



# BIRDS OF ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ



Indian Grey Hornbill, State Bird of Chandigarh

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**BIRDING HOTSPOTS NEAR CHANDIGARH**

Sukhna Lake, Sukhna Nature Trail, Nepli, Kansal,  
Saketri, Patiali ki Rao, Siswan Dam, Mirzapur Dam,  
Sirsa River Bed, Chakki Mor, Jawaharpur,  
Motemajra, Morni Hills & Jangeshu.

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The sound of birds stops the noise in my mind.  
*Carly Simon*





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## BIRD HABITATS AROUND CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh at 34°N and 77°E is nestled at the base of Shivalik Hills. It is a planned city with tree-lined roads, parks and gardens. Le Corbusier, the Architect of this modern city gave the people of Chandigarh, a man made lake for recreational activities. To save the lake from silting up check dams were built in the catchment area, which evolved into a rich ecosystem, now a sanctuary. In the vicinity of Chandigarh we also have other wetlands, jungles, scrublands, grasslands, badlands, agriculture fields and orchards. These diverse habitats have resulted in a rich avian diversity. This diversity is augmented by the presence of the Morni reserved forests in adjoining Haryana and the lower ranges of the Himalayas which are less than 30 Km from Chandigarh in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

**Wetlands** are lands inundated or saturated by water and include lakes, rivers swamps and marshes. They offer a unique bio-system which is amongst the most productive ecosystems in the world, with un-paralleled bio diversity. While the Sukhna lake and its catchment is the largest wetland system in Chandigarh region, it's surroundings have seen an increase in wetlands cover over the last decade. Irrigation dams at Perch, Jayanti, Siswan, Bunga and Mirzapur are evolving wetlands. A large pond at village Mote Majra to the west of the city, and the Ghaghar river near Chatbir are also worth mentioning. These wetland systems are home to large variety of migratory waterfowl which include ducks, geese and waders in winter, and offer breeding grounds to resident species . Raptors which feed on them are also seen migrating into the region.

**Jungles of the** Siwalik Hills are tropical moist and dry mixed deciduous forests along with hilly bush jungle. The Sukhna Sanctuary consisting of Nepli and Kansal blocks have a number of check dams which are surrounded by open mixed jungle with good secondary cover . Morni hills and the Mirzapur Community Reserved Forest, as well as the neighbouring regions of Bhojnagar and Jungeshu in Himachal Pradesh have mixed and conifer forests. These forests offer refuge to a large








number of resident species, summer breeders and altitudinal migrants (in winter.)

**Dry deciduous scrubland and bush** can be found along the 'choes' and Ghaggar river. The sculpted landform features in the riverine basins of Kansal choe, Jainti Devi ki rao and Patiali rao , formed due to active gradational processes have resulted in degraded badland topography which host a number of species of birds both resident and migratory.

**Agricultural fields** of Saketri (near Sukhna lake), numerous villages in the Shivaliks as well as some villages in Derabassi area of Punjab which do not have a perennial source of irrigation continue to follow traditional subsistence agriculture. Crops like Bajra and Maize are common. This offers a glimpse into the avian diversity of the region before the advent of modern agriculture. The lush green irrigated fields in other villages around Chandigarh which are well irrigated and where modern agricultural practices are followed, offer researchers, the opportunity to study the changes that have occurred on account of modernization of agriculture on the avifauna of the region.

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## KEY

Very Common ----- 1	 Winter Visitor
Common ----- 2	 Summer
Fairly Common ----- 3	 Resident
Uncommon ----- 4	 Passage Migrant
Rare ----- 5	





# FOREWORD

Chandigarh is one of the greenest cities of the country with about 41% of geographical area under green cover. Chandigarh has two notified Wildlife Sanctuaries as below :-

- i) **Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary** - 2598.49 Ha.
  
- ii) **City Bird Sanctuary**, Sec.21, Chandigarh - 2.90 Ha.

Besides these two Wildlife Sanctuaries, Chandigarh has about 700 Ha. of forest area in the city. Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary is home to large number of fauna i.e. Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Insects etc. Chandigarh has one major wetland i.e. Sukhna Lake which is spread over an area of about 1.5 sq.km with large variety of birds and aquatic life. Sukhna Lake wetland is home to several species of resident birds, and it is also an important wintering ground for many migratory species. Chandigarh city and its adjoining area is also home to large varieties of birds.

Forests & Wildlife Department, UT Chandigarh in association with Chandigarh Birds Club has attempted to bring a guide book "**Birds of Chandigarh**" for the benefit of residents and visitors.

This guidebook will help to draw the attention of amateur bird watchers, environmentalists and ornithologists to this planned urban city, where visitors can enjoy observing diverse birds and other faunal life of this city and its forest areas.

I believe that this book will help the government as well as civil society to protect the Bio-diversity of the region as well as Sukhna Lake. It will also strengthen the most vital, yet missing link between the local people and city's biodiversity.

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# MESSAGE

Chandigarh Bird Club came into being in 2008. Rima Dhillon, Narbir Kahlon, Navjit Singh, Sarabjit Kaur and Geeta Goswami are the founder members, and since then the membership has grown to 40. The club was registered with the Registrar of Societies, Chandigarh, in 2017. The major activities of the club are:


- 1) To Catalogue the avifauna of Chandigarh region.
- 2) Study the avian hotspots in and around the tricity.
- 3) To be a forum for birders to share information on avian species, their habitats and numbers.
- 4) Since 2010, in collaboration with HSBC, the Club has been organising an Annual Bird Race.
- 5) The Club has been actively collaborating with the government bodies in conservation of avian species and their habitats.
- 6) The Club has been actively encouraging birding amongst citizens, especially the youth, through birdwalks, print media, exhibitions, bird census & talks etc.
- 7) It has been training youth in birdwatching so that they can find an alternative employment as bird guides.

The Salim Ali birthday Waterfowl Census, World Wetland Day, World Sparrow Day and Environment Week are the other club activities which are conducted annually. With a group of hardcore, experienced birders and some well known bird photographers, the Club has reached out to a large number of citizens. The Club also publishes a quarterly e-newsletter which has an international circulation.

This field guide is the collective efforts of club members and the Chandigarh Forest Department to take the conservation effort another step forward.

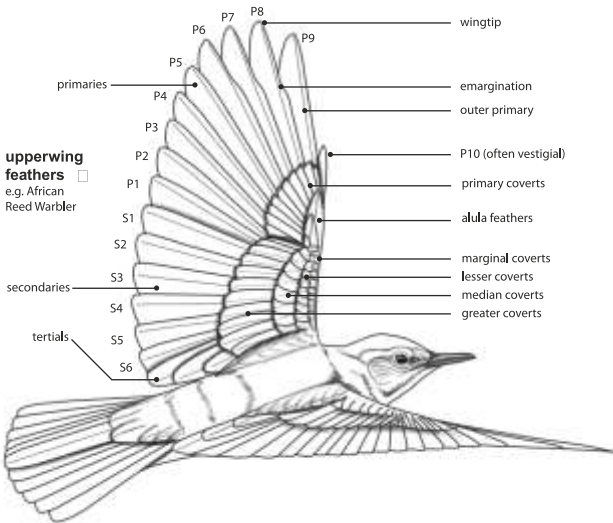
May you always hear the birdsong.

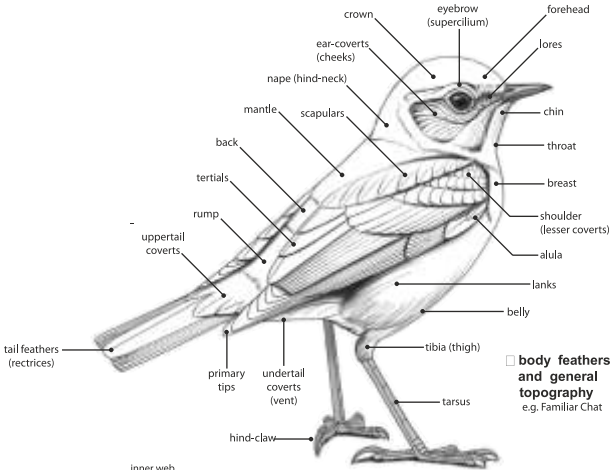
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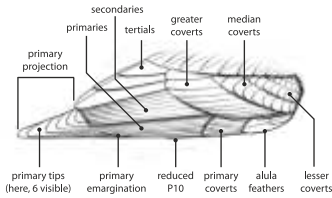
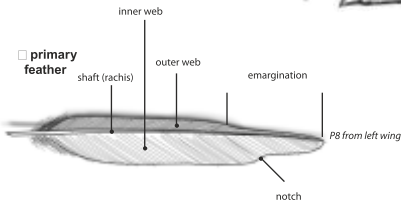
# BIRD PLUMAGE TERMINOLOGY

Except for a bird's bill, eyes and legs, its entire body is covered in feathers. These miraculously evolved keratin structures not only provide waterproofing, insulation, protection, and the power of flight, but also give a bird its shape, colours and markings. One of the most important steps in bird identification is learning to distinguish feather groups. A thorough understanding of bird plumage terminology will allow you to observe and appreciate birds in greater detail; mastering this skill will also greatly simplify birding. The placement of feather groups, and the number of feathers in each, are surprisingly similar across birds of different species. Before long you will be able to instantly distinguish the different feather groups on any bird you see in the field. Pay particular attention to the complex arrangement of the wing feathers, noting how the outer feathers slide beneath the inner feathers as the wing closes. The same principle applies to the tail feathers.





**body feathers and general topography**  
e.g. Familiar Chat



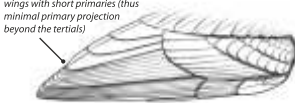
*pipits and larks have elongated tertials which obscure their primaries (thus little or no primary projection)*

**folded wing**  
e.g. African Reed Warbler

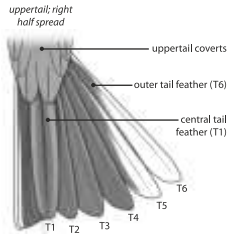


*cisticolas and some resident warblers have short, rounded wings with short primaries (thus minimal primary projection beyond the tertials)*

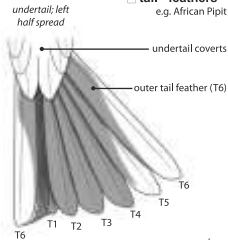
**folded wing**  
e.g. Sabota Lark



**folded wing**  
e.g. Little Rush Warbler



**tail feathers**  
e.g. African Pipit



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## Black Francolin

*Francolinus francolinus* 34cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat; Cropland

ID: White spotted black underparts, white ear converts & rufous collar

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## Grey Francolin

*Francolinus pondicerianus* 33cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat; Cropland

ID: Unmistakable Plumage



## Jungle Bush Quail

*Perdica asiatica* 17cm

1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Scrub forest;

ID: Rufus orange throat & supercilium, Male has barred underparts female has vinaceous buff underparts

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## Red Junglefowl

*gallus gallus* M-65-75cm, F-42-46cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forests & Scrub

ID: Plumage unmistakable



## Kalij Pheasant

*Lophura leucomelanos* M-65-73cm, F-50-60cm



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Forests with dense undergrowth  
ID: Both sexes red facial skin, female overall brown, male blue black upper parts with white scalloping, white crest and white Streaked breast


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## Indian Peafowl

*Pavo cristatus* M-180-230cm, F-90-100cm



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and cultivation  
ID: Male unmistakable plumage, female overall brown with crest and greenish hined neck





## Lesser Whistling-duck

*Dendrocygna javanica* 42cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Summer visitor; Habitat: Marsh;

ID: Overall light brown duck with dark brown flight feathers

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## Greylag Goose


*Anser anser* 75-90cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;

ID: Pink bill and legs, generally pale neck and head





## Greater White-fronted Goose

*Anser albifrons* 66-68cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Winter vagrant; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Dark crown, obvious white face and dark bars on the belly

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## Bar-headed Goose

*Anser indicus* 71-76cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Two black bands on head, yellow legs and bill, unmistakable in the field

## Comb Duck

*Sarkidiornis melanotos* 56-76cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Speckled head & neck; blackish wings upper parts glossed with blue & green

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## Common Shelduck

*Tadorna tadorna* 58-67cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Uncommon Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Chestnut breast band, red bill with knob in male



## Ruddy Shelduck

*Tadorna ferruginea* 61-67cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Ruddy overall, unmistakable in the field

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## Cotton Pygmy-goose

*Nettapus coromandelianus* 30-37cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Black neck ring, white bordered green wings-male



## Gadwall

*Anas strepera* 39-43cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: White patch on inner secondaries, Male black bill, female orange lower mandible, Black undertail feathers

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## Eurasian Wigeon

*Anas penelope* 45-51cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water;  
ID: Chestnut head, yellow forehead in male, bill grey tipped black, white belly and pointed tail in flight



## Mallard

*Anas platyrhynchos* 50-65cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Green head, both sexes blue speculum edged white, yellow beak in male,  
Curled tail feathers in male

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## Indian Spot-billed Duck

*Anas poecilorhyncha* 58-63cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Yellow tip to black bill, red base, green speculum





## Northern Shoveler

*Anas clypeata* 44-52cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Spatulate bill, bluish grey forewing seen in flight

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## Northern Pintail

*Anas acuta* 51-56cm

1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Chocolate brown head, with distinctive head pattern in male, slaty grey bill



## Garganey

*Anas querquedula* 37-41cm



M/F: Dimorphic; Passage visitor; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: White supercilium extending behind eye to back of neck in male, dark eye stripe distinctive in male

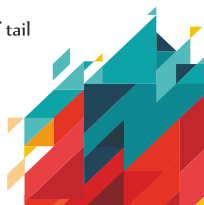
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## Common Teal

*Anas crecca* 34-38cm



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Distinctive head pattern in male, yellowish triangle near tip of tail



## Red-crested Pochard

*Netta rufina* 53-57cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water,  
ID: Large square shaped orange head, red beak in male, female has plain brown head contrasting with pale cheeks & brown bill tipped pink

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## Common Pochard

*Aythya ferina* 42-49cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water,  
ID: Beak has central grey band in both sexes, male dark brown head contrasting with grey upper parts female has brownish head and breast & brownish upper parts



## Ferruginous Duck

*Aythya nyroca* 38-42cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water:

ID: Dark chestnut plumage, white undertail coverts and belly, white wing bars extending to primaries, white iris in male

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## Tufted Duck

*Aythya fuligula* 40-47cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water,

ID: Long dark tuft on nape, white flanks, yellow iris in male



## Little Grebe

*Tachybaptus ruficollis* 25-29cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water,  
ID: Rufous cheeks, yellow patch at bill base in breeding plumage, Chick striped

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## Great Crested Grebe

*Podiceps cristatus* 46-51cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor, Habitat: Fresh water;  
ID: Prominent crest, white cheeks, pink bill





## Black-necked Grebe

*Podiceps nigricollis* 28-34cms

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Fresh water,  
ID: Black head and nape, silvery flanks, red iris

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## Painted Stork

*Mycteria leucocephala* 93-100cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Heavy curved, orange bill, red face, pink legs, pinkish tertiaries





## Asian Openbill

*Anastomus oscitans* 68cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh;

ID: Arched mandibles leaving a gap between them, overall white with black wings and pink legs

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## Black Stork


*Ciconia nigra* 90-100cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Passage Visitor; Habitat: Marsh;

ID: Upperparts glossy black, white lower breast and belly, uncurved red bill, red legs



## Wooly-necked Stork

*Ciconia episcopus* 75-92cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh & cultivation  
ID: White neck and vent, black cap, black bill tipped red

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## Greater Flamingo

*Phoenicopterus roseus* 125-145cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh and blackish water  
ID: Distinctive appearance with black tipped pale pink curved heavy beak



## Black-headed Ibis

*Threskiornis melanocephalus* 75cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh rivers and lakes;  
ID: Black bare head & neck, black sickle shaped bill & legs

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## Red-naped Ibis

*Pseudibis Papillosa* 68cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh, flooded grassland and paddy fields  
ID: Overall black with Red bare nape and white shoulder patch





## Glossy Ibis

*Plegadis falcinellus* 55-65cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh,  
ID: Glossy purple-green wings, whitish lores

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## Eurasian Spoonbill

*Platalea leucorodia* 80-90cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Yellow tipped spatulate black bill, orangish throat, black legs





## Yellow Bittern

*Ixobrychus sinensis* 38cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer visitor; Habitat: Reedy marshes and margin of lakes

ID: Pinkish brown mantle, vinaceous sides of neck, buff wing coverts contrasting with dark brown flight feathers

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## Cinnamon Bittern


*Ixobrychus Cinnamomeus* 38cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer visitor; Habitat: Marsh;

ID: Cinnamon plumage, female has darker crown





## Black Bittern

*Dupetor flavicollis* 58cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh;  
ID: Blackish upper parts , yellowish malar and side of neck, chestnut streaked underparts, female more brownish

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## Great Bittern

*Botaurus stellaris* 70-80cm

■ 5



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Tall reed beds in lakes;  
ID: Stout long neck with dark brown mottling, streaking and cross barring on golden buff plumage



## Striated Heron

*Butorides striata* 40-48cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water,  
ID: Black crown and crest, Greenish upper parts, short green legs

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## Black-crowned Night Heron

*Nycticorax nycticorax* 58-65cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Margins of lakes and marshes;  
ID: Black crown and mantle, grey wings, Juvenile has brown streaked and spotted upperparts



## Indian Pond Heron

*Ardeola grayii* 42-45cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water;

ID: Brownish plumage, white wings in flight, Breeding maroon brown mantle

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## Grey Heron

*Ardea cinerea* 90-98cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes and ponds

ID: White neck and belly streaked black, yellow beak, black head plumes



## Purple Heron

*Ardea purpurea* 78-90cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes, Marshes & Paddy fields

ID: Chestnut head and neck with black stripe on side of neck, underwing coverts purplish, yellow beak

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## Cattle Egret


*Bubulcus ibis* 48-53cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cropland,

ID: Yellow bill, dark legs, in breeding plumage orange buff on head and neck





## Great Egret

*Casmerodius albus* 90-102cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water;

ID: Bill and lores blue in breeding plumage, black gape line extends behind eye

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## Intermediate Egret


*Mesophoyx intermedia* 65-72cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water,

ID: Gape line stops at eye, bill is black and lores are yellow green in breeding plumage



## Little Egret

*Egretta garzetta* 55-65cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water;  
ID: Black bill with greyish lores, black legs with yellow feet

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## Oriental Darter

*Anhinga melanogaster* 85-97cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fresh water;  
ID: Long bill, white stripe on long curved neck, unmistakable in the field



## Little Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax niger* 51cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes, rivers and marshes  
ID: Whitish chin, lacks yellow gular pouch, steep forehead

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## Indian Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* 63cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes and ponds  
ID: Brownish with slender bill, yellow gular pouch and facial skin



## Great Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax carbo* 80-100cm

1



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes and ponds

ID: Large size, orange spot at base of bill, white thigh patch, white plumes on head in breeding plumage

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## Common Kestrel

*Falco tinnunculus* 32-35cm

3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open forests, Scrubs & cultivation

ID: Distinctive plumage, head grey-male; rufous-female; dark wings, Rufous upper parts heavily marked black, note black claws





## Eurasian Hobby

*Falco subbuteo* 30-36cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Wintor visitor; Habitat: Deciduous forest and cultivation;  
ID: Streaked below, rusty vent & thighs lacking in juvenile, broad moustacial stripe, distinct helmet

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## Oriental Hobby

*Falco severus* 27-30cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Wintor visitor; Habitat: Deciduous forest and cultivation;  
ID: Streaked below, rusty vent & thighs lacking in juvenile, broad moustacial stripe, distinct helmet



## Peregrine Falcon

*Falco peregrinus* 38-51cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Hills and margins of lakes and rivers;  
ID: Grey above, broad moustachial stripe, barred below, broad based pointed wings

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## Black-winged Kite

*Elanus caeruleus* 31-35cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Grass, scrub & cultivation;  
ID: Red iris, black shoulders and under primaries

## Black Kite

*Milvus migrans* 58-66cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Around habitation  
ID: Fork tail, dark rufous brown upper parts

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## Black-eared Kite

*Milvovus (migrans) lineatus* 61-66cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Scrub, open country & habitation  
ID: Paler bird with prominent face mask and white primary patch conspicuous on underwing in flight

## Brahminy Kite

*Haliastur indus* 48cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Vagrant; Habitat: Around wetland and habitation  
ID: Chestnut; White head and breast, distinctive plumage

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## Osprey

*Pandion Haliaeetus* 55-58cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes & Rivers  
ID: Wings angled, brown breast band, dark eye stripe, distinctive plumage in flight



## Pallas's Fish Eagle

*Haliaeetus Leucoryphus* 76-84cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes and rivers

ID: Pale head and neck, white tail with broad black terminal band

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## Lesser Fish Eagle


*Ichthyophaga humilis* 64cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Forested streams and lakes

ID: Smaller eagle with greyish brown head and neck, black tail, white undertail coverts





## Black Eagle

*Ictinaetus malayensis* 69-81cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Hill and mountain forests

ID: Dark brown with striking yellow crests and feet, whitish barring on upper tail coverts, broad wings with 7 fingers

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## Oriental Honey-buzzard


*Pernis ptilorhynchus* 57-60cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and parks

ID: Very variable plumage, pigeon like neck and head with crest sometimes visible, long tail



## Egyptian Vulture

*Neophron percnopterus* 60-70cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Foot hills and near garbage dumps,  
ID: Wedge-shaped tail, yellow beak, whitish plumage

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## Indian White-rumped Vulture

*Gyps bengalensis* 75-85cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Foot hills and carcass dumping sites  
ID: Overall black with white neck ruff, White rump and back, white band on median underwing coverts



## Himalayan Griffon Vulture

*Gyps himalayensis* 115-125cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Mountain & Hills, near carcass dumping  
ID: Rufous below, lacks white on underwing converts, pinkish legs

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## Griffon Vulture

*Gyps fulvus* 95-105cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Foothills near Carcass dumps  
ID: Brownish upper parts, heavily streaked, yellowish bill with black cere in adult, dark grey legs







## Cinereous Vulture

*Gyps monachus* 100-110cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Foot hills and carcass dumps,  
ID: Appears Dark except pale area around bill and head

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## Red-headed Vulture

*Sarcogyps calvus* 85cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Foot hill;  
ID: Bare red head, neck legs and toes, white patch on flanks in flight





## Short-toed Snake Eagle

*Circaetus gallicus* 62-67cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest & scrub and cultivation;  
ID: Large head, long grey unfeathered tarsus, dark head and breast, light barring underwings and tail distinctive plumage in flight

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## Crested Serpent Eagle

*Spilornis cheela* 56-74cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Semi-evergreen forest, near water bodies;  
ID: Floppy crown, white bands across wing and tail, brown breast with distinctive spots



## Eurasian Marsh Harrier

*Circus aeruginosus* 42-54cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Reed beds, lakes & marshes  
ID: Sours with noticeable V, juvenile and female has white crown and throat contrasting with overall

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## Shikra

*Accipiter badius* 30-36cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Deciduous forest, Gardens & parks  
ID: Orange barred underparts, grey gular stripe, greyish eye ring, central tail feathers are unbarred

## Besra

*Accipiter virgatus* 29-36cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Deciduous forest near water bodies  
ID: Bars on tail equispaced, Dark upperparts prominent gular stripe, golden eye ring

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## White-eyed Buzzard

*Butastur teesa* 43cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and cultivation  
ID: Small buzzard with rufous tail and Prominent white iris

## Common Buzzard

*Buteo buteo* 51-56cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Scrub and cultivation

ID: Pale V on the breast, broad black edged wings, dark streaks on breast, dark carpal patch

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## Himalayan Buzzard

*Buteo (buteo) burmanicus* 51-57cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Scrub;

ID: Smaller than common buzzard, brownish dark streaks on breast, dark carpal patch

## Long-legged Buzzard

*Buteo rufinus* 61cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Scrub and cultivation

ID: Pale head, breast contrasting with chestnut bellied thin bare legs and Rufous edge to white tail

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## Tawny Eagle

*Aquila rapax* 63-71cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Foothills and deciduous forests;

ID: Gape line ends level with center of eye, tarsus are feathered

## Steppe Eagle

*Aquila nipalensis* 76-80cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Foothills, open grassland and carcass dump  
ID: Gape line extends behind eye, juvenile has broad white bar across underwing, double white bar on upperwing, white crescent across upper tail coverts

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## Bonelli's Eagle

*Aquila fasciata* 65-72cm

4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and around large lakes  
ID: Medium sized eagle with long and broad wings, soars with wings flat, dark sub-terminal tail band, white patch on mantle

## Booted Eagle

*Hieraaetus pennatus* 45-53cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open country

ID: White shoulder patches - which appears to be 'Headlights' in flight, pale wedges on inner primaries, dark flight feathers

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## Water Rail

*Rallus aquaticus* 23-28cm

■4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Reedy Marshes

ID: Brown curved bill red at base, grey underparts with black and white barring on flanks



## Ruddy-breasted Crake

*Porzana fusca* 22cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh with reedbed

ID: Dark rufous breast and belly barring faint and confined to rare flanks and undertail

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## White-breasted Waterhen

*Amaurornis phoenicurus* 32cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh, paddy field & streams;

ID: Brown above, white breast and flanks, cinnamon undertail coverts, yellow legs and beaks with red head base of bill

## Brown Crake

*Amaurornis akool* 28cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh and streams

ID: Unmarked brown above, grey below, greenish bill and red legs

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## Barred Buttonquail


*Turnix suscitator* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Scrub grassland and cultivation

ID: Rufous above, barring on breast and flanks, black throat and breast on breeding female



## Grey-headed Swamphen

*Porphyrio poliocephalus* 45-50cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh & margins of lakes and ponds;  
ID: Unique Plumage

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## Common Moorhen

*Gallinula chloropus* 32-35cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh, ponds & lakes with vegetation;  
ID: Red bill and shield tipped yellow, white lines on flanks, overall dark brown

## Eurasian Coot

*Fulica atra* 36-38cm

■1



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes and ponds with marshy edges. ID: Black with white bill and shield

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## Indian Thick-knee

*Burhinus oediconemus* 40-44cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Arid Scrubs, riverbeds & orchards  
ID: Prominent yellow eye, black tipped yellow bill & legs, unmistakable plumage



## Great Thick-knee

*Esacus recurvirostris* 49-54cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Banks of fresh water, rivers & lakes  
ID: White supercilium not entirely enclosed with black slightly upwards bill, whitish fore crown, overall greyish

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## Pheasant-tailed Jacana

*Hydrophasianus chirurgus* 31cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes & ponds with floating vegetation  
ID: Black tipped white wings, yellow lateral nape patch, breeding plumage unmistakable





## Black-winged Stilt

*Himantopus himantopus* 35-40cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lake & Marsh

ID: Pied appearance, Very long pink legs, thin straight bill

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## Pied Avocet


*Recurvirostra avosetta* 42-45cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes, Marshes & Creeks

ID: Pied plumage, greenish legs, up curved fine black bill



## Northern Lapwing

*Vanellus vanellus* 28-31cm

■4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Grassland, Fields & Marshes  
ID: Typical black-crest, unmistakable glossy plumage

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## River Lapwing

*Vanellus duvaucelii* 29-32cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Inland river beds  
ID: Black-crest, fore crown and breast, Black primary flight feathers, white underbelly with a black patch



## Yellow-wattled Lapwing

*Vanellus malabaricus* 26-28cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub, fellow fields & wasteland;  
ID: Yellow face wattle, diagnostic

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## Red-wattled Lapwing

*Vanellus indicus* 32-35cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Air able fields, banks of water bodies  
ID: Black crown nape, throat & breast and red face wattles, diagnostic





## White-tailed Lapwing

*Vanellus leucurus* 26-29cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marshes & margins of water bodies  
ID: White tail, black bill, pale brown head and neck no breast band

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## Kentish Plover

*Charadrius alexandrinus* 15-17cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage visitor; Inland river beds & marginal lakes  
ID: Cinnamon cap, White collar, dark legs, and overall sandy plumage

## Little Ringed Plover

*Charadrius dubius* 14-17cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mud Bank, Shingle shores of rivers  
ID: Small plover with white collar dark throat band and prominent yellow eye-ring

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## Lesser Sand Plover

*Charadrius mongolus* 19-21cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Mudflats & margins of lakes and river  
ID: Blackish legs, sandier upper parts and crown, rufous breast band in breeding plumage

## Greater Painted Snipe

*Rostratula benghalensis* 25cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Well vegetated jheels and marshes  
ID: Gently decurved bill; unmistakable head markings, female-maroon head

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## Ruff

*Philomachus pugnax* F 20-25cm; M 26-32cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter visitor; Habitat: Mud flats and flooded fields  
ID: Scalloped above, red legs, slightly decurved short bill



## Common Snipe

*Gallinago gallinago* 25-27cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh, Margins of lakes & Paddyfield  
ID: White trailing edge to wings, white band on underwing, spotted median wing coverts, utters 'pinch' call when flushed

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## Black-tailed Godwit

*Limosa limosa* 36-44cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Marsh, Lake, Swallows & Muddy shores;  
ID: Black tail with white base, long pink beak tipped black



## Eurasian Curlew

*Numenius arquata* 50-60cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Mudflats & small ponds  
ID: Long curved bill and white rump

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## Spotted Redshank

*Tringa erythropus* 29-32cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh, Mudflats and margins of lakes & River;  
ID: Bill with red base of lower mandible only, pale underparts, red legs-NonBr  
Breeding appears black with spots, unmistakable plumage

## Common Redshank

*Tringa totanus* 27-29cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh, Mudflats, Margins of lakes, rivers & Streams; ID: Orange-red base of bill, red legs, greyish brown upperparts

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## Common Greenshank

*Tringa nebularia* 30-34cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Wetlands, Margins of lakes, rivers and paddyfield; ID: Green legs and gently up curved bill, lacks supercilium



## Green Sandpiper

*Tringa ochropus* 21-24cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh and Margins of lakes, ponds & paddyfields  
ID: Green legs, dark upper parts, white supercilium not beyond the eye

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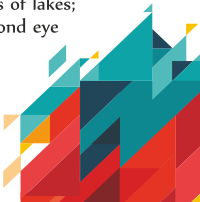
## Wood Sandpiper

*Tringa glareola* 18-21cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh, ponds, paddyfields & Margins of lakes;  
ID: Pale Brown spotted upper parts, Supercilium extends well beyond eye





## Terek Sandpiper

*Xenus cinereus* 22-25cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Margins of lakes, rivers & Mudflats  
ID: Long upturned bill, short orange-yellow legs

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## Common Sandpiper

*Actitis hypoleucos* 19-21cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Marsh, Margins of lakes, rivers & Streams;  
ID: Brown rump, white wedge between brownish breast and shoulder





## Little Stint

*Calidris minuta* 13-15cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Marsh, Mudflats & Margins of lakes, rivers  
ID: Brown breast band meeting in the middle, dark legs, small size

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## Temminck's Stint

*Calidris temminckii* 13-15cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Marsh, Mudflats, Margins of lakes & rivers  
ID: No distinct supercilium, yellowish legs, white sides to tail

## Dunlin

*Calidris alpina* 16-22cm

■4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Mudflats & Margins of lakes & rivers  
ID: Black decurved bill and legs, lack of supercilium, uniform upperparts in breeding plumage black center of belly

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## Oriental Pratincole

*Glareola maldivarum* 23-24cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Mudflats & fields  
ID: Dark upper parts, no white to trailing edge of secondaries, chestnut under wing coverts in flight

## Small Pratincole

*Glareola lactea* 16-19cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer breeder ; Habitat: Mudflat & margins of lakes  
ID: Sandier upper parts, white panel across secondaries, squarish tail

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## Yellow-legged Gull

*Larus cachinnans* 59cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes & large rivers  
ID: Pale mantle, black tipped grey wings, pink/yellow legs, red spot on lower mandible in adult

## Pallas's Gull

*Lchthyaetus ichthyaetus* 69cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes & large rivers

ID: Variable black mask and white eye-crescents, thicker larger bill, tricolored in adults, having a black bar on the bill in young birds

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## Black-headed Gull

*Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 38cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes & rivers

ID: White wedge on primaries of upper wing extending almost to wing tip, lacks mirror, iris is black

## Brown-headed Gull

*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus* 42cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Lakes & large rivers

ID: Black wing tips with mirrors, stronger bill and white iris

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## Gull-billed Tern

*Gelochelidon nilotica* 35-38cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Lakes & Large rivers

ID: Black crown in breeding birds, black smudge to eyes in non breeding birds  
, Short, thick and black bill

## River Tern

*Sterna aurantia* 38-46cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Large lakes & rivers  
ID: yellow bill, red legs

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## Little Tern

*Sternula albifrons* 22-24cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Margins of Large Lakes  
ID: Black cap with white fore crown, Pale mantle, black tipped grey wings,  
yellow/orange legs



## Whiskered Tern

*Chlidonias hybridas* 23-25cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Large Lakes

ID: Non breeding plumage black legs and beak, streaked crown, faint whiskers, breeding plumage dark under belly, red bill and red legs

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## Indian Skimmer


*Rynchops albicollis* 40cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Passage; Aquatic; Habitat: Large rivers & Lakes

ID: Black upper parts with white collar and distinctive bill



## Common Pigeon

*Columba livia* 33cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Arboreal; Habitat: Human habitation;  
ID: Grey with two wing bands, terminal dark tail band

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## Oriental Turtle Dove

*Streptopelia orientalis* 33cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Altitudinal migrant; Habitat: Deciduous forest;  
ID: Bars on vinaceous neck diagnostic, scaly wings





## Eurasian Collared Dove

*Streptopelia decaocto* 32cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub, Cultivation & Gardens;  
ID: Black hind collar, large size

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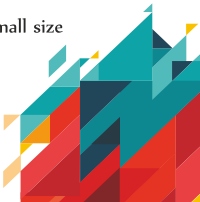
## Red Collared Dove

*Streptopelia tranquebarica* 23cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open cultivation and scrub  
ID: Brick red upperparts, sandy brown breast, black hind collar, small size





## Spotted Dove

*Stigmatopelia chinensis* 30cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Parks, Forests, Gardens & cultivation  
ID: Chessboard pattern on hind neck

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## Laughing Dove

*Stigmatopelia senegalensis* 27cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub, cultivation and gardens  
ID: Sandy brown breast black spots on neck visible when calling





## Yellow-footed Green Pigeon

*Treron phoenicopterus* 33cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest, Parks & Gardens

ID: Orange collar, lilac shoulder patch, yellow legs, Grey head, purple iris

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## Emerald Dove


*Chalcophaps indica* 27cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Deciduous forest Lower and middle storey;

ID: Emerald green wing panel, white crown, grey head and red bill





## Alexandrine Parakeet

*Psittacula eupatria* 53cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Deciduous forest and Cultivation  
ID: Large heavy bill, crimson shoulder patch, Blue tail tipped yellow, black & pink collar in male

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## Rose-ringed Parakeet

*Psittacula krameri* 42cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Parks, Forest, & cultivation  
ID: Black and rose collar-male, Tail plain blue, no collar in female





## Slaty-headed Parakeet

*Psittacula himalayana* 41cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Forest and Cultivation

ID: Dark grey head, red upper mandible, blue tail which has distal half yellow

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## Plum-headed Parakeet


*Psittacula cyanocephala* 36cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Scrub, Cropland and Forest;

ID: Yellow upper mandible, greenish yellow collar, male has plum red head female has light grey, both sexes blue tail tipped white





## Jacobin Cuckoo

*Clamator jacobinus* 33cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Scrub, Gardens and forests;  
ID: Pied, black crest and white wing patch

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## Common Hawk Cuckoo

*Hierococcyx varius* 34cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Wooded area and garden  
ID: Brown breast, thinly barred tail, yellow eye ring, Cuckoo like bill, call distinctive 'brain gap fe-ver'



## Indian Cuckoo

*Cuculus micropterus* 33cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Wooded areas & garden

ID: Brownish upper parts, Unbarred grey breast, barring on belly, white vent, one dark terminal band on tail, call toh-toh'ta'toh

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## Eurasian Cuckoo

*Cuculus canorus* 32-34cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open forest and clearings

ID: Grey upper parts, Unbarred grey breast, narrow barring on belly & vent, distinctive call cuck-koo



## Grey-bellied Cuckoo

*Cacomantis passerinus* 23cm

■4



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Lightly wooded area  
ID: Unbarred grey breast and belly, white vent

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## Fork-tailed Drongo-cuckoo

*Surniculus dicruroides* 25cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest  
ID: Overall black, like other drongos, barred white on undertail and vent, thin cuckoo like down curved beak





## Asian Koel

*Eudynamys scolopaceus* 43cm

■1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Garden, wooded parks & orchards;  
ID: Male overall black, female greyish brown strongly spotted, Red eye, green bill, long tail

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## Sirkeer Malkoha

*Taccocua leschenaultii* 42cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub and lightly wooded areas  
ID: Overall earthy brown bird with Yellow-tipped coral-red bill

## Greater Coucal

*Centropus sinensis* 48cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub, light forest & cultivation;

ID: Overall black bird with chestnut wings, red iris-adult; dark iris-Juv

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## Barn Owl

*Tyto Alba* 36cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Vicinity of human habitation & cultivation

ID: Rounded head with white heart shaped facial disk

## Long-eared Owl

*Asio otus* 35-37cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Semi desert areas with low trees

ID: Long ear tufts, slim long body, no cross barring on belly, orange eyes, black band running vertically down the face between eye & white border of bill

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## Short-eared-Owl

*Asio flammeus* 37-39cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Grassland & cultivation near marshes

ID: Short ear tufts, lemon yellow eyes surrounded by black, Brown streaked breast, barred tail

## Indian Scops Owl

*Otus bakkamoena* 23-25cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Wooded areas near habitation

ID: Lightly streaked breast, long ear tufts raised when alarmed, dark eyes

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## Asian Barred Owllet

*Glaucidium cuculoides* 23cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Hill & Forests

ID: Broad barring on upperparts, barring broken on belly, normally shows three white streaks on breast, flanks normally streaked not barred

## Jungle Owlet

*Glaucidium radiatum* 20cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mixed and secondary forest foothills

ID: Rust color barrings on primaries, barring below extends to flanks and belly

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## Spotted Owlet

*Athene brama* 21cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Gardens, wooded areas, near human habitation

ID: Random white spots on head and narrow white barring on tail, most common owlet



## Indian Eagle Owl

*Bubo bengalensis* 48.5cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Rocky cliffs and mature groves  
ID: Long ear tufts, large owl, with barring on belly, thighs and vent

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## Brown Hawk Owl

*Ninox scutulata* (lugubris) 32cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Wooded area near habitation and water  
ID: Greyish brown head, boldly banded long tail, brown spots on white breast and belly, variable white patch above bill



## Large-tailed Nightjar

*Caprimulgus macrurus* 33cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open forests

ID: Large tailed bird with brownish bold black centered scapulars, unbroken white throat band, rusty nuchal collar

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## Savanna Nightjar

*Caprimulgus affinis* 23cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Scrubby hill sides and lightly wooded grassland

ID: Mottled grey brown above broken white collar, white outer tail in male, call 'chweez' diagnostic



## Alpine Swift

*Tachymarpis melba* 22cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Forested hill country, near water

ID: Large size, brown plumage with white throat, brown breast band and white belly

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## Little Swift


*Apus affinis* 15cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Arboreal; Habitat: Cliffs, large buildings & ruins

ID: Blackish bird with short tail not deeply forked, white rump and throat





## Common Hoopoe

*Upupa epops* 31cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation, parks & gardens

ID: Unmistakable zebra like upperparts with rufous crest tipped black

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## Indian Roller

*Coracias benghalensis* 33cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation and lightly wooded areas

ID: Turquoise blue cap contrasting with rest of head and throat and rufous brown breast



## Eurasian Roller

*Coracias garrulus* 31cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Lightly wooded area and cultivation  
ID: Pale blue underparts, blue tinged head

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## Stork-billed Kingfisher

*Pelargopsis capensis* 35cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes and wooded area  
ID: Large red bill, Orangish buff colored breast and throat, blue upper parts



## White-throated Kingfisher

*Halcyon smyrnensis* 27-28cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes, cultivation, Parks and near water

ID: Brown head, red bill, white throat, turquoise blue upper parts, shows bold white wing patch in flight

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## Common Kingfisher

*Alcedo atthis* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Variety of water bodies

ID: Rufous underparts, white chin, blue upper parts, rufous ear covers



## Crested Kingfisher

*Megaceryle lugubris* 41-43cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mountain streams

ID: Overall white with black barred upperparts, shaggy black crest

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## Pied Kingfisher

*Ceryle rudis* 25cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Lakes and slow moving rivers

ID: White upperparts with black blotches, white supercilium, black eye stripe



## Blue-bearded Bee-eater

*Nyctyornis athertoni* 31-34cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter visitor; Habitat: Riverine forest and broad leaved forest

ID: Blue forecrown, throat and breast, green upper parts, buff yellow streaked underparts

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## Green Bee-eater

*Merops orientalis* 16-18cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open Country

ID: Green upper parts, copper tinged head and greenish blue throat

## Blue-tailed Bee-eater

*Merops philippinus* 23-26cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open Clearings and wooded areas near water  
ID: Blue tail and rump, green crown, yellow chin and chestnut throat

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## Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

*Merops leschenaulti* 18-20cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Broad leaved forest near water  
ID: Green upper parts, chestnut head and nape, chestnut with black collar on throat

## Indian Grey Hornbill

*Ocyrceros birostris* 50cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Well wooded areas and parks.

ID: Overall grey with yellow horn colored bill, with black base, black and white banding on tips of tail, has a casque on beak. **State bird of Chandigarh**

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## Oriental Pied Hornbill

*Anthracoceros albirostris* 55-60cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest, groves of mangos and figs

ID: Overall black with distinctive white eye patch, yellow bill and casque which is flat from front, has blue gular skin, white belly & outer tailed feathers

## Great Barbet

*Megalaima virens* 33cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Foothills and moist temperate forest  
ID: Unmistakable plumage

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## Brown-headed Barbet

*Megalaima zeylanica* 27cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Parks & wooded area  
ID: Overall green bird with brown head with thin streaks and orange eye patch





## Blue-throated Barbet

*Megalaima asiatica* 23cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Wooded areas

ID: Overall green bird with red, yellow and black crown, blue throat and cheeks

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## Coppersmith Barbet


*Megalaima haemacephala* 17cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open woodlands & parks

ID: Overall green bird with distinctive head pattern, red throat, and streaked underparts



## Eurasian Wryneck

*Jynx torquilla* 16-17cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub, thorned forest and cultivation  
ID: Unmistakable plumage

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## Speckled Piculet

*Picomnus innominatus* 10cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Moist deciduous forest  
ID: Green upper parts, white breast and belly, spotted black, white face with broad black eye stripe and black moustache stripe



## Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

*Dandrocopos nanus* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open woodlands and parks

ID: Brown crown, pinkish eye ring, white spots on central tail feathers

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## Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker


*Dandrocopos canicapillus* 14cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and Garden

ID: Grey crown almost black above, pied appearance with plain black central tail feathers





## Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker

*Dandrocopos macei* 18-19cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open forest

ID: Pied woodpecker with fulvus sides to neck and breast faints streaking below red vent, male has red crown, female with black crown and prominent black moustachial stripe

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## Brown-fronted Woodpecker


*Dandrocopos auriceps* 19-20cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mountain forest

ID: Pied woodpecker, with brown forehead, barring on back, streaked breast & belly, pinkish vent, all black central tail feathers, male has red nape & yellow hind crown



## Yellow-crowned Woodpecker

*Dandrocopos mahrattensis* 17-18cm

■3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Dry open woodland & parks

ID: Pied woodpecker, with back spotted with white, forehead and crown yellow, male shows red hind crown, tail feathers with bold white barring

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## Lesser Yellownape

*Picus chlorophus* 27cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mix deciduas forest

ID: Overall green with yellow nuchal crest, red and white head markings barred/spotted underparts

## Scaly-bellied Woodpecker

*Picus squamatus* 35cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open evergreen pine forest

ID: Overall green, throat and breast plain green, scalloped on lower breast downwards, barring on secondaries and whitish barring on tail

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## Grey-headed Woodpecker

*Picus canus* 32cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open country and vicinity of temperate forest

ID: Grey side of head, greenish unmarked underparts, male has red forecrown female has black forecrown both have black nape

## Lesser Goldenback

*Dinopium benghalense* 26-29cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Gardens and parks;  
ID: Overall golden yellow upper parts, white spotting on black throat, shoulders and folded primaries, black rump and tail

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## Greater Goldenback

*Chrysocolaptes lucidus* 33cm

4



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open evergreen forest and old plantations  
ID: Golden yellow upperparts, has split black moustachial stripes, white patch on the base of black hind neck, four toes, creamy yellow eyes, male has red crest and female has black crest spotted white

## Indian Pitta

*Pitta brachyura* 19cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Summer Breeder; Habitat: Scrub and lightly forest area  
ID: Unmistakable plumage, call early in the morning and late evening two noted sharp whistle second note descending tree-treer

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## Common Woodshirke

*Tephrodornis pondicerianus* 18cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Acacia and scrub jungle  
ID: Overall brownish bird with white supercilium above dark mask and white outer tail feathers



## Ashy Woodswallow

*Artamus fuscus* 19cm

■4



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open wooded country

ID: Grey upper parts with blue grey bill, vineous grey underparts, white tipped tail, greyish white band across upper tail coverts

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## Large Cuckooshrike

*Coracina macei* 30cm

■3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open woodland and scrub

ID: Grey bird with dark band through eye, grey throat fading into unbarred white belly

## Common Iora

*Aegithina tiphia* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open Forests and scrub  
ID: Males similar to females but have small amount of black on the crown, black wing two wing bars and black tail. Females have greenish wings and an olive tail. Under parts both sexes yellow, no white tips to the tail.

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## Small Minivet

*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open Scrub Forest  
ID: Male has pale grey upper parts and darker grey head, orange flanks, throat and upper-breast fading to white on belly, yellow rump & wing patches. The female is grey above, yellow tinge on the face, yellow tail edges

## Long-tailed Minivet

*Pericrocotus ethologus* 20cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest and well wooded area  
ID: Head and Upper parts black, u shaped red marking on closed wing, in male, head and upper parts grey in female wings dark with yellow u marking, narrow yellow fore crown and supercilium, yellow throat, breast and underparts

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## Isabelline Shrike

*Lanius isabellinus* 17cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open Dry Scrub  
ID: Overall Sandy upper parts head and underparts with broad eye stripe.

## Bay-backed Shrike

*Lanius vittatus* 17cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub and cultivation

ID: Maroon-brown above with a pale rump and black tail with white edges.

The underparts white, buff flanks. Crown and nape are grey, black bandit mask through the eye, broad black band across the forehead. Small white wing patch

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## Long-tailed Shrike

*Lanius schach* 25cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open Forests, Bushes & gardens

ID: Has a dark broad mask through the eye and covers the forehead in a narrow band. Grey of the mantle and upper back suffused with rufous, Buff colored flanks.

## Southern Grey Shrike

*Lanius meridionalis* 24cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Open thorn scrub and cultivation

ID: Upper parts are pearl grey, tinged brownish, The cheeks, chin & thin and stripe above the eye are white, deep black mask through the eye. white bar on black Wing, The underparts are white, tinged grey

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## Hair-crested Drongo

*Dicrurus hottentottus* 32cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forests and open woodlands

ID: Its basically black plumage is iridescent with blue and purple highlights and primaries. Tail long, outcurved and forked, it shows thin hair like plumes on crest

## Black Drongo

*Dicrurus macrocercus* 28cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Around habitation and cultivation

ID: This bird is glossy black with a wide fork to the tail. Adults usually have a small white spot at the base of the gape (rictal spot). The iris is dark.

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## Ashy Drongo

*Dicrurus leucophaeus* 29cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest and well wooded area

ID: Subspecies longicaudatus is very dark and almost like the black drongo but is slimmer and has a less-splayed tail has dark grey underside. Iris is crimson and there is no white rictal spot.



## Indian Golden Oriole

*Oriolus kundoo* 25cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Open woodland

ID: Overall golden yellow bird, male has black eye stripe extending behind the eye, red in the iris and bill and black wings, Female is greenish yellow above with streaks on pale underside

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## Maroon Oriole


*Oriolus traillii* 27cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed forest

ID: Male has maroon and black plumage with a black head, neck and wings, a chestnut-maroon tail with a blueish beak. The females have slightly darker upper parts and greyish-white underpart with black streaks.



## Yellow-bellied Fantail

*Chelidorhynch hypoxantha* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest

ID: Olive Green upper parts , Grey Crown, Yellow fore crown and broad supercilium, dark eye patch and ear coverts yellow underbody. Black legs and beak fans out its tail when hunting insects.

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## White-throated Fantail

*Rhipidura albicollis* 19cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: forest & Wooded areas

ID: Over all dark grey almost black bird, It has a dark fan-shaped tail, edged in white, white supercilium and throat.



## White-browed Fantail

*Rhipidura aureola* 18cm

3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Forest and wooded areas

ID: Dark brown upper parts, white spots on the wings, and whitish underparts. The fan-shaped tail is edged in white, and the long white supercilia meet on the forehead.

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## Indian Paradise Flycatcher

*Terpsiphone paradisi* 20cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Forest and wooded areas

ID: Heads of both sexes glossy black with a black crown and crest. Female rufous on the back with a greyish throat & underparts. Young males are like females but with black throat, blue-ringed eyes. Adult males are either bright rufous above or white, with long streamers.

## Red-billed Blue Magpie

*Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 65-68cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Broadly forest and trees in cultivation

ID: The head, neck and breast are black with a bluish spotting on the crown. Shoulders and rump duller blue underparts greyish cream. Long tail is brighter blue with white tip. The bill orange-red as are the legs & feet

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## Rufous Treepie

*Dendrocitta Vegabunda* 46-50cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open wooded country

ID: the main colour of the body is cinnamon with a black head, rufous mantle and the long graduated tail bluish grey tipped black. The bill is stout with a hooked tip.

## Grey Treepie

*Dendrocitta formosae* 36-40cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Broad leafed forest and secondary growth  
ID: The body, tail & rump is greyish. The face and throat are dark and black with a diffuse mask. Underside becoming whiter towards the vent. Black wing has a prominent white carpal patch.

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## Large-billed Crow

*Corvus macrorhynchos* 46-49cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Wide habitat  
ID: Long bill with the upper one quite thick and arched, Black plumage fore head has a steep slope.

## Indian Jungle Crow

*Corvus culminatus* 41cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Trees

ID: This glossy all-black crow has a heavy black bill with an arching culmen. Its feathers have a purple gloss throughout. It has a slightly wedge-shaped tail.

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## Punjab Raven

*Corvus subcorax* 51-56cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry semi desert

ID: Its plumage is generally all black, though its neck and breast may have a brownish tone. It has a larger and heavier beak than other crows, shaggy feathers around the throat, above the beak, & wedge-shaped tail.

## House Crow

*Corvus splendens* 40cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Near habitation and cultivation

ID: The forehead, crown, throat and upper breast richly glossed black, Neck and breast are a lighter grey-brown in colour. The wings, tail and legs are black.

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## Cinereous Tit

*Parus cinereus* 14cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Well wooded country

ID: It has no crest ,grey-back, black hood, white cheek patch and a white wing-bar. The underparts are whitish with the black central stripe running along the length. The upper tail coverts are ashy tail is black

## Green-backed Tit

*Parus monticolus* 12.5cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest

ID: Black head, throat & upper breast, greenish nape & mantle, white cheek patch grey wings with 2 white bars, white vent & undertail

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## Black-lored Tit

*Parus xanthogenys* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest edge

ID: Broad black line runs down its otherwise yellow front. The crest, neck, throat and head are black with yellow cheeks and supercilium. Upper parts are olive-green. Two white/yellowish wing bars & white outer tail feathers.



## Black-crested Tit

*Periparus ater melanolophus* 11cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Pine forest

ID: Black head and crest throat and breast, white cheek patch and nape, grey upper parts and under parts with 2 white spotted wing bars & rufous near bend of wing

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## White-crowned Penduline Tit


*Remiz coronatus* 10cm

■ 5



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Reed beds & riverine forest

ID: Whitish crown & collar, chestnut band across nape, brownish buff underparts male has blackish mask absent in female & juvenile, small conical beak



## Black-throated Tit

*Aegithalos concinnus* 10.5cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leaved & coniferous forest

ID: Medium length tail, black throat, 'bandit mask' around the eye, chestnut cap, grey breast band and flanks and dark grey back, wings & tail, with a whitish belly.

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## Grey-throated Martin

*Riparia paludicola* 12cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: River, Streams & lakes

ID: Pale-brownish grey throat and breast, merging into white underparts, rich brown upper parts and dark underwing in flight



## Dusky Craig Martin

*Ptyonoprogne concolor* 13cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Mountain areas with cliffs & old building & bridges  
ID: Broad body, wings and tail. It has sooty-brown upper parts and slightly paler underparts, The tail is short and square, with small white patches near the tips of all but the central and outermost pairs of feathers.

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## Streak-throated Swallow

*Petrochelidon fluvicola* 11cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation and open country near water  
ID: Dusky swallow with notched, long, broad tail. Blackish-blue mantle, brown wings, rump and tail and deep chestnut crown. Heavily streaked blackish on face, throat and upper breast

## Wire-tailed Swallow

*Hirundo smithii* 14cm

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M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open country and cultivation near water  
ID: Bright blue upper parts, white underparts and a chestnut cap. Long filamentous outermost tail feathers, which trail behind like two wires.

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## Barn Swallow

*Hirundo rustica* 18cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Cultivation and open country near water  
ID: Steel blue upper parts and a rufous forehead, chin and throat, separated from the off-white underparts by a broad dark blue breast band. Deeply forked "swallow tail".

## Red-rumped Swallow

*Cecropis daurica* 16-17cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation and forest clearings

ID: They have blue upperparts and dusky underparts, have pale or reddish rumps, face and neck collar. Lack a breast band, but have black undertails.

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## Indian Bushlark

*Mirafra erythroptera* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Stony, scrub and fallow countryside

ID: Cheek patch completely bounded by a white supercilium and post-auricular border. Crown and upper-parts are heavily streaked. Pale underparts with large spots on breast. Primary coverts brown. Extensive rufous on wing

## Bengal Bushlark

*Mirafra assamica* 15cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open grassy areas near wet ground  
ID: Short-tailed with strong stout bill. Dark-streaked grey above and buff below, with spotting on the breast. The wings are preeminently rufous.

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## Greater Short-toed Lark

*Calandrella brachydactyla* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Fellow cultivation  
ID: Pale lark, It is dark-streaked greyish-brown above, white below, has a strong pointed bill that is pinkish with a grey culmen. It has a pale supercilium, dark patches on each side of its neck and a dark tail.

## Hume's Short-toed Lark

*Calandrella acutirostris* 14cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Fallow Cultivation

ID: Very similar to greater short toed lark but has dark lores, Bill yellowish with dark tip.

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## Sand Lark

*Calandrella raytal* 12cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Banks of Lakes & rivers

ID: Dull brownish grey with faintly streaked upper parts and appears distinctly short-tailed with a fine short and stubby bill. The lores & supercilium are lighter as is the area under the eye. Whitish buff breast has fine streaks.

## Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark

*Eremopterix griseus* 12cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation open dry scrub

ID: Finch-like bill and short legs, The male is sandy brown overall with a black belly, chin, lower lores, eye stripe & ashy crown. Female is similar to a female house sparrow, Legs are shorter appearing stockier & shorter-necked.

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## Crested Lark

*Galerida cristata* 18cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Semi desert dry cultivation

ID: Buff brown bird with short tail and light brown outer feathers. Underparts whitish with streaking on breast. It has a distinctive crest and it shows reddish underwings in flight.

## Eurasian SkyLark

*Alauda arvensis* 18cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Cultivation and grassland

ID: Light brown above with dark streaking and white below. It has a short blunt crest on the head not always raised, primaries extend beyond tertials on closed wing. In flight the tail and the rear edge of the wings are edged with white

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## Oriental SkyLark

*Alauda gulgula* 16cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Grasslands & cultivation

ID: Thinner bill and sandy buff base to upper parts and whitish underparts with rufous wash across breast it has light buff outer tail feathers in flight shows a crest at times.

## Himalayan Bulbul

*Pycnonotus leucogenys* 20cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub hill sides & around habitation  
ID: Forward pointing brown crest black fore head & throat with white patch on cheek, upper parts brown, tail tipped white, under parts whitish with yellow vent.

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## Red-vented Bulbul

*Pycnonotus cafer* 20cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Garden, scrub forest and deciduous forest  
ID: Has a short crested black head, a white rump, black tail tipped white and a red vent.



## Black Bulbul

*Hypsipetes leucocephalus* 25cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Broad leafed forest

ID: Greyish overall plumage with a slight black crest, pale fringes to under tail feathers, forked tail, Red bill and Legs.

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## Striated Prinia

*Prinia crinigera* 16cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Scrub forest & foot hills

ID: Long tailed prinia, non breeding has rufous brown upper parts heavily streaked buff underparts lower mandible yellow, breeding male has, dark grey brown worn upperparts with ill defined streaks, underparts buff with grey moulting, black bill.

## Grey-breasted Prinia

*Prinia Hodgsonii* 11cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest edges and secondary growth

ID: Adult breeding has grey cap, upper parts, ill defined band across breast and white under parts, non breeding has olive brown upper parts with ruficent cast, white supercilium, greyish white under parts

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## Graceful Prinia

*Prinia gracilis* 11cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Near wetlands, reed beds and scrub

ID: It has streaked sandy upper parts white under parts, and a cross barred tail.

## Jungle Prinia

*Prinia sylvatica* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub and tall grass

ID: Long tailed and thick bill in non breeding has brown upper parts light underparts less prominent supercilium, lower mandible shows yellow, in breeding male upper parts more grey and bill is black.

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## Yellow-bellied Prinia

*Prinia flaviventris* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds near water

ID: Adult in breeding has grey crown and ear coverts white supercilium, throat, and upper breast, yellow belly and vent upper parts olive green, non breeding has brown upper parts, crown and buff underparts with yellow tinge.

## Ashy Prinia

*Prinia socialis* 13cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Tall grass and scrub

ID: Breeding has slaty grey crown ear coverts, nape, mantel and red eye, the under parts are rufous brown, tail is brown, with black sub terminal band tips of tail is white, non breeding mantel is rufous brown white short supercilium

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## Plain Prinia

*Prinia inornata* 13cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Tall crops, reeds and scrub

ID: Breeding grey brown upperparts, white underparts black fine bill, non breeding has brownish upper parts base of mandible lighter bill

## Rufous-fronted Prinia

*Prinia buchanani* 12cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Scrub in semi desert

ID: Grey brown upper parts with a rufous forehead and crown, all tail feathers tipped white except central tail feathers, yellow on base of lower mandible, non breeding has forehead and crown con-colourous with mantle.

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## Zitting Cisticola

*Cisticola juncidis* 10cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Fields and grasslands

ID: Brown above, heavily streaked with black markings. The underparts are whitish, and the tail is short, broad, white-tipped and flicked frequently, the zit-zit call uttered in flight is diagnostic

## Common Tailorbird

*Orthotomus sutorius* 13cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Gardens, cultivation & forest edge

ID: Short rounded wings, a long tail, strong legs and a sharp bill with curved tip to the upper mandible. The crown is rufous and the upper parts live green. The underside is creamy white.

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## Bristled Grassbird

*Chaetornis striata* 20cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Tall grasslands with bushes

ID: Less prominent supercilium, stouter bill, compared to Striated grassbird it has a broad tail with plain shafts and whitish tips, undertail has prominent cross barring appears black in fresh plumage, rictal bristles prominent and call 'trew---trew' distinctive.

## Brown-flanked Bush Warbler

*Cettia fortites* 12cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub and reed beds

ID: Over all brown upper parts, buff belly and flanks dark eye stripe with white supercilium. Dark legs

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## Grasshooper Warbler

*Locustella naevia* 13cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Bushes and vegetation near water

ID: The upper-parts are pale olive-brown, having a central darker brown streak on feathers. Eye streak behind the eye. The underparts cream-buff with a few dark brown spots and streaks on the breast and flanks. Legs and feet pale yellowish-brown.



## Blyth's Reed Warbler

*Acrocephalus dumetorum* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Bushes, Trees and edge of forests

ID: Has brown upper parts rounded tail whitish supercilium, lighter lower mandible and grey legs

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## Paddyfield Warbler


*Acrocephalus agricola* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Reed beds & paddyfields

ID: The adult has an unstreaked pale brown back and buff underparts, with a warm brown rump. Clear white supercilium bordered by a dark line above. Has short wings







## Chestnut-headed Tesia

*Oligura castaneocoronata* 8cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Vegetation near streams & moist forest  
ID: Olive green upper parts chestnut head, white eye ring broader behind the eye, yellow underparts very short tail

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## Common Chiffchaff

*Phylloscopus Collivita* 11cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest, bushes, crops & reed beds  
ID: Olive brown upper parts buff underparts greenish tinge to primaries yellowish near alula, black beak black legs.



## Mountain Chiffchaff

*Phylloscopus sindianus* 11cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Riverine, trees & bushes  
ID: Like common chiffchaf, lacks olive green tinge to rump, shows warm buff color to ear coverts, breast side and flanks, bend on wing is white

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## Tickell's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus affinis* 11cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Edge of forest and cultivation  
ID: Olive brown upper parts, lemon yellow super cilium dark eye stripe yellowish below eye, no wingbar, greenish yellow underparts, lower mandible light.

## Sulpher-bellied Warbler

*Phylloscopus griseolus* 11cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Rocky areas around old buildings  
ID: Brown upper parts eye stripe supercilium with front edge orangish yellow, no wing bars underparts brownish yellow(dirty yellow)

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## Lemon-rumped Warbler

*Phylloscopus chloronotus* 9cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest & secondary growth in winter  
ID: Olive green upper parts grayish crown with crown stripe, black eye stripe goes well beyond the eye curving around the ear coverts, lemon yellow rump visible when wings are flicked two wing bars

## Hume's Leaf Warbler

*Phylloscopus humei* 11cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Secondary growth & forest  
ID: Greyish olive upper parts with yellow and green on mantle and back, brownish crown, white supercilium, ear coverts, whitish wing bar, Bill Dark  
Legs blackish brown

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## Western-crowned Warbler

*Phylloscopus occipitalis* 11cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Evergreen broad leafed forest  
ID: The species has a distinctive crown stripe and two wing-bars bill long, lower mandible orangish

## Whisler's Warbler

*Seicercus whistleri* 11-12cm

4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest understorey

ID: Olive green upper parts grey crown with central pale head stripe, yellow eye ring, yellow underparts pinkish legs and beak

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## Grey-hooded Warbler

*Seicercus tephrocephalus* 11-12cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest understorey

ID: Yellow underparts and grey mantle, back, rump and crown white supercilium dark eye stripe

## Lesser Whitethroat

*Sylvia curruca* 13cm

1



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub & deciduous Woodland

ID: Upper parts brown lower parts whitish, grey crown, dark grey eye mask and contrasting white throat

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## Hume's Whitethroat

*Sylvia althaea* 13.5cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Dry scrub

ID: Grayish upper parts, grey crown mask not prominent white throat less contrasting

## Asian Desert Warbler

*Sylvia nana* 11.5cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Scrub

ID: The sexes are almost identical in colour, pale grey-brown above with browner wings and tail, and whitish below; the bill and legs are yellowish, and the eye has a yellow iris.

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## Greater Whitethroat

*Sylvia communis* 14cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Passage; Habitat: Crops & scrubs

ID: Thorny scrub both are mainly brown above and buff below, with chestnut fringes to the secondary remiges. The adult male has a grey head and a white throat. The female lacks the grey head, and the throat is duller.

## Puff-throated Babbler

*Pellorneum ruficeps* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest & secondary undergrowth  
ID: Rufous crown brown upper parts, white throat, white breast belly and flanks boldly streaked upper mandible black lower yellow prominent white supercilium. ear coverts brownish.

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## Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler

*Pnoepyga alviverter* 10cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Undergrowth near streams and moist forest  
ID: A tail less babbler brown upper parts having buff scaly appearance, buff or white underparts heavily scaled





## Black-chinned Babbler

*Stachyridopsis pyrrhops* 10cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Undergrowth & open forest

ID: Has olive buff upper parts rufous buff crown and underparts sharp conical bill black chin centre throat and lores

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## Tawny-bellied Babbler


*Dumetia hyperythra* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Tall grass & scrub

ID: Forehead and crown rufous buff under parts orange buff mantle olive brown, wings and tail brownish rounded tail.



## Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys* 25cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Undergrowth and thick scrub

ID: long thin down curved bill, rufous face ear coverts and side of breast white chin, breast and belly, under tail coverts rusty upper parts light brown, blue eye ring

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## White-browed Scimitar Babbler

*Pomatorhinus schisticeps* 22cm

2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest

ID: Dark brown crown, white supercilium black mask through eye upto throat, white underparts, brown upper parts and tail, reddish brown flanks. large slim down curved yellow bill with dark culmin.

## Common Babbler

*Turdoides caudata* 23cm

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M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry Scrub

ID: Whitish throat and unstreaked breast, upper parts buff with streaking, yellow legs

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## Striated Babbler

*Turdoides earlei* 21cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds in wetlands

ID: buff forehead, crown and upper parts heavily streaked, yellow iris, rufous under the chin, buff underparts, blue grey legs

## Large Grey Babbler

*Turdoides malcolmi* 28cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open dry scrub, cultivation

ID: Pale grey forehead dark grey lores, greyish lightly streaked upper parts buff underparts yellow iris, greyish brown legs

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## Jungle Babbler

*Turdoides straita* 25cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest, cultivation and gardens

ID: Overall buff grey bird with mild mottling on breast and mantel uniform crown broad tail, white iris, yellow bill.

## White-crested Laughingthrush

*Garrulax leucolophus* 28cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Broad leafed forest and secondary growth  
ID: prominent white crest , white head, throat and breast, dark black eye stripe, bill and legs, brown upper and lower parts with rufous collar.

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## Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush

*Garrulax rufogularis* 22cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dense undergrowth & subtropical forest  
ID: It: black cap and diffused moustachial stripe, rufous chin, ear coverts and vent, white underparts spotted black on breast and flanks, live brown back with black scaling, irregular black and grey banding on wings. black sub terminal band on brown tail tipped rufous

## Streaked Laughingthrush

*Garrulax lineatus* 20cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Hills, Scrub & cultivation

ID: Brownish bird fine dark streaking on crown and forehead, chestnut ear coverts fine white streaking on underparts and mantle. Tail tipped grey.

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## Red-billed Leiothrix

*Liothrix lutea* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Undergrowth in broad leaved forest

ID: Olive green bird with a red bill base black, yellow chin and throat, orange breast, crimson and yellow edges to wing feathers, black forked tail.

## Rufous Sibia

*Malacias capistratus* 21cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed forest

ID: Rufous bird with black head, rufous brown tail tipped grey with black sub terminal band, grey panelling on mainly black wings.

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## Whiskered Yuhina

*Yuhunia flavicollis* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed & subtropical forest

ID: Brown crest, white eye ring black moustachial stripe, rufous hind collar



## Yellow-eyed Babbler

*Chrysomma sinense* 18cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Tall Grass & bushes

ID: Rufous brown upper parts rounded head, chin, throat face white, underparts buff, black beak orange orbital ring yellow iris.

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## Oriental White-eye


*Zosterops palpebrosus* 10cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Broad leafed forest

ID: Yellow green head and upper parts, yellow throat and vent whitish underparts prominent white orbital ring brown iris, black bill and lores





## Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch

*Sitta (castanea) cinnamoventris* 12.5cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest

ID: Bluish grey upper parts, prominent black eye stripe, white chin and face below eye stripe, chestnut throat and underparts tail coverts scalloped white, if scalloping grey then Indian Nuthatch.

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## Wallcreeper

*Tichodroma muraria* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Rocky cliffs & stony river beds

ID: Overall grey bird long thin black decurved bill, flicks wings open regularly showing crimson wing coverts and base to primaries and two rows of white spots. Across primaries, white corners of tail.

## Bar-tailed Treecreeper

*Certhia himalayana* 12cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Well wooded area

ID: White supercilium, black thin down curved bill, brown mottled upper parts, whitish buff underparts brown barred tail.

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## Spot-winged Starling

*Saroglossa spiloptera* 19cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Broad leaved forest & well wooded area

ID: white spot on wing and white iris on both sexes, male above has black mask with chestnut throat, grey scalloped upper parts as above, female has duller brown upper parts and whitish underparts having brownish grey streaking.

## Jungle Myna

*Acridotheres fuscus* 23cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation & near well wooded area

ID: Has a frontal crest round yellow eye no orbital skin patch, yellow bill cre blue.

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## Bank Myna

*Acridotheres ginginianus* 23cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation & Habitation

ID: Overall bluish grey colour, frontal crest not very prominent giving flat head appearance orange orbital skin and beak reddish brown iris.

## Common Myna

*Acridotheres tristis* 25cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation & Habitation

ID: Black head and breast merge into overall brownish plumage, has prominent yellow orbital skin patch and bill.

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## Asian Pied Starling

*Gracupica contra* 23cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation, damped grassland & garbage dumps

ID: Pied appearance has white scapular line and cheek patch, orange orbital skin and pointed yellow bill, with orange at base.

## Chestnut-tailed Starling

*Sturnia malabarica* 20cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Open wooded area

ID: Has grey head and upper parts with whitish forehead and throat, chestnut underparts and tail with two central tail feathers grey, yellow bill with blue base.

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## Brahminy Starling

*Sturnia pagodarum* 21cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry well wooded areas & thorned scrub

ID: Black head and rufous sides of head and underparts, yellow bill with base blue.

## Rosy Starling

*Pastor roseus* 21cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Cultivation, damp grassland & habitation  
ID: Blackish head and throat and shaggy crest, black glossy wings with bluish tinge, Pink mantel, rump and underparts and pinkish bill .

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## Common Starling

*Sturnus vulgaris* 21cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Cultivation & damp grassland  
ID: Non breeding upper parts black spangled buff with black bill and heavily spotted underparts, breeding glossy green and purple above, yellow bill with blue base.

## Blue Whistling Thrush

*Myophonus caeruleus* 33cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Forest & wooded areas

ID: Dark blue black bird, head and body spangled silvery blue, yellow bill.

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## Orange-headed Thrush

*Zoothera citrina* 21cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Damp shady areas in forest

ID: Orange head and underparts male blue grey mantle and wings female has olive-brown mantle and wings sub species *Z. citrina* has small brown line behind the eye.

## Scaly Thrush

*Zoothera dauma* 26-27cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Well wooded areas

ID: Long tail, black scaling on golden olive upper parts, golden-olive and black wing panel, White breast distinctly spotted.

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## Grey-winged Blackbird

*Turdus boulboul* 28cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest

ID: male overall black female brown both have grey in wing panel, orange bill and yellow eye ring



## Tickell's Thrush

*Turdus unicolor* 21cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Well wooded areas  
ID: Male blue grey above female greyish brown whitish throat white yellow bill yellow eyering

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## Black-throated Thrush

*Turdus atrogularis* 26.5cm

3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest edges, Cultivation and pastures  
ID: male grey brown head and mantel brownish upper parts black throat in breeding white underparts ,black bill with yellow base, female has entirely brown upper parts black lores and streaking on throat and breast.

## Bluethroat

*Luscinia svecica* 15cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub and tall grasses

ID: Distinctive black tail with rufous sides & white supercilium. The male has an iridescent blue bib edged below with black, white & rust coloured borders.

Females of all races usually have a blackish crescent on cream throat & breast.

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## Himalayan Bluetail

*Tarsiger (cyanurus) rufilatus* 15cm

3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Bushes in forest clearings

ID: Both sexes have orange flanks & blue tail, male has blue upper parts and sides of breast, bright blue on forehead & shoulder, white under parts. Female has brown upper parts and sides of breast lighter forehead, white throat and buff under parts



## Golden Bush Robin

*Tarsiger chrysaeus* 15cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Forest undergrowth

ID: Male is brownish-olive from crown to back, broad bright orange-yellow supercilium, scapulars, rump, tail side & entire under parts, black mask on face, female is greenish olive from crown to back and lacks yellow scapular.

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## Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin


*Cercotrichas galactotes* 15cm

■ 5



M/F: Alike; Passage; Habitat: Dry scrub jungle

ID: Brownish chestnut upper parts, whitish under parts, white under tail coverts. Rufous rump & upper tail coverts, long rounded tail is rufous with black & white tips, There is a distinct curved, creamy-white broad streak from the nostrils to behind the eye & a dark brown eyeline.



## Oriental Magpie-Robin

*Copsychus saularis* 20cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Gardens & open woodlands

ID: The male has black upper parts, head and throat a long white wing patch.

The under parts and the sides of the long tail are white. Females are grey above with white underparts.

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## Indian Robin

*Saxicoloides fulicatus* 19cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub and margins of cultivation

ID: Male black with white shoulder patch on wing. Upper plumage brownish, chestnut under tail coverts. The females brownish above, no white shoulder stripe, greyish brown below, vent paler shade of chestnut

## Plumbeous Water Redstart

*Rhyacornis fuliginosa* 12cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Mountain streams and rivers  
ID: Male slaty blue coloured with a tail that is bright rufous. Female birds are greyish with black tail having white outer feathers & white rump. Both sexes fan their tails periodically.

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## White-capped Redstart

*Chaimarrornis leucocephalus* 19cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Mountain streams and rivers  
ID: Black head, breast nape back and wings, white crown, red underparts, rump and tail which is tipped black.

## Blue-capped Redstart

*Phoenicurus coeruleocephala* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest and secondary growth  
ID: Male has blue grey cap, black above with long white patch on wings, white grey underparts, female is brown above greyish brown underparts, rufous uppertail coverts and two wing bars.

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## Black Redstart

*Phoenicurus ochruros* 15cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Gardens, cultivation and plantations  
ID: Male is dark grey to black on upperparts & black breast & wings; under parts and tail are orange-red, having two central tail feathers dark red-brown. Female is dusky brown overall has rufous wash on lower flanks & belly, orange-red lower rump and tail

## Blue-fronted Redstart

*Phoenicurus frontalis* 15cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Garden;  
ID: Male has blue head, back, wings & throat, rest of under parts, rump & tail are orange with tail tip and central tail feathers dark, female greyish brown above, throat & breast like upper parts, belly & vent dull rufous tail like male

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## Little Forktail

*Enicurus scouleri* 12cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Mountain streams  
ID: Black and white plumage with white forehead; slightly forked, short tail with white in outer feathers

## Spotted Forktail

*Enicurus maculatus* 27-28cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Mountain forests near streams  
ID: Black & white bird with white forehead and fore crown; black back spotted white; white below with a long deeply forked tail graduated black & white.

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## Siberian Stonechat

*Saxicola maurus* 12.5-13cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub, reed beds and cultivation.  
ID: Male has black upper parts and head otherwise brown, white collar, scapular patch & rump, a restricted area of orange on the throat. The female has pale brown upper parts, head, white neck patch and a pale, unstreaked pinkish-yellow rump.



## White-tailed Stonechat

*Saxicola leucurus* 12.5-13cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Reeds and tall grass beds

ID: Male has black head, white collar & rufous on chest. White on wing coverts, rump, inner webs of outer tail feathers visible on spread tail. The female similar to female common stonechat, but is paler with duller rump, tail and wings.

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## Pied Bushchat

*Saxicola caprata* 12.5-13cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub, bushes and cultivation

ID: Male is black except for a white rump, wing patch and lower belly. Bill and legs black. The female is drab brown & slightly streaked. Juveniles have a scaly appearance on the underside but dark above like the females.

## Grey Bushchat

*Saxicola ferreus* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Bushes and secondary growth

ID: Male has long white supercilium, black face, white throat, greyish back, rump & scapulars whitish underparts. Female is brown above, white supercilium, dark mask, white throat, buff under parts darker flanks, rufous rump & sides of tail.

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## Isabelline Wheatear

*Oenanthe isabellina* 16.5cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Semi desert and fallow land

ID: The upper-parts and breast are pale sandy brown (Isabelline), the rump & upper tail-coverts are white. Tail feathers are brownish-black with edge & tip buff. Supercilium creamy white & the ear-coverts pale brown. Chin & throat pale. Dark lores & a dark alula, black beak & legs.

## Variable Wheatear

*Oenanthe picata* 14.5cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Foothills and cultivation ID: Polymorphic in all morphs the upper parts of male are black. Vent, upper tail rump, sides of tail is white, central tail feathers & tip of tail black. Male 'opistholeuca' rest of body is black, 'picata' like opistholeuca but belly white. Capistrata like picata but white crown. All Female similar to male black parts replaced by shades of brown.

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## Brown Rock Chat

*Cercomela fusca* 17cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Cliffs, old buildings & around habitation ID: It is uniformly rufous brown with the wings and tail of a slightly darker shade. The brown on the undersides grades into a dark grey-brown vent.

## Blue Rock Thrush

*Monticola solitarius* 20cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Rocky hill sides and old buildings  
ID: The breeding male has all blue-grey plumage apart from its darker wings. Females and immatures are much less striking, with dark brown upper parts, and paler brown scaly underparts. Both sexes lack reddish outer tail feathers.

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## Blue-capped Rock Thrush

*Monticola cinclorhynchus* 17cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open woodlands  
ID: Male has blue head, chin & throat with black face mask, upper parts are blue & black, rump & underparts are chestnut brown, White patch on wing. Female upper parts olive brown with rump barred, underparts are white with bold brown scaling & barring .

## Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush

*Monticola rufiventris* 23cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Well wooded areas  
ID: Male has blue crown, blackish lores & ear-coverts, deep blue nape back upper tail, chestnut red under parts. Female has orange buff lores & neck patch, dark ear coverts & black malar stripe, buff under parts with black scaling

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## Dark-sided Flycatcher

*Muscicapa sibirica* 14cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Temperate and sub alpine forest  
ID: The upper parts are plain dark grey-brown, pale wing bar, flanks are streaky grey brown, centre of lower breast and belly is white, bill is short & dark and the feet are black, eye is large & has a whitish ring around it.

## Asian Brown Flycatcher

*Muscicapa dauurica* 13cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Summer; Habitat: Wooded areas

ID: Grey brown above, short tail large head, large eye with prominent white eye ring, pale greyish brown under parts, large bill with base of lower mandible orangish yellow.

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## Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

*Ficedula strophinata* 14cm

■ 4



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest

ID: Male has dark olive brown upper parts blackish face & throat, white eye brow & forehead, grey breast with a small rufous patch on throat, whitish underparts with darker flanks, black tail with white markings on side of tail. Female is a paler than male

## Red-breasted Flycatcher

*Ficedula parva* 11.5-12.5cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest and scrub near cultivation edges  
ID: Both sexes have long black tail with white sides, upper parts are olive brown, lower parts creamy white, mature male has grey head and mantel, red throat & upper breast, female head & mantel similar to upper parts, buff breast & flanks.

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## Ultramarine Flycatcher

*Ficedula superciliaris* 12cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open deciduous forest.  
ID: Male sides of head, neck & upper parts are deep blue & under parts are white, distinctive white supercilium and white base to the outer tail feathers. Blue of male is replaced by greyish brown in female, some females have blue cast to upper tail coverts and tail.

## Slaty-blue Flycatcher

*Ficedula tricolor* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Undergrowth & reeds in riverbeds.  
ID: Male has dark blue upper parts with bright blue forehead, black bill & dark face, black tail edged white, greyish underparts & white throat. Female has brown upper parts, rufous upper tail coverts brown tail, under parts buff, lighter throat

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## Verditer Flycatcher

*Eumyias thalassinus* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Habitat open forest and garden  
ID: Males are intense copper-sulphate blue over all, except for the black eye-patch & grey streaked vent. Adult females and sub-adults are lighter blue.



## Tickell's Blue Flycatcher

*Cyornis tickelliae* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Wooded areas

ID: Male's upper parts are bright blue, its throat and breast are orange, and the rest of the underparts are white. Female is duller with blue cast to upper parts

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## Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher

*Cyornis rubeculoides* 14cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Open forest and wooded areas

ID: Male upper parts are blue with bright blue forehead, throat is dark blue, breast is orange, & the rest of the underparts are white. Female upper parts are brown, throat & breast are rufous rest of the underparts are white. Eye ring is white.

## Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher

*Culicicapa ceylonensis* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Wooded areas and forest  
ID: Squarish grey head and breast, a canary yellow belly and yellowish-green upper parts, Flat bill which looks like an equilateral triangle & is fringed with long rictal bristles.

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## Rufous-bellied Niltava

*Niltava sundara* 18cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Undergrowth of forests & secondary  
ID: Male dark blue upperparts, bright blue crown, neck patch, collar on throat, & rump, under parts rufous. Female olive brown with light blue neck patch and oval white throat patch, underparts buffish white, rufous tail.



## Small Niltava

*Niltava marmacgrigoriae* 13cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Bushes on tracks and near streams  
ID: Male is dark blue above with underparts greyish white, has a bright blue forehead & shoulder patch. Female olive brown above, buff white on belly & undertail has a light blue shoulder patch, & rufous wash to tail & tertials.

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## Thick-billed Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum agile* 10cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest  
ID: Thick short bill, olive green above with buff underparts lightly streaked below, faint malar stripe, broad black tail tipped white, red iris



## Pale-billed Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos* 8cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open broad leafed forest

ID: Small plain looking bird, light olive green above, buff below with pale pink long down curved beak.

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## Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum ignipectus* 9cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed forests

ID: Male dark metallic blue above with yellowish buff underparts, bright red breast band and black center to belly, female has olive green upper parts buff yellow underparts with olive green flanks & sides of breast, white eye ring

## Purple Sunbird

*Cinnyris asiaticus* 10cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open forests, bushes & gardens  
ID: Down-curved black bill. Male is metallic, bluish, purplish black upper parts & less glossed lower parts, wings dark brown, Females are olive brown above with yellowish underside, pale supercilium beyond eye, darkish eye stripe.

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## Green-tailed Sunbird

*Aethopyga nipalensis* 11cm

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M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed forest  
ID: Male has metallic blue green head & throat with dark face, maroon upper mantle, olive green back pale yellow rump, bluish green tail, yellow under parts. Female olive green above greyish throat & yellowish olive belly, flanks, rump & tail feathers tipped white.

## Crimson Sunbird

*Aethopyga siparaja* 11cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Bushes in forest  
ID: Down-curved black bill. Male has a crimson breast & back glossy blue green forehead & crown. Rump is yellow and belly is olive, tail is blue and long. Female has an olive-green back, yellowish breast & no white tips of outer tail feathers.

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## Fire-tailed Sunbird

*Aethopyga ignicauda* 12cm

■ 4



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Broad leafed forests.  
ID: Eclipse males (seen here) have straighter bill, olive green upper parts grey head & throat, yellow underparts, upper tail coverts & tail sides are scarlet. Females like eclipse male but have paler yellow under parts fading into white at vent, rufous edges to tail.

## House Sparrow

*Passer domesticus* 15cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Near habitation

ID: Male has grey crown, chestnut sides of head, black lores & around eye, black bib up to upper breast, greyish white tail and underparts rump. Female has sandy brown upper parts a buff diffused supercilium

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## Spanish Sparrow

*Passer pyrrhonotus* 13cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Passage; Habitat: Cereal crops, reed beds, and semi desert

ID: Male chestnut crown & nape, white supercilium, black bib, black streaking on breast flanks, belly & mantel, white cheek patch, greyish white under parts. Female greyish brown above with black streaked mantel, greyish diffuse supercilium, faintly streaked buffish white underparts.

## Sind Sparrow

*Passer pyrrhonotus* 13cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Trees near water & riverine forest  
ID: Male has a grey crown & nape rufous on side of head curves as a crescent behind ear coverts, smaller bib of black restricted to throat, female very similar to house sparrow, smaller with whiter supercilium & greyer cast to ear coverts

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## Russet Sparrow

*Passer rutilans* 14.5cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Open forest and cultivation near ill villages.  
ID: Male cinnamon red on upper parts, black streaking on mantle, small black bib & black around its eye, under parts washed yellow, Female like female house sparrow. but is slightly darker. Conspicuous cream supercilium curving around its head & bold dark eyeline.



## Chestnut-shouldered Petronia

*Gymnoris xanthocollis* 13.5cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Open dry forest and Scrub  
ID: Dull grey-brown sparrow with no streaking on plumage, white double wing bar on the shoulder. Males have a chestnut shoulder patch & pale yellow spot on the throat in fresh plumage. Females are duller lack chestnut shoulder patch

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## Black-breasted Weaver

*Ploceus benghalensis* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds tall grasses and cultivation  
ID: Male in br-plumage has golden-yellow crown, white throat, black breast band, fulvous-white underparts. Non-br. male & female, has brown upper part, black pectoral band less developed, supercilium, spot behind ear, moustachial streak & chin are yellow



## Streaked Weaver

*Ploceus manyar* 14cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds & cultivation  
ID: Br. male has bright yellow crown. Black face & throat, heavily streaked  
Female has streaking on back, white under parts with yellow wash streaked,  
white chin, supercilium & crescent behind dark ear coverts yellow

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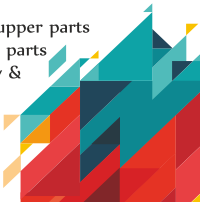
## Baya Weaver

*Ploceus philippinus* 15cm

■ 1



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Reed beds & scrub with trees  
ID: Breeding male has bright yellow crown & breast, olive brown upper parts  
streaked above & yellow wash to mantle, Female sandy buff upper parts  
streaked, buff supercilium, white thin line through eye, white belly &  
throat, non-breeding male like female but has yellow supercilium



## Indian Silverbill

*Euodice malabarica* 11-11.5cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub, cultivation & grasslands

ID: Overall brown bird with thick silver coloured bill, white face & underparts, streaked on flanks, pointed black tail, white rump and uppertail coverts.

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## Red Avadavat

*Amandava amandava* 10cm

2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds & sugarcane fields

ID: Breeding male red with irregular white spotting on breast, flanks & dark olive brown wings. Tail is black, female overall olive brown, has a black eye stripe red bill, spotted dark wings, red rump & upper tail coverts, black tail white underparts

## Scaly-breasted Munia

*Lonchura punctulata* 10.7-12cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub, gardens, secondary forest & cultivation  
ID: Adult is dark brown above with faint streaks, white upper belly to under tail coverts, with black scaling on breast & flanks.

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## Tricolour Munia

*Lonchura malacca* 11.5cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Reed beds & in flooded plains  
ID: Has a grey bill, black head nape & throat, white breast & flanks with black belly and undertail, chestnut back wings & tails

## Rufous-breasted Accentor

*Prunella strophciata* 15cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Rocky hill side & scrub  
ID: Streaked upper parts, rufous supercilium, black face with white moustachial stripe. Rufous breast band, white underparts with fine black streaking. Has a thin beak

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## Yellow Wagtail

*Motacilla flava* 18cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Damp grass land  
ID: Subspecies have varying head pattern, all males show greenish mantle, yellow underparts, female has olive grey upper parts, white supercilium, black eye line dark wing panel, white lower parts & throat with yellow wash on flank & under tail

## Citrine Wagtail

*Motacilla citreola* 19cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Damp grassland & wetlands  
ID: Breeding male has bright yellow head & under parts upper parts can be black or grey with black nape collar, female grey upper parts with yellow face & throat, greyish ear coverts & black eye line, yellowish wash to under parts

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## Grey Wagtail

*Motacilla cinerea* 19cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Streams  
ID: Black tail edged white grey upperparts, white supercilium, white throat, yellow breast band, yellow on flanks & lower belly upto under tail, upper tail coverts yellow, br-male has black chin & throat & entirely bright yellow underparts

## White Wagtail

*Motacilla alba* 19cm

1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Near water in open country  
ID: Subspecies show variation on head pattern but forehead & front crown are white back of crown & upper parts black, black breast, white below, white on scapular, female appears overall grey & white

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## White-browed Wagtail

*Motacilla maderaspatensis* 21cm

1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Banks of water bodies  
ID: Black upper parts with white scapular, edges of tertials, primaries & under parts, black crown, mantle & face upto breast with white supercilium

## Paddyfield Pipit

*Anthus rufulus* 15cm

■ 1



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Short grassland & cultivation

ID: *A.r.waitei* found here has sandy upper parts, pale lores, buff white under parts with buff ginger wash to breast & flanks light streaking on breast, moustachial & malar stripe

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## Tawny Pipit

*Anthus campestris* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Fallow land & cultivation arid areas

ID: Plain sandy upper parts & whitish lower parts faintly streaked breast weak moustachial & malar stripe. Dark lores & dark eye line contrasting with white supercilium separate it from Paddyfield Pipit.



## Long-billed Pipit

*Anthus similis* 20cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Resident; Habitat: Dry scrub and rocky slopes

ID: Plain sandy upper parts faint streaking on sides of breast, long darker bill, dark lores, dark eye line contrasting with supercilium, no malar and moustachial stripe.

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## Tree Pipit

*Anthus trivialis* 15cm

■ 2



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open country and cultivation

ID: brownish grey above, well streaked crown & mantel, buffish supercilium edges to wing feathers & flanks, dark streaking on breast fine on flanks, dark lores & malar stripe.

## Olive-backed Pipit

*Anthus hodgsoni* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest

ID: Greenish olive cast to upper parts & flight feathers, white underparts with heavy streaking on breast & flanks, prominent supercilium, buff before eye & white behind eye, distinctive white spot & dark patch on rear of ear coverts.

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## Rosy Pipit

*Anthus roseatus* 15cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest

ID: greenish olive cast to upper parts which are boldly streaked, pink wash to white underparts irregular black spots on breast & flanks, dark eye line & moustachial stripe.

## Yellow-breasted Greenfinch

*Carduelis spinoides* 14cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Open forest, cultivation with trees.  
ID: Male has olive black upper parts & distinct face pattern, yellow under parts, broad yellow bands across wings, female has olive green upper parts with dark streaking, head pattern looks faded.

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## European Goldfinch

*Carduelis carduelis caniceps* 13-15.5cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Shrubs and open forest  
ID: grey brown bird with red face broad yellow panel on black wings with white tertials, rump & undertail



## Common Rosefinch

*Carpodacus erythrinus* 14.5-15cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Resident; Habitat: Cultivation with bushes, partial to mulberries  
ID: Both sexes have a short stout bill, male has red head, breast and rump.  
Female is a dull brown bird with streaking on breast & upper parts & two white wing bars.

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## Red-fronted Serin

*Serinus pusillus* 12cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Stony bushy slopes & cultivation  
ID: Male has small pointed bill, scarlet forehead black face & breast. Black streaked  
mantel flanks & lower parts washed yellow, buffish wing bar, yellow  
rump, outer tail feathers & edges to wings. Female is duller with head &  
breast brown & lighter forehead.



## Crested Bunting

*Melophus lathami* 17cm

■ 2



M/F: Dimorphic; Summer; Habitat: Terraced cultivation and grassy hillsides  
ID: both sexes have, chestnut wings and tail, male has a black crest upperparts and underparts, female has brown crest and upperparts with dark streaking , underparts are olive grey with streaking on breast .

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## Rock Bunting

*Emberiza cia* 16cm

■ 3



M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Fallow cultivation & scrubby hillsides  
ID: Male has grey head & breast with distinctive head marking, plain rufous lower parts & rump, rufous upper parts streaked with black and chestnut. Female is duller version of male. Outer tail feathers white

## White-capped Bunting

*Emberiza stewarti* 15cm

1



M/F: Dimorphic; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Scrub forest, fields & grassy slopes

ID: Male greyish head & upper breast, black broad eye stripe & black throat, chestnut streaks on lower breast, pale buff belly & vent, chestnut mantel. Female has plain head with pale supercilium, crown & mantel are diffusely streaked

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## Chestnut-eared Bunting

*Emberiza fucata* 16cm

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M/F: Alike; Winter Visitor; Habitat: Dry bushy hillsides & marshes

ID: Adult birds have chestnut ear coverts black streaking on breast & flanks with some chestnut on breast & prominent white eye ring

## Black-headed Bunting

*Emberiza melanocephala* 16-18cm

■ 3



M/F: Dimorphic; Passage; Habitat: Cereal crops

ID: Male has black head & chestnut mantel yellow underparts, female is overall a brownish buff rather plain bird with rufous fringes to mantel

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## Red-headed Bunting

*Emberiza bruniceps* 16cm

■ 2




M/F: Dimorphic; Passage; Habitat: Cereal cultivation

ID: Male has rufous head & throat with yellow underparts, yellowish green mantel lightly streaked. Female is a dull looking brownish bird with paler throat than breast & a hint of a chestnut breast band.



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- You need a Field guide
- A pair of Binoculars
- Checklist of birds in your area
- Learn about bird habitats
- Join a group of other Birders & Share Knowledge
- Try a Birding trip or tour
- Read about birds
- Record your sightings

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