

Biodiverse Bhutan | Species List with Naturalist Journeys



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Summary:

An exceptional journey, though this year was made more complex due to border closings in the east, we flew in and out of Paro but still covered a lot of terrain. Guides Norbu Bumthap, Pema Dawa and Avijit Sarkhel tirelessly shared their expertise in varied habitats of this spectacular terrain. Beautiful vistas and blooming rhododendrons colored our days; on Chele La we had snow! Highlight species were memorable: 15+ Himalayan Griffons rising up and over our lunch spot below Pele La, a Spot-bellied Eagle Owl in thick brush, Long-tailed Broadbills nest-building, Satyr Tragopan seen at close range, a Himalayan Monal posing below equally colorful prayer flags, Pallas's Fish Eagle perched regally on a pine, a big group of Great Hornbill feeding on flowers, so many colorful woodpeckers, big personality corvids, active mixed flocks around every bend with warblers, yuhinas, tits. Finding Pale-billed Parrotbill twice with White-hooded Babblers in bamboo, a surprise Rufous-backed Sibia duo, Beautiful Nuthatch posing, Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo posing for a long scope study, Ibisbill feeding at close range, Collared Falconets courting by passing a butterfly back and forth, Scaly-breasted Cupwing... To experience Bhutan's healthy forests and streams with high densities of bird activity was just a thrill. A pre-trip extension to Manas NP in India (separate Trip List) added many lowland species.

Link to eBird Trip Report with Map BHUTAN <https://ebird.org/tripreport/125044>

Link to eBird Trip Report with Map INDIA MANAS NP EXTENSION <https://ebird.org/tripreport/125368>

KEY

(#) After the Family is total species for that family: total main tour and additional # from extension only)

(#) After the species name is # of days out of 13 days that the species was sighted. The number is given for the main tour in Bhutan, with a +MNP-# for the extension if seen on both.

- For species seen only on the extension the entry is indented.

HO = Species recorded only by call, but pointed out by guides for group to listen, track and learn.

April 7-10 Manas National Park Extension, INDIA

From Guwahati Airport with three days in the park from two lodges and safari drives through two gates to access east and west sides. We also went to see Golden Langur in a local village as we returned to the airport.

April 11-23 BHUTAN

4/11 Flight from Delhi to Paro / Mount Everest View / Paro to Thimpu

4/12 Dochu La to Punakha

4/13 Punakha to Chumey: Punatsang Chhu / Nobding / Pele La / Trongsa / Tharpaling Monastery

4/14 Chumey Valley through Ura / Phrumshing La / Lunch near Sengor / Namling / Yongkola / Mongar

4/15 Kori la Pass

4/16 Mongar to Yongkola including Mera Bridge and river trail

4/17 Yongkola to Nganglam through a spectacular gorge / Zhongar Dzong / Lingmethang

4/18 Nganglam to Panbang

4/19 Panbang to Tingtibi / Camping

4/20 Tingtibi to Phobjikha / Old Pele La Road afternoon

4/21 Old Pele La morning walk / Gangtey Valley / Dochu La / Paro

4/22 Chele La / Paro

4/23 River birding / Departures

BIRDS: Journey + Extension: 353 species: Bhutan: 281 species and India 156 species (some overlap with 72 species on extension not on main journey)

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (13: 12+1)

- **Lesser Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna javanica* — (MNP – 2) Two were seen in the eastern section of Manas NP and then a flock was encountered going back to the airport in a wetland area.

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus* — (1) Two were perched on a gravel bar across from Punakha Dzong and they got up to walk slowly out of view, giving us excellent looks.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* — (2) Two were resting on a gravel bar just across from the Punakha Dzong, and a few more were seen with other ducks downstream. Also seen with duck group the following day.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* — (1) At least two individuals, bright males seen along the Puna Tsang Chhu below the Punakha Dzong.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (1) One individual seen on a very windy afternoon with the large group of ducks along the Puna Tsang Chhu.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera* — (1) A few individuals seen on both outings along the Puna Tsang Chhu.

Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* — (1) A few females in with the large group of ducks in a fast water stretch of the Puna Tsang Chhu.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* — (1) Present in the duck group seen on the Puna Tsang Chhu below Punakha.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* — (1) One individual first seen in flight, then it settled in with other waterfowl species on the Puna Tsang Chhu.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* — (2) The most numerous species of the various ducks we saw on our two outings down the Puna Tsang Chhu.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya baeri* — (2) Several individuals were in with the ducks using a fast water stretch of the Puna Tsang Chhu. A lone female gave us a pause but with numerous photos we got it sorted as the female of this species, odd it was off on its own.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* — (2) Four individuals, male and female, along the Puna Tsang Chhu

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser* — (1) One individual spied in the same general area we saw a

lot of ducks on the Puna Tsang Chhu.

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (9: 7+2)

Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola* — (1) HO Heard two individuals calling as we walked sections of the road going over Korilla Pass.

Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* — (2) We heard this elusive species several times, but at a lunch stop by a community forest Peg heard rustling leaves about 100 feet below the embankment and with quick looks we saw the female well, she sat crouched and then slowly walked into a small ravine. The male was not far but despite our encouragement did not move, it sat there and called for a good ten minutes, and we moved on.

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus* — (2) A pair was spotted by our keen-eyed driver upslope on the old Pele La Road. He got quite excited, and we hopped out, got scopes on the female. Phil was able to snap a few shots and we all got good views before they disappeared in a rhododendron thicket.

Satyr Tragopan *Tragopan satyra* — (2) We tried to get to the old Pele La Road early, hoping to see this spectacular pheasant. It was a clear morning and we found one not far in, getting looks from the bus, but failing to find it again as it moved deeper into the brush. We walked for a half hour or more, listening to several tragopans making their haunting calls from above and beyond the road. We kept seeing mixed flocks and were keen on one when we heard Avi call a quick and urgent “PEG”. Looking back Avi was standing looking at us intently, seeing us notice he quickly sat down on the road. We looked at where his camera was pointed and there – not more than 15 feet away from him – a bright male Satyr Tragopan was feeding nonchalantly in the grassy margin of the road! We gasped and quickly but carefully made our way there, all getting great views but none to match Avi’s. He said he was looking for another calling upslope when this one appeared out of nowhere. This sighting was a wonderful reward for our early push to get out in the field.

Himalayan Monal *Lophophorus impejanus* — (4) Our travel days were made longer by road construction, and in this case, we’d lingered too long looking for White-bellied Heron in the morning. So, we made the drive up to the monastery above Chumey almost at dusk, and the steep road was challenging. But almost right at the gate at the top we saw the first monal, and in time saw three males and a female. At one time this technicolor bird was standing below a line of multicolored prayer flags, classic Bhutan! Walking the old Pele La Road Peg saw another fly in, the colors so vivid it was shocking. We grouped together and waited to see if it would come out on the road, but after a few minutes it jumped up with a characteristic pheasant explosion and took off below us. Seeing the colors and the broad vivid tail band was exciting. Later we managed to see a couple more as we drop upslope to Chele la.

Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos* — (3+MNP-1) We had several individuals in the Tingtibi area, seen walking and in flight. In MNP, we watched a pair dust bathing in the road while out on safari – nice! In Manas a male and female were dust bathing on the park road, western section.

- **Indian Peafowl** *Pavo cristatus* — (MNP-3) Heard continually, and seen on several days, some of the tourist vehicles stopped for these with delight.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* — (1+MNP - 3) Several were calling on the outskirts of Panbang. In MNP, we saw multiple wild males in the forest environment and heard them daily while there, both sections.

- **Black Francolin** *Francolinus francolinus* — (+MNP-1) HO in the grassland section, early morning calling.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* — (1) We saw first a lone individual, then two quite close and together, in riffles of the Pundasang river below Punakha.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (14 : 6+8)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* — (11+MNP-3) Small groups seen regularly in towns and on farms.

Speckled Wood-Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii* — (1) Two fly-bys on a forest walk at mid-elevation on the Korilla Pass Road.

Oriental Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* — (11+MNP-1) Common and widespread.

- **Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* — (MNP-1) In MNP, seen in the small village by the southern park gate and on route back to the airport.

Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica* — (1+MNP-3) We heard this distinctive species on Day 8 in Bhutan. In MNP it was seen on several safari drives in thick vegetation, then seen in a village traveling to the airport as we were stopped for a train.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* — (6+MNP-4) Common particularly around settlements. In MNP, seen on the east and west sides of the park.

- **Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall* — (MNP-2) In Manas NP this species was seen well in dense vegetation on the east side roads we traveled through lush forest, alerted by vocalizations
- **Asian Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* — (MNP-3) Seen in the road margin and tracks east and west sides of the park
- **Thick-billed Green-Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra* — (MNP-1) Seen on one day in the forested road we drove, male and female, eastern section of the park. Good looks at several individuals
- **Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon** *Treron phoenicopterus* — (MNP-1) Seen on one day in the western section of the park, perched, a lone individual
- **Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon** *Treron apicauda* — (MNP-1) Seen well enough to pick out the tail pattern of several individuals
- **Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon** *Treron sphenurus* — (MNP-1) Seen in flight and perched, both sides of the park
- **Green Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula aenea* — (MNP-3) Fairly common, fair numbers and seen most often in flight

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula badia* — (2+MNP-2) Our best views were several perched and flying as we had lunch on a pass with a stupa and took a short walk for some birding. In MNP we heard often, a distinctive call and found a few perched and several in flight

BUSTARDS: Otidae (+1)

- **Bengal Florican** *Houbaropsis bengalensis* (MNP-1) Two were seen at a distance, displaying above the lush grassland. Wonderful to hear them and watch the display flight.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (14: 11+3)

Greater Coucal *Centropus cinensis* — (1+MNP-1) Seen on a morning walk in the village at Panbang. In MNP heard from our lodge on the eastern side before breakfast.

- **Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis* — (MNP-2) MNP – Seen in the eastern grassland section of Manas, and then we got a second chance to observe one as we turned around on our safari in from the Bansbari gate in the western section of Manas NP. Both sightings were of furtive

individuals.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* — (2+MNP-2) We had splendid views by a river bridge where we watched one repeated cross an open area having collected nest material; it made several trips, and we were able to take photos. We then saw two others on the morning walk in the rural outskirts of Panbang. In MNP we had good views on a couple of occasions, both sides of the park.

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus* — (1) Heard only on one of our walks in the mountain setting above Yongkola one afternoon from Trogon Lodge. The vocalization was distinct lingered but did not respond to our calling.

- **Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus* — (MNP-4) MNP, quite common, very vocal, good views on the grounds of our hotel

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus* — (1+ MNP-1) One flew into a massive tree as we got out of the bus above Trogon Villa, a few of our group got a quick view but it did not stay. In MNP we saw a pair the first day, then heard them again the second – both on the eastern side of the park.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* — (2) Seen on the morning walk on a rural dirt road outside of Panbang.

Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculous dicruroides* — (1) Fortunately with his long-range camera Phil was able to get some shots of this species. Split into Fork-tailed and Square-tailed, our site by the Mewa Chhu river was in range of the latter, but by call and tail shape it was Fork-tailed, the geography of this split is still being worked out.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides* — (5) Seen fairly regularly, often quick views, but eventually Pema was able to get one in the scope for all to see as we birded along the road in broadleaf forest.

- **Common Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx varius* — (MNP-1) HO - This bird was calling as we found a troop of Golden Langur at Kakojana, but our attention was drawn to the langurs, and it quit even before we were done watching them.

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx nicolor* — (1) Incredible views, we heard it, gave it a call back and it flew into a thick batch of trees, but keen-eyed Julia saw it land. We were able to get the scope on it and it sat there quite a long time, so all got scope views, and some took digiscoping pictures and videos!

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* — (2+MNP-2) We had good views as we walked the town streets of Panbang to the village bamboo initiative. In MNP, seen as we looked for Golden Langurs at a village south of Manas NP, it perched up on a tall tree in the field as we walked into a bamboo patch.

Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus* — (7) Common, we found several for good views, but it was also often heard calling; memorable was hearing them at dawn from our tented camping at Tingtibi.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* — (4) An unmistakable call, sounding like a clock in the forest, their vocalizations led us to good looks. We had very good looks coming out of our lunch at Trongsa, roadside.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3: 1+2)

Gray Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka* — (2) One was calling persistently at the restaurant at Zhingkhram Resort (the place of many stairs!), it continued to call into the night and while not responsive to playback, it did fly back and forth in the parking lot light for a time, though most were tucked up in the rooms. We also heard them at our final lodge in Paro, on pine-clad hillsides below our cabins.

- **Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus* — (MNP-2) MNP – We heard them the first night, but on the second had a quick flyby of an individual crossing the road as we returned from our afternoon safari in the eastern section of Manas NP.

- **Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis* — (MNP-2) MNP – A bit of a mystery, we spotted first an egg, then a small chick of this species at a dry stream crossing that we passed several times as we drove into Manas NP from our lodge over two successive days, but we did not find an adult.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (4)

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus* — (1) One individual seen agilely flying among the more numerous Himalayan Swiftlets on the Thimpu to Punakhaday.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* — (2) Seen several times, often picked up as we scanned for raptors or were observing one.

Blyth's Swift *Apus leuconyx* — (4) Avi spotted our first, coming in and out of rock ledges of a cliff face. We were able to get out and while watching other species in a mixed flock, see the swifts pass below us, perfect to note the markings.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* — (2+MNP-4) Seen on the lowlands portion of the trip. In MNP fairly common, especially around palms, including by our lodge.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3: 1+2)

- **Gray-headed Swamphen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus* — (MNP-1) Over a dozen seen in the small wetland we paused at on our return to the Guwahati airport.
- **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus* — (MNP-1) One spotted by Avi in a small wetland on the way to the Guwahati airport.

Black-tailed Crake *Zapornia bicolor* — (1) Excellent views, first spotted by Karen, but then picked up again further up a line of vegetation by Karen. We all got good views and a chance for quick photos in this small wetland outside of Paro.

STILTS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*— (1) A bit of a surprise find in the Puna Tsang Chhu River below Punakha. It flew in and stayed some time in a quiet stretch of the river, feeding in coves off a river island.

IBISBILL: Ibisbill (1)

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* — (1) Seen well along the Paro Chhu, on stony islands of the river, feeding and resting. Wonderful to see this iconic species so well. The guides went back the next day after dropping the group at the airport and found an adult brooding and attending a very small chick! They seem to work the section between the Paro Dzong and the airport with regularity.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (4: 2+2)

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* — (3+ MNP-1) We had particularly good luck with this species, finding them below the Dzong at Punakha, then quite a good number along the river running below the Dzong.

- **Gray-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus* — (MNP-1)
- **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus* — (MNP-3)

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* — (1+MNP-1) Seen on gravel bars on river islands below Punakhaas we were searching for White-bellied Heron. We saw one, then a second in flight, and scoping the first, realized it had a small chick. In MNP one was seen in a small wetland on the way to the airport in Guwahati.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (+1)

- **Bronze-winged Jacana** *Metopidius indicus* — (MNP-1) MNP – we saw several (at least 4) in a wetland area that we checked going back the airport at Guwahati.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* — (1+MNP-1) One individual seen on the river below Punakha. In MNP, we saw one in the wetland on the way to the airport at Guwahati.

BUTTONQUAILS: Turnicidae (1)

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* — (2) We had excellent views of one near to Mewa bridge, it flew up from the road, and landed in a small but fairly open patch of corn. Avi had us stay in but went out himself to climb up on the roof rack, encouraging it to stay while playing the call. His strategy worked and this elusive bird walked back and forth a few times between the corn rows in plain sight. One of those serendipitous moments in birding! We heard it another morning as we walked through a small farm outside of Panbang.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (+2)

- **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans* — (MNP-1) Common in roadside fields and ponds in the agricultural areas we passed coming and going to Manas NP; a juvenile was spotted near the park entrance gate.
- **Lesser Adjutant** *Leptoptilos javanicus* — (MNP-3) Seen both perched with its wings spread in a field and flying within the grassland section of Manas NP.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (2: 1 + 1)

- **Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger* — (MNP - 3) Fairly common along rivers and in wetlands
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (1) One flew upriver as we took a lunch stop a river upstream of the Mewa Chhu.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (7: 1+6)

- **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* — (MNP-1) A lone individual in the wetland near the Guwahati airport.
- **Great Egret** *Ardea alba* — (MNP-1) Seen in the wetland area near the Guwahati airport.
- **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* — (MNP-2) Seen in farm fields between Guwahati and Manas NP
- **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* — (MNP-4) Seen commonly in the rural farm fields.
- **Indian Pond-Heron** *Ardeola grayii* — (MNP-1) Seen in farm field near Guwahati

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* — (1+MNP-1) Seen well in the rushing stream below Nganglam, and then on the extension as we traveled from Guwahati to Manas NP.

- **Malayan Night-Heron** *Gorsachius melanolophus* — (+ MNP-2) HO - heard both evenings as we returned from safari drives.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (13: 10+3)

- **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* — (MNP-2) Seen on our safari drives in Manas NP, one

perched and the other doing its signature hovering flight.

Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus* — (1+MNP-2) Scoped as it landed after flying across the road as we traveled from Panbang to Tingtibi.

Himalayan Griffon *Gyps himalayensis* — (2+MNP-1) One of the highlights of the trip was lunch in a high area with fabulous views and having 14 individuals of this impressive (huge!) raptor flying around us. They were probably coming off a kill as we parked the bus, and so we saw them at eye level, coming right towards us. They then circled higher and higher, making an occasional pass back by as we ate. In MNP we had one individual, one day.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela* — (3+MNP-1) Fairly widespread and with a diagnostic shape, one of our more commonly encountered raptors.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* — (4) We saw this species for several days, and we had good initial views. We saw it in flight on the mountain ridge above our breakfast outside of Panbang. This one was distant, but showed its geometry well, flying on the ridgeline. Coming down from Pele La we had a juvenile fly very close to the forest edge we were birding, trying to find Ward's Trogon without success (midday).

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* — (+ MNP-2) Seen well, coursing over the grasslands in Manas NP on the eastern side and then again on one of our drives on the western side.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* — (3) Great views of our first days near Pele La, a pair. We had another along the Mangde Chhu River as we watched the Collared Falcons catch butterflies.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* — (1) Seen in flight over a lunch stop.

- **Shikra** *Accipiter badius* — (MNP-1) Seen in flight, chasing a flock of birds in Manas NP

Besra *Accipiter virgatus* — (1) Excellent views of a lone individual that came into our breakfast stop and perched for some time in a tall tree with bare limbs. Good scope views and then it flew, circling.

- **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* — (MNP-1) Seen on our travel day near to the Guwahati airport.

Pallas's Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* — (1) One of the trip highlights, a truly magnificent raptor, we found one perched in the open crown of a pine across a river, so from our road angle it was about eye-level. It was near to a hydroelectric dam. Avi spotted a second bird as we drove on, so perhaps this pair will nest there.

Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo refectus* — (4) One of the more common raptors. Seen in flight and perched on several occasions.

OWLS: Strigidae (7: 5+2)

Mountain Scops-Owl *Otus spilocephalus* — (1) Avi and Julia heard this owl calling before turning in, Avi then heard it much of the night on our camping night in Tingtibi.

- **Collared Scops-Owl** *Otus lettia* — (MNP-2) In MNP, heard from our lodgings, calling.

Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl *Ketupa nipalensis* — (1) A fabulous chance encounter, we had stopped to look at a flock of birds that included noisy Ashy Bulbuls and Pema picked up this sighting, quickly got his scope trained on it. It was perched low in a small tree, below our viewpoint from the road. We watched it for some time and strained to get photos through the branches from several angles. Such an elegant owl!

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* — (1+MNP-2) We had a two-owl day when we returned from looking for Red-headed Trogon to the Spot-bellied Eagle Owl site, there was an Asian Barred Owl not more than 100 yards away! It was distant but with no obstruction so in the scopes all got a fine view.

Collared Owlet *Taeniopteryx brodiei* — (1) HO Heard on a couple of occasions, in response to using its call to bring in a small flock as we worked an area of bamboo.

- **Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama* — (MNP-3) Heard often from our lodgings in MNP, and we found one on the day we explored the western side of the park.

Brown Boobook *Ninox scutulata* — (1+MNP-2) Our campsite at Tingtibi turned out to be at the temple, rimmed by prayer flags we made a circle that felt very cozy, getting settled just ahead of a big but quick rain. Once the rain stopped we heard the owl calling and went out to find it atop the tallest of the prayer flag posts. Wow! Also seen one night on our lodge grounds in Manas NP and seen on our drive through the western section of the park, close enough for photos.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1)

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* — (2+MNP-1) We had to work at it, but in time all got at least a glimpse and some full views of this beautiful male. It was in a dense area, and through branches we located it as it called, by the tail pattern. With scopes and patience, we got views. MNP – Phil caught view of a female that flew from its perch into the forest as we left our hotel at the South Gate to the park.

HOOPOES: Upupidae (1)

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* — (4+MNP-2) We had a couple of nice sessions with this bird, watched it probing insects on the ground and we saw it another day in flight. In MNP, one very tame individual was on the lawn of the Smiling Tuskar Camp and seemed comfortable with our cameras clicking away.

HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae (3: 2+1)

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* — (2+MNP-2) We had repeated views of this impressive species, but the best was when we found ourselves above a group of them, and by walking above the river corridor they were feeding along (on tall fruiting trees) we saw them in flight below us. There were at least 10, and sometimes they would launch one at a time and fly. They ended up in a large fruiting tree with 10 Assam Macaques and there was some jostling of position to accommodate both. MNP – a couple of individuals seen in dense forest.

- **Oriental Pied-Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris* — (MNP-2) In MNP, seen on one of our safari drives in lush vegetation.

Rufous-necked Hornbill *Aceros nipalensis* — (3) This species was on our most wanted list, and it did not disappoint us. A huge hornbill, we saw them perched and in flight and listened to their hoarse calls in the forest.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4: 3+1)

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* — (1+MNP-1) Seen along the river below Punakhaas we searched for White-bellied Heron. MNP – Peg spied on using a small roadside pond on the way to see Golden Langurs our final morning of the extension, we got superb views.

- **Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis* — (MNP-1) Seen on the way from the Guwahati airport to Manas, and then again while driving between the two lodges.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* — (5+MNP-2) The most common kingfisher of the journey, we found them mainly when they called which alerted our attention. At times they seemed a good way from a river, but we also saw them along rivers.

Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris* — (2) We had good views of one perched up on a phone wire, from a bridge over the Mewa Chhu. We encountered another one along the river we walked along twice

from Nganglam. Both were lone individuals.

BEE-EATERS: Meropidae (3: 2+1)

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni* — (2+MNP-1) This handsome, large bee-eater is a showstopper and we enjoyed particularly good views on several occasions.

- **Asian Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis* — (MNP-3) In MNP, first encountered in the grassland section of Manas National Park, then also on the western side of the park and seen on the drive back to the airport in open agricultural countryside.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* — (3+MNP-1) This handsome species was fairly common in the lowlands.

ROLLERS: Coraciidae (1)

Indochinese Roller *Coracias affinis* — (1+MNP-1) Pema found one of these beautiful species driving from our lodge, a bonus bird for some of our group that opted for an easy morning while in the Phobjika Valley. In MNP, we spied one individual perched on a phone wire by a large bridge as we returned to the airport in Guwahti.

ASIAN BARBETS: Megalaimidae (6: 3+3)

- **Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus* — (MNP-1) MNP – Vocal, we heard them a couple of times and had quick views in flight, overall, quite furtive but present.
- **Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon duvaucelii* — (MNP-1) MNP – Seen in lush forest on the safari drive entering Manas NP from the east.

Great Barbet *Psilopogon virens* — (9) Common and vocal, but we continued to train the scopes on them, a pretty magnificent creature!

- **Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus* — (MNP-4) MNP – Seen around our lodges and in the park, vocal and often in pairs.

Golden-throated Barbet *Psilopogon franklinii* — (1) Seen on the stretch of the famous Lingmethang Road above Yongkola. We had good views of at least two birds.

Blue-throated Barbet *Psilopogon asiaticus* — (5+MNP-4) Common and vocal, with us on many days of the journey. In MNP, also common and vocal, a stunning bird.

HONEYGUIDES: Indicatoridae (1)

Yellow-rumped Honeyguide *Indicator xanthonotus* — (1) Near to Tronso we stopped by a roadside waterfall where the cliff edge held a large and active beehive. We observed for some minutes when Pema picked up his scope, there was one right at the edge of a rock ledge, drinking water in plain view. Success!

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (15: 11+4)

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea* — (2) On two occasions while in bamboo habitat, we had glimpses of this species, but for some reason it had no curiosity about our vocalizations and while we could hear it move and tap, it remained overall elusive.

Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus* — (3+MNP-3) The most common woodpecker encountered, in a variety of habitats

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* — (3) We had superb looks at this species

excavating a nest, tossing out bits of wood, as we walked a loop trail in the Royal Botanical Garden. We saw it twice on the day up Korilla Pass, and also had a pair at Pele La.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei* — (3+MNP-2) Vocal and easy to find, often perching out in the open.

Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis* — (2) Great looks at this species the afternoon we walked among the rhododendrons and oaks on the old dirt road from Pele La.

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos cathpharius* — (2) Yongkola area, the Lingmethang Road above Trogon Villa

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* — (2) We heard and then saw this species working in dense vines and foliage in massive trees in the mixed forest above Trogon Villa. A few days later we had another chance, an impressive bird!

- **Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* — (MNP-2) MNP – seen on our safari drives
- **Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus* — (MNP-2) Good views around our lodge and in Manas NP.
- **Himalayan Flameback** *Dinopium shorii* — (MNP-1) In MNP, one individual flew in and perched above the road giving us great views and vocalizations, in the Bhyunapara area. It was perturbed by a similar Greater Flameback in the area, and it was great to compare the two.

Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia* — (1) Heard only, but consistently from tall trees above a thick patch of bamboo habitat between Nganglam and Panbang.

- **Black-rumped Flameback** *Dinopium benghalense* — (MNP-1) A pair was observed in Manas NP on the western side.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus* — (4) Seen on several occasions, one in the lowland area was feeding on berries on side limbs of a good size tree.

Gray-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* — (3+MNP-4) Seen in a variety of habitats and present around our lodgings, vocal. In MNP, first seen on our drive to see the langurs, at close range quite low in a line of trees rimming the roadway.

Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* — (1) We had a pair of this spectacular species in pine oak forest habitat. In the morning light their crowns glowed as if they were lit, much to Ellen's delight.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens* — (1+MNP-1) Great views of a pair, we first spied them characteristically perched on a dead snag near the roadway. The male was perched at the very top and had a medium sized butterfly in his talons. He then swooped down to present it to the female and they both chattered excitedly. He then flew off, our group finding him next with a lizard as prey.

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* — (3+MNP-1) Seen from our hotel the second night, right at dusk, four or five individuals in the air circling above the hotel.

PARROTS: Psittaculidae (+3)

- **Alexandrine Parakeet** *Psittacula eupatria* — (MNP-1) MNP – quick fly by, calling as we drove into the eastern portion of the park
- **Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri* — (MNP-3) MNP – Common and vocal. We watched them several times feeding on fruits in tall trees.
- **Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis* — (MNP-1) A small flock flew quickly past us as we drove into the park on our first day.

ASIAN BROADBILLS: Eurylaimidae (2: 1+1)

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* — (3+MNP-4) Wonderful looks in the stream at Nganglam of a pair working on building a nest. They made repeated trips to the delight of photographers and observers. They then moved with us as we continued to survey the stream, perching quite close. At a few other locations, including the road up the mountains past Panbang we had other sightings.

- **Silver-breasted Broadbill** *Serilophus lunatus* — (MNP-2) MNP – our guides pointed out a nest of this beautiful species and we parked quietly to watch them come and go, getting excellent views.

PITTAS: Pittidae (+2)

- **Blue-naped Pitta** *Hydrornis nipalensis* — (+MNP-2) HO In MNP, we heard only, but several times and at times close, very elusive.
- **Hooded Pitta** *Pitta sordida* — (+ MNP-1) HO, on a quiet lush, forested road section, both pitta species were present

CUCKOOSHRIKES: Campephagidae (5: 4+1)

Gray-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* — (2) Seen in flocks in the montane forests of the Yongkhola area.

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus* — (4) Seen very well at the Royal Botanical Gardens and later at Korilla Pass

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus* — (5 +MNP3) Common and widespread, often in small flocks

- **Rosy Minivet** *Pericrocotus roseus* — (+MNP-2) This beautiful bird seemed fairly common; we got excellent views on both sides of the park.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Lalage melaschistos* — (5+MNP-1) Seen in mixed conifer and oak forests at the Royal Botanical Garden, at Korilla Pass, near Yongkhola, and between Nganglam and Panbang. In MNP, we watched a pair working on a nest, bringing in the fluffy fibers of abundant kapok trees that were releasing a lot of down puffs into the air.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)

Black-headed Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius rufiventer* — (1) Seen in a highly active bird area sampled between Nganglam and Panbang.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* — (2) Seen in the Yongkhola area, above us on the road, calling.

Green Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* — (1) Seen well and calling in a mixed flock on the road from Pele La. At least two individuals.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae (2: 1+1)

- **Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthonus* — (MNP-2) A beautiful bird with a lyrical call, seen several times in both sections of the park.

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii* — (5) Our best views were early on in the trip, one of our first mixed flock stops between Thingbi and Chumey. It perched for great views in what we fondly called “the magical tree.” We heard or saw them on other days, but this sighting was the most distinctive.

WOODSWALLOWS AND ALLIES: Artamidae (1)

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus* — (1+MNP-2) Seen flying over Panbang town, landing on the wires and sallying out for insects. In MNP, seen on the drive from the airport to the park and at the airport.

VANGAS AND ALLIES: Vangidae (+1)

- **Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis virgatus* — (MNP-1)) Seen in the woodland in a group with other birds, western side of Manas NP.

IORAS: Aegithinidae (1)

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* — (1+MNP-3) A pair was seen well in Panbang town as we walked to the bamboo local initiative. In MNP, common, seen around our lodgings and in the forest, often in pairs.

FANTAILS: Rhipiduridae (1)

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* — (1+MNP-2) Seen in a mixed flock on our sixth day. In MNP, seen in a mixed flock and then seen very well we walked out from the Golden Langur site.

DRONGOS: Dicruridae (5)

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* — (2+MNP-4) Consistent sightings when at lower elevations. Vocal and easy to find.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* — (10+MNP-1) One of the most common drongos, seen most days when at mid to higher elevations.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* — (3+MNP-2) Seen at mid-altitude infrequently.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* — (1) Two individuals were seen above Trogon Villa, calling loudly, in a mixed flock with babblers and near a Bay Woodpecker.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* — (5+MNP-3) Seen regularly from Thimpu through our time at Trogon Villa, absent in the lowlands but picked up again as we climbed. Fairly tolerant of different habitats at various elevations.

MONARCH FLYCATCHERS: Monarchidae (1)

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* — (1+MNP-2) Seen only one day, in a mixed flock with warblers and white-eyes.

SHRIKES: Laniidae (2)

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* — (3+MNP-1) Seen with regularly, typical lone individuals or a pair.

Gray-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus* — (5+MNP-2) Quite commonly encountered either on stops or in travel, seen from the bus along road margins.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (10: 9+1)

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* — (1) Seen on the route to Chumey when we passed through pine and them mixed conifer forests crossing a pass.

Yellow-billed Blue-Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris* — (6) A gaudy, loud favorite for their ease of viewing, fairly common and present at a number of sites on the trip

Common Green-Magpie *Cissa chinensis* — (3) Seen in a fabulous patch of forest between Mongar and

Yongkohla, a pair quite vocally moving through the area. We saw another pair doing the same as we climbed a pass leaving Tingtibi, walking beyond the troop of Golden Langurs we watched for some time.

- **Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda* — (MNP-2) Seen or heard on both sides of Manas NP.

Gray Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae* — (7) One posed for us beside the road when we first headed out from Thimpu, a great introduction for an exciting couple of weeks of birding ahead. We then had them on a number of days, often hearing them before spotting them.

Black-rumped Magpie *Pica bottanensis* — (2) Seen in the agricultural areas around Chumey Nature Resort.

Eurasian Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes* — (4) Seen at old Pele La Road and on the road from Punakhato Chumey. Great to hear this very familiar call and watch them feeding, in both trees and at Pele La down on the ground, collecting something.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* — (5) Quite common in the high meadow as one descends from Pele La towards Trongsa,. They were seen feeding on the ground in a large group, fifty or more, near the lunch spot we chose that day in view of Yak herds and some grand scenery.

House Crow *Corvus splendens* — (1+MNP-4) Quite common in the lowlands, esp. Manas NP, Guwahati airport.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* — (9+MNP-2) Fairly common, mostly seen in groups of two, occasionally larger flocks.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (8: 7+1)

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus* — (1) Seen on the higher elevation habitat in a mixed flock, just two individuals. This species is one of the plainest of the tits and looks more like a warbler, though behaviorally it feeds like a tit.

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* — (1+MNP-1) We had fine views of a group of this colorful species as we walked along the river below Nganglam. They were feeding in broadleaf trees; vocal and social they were easy to find and track. Also seen on one day of the extension, the western side of the park, quite close to our vehicle.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater* — (3) The Himalayan subspecies wears a crest quite unlike their European associates. Those distinctive the call is recognizable and as with so many of the parid clan they were found in mixed flocks, often vocal.

Rufous-vented Tit *Periparus rubidiventris* — (3) Formerly known as Black-browed, this small and energetic tit looks like a small bandito with a masked face pattern. It was highly active and we found it with mixed flocks each time we encountered the species. Seen at a variety of elevations.

Gray-crested Tit *Lophophanes dichrous* — (2) Seen in a mixed flock on the way from Punakha to Chumey.

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus* — (7) One of the most common species encountered, most often in pairs, and in a variety of habitats.

- **Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus* — (MNP-1) In MNP, seen in the garden hedgerow of our hotel on the east side of Manas NP.

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Machlolophus spilonotus* — (2) A boldly patterned tit, we enjoyed good close views of them as they were feeding in shrubs quite low to the ground.

LARKS: Alaudidae (+1)

- **Bengal Bushlark** *Mirafra assamica* — (MNP-1) In MNP, seen in the grasslands, signing to alert us

to its presence, quite close to the road we traveled on.

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae (6: 2+4)

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* — (3+MNP-1) Loud and often in shrubs, we all got good looks at this perky songbird. We actually had them in the courtyard of the hotel in Delhi, but on the tour our best looks were in the town of Nganglam and other lowland sites. MNP – seen in the back hedgerow of our hotel on the east side of the park.

Himalayan Prinia *Prinia crinigera* — (4) We tried a few but they were furtive, and finally at a breakfast stop by the Kuri Chhu overlook we finally coaxed one out long enough for all to have good views. We heard them at other locations, but this was our best views.

- **Gray-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii* — (+MNP-1) Seen in a woodland section near dusk, as we encountered a herd of Asian Elephant in Manas NP
- **Ashy Prinia** *Prinia socialis* — (+MNP-1) Seen in the Bhuyanpara Grasslands area of Manas NP
- **Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata* — (+MNP-1) Good views of two individuals in the Bhuyanpara Grassland areas of Manas NP
- **Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis* — (+MNP-1) In MNP, we had superlative views and got photographs of multiple individuals, all singing and perching up on taller grasses in Manas NP.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLERS: Locustellidae (1)

Russet Bush Warbler *Locustella mandelli* — (1) Seen and heard on our day up Korilla Pass.

CUPWINGS: Pnoepygidae (1)

Scaly-breasted Cupwing *Pnoepyga albiventer* — (2) Ellen spotted one almost at her feet on a mossy embankment and alerted Peg. It stayed for a few seconds on a mossy branch, but for others to see it took patience and playback. When it finally jumped up on the cement guard structures near its shrub patch we got fine views, and it was high fives all around. This was on the old Pele La road, where we also heard it the following day.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (2)

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis dauris*— (2) several individuals seen at the Hotel Manas where they were nesting and would sit calmly just outside our windows. They fed above the streets of town and were fairly common at this one location.

Nepal House-Martin *Delichon nipalense* — (2) Many were present at our first sighting near the Namling Waterfall on the way from Chumey to Mongar. Our largest flock was 60+.

BULBULS: Pycnonotidae (9)

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris* — (3+MNP-3) Bold and noisy, pairs were readily spotted on several days. Seen in most broadleaf forests, particularly the lower elevations.

Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus* — (2) Our first sighting was on the Punakha – Chumey day in pine habitat.

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* — (8+MNP-4) Very common and vocal.

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*— (3+MNP-4) Seen in more open, lowland areas but also common, in Manas they were at our lodgings.

Himalayan Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys* — (3) Our first sighting was on the day we went from

Yongkhola to Nganglam, and once we found them in small groups fairly often.

White-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus flaveolus* — (3+MNP-2) Seen at higher elevation stops the mid-part of our journey.

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* — (10+MNP-1) Common in wooded areas.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala* — (3) A lovely bird, seen in higher forest areas.

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclllandii* — (5) First seen on the Punakha to Chumey day on our pine forest stops. Then encountered in similar habitat on other days.

LEAF WARBLERS: Phylloscopidae (13: 12+1)

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis* — (1) We only had one opportunity to see this more distinct of the leaf warbler clan, in the Namling area of the Limenthang Road.

Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher* — (3) A higher elevation warbler, we first encountered this species on the road near Namling when we stopped to see so many Nepal House Martin near a waterfall. We saw them best on our walk at Pele La and again the following day.

Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus* — (1) We saw this species well near Yongkhola as we drove from Chumey, a particularly good mixed flock stop near Sheytangla en route to Mongar.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis* — (4) Seen on a number of stops in mixed flocks, including stops on Korilla and Pele La passes.

Green-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus burkii* — (1) As we searched for the Red-headed Trogon, we had time to work on a mixed flock. This species stayed tight to the ground and was feeding in low shrubbery.

Whistler's Warbler *Phylloscopus whistleri* — (2) We first found this species just below Dochu La when we stopped to see the Gray Langurs, it sang and gave us super views. We watched another feeding at the Royal Botanical Garden, thankfully it was spring, and they were singing as there are several of these yellow, spectacled warblers.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* — (1 +MNP-2) Seen at low elevation near Panbang Town as we birded before breakfast. In Manas, one of the more common mixed flock species.

Large-billed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris* — (2) Seen in mixed flocks, in two higher elevation areas at Pele La and Dochu La.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus castaniceps* — (2) First seen at the Royal Botanical Gardens, we were able to get good looks at it was feeding, hopping up kinglet fashion to reach branches above.

Yellow-vented Warbler *Phylloscopus cantator* — (2) Seen twice on the 16th as we birded from Mongar to Yongkola.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides* — (5) Seen regularly with mixed flocks, present in many of them.

Gray-hooded Warbler *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos* — (7) Widespread and vocal, in mixed flocks.

- **Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita* — (MNP-1) Seen only on the extension, in the park staff yard where we turned around after seeing Asian Elephants in a herd.

BUSH WARBLERS AND ALLIES: Scotocercidae (6)

Gray-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer* — (1) Great looks at one on the ground and in low vegetation tangles with downed logs on Korilla Pass.

Gray-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons* — (1) Seen on Pele La pass, walking the old road.

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Cettia castaneocoronata* — (2) *HO heard as we walked the old Pele La road – there were so many birds to see, by the time we returned to this one it was not responsive. Hard to*

compete with Satyr Tragopan!

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* — (2 +MNP-1) Seen on a stop either side of Panbang in two days while in the lower elevation. Also seen in Manas NP, on the western side.

Rufous-faced Warbler *Abroscopus albogularis* — (1) A nice find as we left Panbang and ran into some truly great birding in the lush forests of that area.

Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps* — (1) Seen well on the “magic tree” where we had a bird explosion one of our first days

Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler *Horornis fortipes* — (3) Avijit spied this species close to the road and we were all able to get good looks just below us, including photo opportunities. On two other days we heard it but did not pursue it.

Hume’s Bush Warbler *Horornis brunnescens* — (1) Seen in a mixed flock as we approached Yongkola.

LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae (2)

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus* — (3) Incredibly cute with its complex face pattern and colors, we saw this species on three different days, most memorable was the first day between Chumey and Trongsa.

Black-browed Tit *Aegithalos iouschistos* — (4) Also very patterned, we found this species in flocks, social and vocal with quite a repertoire of calls. Our last sighting was up on Chele La in the snow.

SYLVIID WARBLERS AND ALLIES: Sylviidae (5: 4+1)

Fire-tailed Myzornis *Myzornis pyrrhoura* — (1) HO as we walked the old Pele La Road one came through with a mixed flock that was feeding in rhododendrons, but all were moving fast and we missed seeing this beauty, just heard.

- **Yellow-eyed Babbler** *Chrysomma sinense* — (MNP-1) Seen well in the grassland section of Manas NP, a pair.

White-browed Fulvetta *Fulvetta vinipectus* — (5) First seen at Dochu La, where we stopped to see the 108 Chortens monument and found a great mixed flock in the gully behind the restaurant. Inquisitive, each time we found this species in a mixed flock they were the bolder ones that came in close to inspect us.

White-breasted Parrotbill *Psittiparus ruficeps* — (1) Seen near Yongkola.

Pale-billed Parrotbill *Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris* — (2) Seen twice and each time with a group of White-hooded Babblers, in bamboo.

WHITE-EYES AND YUHINAS: Zosteropidae (7)

Striated Yuhina *Staphida castaniceps* — (2) Less common than the other yuhinas we encountered; we found this species walking the old Pele La road in a mixed flock.

Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta* — (4) We found this species at higher elevation forested sites, near our lunch at Sengor, near Namling (mid-elevation), at Pele La and Chele La.

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis* — (5) Quite common and responsive, we got remarkably close looks at this social and vocal species in a variety of habitat but especially in broadleaf forest.

White-naped Yuhina *Yuhina bakeri* — (2) We had just two opportunities to watch this lovely species, best views were near Yongkola.

Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis* — (1) We found this species on the old Pele La Road on our second to last day and got fine looks in the low rhododendron shrubs that line the road on either side.

Rufous-vented Yuhina *Yuhina occipitalis* — (3) A handsome bird, found at higher elevations, social and often vocal.

Indian White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* — (7) Common and widespread, often a part of mixed flocks.

BABLERS AND SCIMITAR-BABLERS: Timaliidae (12: 11+2)

- **Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata* — (MNP-1) Seen on our first full day in Manas National Park.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Mixornis gularis* — (2+MNP-2) This bird gave us a workout; it calls incessantly but is hard to find! A few were successful behind our hotel in Manas, and then later walking the streets on the outskirts of Panbang after our breakfast there. MNP – we worked hard to find one from the jeep but were successful on a safari outing in the eastern section.

Golden Babbler *Cyanoderma chrysaeum* — (1) One individual on one occasion in a mixed flock on the Tingtibi to Phobjika.

Rufous-capped Babbler *Cyanoderma ruficeps* — (2) First seen at the Royal Botanical Garden as we descended from Dochu La, and then again at Korilla Pass.

Black-crowned (Coral-billed) Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus* — (1) Seen by a few in a mixed flock on the lushly forested road above Trogon Lodge.

Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* — (1) Seen well, as we walked a road on the far side (turn-around point) of Korilla Pass.

White-browed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* — (1) Seen in lush forests as we moved from Namglam to Panbang.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler *Erythrogonys erythrogonys* — (2) Seen from the parking lot of our hotel at Punakha before we headed out, then seen again on a stop as we drove to Phobjika.

Gray-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* — (3) First seen on the Mewa River trail, then seen in the understory near Yongkola and then again on a stop as we drove to Phobjika.

GROUND BABBLERS: Pellorneidae (5)

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus* — (2) Seen on two days in bamboo habitat at lower elevations, both times with Pale-billed Parrotbill pairs in a mixed flock.

Yellow-throated Fulvetta *Schoeniparus cinereus* — (1) Seen only in the lush forests above Trogon Villa at Yongkola.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Schoeniparus castaneiceps* — (1) Seen well on Pele La Pass in a mixed flock on the old Pele La Road.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* — (1+MNP-1) On the Bhutan portion of the trip we heard it only on Day 8 between Nganglam and Panbang, but in Manas NP we saw them on the ground, feeding in the tire track of the road ahead of us for good views.

- **Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti* — (MNP-1) Seen from our jeeps on the park road our first full day.

Eye-browed Wren Babbler *Napothera epilepidota* — (1) A real testimony to our skilled and patient guides who managed to get everyone on this tiny, secretive species.

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES: Leiothrichidae (26)

Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis* — (1) Seen as we left the Yongkola area heading down to Nganglam.

Striated Laughingthrush *Grammatoptila striata* — (3) Seen on Korilla Pass and then in route from

Mongar to Trogon Villa at Yongkola.

Himalayan Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* — (1) At least two flew into a high canopy mixed flock above Trogon Villa and we got excellent views, heard them calling.

Bhutan Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron imbricatum* — (1) Seen only one time, near the “magic tree” but it posed well on a fence post, vocalized, put on a grand show.

Black-faced Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron affine* — (3) Dochu La near the 108 Chortons monument at the pass. Later two were seen well on the old Pele La Road walk in the morning and finally again seen at higher elevation on our blustery day atop Chele La.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum* — (3) Seen at Dochu La, then at the Royal Botanic Gardens we got excellent views. Seen again on Korilla Pass, then on our return to Pele La.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* — (1) This fantastic looking species was fun to first hear, then watch fly overhead in a flock of seven. They settled in to feed in fruiting trees, so we watched them agilely work thin branches using their long tails for balance.

Rufous Sibia *Heterophasia capistrata* — (6) One of the more common and confiding of the forest species, we saw them often and well.

Hoary-throated Barwing *Actinodura nipalensis* — (2) Social and loud this species delighted us with great views and behavior seen below us in a mixed flock, as we stood by the prayer flags at Pele La pass the first time through.

Blue-winged Minla *Actinodura cyanouroptera* — (3) First seen in the Yongkhola on the Limgmethang Road section we walked above Trogon Villa.

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Actinodura strigula* — (3) We saw several flocks, mostly in broadleaf forest areas.

Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni* — (1) Quick views in thick vegetation in the lush forest above Trogon Villa.

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* — (2) This colorful species was first spied below us standing by waving prayer flags at Pele Chhu.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris* — (1) We first had views as we birded the road between Nganglam and Panbang. We then had another sighting of this beauty, near the stupa where we had a meal before descending the most dramatic part of the road.

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta* — (2) Best seen near Namling in mid-elevation forest.

Rufous-backed Sibia *Leioptila annetens* — (1) This bird got our guides excited, not common to see and we observed it feeding on branches in its nuthatch style, then fly off and land repeatedly, a pair moving through the forest.

Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea* — (2) A few of our group got a glimpse of this skulker in the lush forest above Trogon Villa, others had to be content for a heard only that day and for all a heard only two days later.

- **Slender-billed Babbler** *Argya longirostris* (MNP-1) A great find, with good looks for all, in the grasslands section of Manas National Park, at two locations!

Jungle Babbler *Argya striata* — (1) Seen in Panbang town as we walked to the bamboo craft initiative.

- **Striated Babbler** *Argya earlei* — (MNP-1) Seen in the grasslands section of Manas NP.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* — (1) Seen on a hillside above us on the road up from Panbang, we needed scopes to get good views.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus* — (3) This species might get the most entertaining

vote, so highly social and vocal you could not ignore a group coming through. Seen mostly above and below the Yongkola area.

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush *Ianthocincla rufogularis* — (1) Seen on one of the first stops from Mongar in the morning as we drove up Korilla Pass.

Spotted Laughingthrush *Ianthocincla ocellata* — (3) Our first views were in a mixed flock near the restaurant at the 108 Chortons Monument on Dochu La. We then heard or saw them at Pele La and Chele La.

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus ruficollis* — (3+MNP-1) Seen in lower forested areas near Ngamglam and Panbang.

White-throated Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus albobularis* — (6) Seen very well at the Royal Botanic Garden carrying nest material. We saw this species fairly often in mixed flocks and even in more open country while traveling.

Gray-sided Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus caerulatus* — (1) Royal Botanical Garden, a pair.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (4: 3+1)

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris* — (4) We found this species quite often and in a variety of forest types, it was loud and calling, starting the nesting season. Surprising was a knock-down drag out fight by two males, they tumbled down the road ignoring the group completely!

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis* — (3) We found this species mixed with others in flocks, on a couple of occasions.

- **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis* — (MNP-1) Seen well, working trees over the road as we explored Manas NP.

Beautiful Nuthatch *Sitta formosa* — (1) A fabulous find, we were able to watch this gorgeous species for some time, though it would not come down lower so we had to crane our necks, we could take in the beauty of its intricate pattern as it moved in classic nuthatch style, winding around moss and lichen clad branches.

SPOTTED ELACHURA: Elachuridae (1)

Spotted Elachura *Elachura formosa* — (1) HO. We worked hard to spot this highly vocal individual as it made its way in dense brush back and forth across a slope, to no avail – it was a serious skulker!

DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii* — (4) A favorite for Julia, we found Asia's version of "water ouzel" on our walks from Nganglam along the river, where it fed and ducked in and out of the water in classic dipper style. We found them along another river in travel, and then on the Paro Chhu where we also observed Ibisbill.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (6: 5+1)

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* — (1+MNP-2) Often located by sound, then seen.

Indian Pied Starling *Gracupica contra* — (2+MNP-2) Open areas, villages.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica* — (3+MNP-3) We got good views of this species, often seen in a flock, in Manas NP we watched a bathing party in a local stream.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* — (6+MNP-4) Common!

- **Jungle Myna** *Acridotheres fuscus* — (MNP-3) In Manas we had this species at our lodgings and in

more open areas of the park.

Great Myna *Acridotheres grandis* — (2+MNP-2) Seen in villages, at our lodgings.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (3)

Gray-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul* — (3) Seen on our travel days. One sighted well in the Royal Botanical Garden.

White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus* — (5) Seen in high elevation areas, common.

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis* — (2) Seen in one of the first mountain areas sampled at Dochu La, in a grove of blooming rhododendron across from the 108 Chortens. Recorded again by the group on the 20th.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae (32: 27+5)

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* — (1) One individual, acting much as our new world pewees do, sallying back and forth to feed from a favorite perch.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* — (1) One individual seen in Manas NP.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis* — (6+MNP-4) Quite common, vocal.

- **White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* — (MNP-3) In Manas, we saw several in woodlands areas on both sides of the park.
- **Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis poliogenys* — (MNP-2) A lovely species, more gray than blue, seen in low vegetation, best views were along a dry streambed below the road.

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Anthipes monileger* — (1) Seen well, but with some work, furtive in dense growth just after a meal at the Stupa we watched cars drive around in homage; at the time we did not know the wild ride we had ahead of us as we descended in elevation!

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* — (2) First heard near Nganglam and then seen well the next day on a stop en route to Panbang, a day we passed through some great forest cover.

Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides* — (4) We had several good chances to see this beauty, the first along the river trail where we looked for Tawny Fishing Owl, then again in other broadleaf forest areas.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* — (1) Seen just one day, on our route up and then down from Korilla Pass.

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae* — (2+MNP-1) This electric blue flycatcher keeps a low profile in the understory, but we managed to have good looks on a couple of days in broadleaf forest. It was also seen on our day on the western side of Manas NP.

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara* — (1) This beauty was spotted as we looked for Ward's Trogon a second time in a lovely forest area where the road ran above a thick wooded ravine. No luck with the trogon but good views of this species.

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura* — (1) HO by most of the group, glimpsed by Norbu, tough to see in the understory but present on our Korilla Pass day.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* — (6+MNP-1) A stunning species, while common they always grabbed our attention. Male and female often together.

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* — (1) HO We tried hard to see this one on the Yongkola day, to no avail, but we heard it for some time.

Blue Whistling-Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* — (12) Our first bird coming out of the airport our arrival day, Norbu and Pema said we would see it daily and we did.

Black-backed Forktail *Enicurus immaculatus* — (1) We saw one individual at a small river crossing not far

from Panbang town.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* — (3) We had good views of this species, often in pairs, at several river crossings while in the lower elevations.

Chinese Rubythroat *Calliope tschebaiewi* — (1+MNP-1) A particularly good find, not common in Bhutan, seen and photographed on the walk we took near Panbang town where we had lunch by an old building. Also seen being very furtive at a road junction in the grasslands section of Manas NP.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiiata* — (3) The first we saw was near a small stream we walked up for a break while driving from Chumey to Mongar. Not all the group saw it but thankfully we found a most cooperative individual that Phil particularly enjoyed photographing while walking on the old Pele La Road.

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Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* — (3) Very distinctive pattern, this active small flycatcher was seen near Yongkola and two other locations.

Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* — (2) Best views were at one of our early field lunches served by the camp crew; it sang and fed in the trees directly overhead as we watched swifts along a ridgeline.

- **Taiga Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla* — (MNP-2) Fairly common in Manas NP, seen along roadways
- **Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parvo* — (2) Seen several times on both sides of Manas

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis* — (1) Lovely looks at male and female on Dochu La our final full day.

Plumbeous Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* — (4) Very common along streams.

White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* — (9) Common and very striking along rivers and streams.

Hodgson's Redstart *Phoenicurus hodgsoni* — (1) Seen only south of Punakha along the river as we watched a big group of ducks, in a small open area by the raised area we stood on. Across from the Angto Pelri Hotel.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* — (2+MNP-1) Seen well in the same area we spied Hodgson's Redstart but further down the river, seen again below Mongar.

Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush *Monticola rufiventris* — (6) Seen fairly often, males and females, on roadside stops in forested areas at a variety of elevations.

Blue-capped Rock-Thrush *Monticola cinclorhyncha* — (6) Quite common, often seen in travel along the roadsides.

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius* — (4) First seen below Punakha along the river, then encountered on two other days along the road margins.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus* — (3+MNP-1) Seen below Punakha along the river; seen again very well with photo opportunities on our walk near Panbang town.

Gray Bushchat *Saxicola ferreus* — (6) Fairly common and vocal.

FLOWERPECKERS: Dicaeidae (+MNP-1)

- **Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum* — (MNP-1) Just one individual, a tiny dynamo that worked small blooms in tall canopy trees.

SUNBIRDS AND SPIDERHUNTERS: Nectariniidae (6)

Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda* — (1) A few of our group were able to see this beauty, two

were present in a mixed flock with a lot going on while we walked the Old Pele La Road.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* — (3) Seen in lush forest areas encountered near Nganglam and Panbang.

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae* — (4) We had repeated chances to see this beautiful species, in mixed flocks among flowering shrubbery.

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis* — (5) Widespread, this was the sunbird we encountered most frequently.

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* — (1+MNP-3) Seen just one day of the main journey in Bhutan near the village of Panbang, but in Manas NP quite common around our lodgings and in the park.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna* — (4+MNP-1) Seen very well, often we heard it in the canopy above us, often with other species.

FAIRY-BLUEBIRDS: Irenidae (+ MNP-1)

- **Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella* — (MNP-2) We encountered this species as pairs, at several locations within the park.

LEAFBIRDS: Chloropseidae (2)

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* — (2+MNP-3) Seen on two days near Panbang town and seen commonly in Manas NP.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii* — (4+MNP-3) Fairly widespread and common, seen very well along some riverine forests and broadleaf forest on our walks. Seen commonly in Manas NP.

WAXBILLS AND ALLIES: Estrildidae (1)

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* — (1) A small flock seen on a travel day as we descended into Nganglam.

ACCENTORS: Prunellidae (1)

Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophiatea* — (4) Phil found these at dawn taking a walk from Chumey Resort, Peg spied them again as the bus was leaving. We would find them again at Chele La on our blustery day up that pass.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

- **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* — (MNP-1) Phil spotted this species on our first day driving to Manas from the Guwahati airport.

Russet Sparrow *Passer cinnamomeus* — (7) Common and widespread in Bhutan, first seen by our hotels.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* — (7+MNP-2) Common and widespread, at times overlapping Russet Sparrows on our stops. In Manas they were seen around our lodgings.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (5)

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* — (2+MNP-1) First seen from breakfast at the lovely hotel at the start of our trip, Hotel Terma Linca. Seen again as we took a roadside stop in route to Nganglam.

White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla maderaspatensis* — (1) Seen below Punakha along the river as we looked at ducks.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* — (6) Common and widespread, on larger rivers with stony islands and current.

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus* — (3+MNP-1) Seen at the Royal Botanic Garden, below Punakha along the river in a broad field across from where we used scopes on the river, on the road to Chele La in some open areas and on the river area near Paro.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* — (6+MNP-1) First seen well near Chumey Nature Resort, fairly common and widespread.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (10)

Collared Grosbeak *Mycerobas affinis* — (1) HO – Chele La Pass, they were distant and did not come in despite our efforts

White-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas carnipes* — (1) Good views on the far side of Chele La Pass on a snowy day, calling and feeding.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* — (1) A female seen on the far side of Korilla Pass atop a conifer, near our turn-around point.

Scarlet Finch *Carpodacus sipahi* — (1) Peg has striking views of this bird flying behind a species she was photographing in an open clearing, on a busy mixed flock day up Korilla Pass. We scanned and tried to track it but could not pull it out of the lush forest it landed in.

Himalayan White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus thura* — (1) Great views of a male and female on Chele La.

Blanford's Rosefinch *Agraphospiza rubescens* — (1) A nice find as we came down from Chele La, fairly low in the forested section of the road in tall trees around a small clearing. We had good looks at a male, which was singing, in fact we first heard it and then located it, scope views.

Gold-naped Finch *Pyrrhoptes epauletta* — (1) What a beauty, Peg had wandered down the road after lunch for a stretch and found a small flock, the group caught up and got out to join her, this species one of the key finds.

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola* — (1) Seen on a stop after we had left the Royal Botanic Garden but not far.

Yellow-breasted Greenfinch *Chloris spinoides* — (1) Seen on Korilla Pass.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* — (1) Very good views in the general Sengor area as we crossed through pine and mixed conifer forest.

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS: Emberizidae (2)

Crested Bunting *Emberiza lathami* — (1) Beautiful views of a male and female, calling, perched, and flying over some cleared farm fields, close to the road on a travel day.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* — (3) First seen on Dochu La, then seen well by Chumey Nature Resort.

MAMMALS (19: 13+6)

Assam Macaque *Macaca assamensis* — (6) Seen frequently, but some of the best views were of a troop feeding as we watched Great Hornbills in the same tree.

Gee's Golden Lutung (Langur) *Trachypithecus geei* — (2+MNP-1) A stunning species, we ran into several troops in the lower elevation broadleaf forest. We watched them feed and had a wonderful time to observe and photograph their behavior. On the extension we visited a small community that protected habitat for this species in the much busier more populated areas of India near to Manas NP.

Capped Lutung (Langur) *Trachypithecus pileatus* — (3) Seen on a couple of our walks, in riverine habitat or along roads, they were active and fun to watch.

Himalayan Gray Langur *Semnopithecus schistaceus* — (2) First seen as we descended Dochu La Pass, spotted by Julia.

Pika sp. *Ochotona sp.* — (4) We saw them in mountain areas, the first one spotted by Peg at the Royal Botanic Garden. The taxonomy of Bhutan's 6-7 species is in flux, and not easy to define, so we will keep this as Pika, sp. We saw two species for sure – (1) Large-eared Pika and (2) Royle's Pika but we may have seen the Moupin's Pika too.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mccllellandii* — (4+MNP-1) Common and widespread.

Irrawaddy (Hoary-bellied) Squirrel *Callosciurus pygerythrus* — (3+MNP-3) Seen well in the lowland forests and on the Manas NP extension.

Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah* — (2) Seen in mid to higher elevations, one very good view mid-elevation near Yongkola.

Black (IndoMalayan) Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* — (3+MNP-1) Seen on our lower elevation days while in Bhutan and also on the Manas extension. A striking and active large squirrel.

Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula* — (1) Great to see one cross the road as we drove up Chele La on a blustery day.

Himalayan Serow *Capricornis thar* — (1) A great find, seen by those in the front of the bus as they are quick and elusive, but on a mountain curve one crossed the road and disappeared into lush forest. Wow!

Himalayan Goral *Naemorhedus goral* — (1) Seen later in the trip in more open terrain, on a rugged slope above the bus as we traveled through a gorge.

Northern Red Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus vaginalis* — (3+MNP-2) Seen in forested areas twice and heard once giving a warning call that caught our attention. Also seen well in Manas NP.

- **Barasingha (Swamp Deer) *Rucervus duvaucelii*** — (1) One individual, a male, up on its hind legs feeding on some sweet fruits or leaves of a tree.
- **Sambar *Rusa unicolor*** — (MNP-2) Elegant and reminiscent of our Elk, this regal species was seen on a couple of our safari drives in Manas NP.
- **Gaur *Bos gaurus*** — (MNP-2) We saw this species at dusk, one time a good-sized herd in open grass areas of the park.
- **Wild Water Buffalo *Bubalus arnee*** — (1) We saw these in Bhutan, but from Manas NP at the viewpoint of the Manas River, looking into Bhutan. They were down at the water edge, and several were in the river, cooling off.
- **Indian Rhinoceros *Rhinoceros unicornis*** — (2) The first we saw was an individual sleeping, but later that day we saw a mother with probably a yearling calf, wonderful to photograph and see.
- **Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*** — (2) We had good opportunity to see this species while in Manas NP, several groups, mothers with calves, and lone individuals.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (2: 1+1)

- **Bengal Monitor *Varanus bengalensis*** — (MNP-1) Seen in the woods, often on tree trunks as we stopped for birds.

Asian House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* — (3+MNP-1) Seen in our lodgings, widespread at lower elevations.

BUTTERFLIES – a few we observed and photographed many!

Paris Peacock Swallowtail *Papilio paris*
Red Helen Swallowtail *Papilio helenus*
Chinese Peacock Swallowtail *Papilio bianor*
Glassy Tiger *Parantica aglea*
Blue Pansy *Junonia orithya*
Asian Admiral *Vanessa indica*
Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*
Bhutan Azure Sapphire *Heliophorus moorei*
Common Mapwing *Cyrestis thyodamas*
Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene*
Orange Oakleaf *Kallima inachus*
Common Evening Brown *Melanitis leda*
Popinjay *Stibochiona nicea*
Jester *Symbrenthia lilaea*
Castor sp.

Also on the Manas NP extension:

Indian Birdwing
Windmill