hit a patch of scrub and thorn the calls of yet another near-endemic started up, the very stripey Striped Laughingthrush and soon a pair were perched up nicely in the scope calling back-and-forth

to one another. Next up was Crimson-faced Liocichla, and once again a pair perched up in the scope nicely at super-close range feeding on flowers in the early morning light. While watching these birds our third target also appeared – Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler and unbelievably a pair of these birds also obliged by sitting up on open limbs in the scope! This latter species is part of a four-way split of the Spot-breasted complex, this new species being restricted to just west Myanmar and north-east India, south of the Brahmaputra River. An enjoyable walk along the road turned up a flock of Rusty-fronted Barwing, a silent Large Hawk Cuckoo, stunning Black Eagle circling overhead, Slender-billed Oriole, flocks of Common Rosefinch including some rosy-red males and several vocalising Hume's Leaf Warbler providing a nice comparison with the more numerous Yellow-browed Warblers.



Brown-capped Laughingthrush and Black-headed Shrike Babbler, Mount Victoria

On the journey back to Bagan we birded most of the morning in more open, logged forest en-route. Blue-throated Flycatcher was common and singing from the moment we stepped out of the vehicle. Parakeets were more conspicuous than the inward journey as a pair of Alexandrine Parakeet screeched past with Finsch's Parakeet again most abundant closely followed by Red-breasted and a single male Blossom-headed Parakeet sat beautifully in the sunlight – this latter bird deserves special praise as while watching him a movement above him revealed a flameback quietly clinging onto the trunk. Even through the binoculars the buffy moustachial stripe could clearly be seen and identified the bird as the hoped-for Himalayan Flameback. Unfortunately a White-bellied Woodpecker flew away before we all got a good look but Grey-faced Woodpecker gave excellent views. Moving further on a large bamboo patch hosted a huge feeding flock containing handsome Small Minivets, Neglected Nuthatch, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, White-browed Piculet, Yellow-bellied Warblers, Red-headed Trogon and most surprisingly, a very responsive Pale-headed Woodpecker that flew back-and-forth before finally settling down on an open bamboo cane.

With the endemics under our belt we had time to enjoy the sunrise over the temples of Bagan as we sat with the sadly dwindling number of tourists that reach this wonderful country before enjoying some of the more well-known temples of the area. Birding was relatively quiet but Rain Quail and a stunning male Siberian Rubythroat were new for the trip.

An afternoon boat ride along the Irrawaddy River was a welcome change, relaxed and in sandals we enjoyed the numerous birds sat on the sand bars, firstly a huge flock of Small Pratincole, followed by speedy Sand Larks running across the open sand, a pair of River Lapwing, good numbers of Ruddy Shelduck before docking ashore to admire the White-tailed Stonechats that still inhabit some relic bank-side grassland in good numbers. The return journey saw the cameras out once more as sunset was simply stunning – I can't remember a tour with so many sunset photo opportunities!

A flight across central Myanmar to the hilly Shan state next morning saw us arrive in the old colonial hill-station of Kalaw by late morning. Having been out of contact for a week on Mount Victoria we had the opportunity to find out all about the hysteria in Bangkok, worrying news for us travelling through Bangkok airport! Not worrying about joining the 300,000 strong tourist queues in Thailand we spent the afternoon birding areas of open scrub and conifers around Kalaw. Unfortunately, for whatever reason we saw very little, with most birds preferring to steer clear of the searing sunlight except for an agitated Spectacled Barwing, noisy White-browed

Laughingthrush, Red-billed Blue Magpie and some more Slender-billed Orioles, Yellow-eyed Babblers and smart Daurian Redstarts.

With a full day at our disposal to bird some of the remaining deciduous forest that surround Yayayekan Reservoir we started early. Walking through an open coniferous forest held a few new species including Black-headed Greenfinch and Buff-throated Warbler. A fruiting tree was brimming with bulbuls – Brown-breasted, Red-whiskered, Black, Flavescent, and Red-vented Bulbuls, Blue-throated Barbet, Dark-backed Sibia and Crested Finchbill. Entering the moist and cool broad-leaved forest our eyes were wide-open as this is one of the few known areas containing the rare Burmese Yuhina. Yet another species that misses out being on an endemic by just reaching into neighbouring west Thailand and is rarely recorded at the known sites so it was with great surprise when a single appeared in front of us within 20 minutes! Views were a little distant but unmistakable as we soaked in the general grey-appearance of this beautifully-marked bird. Once again with our main target well-seen we spent the rest of the morning and early afternoon simply enjoying the forest and the bird flocks. In the early morning sun a fruiting tree appeared particularly juicy as 64 Pin-tailed Green Pigeons joined 4 Yellow-footed Green Pigeons overhead, the biggest flock recorded in the area for many years.

In the track-side scrub Spectacled Barwing, White-browed Scimitar Babbler and Silver-eared Laughingthrush flocked to feed though Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babblers refused to budge from the denser thickets. In the mid-canopy feeding flocks Purple-throated Sunbird, Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Bianchi's and Grey-crowned Warbler, Orange-bellied Leafbird and Large Cuckooshrike all performed while Grey Treepie passed raucously overhead.



Chin Hills Wren Babbler, Mount Victoria and White-tailed Stonechat, Bagan

Our final destination was a morning boat trip along the northern edge of Lake Inle, a huge lake surrounded by lush reedbed and grassy margins. Our primary target was located within five minutes of jumping in our long boat as a two, striking male Jerdon's Bushchats chased each other round in pursuit of the drab female. We saw in excess of 20 of these smart bushchats as they fed quietly along the marshy edges of the lake allowing several excellent views from our boat. As the sun raised huge numbers of Chestnut-tailed Starling, Black-collared Starling, White-vented Myna and up to 200 Collared Myna left their roost. The latter is so nearly an endemic, just creeping into neighbouring China so was pleasing to see them so well and in such good numbers. Black-browed Reed Warblers and Dusky Warblers were common and three smart Chestnut-capped Babbler sat out enjoying the early morning sun. Indian Swamphens flew out of the grasses ahead of us, Eastern and Western Marsh Harriers allowed some nice comparisons as they quartered the reeds but we were a week early for the wintering wildfowl with only a flock of Northern Shoveler flying overhead as a sign that winter is on its way. A short flight took us back to Yangon for a final, enjoyable dinner before we flew back to a now re-opened Bangkok Airport to celebrate a wonderful tour in such a beautiful country.

Systematic List

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

PELECANIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
 Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*

CICONIIFORMES: Ardeidae

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
 Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
 'Eastern' Great Egret *Ardea alba modesta*
 Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
 Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
 Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*
 Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
 Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*
 Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*
 Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*
 Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

FALCONIFORMES: Accipitridae

Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
 Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
 Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
 Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*
 Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus*
 Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*
 Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*
 Shikra *Accipiter badius*
 Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
 White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa*
 Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo [buteo] burmanicus*
 Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
 Changeable Hawk Eagle *Nisaetus limnaetus*

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

White-rumped Falcon *Polihierax insignis insignis*
 Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
 Laggar Falcon *Falco jugger*
 Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* heard only
 Rain Quail *Coturnix coromandelica*
 Common Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola* heard only
 Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
 Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* heard only
 Indian Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus*
 Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*
 Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
 Lesser Sandplover *Charadrius mongolus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Ashy Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto xanthocyclus</i>
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
Barred Cuckoo Dove	<i>Macropygia unchall tusalia</i>
Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
Ashy-headed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phayrei</i>
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>
Mountain Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Finsch's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula finschii</i>
Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Large Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus sparverioides</i>	
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	heard only

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>	
Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	heard only
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae

Hodgson's Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni hodgsoni</i>	heard only
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CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus jogkarta</i>
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

Red-headed Trogon	<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>
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CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher

White-throated Kingfisher

Pied Kingfisher

*Alcedo atthis**Halcyon smyrnensis**Ceryle rudis***CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae**

Green Bee-eater

*Merops orientalis***CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae**

Black-billed Roller

Dollabird

*Coracias [benghalensis] affinis**Eurystomus orientalis***CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae**

Hoopoe

*Upupa epops***PICIFORMES: Capitonidae**

Great Barbet

Lineated Barbet

Golden-throated Barbet

Blue-throated Barbet

Coppersmith Barbet

*Megalaima virens**Megalaima lineata**Megalaima franklinii**Megalaima asiatica**Megalaima haemacephala***PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Eurasian Wryneck

White-browed Piculet

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker

White-bellied Woodpecker

Grey-faced Woodpecker

Himalayan Flameback

Pale-headed Woodpecker

Bay Woodpecker

*Jynx torquilla**Sasia ochracea**Dendrocopos cathpharius**Dryocopus javensis**Picus canus**Dinopium shorii**Gecinulus grantia**Blythipicus pyrrhotis***PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae**

Burmese Bushlark

Sand Lark

*Mirafra microptera**Calandrella raytal***PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Eurasian Sand Martin

Grey-throated Martin

Barn Swallow

Wire-tailed Swallow

Red-rumped Swallow

Asian House Martin

*Riparia riparia**Riparia chinensis**Hirundo rustica**Hirundo smithii**Cecropis daurica**Delichon dasypus***PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

[Himalayan] White Wagtail

Citrine Wagtail

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Grey Wagtail

Paddyfield Pipit

Long-billed Pipit

Olive-backed Pipit

Red-throated Pipit

*Motacilla alba alboides**Motacilla citreola citreola**Motacilla [flava] macronyx**Motacilla cinerea**Anthus rufulus**Anthus similis yamethini**Anthus hodgsoni**Anthus cervinus***PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Large Cuckooshrike

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

Small Minivet

Jerdon's Minivet

Long-tailed Minivet

Short-billed Minivet

*Coracina macei**Coracina melaschistos**Pericrocotus cinnamomeus**Pericrocotus erythropygus**Pericrocotus ethologus**Pericrocotus brevirostris*

Scarlet Minivet
Grey-chinned Minivet
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Pericrocotus flammeus
Pericrocotus solaris
Hemipus picatus

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

Crested Finchbill
Striated Bulbul
Black-crested Bulbul
Red-whiskered Bulbul
Brown-breasted Bulbul
Red-vented Bulbul
Flavescent Bulbul
Yellow-vented Bulbul
Streak-eared Bulbul
Ashy Bulbul
Mountain Bulbul
Black Bulbul

Spizixos canifrons
Pycnonotus striatus
Pycnonotus melanicterus
Pycnonotus jocosus
Pycnonotus xanthorrhous
Pycnonotus cafer
Pycnonotus flavescens
Pycnonotus goiavier
Pycnonotus blanfordi
Hemixos flavala
Ixos mcclllandii
Hypsipetes leucocephalus

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

Blue-winged Leafbird
Golden-fronted Leafbird
Orange-bellied Leafbird

Chloropsis cochinchinensis
Chloropsis aurifrons
Chloropsis hardwickii

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush
Blue Whistling Thrush
Black-breasted Thrush
Grey-sided Thrush
Eye-browed Thrush
White-browed Shortwing

Monticola rufiventris
Myophonus caeruleus
Turdus dissimilis
Turdus feae
Turdus obscurus
Brachypteryx montana cruralis

heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

Brown Prinia
Black-throated Prinia
Hill Prinia
Rufescent Prinia
Grey-breasted Prinia
Yellow-bellied Prinia
Plain Prinia

Prinia polychroa
Prinia atrogularis khasiana
Prinia erythropleura
Prinia rufescens
Prinia hodgsonii
Prinia flaviventris
Prinia inornata

heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

Chestnut-headed Tesia
Grey-bellied Tesia
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler
Aberrant Bush Warbler
Black-browed Reed Warbler
Common Tailorbird
Dusky Warbler
Buff-throated Warbler
Yellow-streaked Warbler
Radde's Warbler
Buff-barred Warbler
Ashy-throated Warbler
Yellow-browed Warbler
Greenish Warbler
Blyth's Leaf Warbler
Grey-hooded Warbler
Grey-crowned Warbler
Whistler's Warbler
Bianchi's Warbler
Yellow-bellied Warbler

Tesia castaneocoronata
Tesia cyaniventer
Cettia fortipes
Cettia flavolivacea weberi
Acrocephalus bistrigiceps
Orthotomus sutorius
Phylloscopus fuscatus
Phylloscopus subaffinis
Phylloscopus armandii
Phylloscopus schwarzi
Phylloscopus pulcher
Phylloscopus maculipennis
Phylloscopus inornatus
Phylloscopus trochiloides
Phylloscopus reguloides
Phylloscopus xanthoschistos
Seicercus tephrocephalus
Seicercus whistleri
Seicercus valentini
Abroscopus superciliaris

Striated Grassbird

Megalurus palustris

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

Ficedula strophciata

Taiga Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ficedula westermanni

heard only

Slaty-blue Flycatcher

Ficedula tricolor

Verditer Flycatcher

Eumyias thalassina

Large Niltava

Niltava grandis

Blue-throated Flycatcher

Cyornis rubeculoides rubeculoides

Hill Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis banyumas

Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

Siberian Rubythroat

Luscinia calliope

Siberian Red-flanked Bluetail

Tarsiger cyanurus

Oriental Magpie Robin

Copsychus saularis

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

Daurian Redstart

Phoenicurus aureus

Blue-fronted Redstart

Phoenicurus frontalis

White-crowned Forktail

Enicurus leschenaulti

Spotted Forktail

Enicurus maculatus

Siberian Stonechat

Saxicola maura

White-tailed Stonechat

Saxicola leucura

Pied Bushchat

Saxicola caprata

Jerdon's Bushchat

Saxicola jerdoni

Grey Bushchat

Saxicola ferrea

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

Yellow-bellied Fantail

Rhipidura hypoxantha

White-throated Fantail

Rhipidura albicollis stanleyi

Rhipidura albicollis celsa

White-browed Fantail

Rhipidura aureola burmanica

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch

Hypothymis azurea

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush

Garrulax monileger

Striped Laughingthrush

Strophocinclia virgatus

White-browed Laughingthrush

Pterorhinus sannio

Brown-capped Laughingthrush

Trohalopteron austeni

Assam Laughingthrush

Trohalopteron chrysopterus

Silver-eared Laughingthrush

Trohalopteron melanostigma

Crimson-faced Liocichla

Liocichla phoenicea

Puff-throated Babbler

Pellorneum ruficeps

Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus maclellandi

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus erythrogyne

heard only

White-browed Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus schisticeps

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus ruficollis

Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler

Pnoepyga albiventer

Pygmy Wren Babbler

Pnoepyga pusilla

Spotted Wren Babbler

Spelaeornis formosus

Chin Hills Wren Babbler

Spelaeornis oatesi

Rufous-capped Babbler

Stachyris ruficeps

Golden Babbler

Stachyris chrysaea

Pin-striped Tit Babbler

Macronous gularis

Chestnut-capped Babbler

Timalia pileata

Yellow-eyed Babbler

Chrysomma sinense

White-throated Babbler

Turdoides gularis

Mt Victoria Babax

Babax lanceolatus

Himalayan Cutia

Cutia nipalensis

Rusty-fronted Barwing

Actinodura egertoni

Spectacled Barwing

Actinodura ramsayi

Streak-throated Barwing

Actinodura waldeni

Blue-winged Siva

Siva cyanouroptera

Chestnut-tailed Minla

Minla strigula

Red-tailed Minla	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Pseudominla castaneiceps</i>
White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta vinipectus ripponi</i>
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala phayrei</i>
Grey-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe morrisonia fraterculus</i>
Nepal Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>
Grey Sibia	<i>Heterophasia gracilis</i>
Dark-backed Sibia	<i>Heterophasia melanoleuca castanoptera</i>
Striated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina castaniceps</i>
Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>
Burmese Yuhina	<i>Yuhina humilis</i>
Stripe-throated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Paradoxornithidae

Spot-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis guttaticollis</i>
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PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

Red-crowned Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus manipurensis</i>
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PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Black-bibbed Tit	<i>Poecile hypermelaena</i>
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus nipalensis</i>
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus yunnanensis</i>
Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Parus spilonotus spilonotus</i>
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Neglected Nuthatch	<i>Sitta [castanea] neglecta</i>	
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagaensis nagaensis</i>	
	<i>Sitta nagaensis montium</i>	heard only
Natmataung Nuthatch	<i>Sitta victoriae</i>	
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	

PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae

Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana ripponi</i>
Manipur Treecreeper	<i>Certhia manipurensis manipurensis</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis flamaxillaris</i>
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae isolata</i>
	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae dabryii</i>
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis victoriae</i>
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata assamensis</i>
	<i>Aethopyga saturata petersi</i>
Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda flavescens</i>
Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra longirostra</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysorrheum</i>	heard only
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum melanoxanthum</i>	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

Chestnut-flanked White-eye	<i>Zosterops erythropleurus</i>
Japanese White-eye	<i>Zosterops japonicus simplex</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii traillii</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Brown Shrike
Burmese Shrike
Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius cristatus
Lanius collurioides collurides
Lanius schach tricolor

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

Black Drongo
Ashy Drongo
Bronzed Drongo
Spangled Drongo
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus
Dicrurus leucophaeus mouhoti
Dicrurus aeneus aeneus
Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus
Dicrurus paradiseus rangoonensis

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie
Red-billed Blue Magpie
Rufous Treepie
Grey Treepie
Hooded Treepie
House Crow
Eastern Jungle Crow

Urocissa flavirostris
Urocissa erythrorhyncha
Dendrocitta vagabunda
Dendrocitta formosae
Crypsirina cucullata
Corvus splendens
Corvus levaillantii

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

Common Hill Myna
White-vented Myna
Jungle Myna
Collared Myna
Common Myna

Gracula religiosa
Acridotheres grandis
Acridotheres fuscus
Acridotheres albocinctus
Acridotheres tristis

Vinous-breasted Myna
Black-collared Starling
Chestnut-tailed Starling

Acridotheres [burmannicus] burmannicus
Gracupica nigricollis
Sturnia malabarica nemoricola

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae

Baya Weaver

Ploceus philippinus

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

Red Avadavat
White-rumped Munia
Scaly-breasted Munia

Amandava amandava
Lonchura striata
Lonchura punctulata

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Little Bunting
Chestnut Bunting

Emberiza pusilla
Emberiza rutila

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Common Rosefinch
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch
Black-headed Greenfinch

Carpodacus erythrinus
Carduelis spinoides heinrichi
Carduelis ambigua

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

House Sparrow
Plain-backed Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Passer domesticus
Passer flaveolus
Passer montanus

PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae

White-browed Shrike Babbler
Black-eared Shrike Babbler

Pteruthius flaviscapris annamensis
Pteruthius melanotis

Black-headed Shrike Babbler
Green Shrike Babbler
White-bellied Erpornis

Pteruthius rufiventer
Pteruthius xanthochlorus
Erpornis zantholeuca

319 species including 11 heard only

MAMMALS

Himalayan Striped Squirrel
Orange-bellied Squirrel
Pallas's Squirrel
Irrawaddy Squirrel
Indian Flying Fox
Yellow-throated Marten

Tamiops macclellandi
Dremomys lokriah
Callosciurus erythraeus
Callosciurus pygerythrus
Pteropus giganteus
Martes flavigula



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