

Annotated list of species

\* Swamp Francolin – *Francolinus gularis*

Seen 5 times at Kaziranga and several very well with up to three birds/day; 1 heard Manas

Barred Buttonquail – *Turnix suscitator*

1 flushed twice at Nameri

Red Junglefowl – *Gallus gallus*

Seen/heard on 9 days in the lowlandforests

Kalij Pheasant – *Lophura leucomelanos*

Seen almost daily at Kaziranga, mostly in pairs and 1 at Shillong ridge

Indian Peafowl – *Pavo cristatus*

Twice heard at Manas

Lesser Whistling-Duck – *Dendrocygna javanica*

about 15 exemplaren between Dibrugarh and Kaziranga

Greylag Goose – *Anser anser*

10 eastern range Kaziranga

Bar-headed Goose – *Anser indicus*

6 at Dibru-Saikhowa and about 70 vogels eastern range Kaziranga

Ruddy Shelduck – *Tadorna ferruginea*

35 over Tinsukia, over 50 birds at Dibru-Saikhowa and 2 Nameri

Cotton Pygmy-goose – *Nettapus coromandelianus*

6 eastern range Kaziranga

Gadwall – *Anas strepera*

40 Dibru-Saikhowa, 20 eastern and 6 western range Kaziranga

Eurasian Wigeon – *Anas penelope*

10 Dibru-Saikhowa and seen twice at Kaziranga

Mallard – *Anas platyrhynchos*

7 Kaziranga and 2 between Guwahati and Manas

Spot-billed Duck – *Anas poecilorhyncha*

Common at Dibru and Kaziranga. Mostly birds with an orange-red loreal spot and a green speculum. At Dibru also birds without the orange spot and a blue speculum. The subspecies *poecilorhyncha* and *zonorhyncha* or intermediates

Northern Shoveler – *Anas clypeata*

20 Dibru-Saikhowa and 10 Kaziranga

Northern Pintail – *Anas acuta*

30 Dibru-Saikhowa, 1 at Kaziranga

Garganey – *Anas querquedula*

1 on the river Dibru-Saikhowa and twice (20 and 1) at Kaziranga

\* White-winged Duck – *Cairina scutulata*

Good views of 2 on a secluded part of a reed-fringed pool at Nameri

Common Teal – *Anas crecca*

4 Dibru-Saikhowa, daily in low numbers at Kaziranga

Tufted Duck – *Aythya fuligula*  
50 on the river at Dibru-Saikhowa

Eurasian Wryneck – *Jynx torquilla*  
1 Dibru-Saikhowa looking quite lost in the high grasses there.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*  
1 at Manas in a big mixed flock.

White-browed Piculet – *Sasia ochracea*  
1 at Kohora, Kaziranga

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker – *Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
6 at Kaziranga; 2 at Manas

\* Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*  
1 in a mixed flock at Shillong ridge

Rufous Woodpecker – *Celeus brachyurus*  
4 at Manas

Lesser Yellownape – *Picus chlorolophus*  
A pair at the nest in Nameri

Streak-throated Woodpecker – *Picus xanthopygaeus*  
1 at Kaziranga

Grey-headed Woodpecker – *Picus canus*  
1 at Kohora south of Kaziranga

Himalayan Flameback – *Dinopium shorii*  
2 in Kaziranga

Black-rumped Flameback – *Dinopium benghalense*  
Over 5 at Kaziranga

Greater Flameback – *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*  
1 Kaziranga; up to 6 a day at Nameri

Great Barbet – *Megalaima virens*  
Heard daily in Shillong and surroundings

Lineated Barbet – *Megalaima lineata*  
Common, heard or seen almost daily

Brown-headed Barbet – *Megalaima zeylanica*  
1 near the airport in New Delhi

Blue-throated Barbet – *Megalaima asiatica*  
2 Kaziranga; 2 Panbari; common in Nameri; 1 Manas and 2 along the old Guwahati road

Blue-eared Barbet – *Megalaima australis*  
Quite common at and (mostly) around Kaziranga

Coppersmith Barbet – *Megalaima haemacephala*  
Surprisingly scarce with sightings at only 6 dates in Dibru and Kaziranga

Great Hornbill – *Buceros bicornis*

Great views of 5 in Panbari; 1 between Nameri ecolodge and the river; 12 sightings in Nameri and 2 sightings of 1 and 2 birds in Manas

Wreathed Hornbill – *Aceros undulatus*

A pair and a single on our first day in Nameri and a single over the river there the next day

Oriental Pied Hornbill – *Anthracoceros albirostris*

3 Dibru-Saikhowa; 4 Kaziranga and 4 Panbari

Eurasian Hoopoe – *Upupa epops*

12 sightings on 6 dates spread over Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas

Black-billed (Indian) Roller – *Coracias benghalensis affinis*

Common, seen almost daily

Dollarbird – *Eurystomus orientalis*

5 between Nameri ecolodge and the river and up to 2 daily within the park itself; 1 at Manas

Common Kingfisher – *Alcedo atthis*

Quite common with sightings on 8 days with up to 4 birds/day

Stork-billed Kingfisher – *Halcyon capensis*

2 Dibru-Saikhowa; 2 between Dibrugarh and Kaziranga; 1 Kaziranga

White-throated Kingfisher – *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Common with sightings on 15 days

Crested Kingfisher – *Megaceryle lugubris*

Only seen along the Bhorelli river at Nameri with 3 sightings

Pied Kingfisher – *Ceryle rudis*

Quite common with sightings of low numbers on 10 days

Blue-bearded Bee-eater – *Nyctyornis athertoni*

Several fine views of this big bee-eater with 3 Kaziranga; 2 Panbari and 2 at Nameri

Green Bee-eater – *Merops orientalis*

3 sightings of small groups along the main track Kaziranga

Blue-tailed Bee-eater – *Merops philippinus*

Daily in good numbers at Kaziranga and smaller numbers daily at Nameri

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater – *Merops leschenaulti*

Quite common in all forested areas within the lowlands with sightings on 8 days of up to 10 birds

Large Hawk-cuckoo – *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

Heard daily around Shillong with 1 bird seen along Shillong ridge

Grey-bellied Cuckoo – *Cacomantis passerinus*

2 within teaplantations near Panbari and 1 old Guwahati road

Plaintive Cuckoo – *Cacomantis merulinus*

2 at Nameri and 2 along the Shillong ridge

Eurasian Cuckoo – *Cuculus canorus*

1 probable seen at the central range of Kaziranga and heard daily at Shillong

Oriental Cuckoo – *Cuculus saturatus*

Twice heard around Shillong

\* Asian Emerald Cuckoo – *Chalcites maculatus*

2 fine males were seen in Manas. The first was displaying in the heat of the day and showed very well and the next day one was seen tailing a big feeding flock.

Koel – *Eudynamys scolopacea*

1 on our way to Nameri but from March 30<sup>th</sup> the migrants poured in and were heard commonly from then on.

Green-billed Malkoha – *Phaenicophaes tristis*

2 in Kaziranga; at least 5 Manas and 1 at the cliffs in Cherrapunjee.

Greater Coucal – *Centropus sinensis*

1 Dibru-Saikhowa and 1 Kaziranga

Lesser Coucal – *Centropus bengalensis*

Common within all grasslands with sightings on 9 days of up to 4 birds a day

Vernal Hanging-Parrot – *Loriculus vernalis*

About 6 sightings in Nameri

Alexandrine Parakeet – *Psittacula eupatria*

Quite common in Kaziranga and Nameri and low numbers in Manas

Rose-ringed Parakeet – *Psittacula krameri*

Abundant with sightings of big numbers on almost all days

\* Blossom-headed Parakeet – *Psittacula roseata*

One flock of about 15 at the Bon Habi resort, Kaziranga and 1 bird at Manas

Red-breasted Parakeet – *Psittacula alexandri*

Abundant within Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas

Himalayan Swiftlet – *Aerodramus brevirostris*

Seen on 10 days with sometimes good numbers with at Manas >100 birds each day

Brown-backed Needletail – *Hirundapus giganteus*

One flock of about 10 birds over the forest at Nameri

White-throated Needletail – *Hirundapus caudacatus*

1 bird in a mixed flock of swifts over Manas

\* Silver-backed Needletail – *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

1 bird over the eastern range of Kaziranga

Asian Palm-Swift – *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Sightings on 6 days of quite small numbers

\* Dark-rumped Swift – *Apus acuticauda*

Over 60 birds seen from close range along the cliffs and waterfalls near Cherrapunjee

House Swift – *Apus nipalensis nipalensis*

Quite uncommon with only 5 sightings of mostly just 1 to 4 birds

Crested Treeswift – *Hemiprocne coronata*

4 were seen over the open forest of Manas

Oriental Scops-owl – *Otus sunia*

Heard every night at Nameri ecocamp and once at Manas ecolodge

Asian Barred Owlet – *Glaucidium cuculoides*  
Quite common with sightings on 7 days with up to 4 birds a day.

Jungle Owlet – *Glaucidium radiatum*  
1 seen within the Eastern range Kaziranga

Spotted Owlet – *Glaucidium brama*  
2 sightings of 2 birds in Kaziranga

Brown Hawk Owl – *Ninox scutulata*  
1 heard at the Bon Habi resort, Kaziranga

Large-tailed Nightjar – *Caprimulgus macrurus*  
Heard along the river and the lodge at Nameri and heard on 2 days at the Manas ecolodge

Oriental Turtle Dove – *Streptopelia orientalis*  
Just 3 birds at Kaziranga; common in Nameri and Manas but just 1 sighting at Shillong

Spotted Dove – *Streptopelia chinensis*  
Common with sightings on 15 days

Red-collared Dove – *Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
1 within teaplantations just outside Kaziranga and over 10 at Manas

Eurasian Collared Dove – *Streptopelia decaocto*  
Sightings on 3 days of low numbers

Emerald Dove – *Chalcophaps indica*  
Quite common within forests with about 25 birds seen

Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon – *Treron bicincta*  
2 in Nameri

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon – *Treron curvirostra*  
One flock of about 10 birds in Nameri

Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon – *Treron phoenicoptera*  
Quite common within Kaziranga with lower numbers at Nameri and Manas

Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon – *Treron apicauda*  
One flock of about 20 birds at Nameri

Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon – *Treron sphenura*  
Just 1 bird seen at Nameri

Green Imperial Pigeon – *Ducula aenea*  
Surprisingly common with sightings on 12 days with up to 25 birds a day

\* Bengal Florican – *Houbaropsis bengalensis*  
The highlight of our trip! On our first afternoon at Kaziranga Alma spotted a distant female but the real spectacle came at Manas. At each visit to the grass nurseys we saw up to 11 birds! These were mostly displaying males which were very obvious due to their striking plumage and displayflights. On the second day Alma and I watched the display of a single male for over 2 hours. Within this time it made just 3 jumps but showed very well in between. Later in the evening we saw several males and once a female flying around. According to our local guide there are up to 30 pairs in the area!

Brown Crake – *Amauornis akool*  
Brief views of 1 along the main track into Kaziranga

White-breasted Waterhen – *Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
Low numbers on 4 days in Kaziranga and 1 sighting in Nameri

Ruddy-breasted Crake – *Porzana fusca*  
1 between Dibrugarh and Kaziranga

Grey-headed Swamphen – *Porphyrio (porphyrio) poliocephalus*  
4 at Maguri Bheel at Dibru-Saikhowa; about 20 along the road between Dibrugarh and Kaziranga

Common Moorhen – *Gallinula chloropus*  
Sightings of reasonable numbers on 5 days

Common Coot – *Fulica atra atra*  
Only 3 birds in the Eastern range of Kaziranga

Pintail Snipe – *Gallinago stenura*  
1 flushed Nameri

Common Snipe – *Gallinago gallinago*  
Low numbers on 3 days in Kaziranga

Spotted Redshank – *Tringa erythropus*  
8 birds spread over 4 days in Kaziranga

Common Redshank – *Tringa totanus*  
2 sightings of probably the same bird in the central range, Kaziranga

Marsh Sandpiper – *Tringa stagnatilis*  
2 sightings of probably the same bird in the central range, Kaziranga

Common Greenshank – *Tringa nebularia*  
Quite common with sightings on 8 days with up to 10 birds a day

Green Sandpiper – *Tringa ochropus*  
Quite common with sightings on 10 days with up to 4 birds a day

Wood Sandpiper – *Tringa glareola*  
Only seen in Kaziranga with a maximum of 4 birds a day

Common Sandpiper – *Actitis hypoleucos*  
Seen on just 6 days with up to 5 birds a day

Temminck's Sandpiper – *Calidris temminckii*  
Low numbers at Kaziranga

Pheasant-tailed Jacana – *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
2 birds Maguri Bheel Dibru-Saikhowa and over 30 birds Kaziranga

Bronze-winged Jacana – *Metopidius indicus*  
Quite common with sightings on 6 days with up to 30 birds a day

Great Thick-knee – *Esacus recurvirostris*  
2 birds on a big sandbank Nameri Tiger Reserve

Ibisbill – *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*  
6 birds in rapids in the Bhorelli River near Nameri Tiger Reserve

Pacific Golden Plover – *Pluvialis fulva*  
6 birds in rice paddies just outside the entrance of the central range of Kaziranga

Little Ringed Plover – *Charadrius dubius*  
Low numbers on 7 days

River Lapwing – *Vanellus duvaucelii*  
Seen daily at Nameri with up to 10 birds a day

Grey-headed Lapwing – *Vanellus cinereus*  
2 distant birds within the central range Kaziranga; 7 birds just outside the park and 2 birds in the Mona Bheel, Kaziranga

Red-wattled Lapwing – *Vanellus indicus*  
Common with sightings on 12 days

Small Pratincole – *Glareola lactea*  
Common along the Bhorelli River, Nameri; up to 50 birds a day

River Tern – *Sterna aurantia*  
Low numbers above the various lakes in Kaziranga and higher numbers along the Bhorelli River, Nameri

Black-bellied Tern – *Sterna acuticauda*  
One flock of about 20 birds in the eastern range in Kaziranga

Whiskered Tern – *Chlidonias hybrida*  
Seen on two days in low numbers in Kaziranga

Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus*  
3 birds above the Sohola Bheel within the Eastern Range, Kaziranga

Jerdon's Baza – *Aviceda jerdoni*  
1 bird seen several times around Kolomi camp within Dibru-Saikhowa

Black Baza – *Aviceda leuphotes*  
2 at Manas

Oriental Honey-buzzard – *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
Quite common with sightings of up to 4 birds a day on 11 days

Black-shouldered Kite – *Elanus caeruleus*  
1 at New Delhi airport, 1 at Dibru-Saikhowa; 4 Kaziranga and 3 at Manas

Black Kite – *Milvus migrans*  
Quite common around the bigger towns and Shillong but surprisingly rare within the parks with only a few sightings in Kaziranga. Both the *govinda* and *lineatus* subspecies were seen

Brahminy Kite – *Haliastur indus*  
Just 1 sighting of an immature bird between the Nameri ecolodge and the rivier

Pallas's Fish-Eagle – *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*  
daily in Kaziranga with up to 4 birds a day. Several nests found. One nest with fledged immatures seen along the Bhorelli River, Nameri

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle – *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*  
Daily at Kaziranga with up to 4 birds a day

White-rumped Vulture – *Gyps bengalensis*  
Just 2 at Kaziranga in the central range and 1 at Manas in a big flock of *Gyps* vultures

Slender-billed Vulture – *Gyps tenuirostris*

Big flocks of vultures in Dibru-Saikhowa were probably this species but only about 10 of these 70 birds or more were positively identified as this species. Great views of a perched bird on our first morning there. 1 was seen at Manas in a big flock of Eurasian Griffons

Himalayan Griffon – *Gyps himalayensis*

At least 2 but probably 4 within the big vulture flocks at Dibru-Saikhowa

Eurasian Griffon – *Gyps fulvus*

Several at Dibru-Saikhowa and about 15 at Manas

Red-headed Vulture – *Sarcogyps calvus*

1 bird in the Eastern range, Kaziranga

Crested Serpent-Eagle – *Spilornis cheela*

Quite common with sightings of up to 4 birds on 7 days

Hen Harrier – *Circus cyaneus*

2 sightings of probably the same bird in Nameri and 1 at the harrier roost at Manas

Pied Harrier – *Circus melanoleucos*

At least 35 birds seen with 4 in Kaziranga, 1 in Nameri and the rest in Manas. The first 5 were females and immature males but at Manas we finally saw some glorious adult males. Stunning birds especially when seen up close. At the grass nursery at Manas was a roost which contained at least 15 birds including several males. As they came slowly hunting towards us they roosted we easily obtained great views.

Shikra – *Accipiter badius*

4 sightings on 2 days including on the nest in Kaziranga

Besra – *Accipiter virgatus*

1 sighting of a bird which crossed the river at Nameri.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk – *Accipiter nisus*

Three sightings in Nameri

Himalayan (common) Buzzard – *Buteo (buteo) burmanicus*

1 was seen at the white-winged duck-spot at Nameri

Long-legged Buzzard – *Buteo rufinus*

1 was seen hunting by walking the grass nursery at Manas

Greater Spotted Eagle – *Aquila clanga*

4 birds at Sohola Bheel in Kaziranga (Indian Spotted Eagle not completely excluded) and 1 close bird between the river and Nameri ecododge

Booted Eagle – *Hieraaetus pennatus*

1 dark morph bird over the nursery at Manas

Changeable Hawk-Eagle – *Spizaetus limnaeetus*

All 5 days in Kaziranga we saw at least one

\* Pied Falconet – *Microhierax melanoleucos*

Our first was disturbed from a recently caught Baya Weaver but it quickly returned to its prey providing excellent and prolonged views. This was one of the absolute highlights of the trip. Later at Nameri we saw three more birds, a solitary hunting insects (mostly dragonflies) and a displaying pair. All birds were seen close to rivers or streams.

Eurasian Kestrel – *Falco tinnunculus*

14 sightings in 11 days spread over all visited area's

Oriental Hobby – *Falco severus*

A pair was seen each day in the huge tree over the reception and parking lot of the Nameri ecolodge. Brilliant views and pictures resulted

Peregrine Falcon – *Falco peregrinus*

1 bird over the river at Dibru-Saikhowa and 1 at Kaziranga

Great Crested Grebe – *Podiceps cristatus*

1 bird on the river at Dibru-Saikhowa

Darter – *Anhinga melanogaster*

Common at Dibru-Saikhowa en Kaziranga with lower numbers at Nameri; sightings on 11 days

Little Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax niger*

Common and seen daily in the lowlands with sightings on 13 days. Huge flocks (100's) at roosts near Dibru-Saikhowa

Great Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Low numbers on 9 days with up to 15 birds a day at Kaziranga, Dibru-Saikhowa and Nameri

Little Egret – *Egretta garzetta*

Common in the lowlands with sightings on 11 days

Grey Heron – *Ardea cinerea*

Scarce with just 1 in Dibru-Saikhowa; about 10 in Kaziranga (mostly eastern range) and 1 bird at Manas

Purple Heron – *Ardea purpurea*

Scarce in Kaziranga with about 12 birds of which 10 in the Eastern range. One bird was seen both evenings at the nursery in Manas

Great Egret – *Egretta alba*

Common; seen on 9 days

Intermediate Egret – *Egretta intermedia*

Rather common with sightings on 8 days

Eastern Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus (ibis) coromandus*

Abundant with sightings on 13 days. Biggest numbers (100's) near the roosts at Dibru-Saikhowa

Indian Pond Heron – *Ardeola grayii*

Widespread and common; seen on 15 days

Little Heron – *Butorides striatus*

4 sightings along the Bhoirelli river, Nameri

Black-crowned Night-Heron – *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Three flew over at dusk at the Bon Habi resort near Kaziranga

Cinnamon Bittern – *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

1 in a roadside puddle between Dibrugarh en Kaziranga and a second one crossed the road between Manas and Guwahati

Glossy Ibis – *Plegadis falcinellus*

A flock of about 20 landed in ricepaddies just outside the main entrance of Kaziranga; a new bird for the park

\* Spot-billed Pelican – *Pelecanus philippensis*

Rather common at Kaziranga with daily sightings of up to 25 birds a day. Not seen elsewhere  
Asian Openbill – *Anastomus oscitans*  
Quite common with almost daily sightings in the lowlands of up to 40 bird a day

Black Stork – *Ciconia nigra*  
3 over Dibru-Saikhowa and 3 over Nameri

Woolly-necked Stork – *Ciconia episcopus*  
Almost daily at Kaziranga with up to 6 birds a day. According to some sources the African subspecies of this species should be considered a species of it's own. The reasons for this are unclear.

Black-necked Stork – *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*  
Seen daily at Kaziranga but not elsewhere; we saw up to 5 birds each day

Lesser Adjutant – *Leptoptilos javanicus*  
Surprisingly common with sightings on most days in the lowlands (13 out of 15) with up to 15 birds each day. At least 76 birds were seen.

\* Greater Adjutant – *Leptoptilos dubius*  
3 at the eastern range of Kaziranga, 1 at the western range, about 12 at and near some nests near Nagaon and about 40 in Guwahati. Some where seen on the remainder of the field opposite the Rhino Club, others on nearby buildings and a flock of about 25 flew over. Just after we crossed the bridge out of Guwahati, towards Manas, at least 3 were seen along the main road.

Long-tailed Broadbill – *Psarisomus dalhousiae*  
2 seen along the old Guwahati road

Asian Fairy Bluebird – *Irene puella*  
1 at the Central range, Kaziranga, 1 at Panbari, 2 at Nameri and at least 6 in the forests of Manas.

Blue-winged Leafbird – *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*  
1 was seen in a mixed flock along the Old Guwahati road

Golden-fronted Leafbird – *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
Quite common in all good forests within Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas

Orange-bellied Leafbird – *Chloropsis hardwickii*  
2 at Nameri; at least 8 at Manas and 2 along the trail at Shillong ridge

Brown Shrike – *Lanius cristatus*  
2 near the eastern range, Kaziranga; 2 at Manas and 3 between Manas and Shillong; daily 1 at our hotel Pine Woods in Shillong

Long-tailed Shrike – *Lanius schach tricolor*  
1 in Dibru-Saikhowa

Grey-backed Shrike – *Lanius tephronotus*  
Common with sightings on 14 days

Rufous Treepie – *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
common

Grey Treepie – *Dendrocitta formosae*  
2 in Panbari forest and 8 at Nameri

House Crow – *Corvis splendens*  
Exclusively seen in Delhi and the bigger towns in Assam

Indian Jungle Crow – *Corvus (macrorhynchos) culminatus*  
Some near Delhi airport

Eastern Large-billed Crow – *Corvus (macrorhynchos) levaillantii*  
Abundant and seen almost daily in good numbers

Ashy Woodswallow – *Artamus fuscus*  
Low numbers at Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas with just 4 sightings of up to 3 birds; 2 over Shillong

Black-hooded Oriole – *Oriolus xanthornus*  
Common in the lowlands with sightings on 10 days of up to 5 birds a day

\* Maroon Oriole – *Oriolus trailii*  
1 fine male in Nameri

Large Cuckoo-shrike – *Coracina macei*  
Quite common in Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas with almost daily sightings of up to 4 birds

Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike – *Coracina melaschistis*  
2 in teaplantations just outside Kaziranga and 3 at Manas

\* Rosy Minivet – *Pericrocotus roseus*  
A pair was seen in Dibru-Saikhowa

Long-tailed Minivet – *Pericrocotus ethologus*  
A few sightings in Dibru-Saikhowa

Short-billed Minivet – *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
One flock of about 20 Kaziranga; low numbers above Shillong

Scarlet Minivet – *Pericrocotus flammeus*  
Several large migrating flocks (25 and 100 birds) at Kaziranga and Panbari and low numbers, mostly pairs, at Nameri, Manas and Shillong

White-throated Fantail – *Rhipidura albicollis*  
1 and 2 in feeding flocks along Shillong ridge

Black Drongo – *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
Abundant in all open area's

Ashy Drongo – *Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
Uncommon in both the lowlands as around Shillong; 8 sightings of about 17 birds

Bronzed Drongo – *Dicrurus aeneus*  
1 in Kaziranga and 3 in Manas

Spangled Drongo – *Dicrurus hottentottus*  
Quite common in forests in and near Kaziranga and Nameri; just 2 at Manas

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo – *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
4 at Panbari, 1 central range Kaziranga and 1 vogel Nameri

Black-naped Monarch – *Monarcha azurea*  
1 at Nameri; 3 on 2 days in Manas

Asian Paradise Flycatcher – *Tersiphone paradise*  
1 white male in a large feeding flock in Manas

Common Iora – *Aegithina tiphia*  
Widespread but low numbers in Dibru Saikhowa, Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas

Large Woodshrike – *Tephrodornis gularis*

2 Dibru-Saikhowa; 1 Panbari; 3 Kohora near Kaziranga; 2 at Nameri and 2 at Manas  
Common Woodshrike – *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
2 sightings of 1 bird at Kaziranga

Orange-headed Thrush – *Zoothera citrina*  
1 Nameri and 1 along the ridge at Shillong

Tickell's Thrush – *Turdus unicolor*  
1 along the Shillong Ridge

Black-throated Thrush - *Turdus ruficollis atrogularis*  
1 at Dibru-Saikhowa; a pair at Nameri and over 10 at Manas; one poorly seen at Shillong could have been a red-throated.

Dark-sided (Siberian) Flycatcher – *Muscicapa sibirica*  
3 along a side road along the main road between Shillong en Guwahati

\* Ferruginous Flycatcher – *Muscicapa ferruginea*  
1 at Nameri

Red-throated Flycatcher – *Ficedula albicilla*  
Quite common

Snowy-browed Flycatcher – *Ficedula hyperythra*  
1 male along the trail fom Shillong Ridge down

Little Pied Flycatcher – *Ficedula westermanni*  
3 at Shillong ridge; 3 along the Old Guwahati road

Ultramarine Flycatcher – *Ficedula superciliaris*  
1 at the ridgetrail at Shillong

Verditer Flycatcher – *Eumyias thalassina*  
Low numbers at Kaziranga, Nameri, Manas and Shillong

Large Niltava – *Niltava grandis*  
1 in a big mixed flock at the Shillong ridge

Rufous-bellied Niltava – *Niltava sundara*  
1 fine male Shillong ridge

\* Pale-chinned Flycatcher- *Cyornis poliogenys*  
Finally after hearing but not finding some at Panbari and Nameri we finally obtained good views of at least 2 at Manas.

Pale Blue Flycatcher – *Cyornis unicolor*  
One of these verditer-look-a-likes was seen at Nameri

Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher – *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
1 at Dibru-Saikhowa and 2 Shillong ridge

White-tailed Rubythroat – *Luscinia pectoralis tschebaiewi*  
1 excellent male showed very well in Dibru-Saikhowa

Bluethroat – *Luscinia svecica*  
1 between Dibrugarh and Tinsukia

Himalayan Red-flanked Bluetail – *Tarsiger (cyanurus) rufilatus*  
1 female along the trail at Shillong ridge

Oriental Magpie Robin – *Copsychus saularis erimelas*  
Commonly seen on most days

White-rumped Shama – *Copsychus malabaricus indicus*  
2 at Kaziranga, 1 at Nameri and 1 at Manas. All males

Black Redstart – *Phoenicurus ochruros*  
Seen on 7 days with up to 4 birds a day.

\* Hodgson's Redstart – *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
1 male along the river at Dibru-Saikhowa and twice the same male along the river at Kohora near Kaziranga. Apparently this last bird is only the second sighting for the park

Daurian Redstart – *Phoenicurus aureus leucopterus*  
1 male was seen daily in the garden of the Bon Habi resort at Kaziranga

White-capped Water Redstart – *Chaimarriornis leucocephalus*  
Twice 1 along the river at Kohora, Kaziranga; 1 between Shillong and Cherrapunjee

\* Black-backed Forktail – *Enicurus immaculatus*  
1 along the river at Kohora, Kaziranga

\* Hodgson's Stonechat – *Saxicola insignis*  
1 male in the scrub and grassland area after you cross the two rivers along the main island in Dibru-Saikhowa

Siberian Stonechat – *Saxicola maura*  
Common to abundant like at Dibru-Saikhowa

\* Jerdon's Bushchat – *Saxicola jerdoni harringtoni*  
It took quite long but in the end we got reasonable views of a single male at Kolomi in Dibru-Saikhowa

Pied Bushchat – *Saxicola caprata*  
1 male along the river at Dibru Saikhowa

Grey Bushchat – *Saxicola ferrea*  
5 birds in and around Shillong, mostly along the ridge

\* Spot-winged Starling – *Saroglossa spiloptera*  
Two flocks of 80 and about 20 at Nameri and 4 at Manas

\* Chestnut-cheeked Starling – *Sturnia philippensis*  
An adult male was found in a flock of Spot-winged Starlings at Nameri. The bird stayed long enough for all to see and to be photographed. The identification could only be confirmed after I got home. As this is a new species for the Indian subcontinent, obviously it was not in the fieldguides for the region.

Grey-headed Starling – *Sturnia malabarica*  
Common with sightings of low numbers on 13 days

Asian Pied Starling – *Sturnus contra*  
Common to abundant with almost daily sightings

Common Myna – *Acridotheres tristis*  
abundant

Bank Myna – *Acridotheres ginginianus*  
Common in New Delhi but only 1 sighting during the rest of the trip of 1 bird in the central range of Kaziranga

Jungle Myna – *Acridotheres fuscus*  
Common in the lowlands with daily sightings

White-vented Myna – *Acridotheres grandis*  
3 between Dibrugarh en Tinsukia; 3 in Kaziranga, 3 in Nameri and 1 at Manas. As we did not check the mixed flocks of myna's, there were probably more around

Northern Hill Myna – *Gracula religiosa*  
4 in Kaziranga; about 15 at Nameri and 6 at Manasi

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch – *Sitta castanea*  
2 at Kaziranga; 4 in mixed flocks at Nameri; at least 5 along the Old Guwahati road

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch – *Sitta frontalis*  
3 in Kaziranga and 1 at Manas

Great Tit – *Parus major*  
Uncommon at Dibrugarh, Kaziranga and Nameri with about 10 birds in 6 sightings

Green-backed Tit – *Parus monticolus*  
2 at our hotel in Shillong and 3 along the trail at the Shillong ridge

Black-spotted Yellow Tit – *Parus spilonotus*  
About 5 along the Shillong-Guwahati road and 2 along the old Guwahati road

Plain Martin – *Riparia (paludicola) chinensis*  
Common with good numbers on 14 days

Barn Swallow – *Hirundo rustica rustica* & *tytleri*  
Common with sightings on 13 days. Most were of the *rustica* subspecies but at Manas some birds of the subspecies *tytleri* were seen

Striated Swallow – *Hirundo striolata*  
2 along the river at Kohora near Kaziranga

Asian House Martin – *Delichon dasyphus*  
2 in a big flock of swallows and martins at the river at Nameri

\* Crested Finchbill – *Spizixos canifrons*  
2 sightings of 1 bird each along the Shillong ridge

Black-crested Bulbul – *Pycnonotus (melanicterus) flaviventris*  
6 in Panbari; 3 at Kohora, Kaziranga; 6 Nameri and 3 at Manas

Red-whiskered Bulbul – *Pycnonotus jocosus*  
Common in the lowlands with sightings on 13 days

Red-vented Bulbul – *Pycnonotus cafer*  
Abundant with sightings on almost all days

White-throated Bulbul – *Alophoixus flaveolus*  
4 in Panbari and 2 sightings of 3 birds in Nameri

Mountain Bulbul – *Hypsipetes mclellandi*  
At least 8 along the trail at Shillong ridge

Himalayan Black Bulbul – *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
Common with many migrating flocks of 30 to 50 birds at Nameri and many small flocks feeding in the forest there too; about 20 along Shillong ridge and some along the Old Guwahati road

Zitting Cisticola – *Cisticola juncidis*  
Singletons in the nursery at Manas

Golden-headed Cisticola – *Cisticola exilis*  
About 6 in the grasslands at Dibru-Saikhowa; 4 in Kaziranga; about 5 at Manas

\* Swamp Prinia – *Prinia cinerascens*  
2 birds were seen singing in the grasslands of Dibru-Saikhowa; 1 north and 1 south of the river

Hill Prinia – *Prinia atrogularis khasiana*  
2 above the viewpoints at the cliffs of Cherrapunjee

Rufescent Prinia – *Prinia rufescens*  
over 6 birds along the Old Guwahati road

Yellow-bellied Prinia – *Prinia flaviventris*  
Quite common in Dibru-Saikhowa; 1 along the Bhorelli river at Nameri

Plain Prinia – *Prinia inornata*  
1 between Dibrugarh and Tinsukia and 2 birds in Dibru-Saikhowa

Oriental White-eye – *Zosterops palpebrosus*  
Surprisingly uncommon with sightings on only 7 days with a maximum of just 4 birds. Seen at Kaziranga, Nameri and Shillong ridge

Grey-bellied Tesia – *Tesia cyaniventer*  
1 along the trail at Shillong Ridge

Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler – *Cettia fortipes*  
1 singing bird at hotel Pine Woods in Shillong

Blunt-winged Warbler – *Acrocephalus concinens stevensi*  
1 in the scrub adjacent the Nameri ecolodge and 1 in a grassy patch in Manas

Blyth's Reed Warbler – *Acrocephalus dumetorum*  
Several near the ecolodge at Nameri and 2 at the nursery at Manas

Indian (clamorous) Reed Warbler – *Acrocephalus (stentorus) brunnescens*  
1 in thick jungle at Nameri

Thick-billed Warbler – *Acrocephalus aedon*  
1 between Dibrugarh and Tinsukia, 1 between Tinsukia and Kaziranga and at least two in the scrub near the ecolodge at Nameri

Common Tailorbird – *Orthostomus sutorius*  
Common with regular sightings at all visited places minus Dibru-Saikhowa

Dusky Warbler – *Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
Uncommonly seen but quite often heard at most visited places

Smoky Warbler – *Phylloscopus fulgiventis*  
About 4 birds seen in Dibru-Saikhowa and several heard.

Tickell's Leaf-Warbler – *Phylloscopus affinis*  
Quite common and seen on 8 days with often 4-5 birds a day

Hume's Warbler – *Phylloscopus humei*  
Just 1 sighting in Dibru-Saikhowa

Lemon-rumped Warbler – *Phylloscopus chloronotus*  
2 at Dibru-Saikhowa and about 6 along the Shillong ridge

Yellow-browed Warbler – *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Common with sightings on 13 days in all places visited

Greenish Warbler – *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
2 at Kaziranga, 3 at Nameri and 1 at Manas

Blyth's Leaf-Warbler – *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
1 along the trail at Shillong ridge

Green-crowned(?) Warbler – *Seicercus tephrocephalus*  
Poor views of a bird of golden-spectacled warbler-complex in Manas were due to the call judged to be this species.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler – *Seicercus castaniceps*  
2 birds in a big mixed flock at the Shillong ridge

Striated Grassbird – *Megalurus palustris*  
Abundant at Dibru-Saikhowa with lower numbers at Kaziranga, Nameri and Manas

White-crested Laughing-thrush – *Garrulax leucolophus*  
One flock at Kohora, Kaziranga

\* Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush – *Garrulax pectoralis*  
At least 4 at Kohora, Kaziranga

\* Rufous-necked Laughingthrush – *Garrulax ruficollis*  
One flock of 11 in low scrub between Dibrugarh and Tinsukia. Great views of this pretty laughing-thrush

\* Red-faced Liocichla – *Liocichla phoenicea*  
At least 1 but probably 2 were seen rather nicely in a mixed flock of babblers in one of the gullies along the trail at Shillong

Abbott's Babbler – *Malacocincla abbotti*  
1 sighting of a bird in the Eastern range of Kaziranga and about 4 in forests at Nameri

\* Spot-throated Babbler – *Pellorneum albiventre*  
1 sighting in Nameri

\* Marsh Babbler – *Pellorneum palustre*  
3 birds seen and several others heard at Dibru-Saikhowa

Rufous-fronted Babbler – *Stachyris rufifrons*  
1 bird along the new road to Guwahati from Shillong

Spotted Wren Babbler – *Spelaeornis formosus*  
1 bird heard along the trail from Shillong Ridge

\* Tawny-breasted Wren Babbler – *Sphenocichla longicaudatus*  
Seen on both visits to the trail down from Shillong Ridge; the first day 1 and the second day 2 with better views

Striped Tit-Babbler – *Macronous gularis*  
3 in Dibru-Saikhowa; 3 in Nameri and 4 at Manas

\* Chestnut-capped Babbler – *Timalia pileata*  
At least 6 birds in the high grass at Dibru-Saikhowa whilst looking for the parrotbill.

\* Jerdon's Babbler – *Chrysomma altirostre*  
First 2 and later 1 more at Dibru-Saikhowa

Striated Babbler – *Turdoides earlei*  
5 at Dibru-Saikhowa and two sightings of 4 and 1 at Kaziranga

\* Slender-billed Babbler – *Turdoides longirostris*  
1, maybe 2 birds at Dibru Saikhowa which gave poor views when they flew across a gap in the grass.  
Later short looks of a probable one at the central range at Kaziranga

Silver-eared Mesia – *Leiothrix argentauris*  
1 along the ridge above Shillong and 4 along the Old Guwahati road

White-browed Shrike-Babbler – *Pteruthius flaviscapis*  
2 along the Old Guwahati road

Rusty-fronted Barwing – *Actinodura egertoni*  
2 along the main road at Shillong ridge

Blue-winged Minla – *Minla cyanouroptera*  
2 sightings of 2 birds at Shillong ridge and 2 birds along the Old Guwahati road

\* Rufous-winged Fulvetta – *Alcippe castaneiceps*  
1 in a big mixed flock along the trail down from the ridge above Shillong

\* Rusty-capped Fulvetta – *Alcippe dubia*  
Great views of 2 at the Shillong ridge

\* Nepal Fulvetta – *Alcippe nipalensis*  
1 in a mixed flock at the Shillong ridge

\* Grey Sibia – *Heterophasia gracilis*  
Quite common at the Shillong ridge and along the Old Guwahati road

\* Striated Yuhina – *Yuhina castaniceps*  
About 7 birds along the Old Guwahati road

Whiskered Yuhina – *Yuhina flavicollis*  
About 6 birds along the Shillong ridge

\* Black-breasted Parrotbill – *Paradoxornis flavirostris*  
1, maybe 2 birds seen at Dibru-Saikhowa with excellent views on the second occasion when a bird was watched feeding at close range for several minutes

Bengal Bushlark – *Mirafra assamica*  
2 at Kaziranga, 1 at Nameri and 3 at Manas

Sand Lark – *Calandrella raytal raytal*  
1 along the Bhoirelli river at Nameri

Oriental Skylark – *Alauda gulgula gulgula*  
3 in the central range of Kaziranga and 1 at Manas

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker – *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*  
1 at Panbari and 1 at Manas

Plain Flowerpecker – *Dicaeum concolor olivaceum*  
Several sightings at Nameri and Manas

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker – *Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus*  
3 along the trail from the Shillong ridge and 3 along the Old Guwahati road

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker – *Dicaeum cruentatum cruentatum*  
Several seen very well and many heard at Dibru-Saikhowa and about 3 birds seen at Kaziranga, mostly in Panbari

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird – *Anthreptes singalensis assamensis*  
3 birds seen at Dibru-Saikhowa, a pair at the nest at the central range of Kaziranga and 1 at Nameri

Green-tailed Sunbird – *Aethopyga nipalensis*  
3 along the trail from Shillong Ridge

Crimson Sunbird – *Aethopyga siparaja*  
Uncommon but widespread with sightings at Dibru-Saikhowa, Kaziranga, Panbari en Manas

Streaked Spiderhunter – *Arachnothera magna magna*  
1 sighting in Panbari and about 5 at various places in Manas

House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus indicus*  
Common near houses

Russet Sparrow – *Passer rutilans cinnamomeus*  
Common in and around Shillong

Tree Sparrow – *Passer montanus obscuratus*  
Quite common, mostly in and around towns

White Wagtail – *Motacilla alba*  
Common all over but with exceptional numbers at Dibru-Saikhowa where many thousands came to a roost every night. The following subspecies were seen: *dukhunensis* (once at Kaziranga) *alboides* and *leucopsis* (both common).

Citrine Wagtail – *Motacilla citreola citreola*  
Common with sightings on 11 days

Yellow Wagtail – *Motacilla flava*  
Common with sightings on 8 days. Hundreds of birds seen with the flocks of white wagtails at Dibru Saikhowa. We saw just two subspecies; *thunbergi* and *beema*

Richard's Pipit – *Anthus richardi*  
Just one sighting of 2 birds at the nursery at Manas

Paddyfield Pipit – *Anthus rufulus*  
Quite common with sightings on 8 days

Olive-backed Pipit – *Anthus hodgsoni*  
Common, seen almost daily

Rosy Pipit – *Anthus roseatus*  
Uncommon with sightings on 7 days of numbers between 1 and 10 birds a day at Dibru-Saikhowa, Kaziranga en Manas

Baya Weaver – *Ploceus philippinus burmanicus*  
A few flocks in and around Kaziranga and 1 male at Manas

Scaly-breasted Munia – *Lonchura punctulata subundulata*  
Many between Tinsukia and Dibrugarh; some around the Bon Habi resort and 6 in Manas

Common Rosefinch – *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
A few in Manas but common and in large flocks of 100+ birds around Shillong

Crested Bunting – *Melophus lathamii*  
1 female at Manas

Little Bunting – *Emberiza pusilla*  
Two sightings of 5 and over 40 in the terraced fields along the road to Shillong Ridge

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## MAMMALS

Tiger – *Panthera tigris*  
1 huge male in the eastern range Kaziranga

\* Indian Elephant – *Elephas maximus*  
heard in Dibru-Saikhowa, quite common in Kaziranga and a small group of 8 or so at Manas

\* Indian Rhinoceros – *Rhinoceros unicornis*  
common in Kaziranga

\* Asiatic Wild Buffalo – *Bubalus bubalis*  
common in Kaziranga and some in Manas

Gaur – *Bos gaurus*  
2 adults and a calf crossed the road near the Nameri ecocamp

Sambar – *Cervus unicolor*  
One sighting of 2 in Kaziranga

\* Swamp Deer – *Cervus duvauceli*  
Common in Kaziranga

\* Hog Deer – *Axis porcinus*  
Common in Kaziranga

Indian Muntjac – *Muntiacus muntjak*  
Heard Kaziranga and Nameri, seen along the road Guwahati-Shillong

Wild Boar – *Sus scrofa* – Wild Zwiijn  
Some, including piglets at Kaziranga

Small Indian Mongoose – *Herpestes auropunctatus*  
2 in Kaziranga

Smooth Indian Otter – *Lutra perspicillata*  
Twice seen in Kaziranga (5 in total)

Indian Flying Fox – *Pteropus giganteus*  
A large colony at the “Greater Adjutant” location in Nagaon

Malayan Giant Squirrel – *Ratufa bicolor*  
Seen at Dibru-Saikhowa and Nameri

\* Hoary-bellied Himalayan Squirrel – *Callosciurus pygerythrus*  
Kaziranga

\* Capped Langur – *Presbytis pileatus*  
A few in Panbari and at Manas

\* Assamese Macaque – *Macaca assamensis*  
One flock at Kohora, Kaziranga and some probables within the park

Rhesus Macaque – *Macaca mulatta*  
Common in towns and in Kaziranga

\* Hoolock Gibbon – *Hylobates hoolock*  
A great sighting of a singing male in Panbari

\* Hispid Hare – *Caprolagus hispidus*  
1 crossed the road just before Manas

\* Gangetic Dolphin – *Platanista gangetica*  
Quite commonly seen in the river at Dibru-Saikhowa

\* *Talpa spec.* – Mole spec.  
1 in Nameri

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## REPTILES

\* Assam Roofed Turtle – *Kachuga sylhetensis*  
A few at Kaziranga

Indian Rock Python – *Python molurus*  
One huge one in the central range at Kaziranga

Water Monitor Lizard – *Varanus salvator* – *Watervaraan*  
1 in Kaziranga

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## BUTTERFLIES

*Troides helena* – Common Birdwing  
*Papilio polytes* – Common Mormon  
*Graphium agamemnon* – Tailed Jay  
*Danaus chrysippus* – Plain Tiger  
*Danaus genutia* – Striped Tiger  
*Junonia lemonias* – Lemon Pansy  
*Junonia hierta* – Yellow Pansy  
*Junonia almana* – Peacock Pansy  
*Junonia atlites* – Grey Pansy  
*Junonia orithya* – Blue Pansy  
*Precis iphita* – Chocolate Pansy  
*Cyresthis thyodamas* – Common Map  
*Kallima spec.* – Oakleaf spec.  
*Vanessa indica* – Indian Red Admiral