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BHUTAN TRIP REPORT

Early Spring Tour. 6th to 22nd March 2018



Ward's Trogon (all photos from Off to Bhutan's collection)

Trip Detail



View of Himalayas from Pelela old road

Private custom Tour (6th to 22nd March)

Introduction

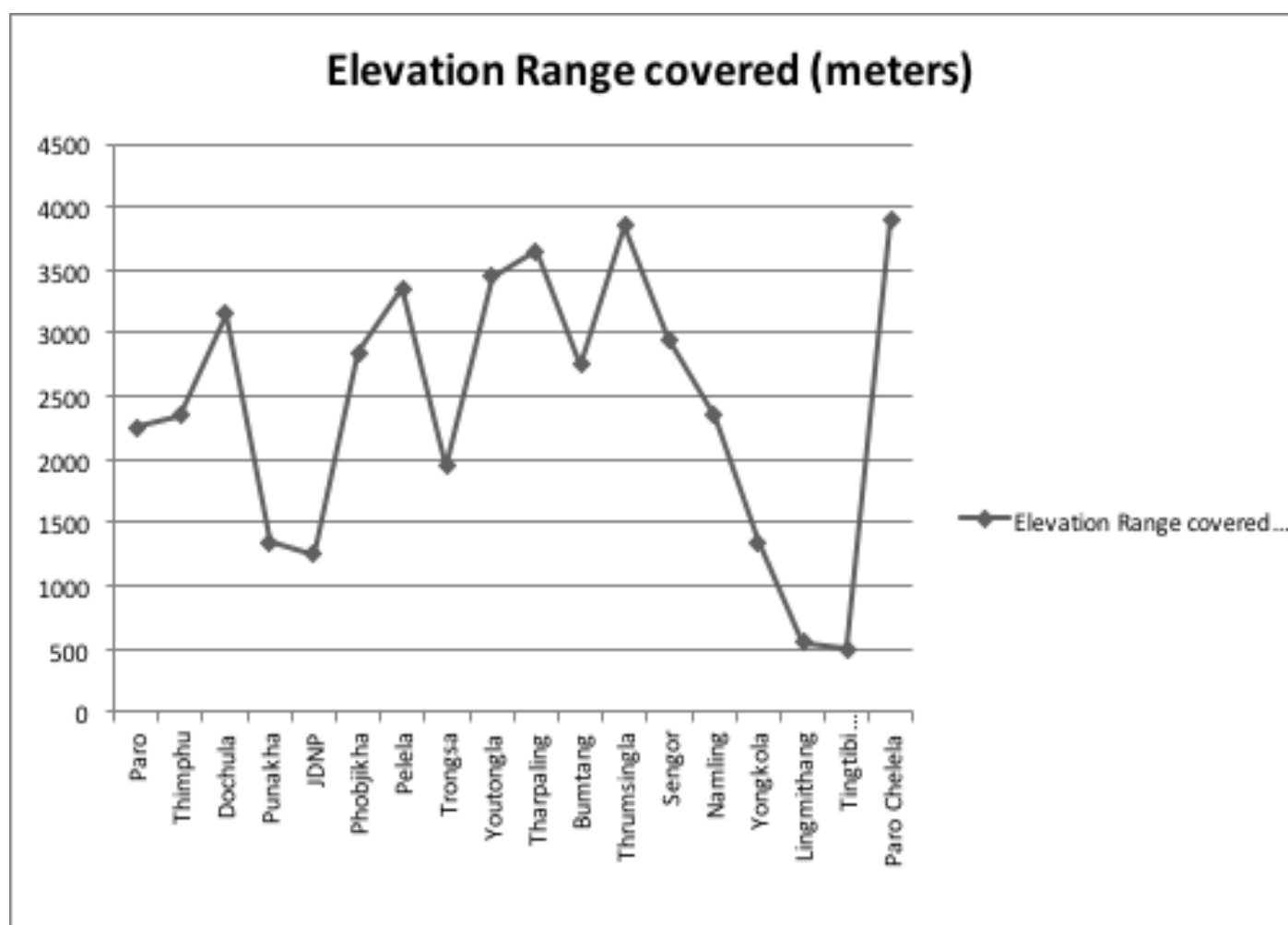
An early spring birding trip covering almost west to east Bhutan for 17 days, we would be birding in different altitude zones ranging from 500 meters up to over 3898 meters. Birding in different vegetations like the sup-tropical, cool and warm broadleaved forest including various dominant tree species which makes up the whole forest cover for example, pine forest, bamboo forest, spruce forest and few more. the main focuses in this trip was the Black Necked Crane (migratory bird, Endangered), Wards Trogon(Near Threatened), Pallas's Fish Eagle(Endangered), Ibisbill, Rufous Necked Hornbill,(Endangered) Blood Pheasant, Satry Tragopan, Himalayan Monal and the Critically Endangered White Bellied Heron.

TRIP ITINERARY

Day1. Arrival. Overnight stay at Paro.	Day2. Paro to Thimphu (Capital city)
Day3. Thimphu to Punakha.	Day4. JDNP (Punakha)
Day5. Punakha to Phobjikha.	Day6. Phobjikha to Bumtang.
Day7. Bumtang to Yongkola (Mongar) PNP	Day8. Phrumsengla National Park.
Day9. Phrumsengla National Park.	Day10. Yongkola to Trongsa.
Day11. Trongsa to Tingtibi (Zhemgang)	Day12. Tingtibi.
Day13. Tingtibi to Phobjikha.	Day14. Phobjikha to Paro
Day15. Paro Chelela birding.	Day16. Paro river birding.
Day17. Departure.	

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The Graph above describes the wide range of elevation covered in the trip.

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Our tour begins from Paro International Airport, me and my clients Joan and Allen including our driver were ready for our 16 days birding tour. It was the first the day in Bhutan for my clients so I went about giving them a background about the History of Bhutan by taking them to visit the 17th century old Paro Rimpung Dzong. After visiting the Dzong we walk down the footpath towards the Paro River. Reaching the river bank we started to scan aimlessly and we were able to spot few birds such as Wagtail, Plumbeous Water Redstart and a Brown Dipper and River Lapwing but we were here for one special bird the Ibisbill. As we carried on scanning, further down shore I saw a movement and was sure it was the ibis. So we made slow and sneaky approach to the bird and were clear the bird was not so bothered by us so we spent some time looking at it and called it a day with some good pictures of the Ibisbill.

On the next day before heading towards Thimphu we were greeted by a flock of Russet Sparrows, Hodgson's Redstart, Blue Fronted Redstart, Green Backed Tit and a Grey Backed Shrike just outside the hotel parking. Then with some new birds to the list we took a two-hour drive to



the capital city Thimphu. After the lunch we visited the National Takin Reserve where we spend few hours contemplating on the national animal of Bhutan the Takin. We even saw some other beautiful animals such as Sambar Deer, Himalayan Serow, Muntjack and a Goral. Walking around the premises of the Reserve we managed to spot some birds as well, such as a flock of Rufous Fronted Tit, White Browed Fulvetta, Long-tailed Minivet and Blue Fronted Redstart. Later that day we drove south of Thimphu to a sewage pond where we saw the Ibisbill again, some Ruddy Shelduck, Great Cormorant, Plumbeous Water Redstart, Common Sand Piper, a Pallas Gull, and some River Lapwings.

The following day before sunrise we were on the road heading towards our birding spot, the beautiful Dochual Pass ranging over 3150 meters and the 108 beautiful Druk wangyal stupas. We walked along the pass when Tshewang spotted the beautiful Yellow-Billed Blue Magpie. We continued walking and we managed to see some flock of White-throated Laughingthrush, Spotted Nutcracker, Blue Whistling Thrush, and Plain Mountain Finch and just when everything was in our favor the fogs rolled in just in time for our breakfast.



High light of the day: - just when we were about to head back we saw a large bird flying across the gorge we were at, it perched for a short while enough for us identify it and it turned out to be the rare Satyr Tragopan it was the first sighting of the bird.

After a good breakfast at the Dochula Cafeteria we headed lower towards Lampelri Botanical Park which stands at a height of 2358 meters. In the park we came across some beautiful birds such as Rufous-breasted Accentor, Blue Whistling Thrush, Hodgson's Redstart, White-browed Bush Robin, White-throated, Chestnut-crowned and Striated Laughingthrush. After several efforts to find the black-tailed Crake at the marshy lake in the park we decided to move on and have another short walk, along the way in the bamboos we had a flock of Brown Parrotbill feeding and we had a very good look at our first Parrotbill of the trip. Then just after a while we saw a Hill Partridge making its way up the slope and as it was in our sight we managed to see it till it crept into the thicker under growth, then we called it an afternoon and headed to Punukha our day destination for the night. As we were heading lower we saw some more new species like Rufous Sibia, Black Bulbul, Blyth's Swift and a Mountain

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Hawk Eagle perched in a big tree just across the main Highway.

We reached Punakha and stopped for lunch and had a short break from the morning's long walk. Towards the evening we drove to Pho Chhu (river) in search of the Critically Endangered White-bellied Heron. Along the river we saw some River Lapwing, Plumbeous and White-capped Water Redstart, White Wagtail, Red-wattled Lapwing, White-throated and Crested Kingfisher, Common Kestrel, Brown Dipper and lots of Ruddy Shelduck. After spending the whole evening along the Pho Chhu river we had no luck for the Heron so we decided to wait for the bird till sunset. After over an hour and a half wait the bird refused to be seen so we called it a day and decided to give it another try the next day.

An early morning breakfast and we set off to Jigme Dorji National Park about 17Km from the hotel. We entered the park driving along the Mo Chhu (female river) it's a lush ever green warm broadleaved forest in which we were greeted with some beautiful birds such as Slaty backed Forktail, Spotted Forktail, Great and Golden-throated Barbet. Grey-chinned and Scarlet Minivet, Red-vented, Himalayan Black and Mountain Bulbul, long-tailed Shrike, Oriental Magpie Robin, Rusty-fronted Barwing, Nepal Fulvetta, Rufous Sibia, Whiskered and Black-chinned Yuhina, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Black-throated Sunbird, Grey Treepie, Crested-serpent Eagle and we saw our first and only Barred-cuckoo Dove.



Spotted Forktail

Later after lunch in the park we drove back to Punakha and give a second try for the White-bellied Heron. We waited there for about two hours we saw few Red-wattled and River Lapwing, Ibisbill, Ruddy Shelduck, Great Cormorant, white-browed and White Wagtail, we saw a pair of Kalij Pheasant flying across the mighty Pho chhu, it was a great distance for a pheasant to fly. The river banks of the Pho Chhu is at least about 300 meters apart. And we even saw the Rare and one of the target bird, Pallas Fish Eagle while waiting for the Heron. The sun set on us and no White-bellied Heron, we decided to call it a day. We kept our hopes high, as we had another Chance for the heron at Tingtibi after a few days.



Black-necked Crane

Another early start and we set off to our next destination the Phobjikha valley known for its landscape beauty and the wintering Black-necked Cranes. Along the way our first stop was just in about 30mins from the Hotel we left. Stopping along the Punatsang Chhu River for mix flock of Ruddy Shelduck, Common Teal, Eurasian Wigeon and some Mallard. We drove for about an hour and a half and we reach our next birding stop in the forest of Nobding cool broadleaved forest, oak as its dominant species.

Here we saw some Blyth's swift, Himalayan Swiftlet, we saw the Yellow-rumped Honeyguide one of the only two species of honeyguides that occur in Asia. We ticked off common hoopoe, Blue-throated Barbet, Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, White-throated Fantail, Grey-winged Blackbird, Gold-naped Finch and Dark-sided Flycatcher our first flycatcher of the trip, we even saw the winter visitor Wall-creeper a stunning bird to look at.

Highlight of the day: - We were walking along the main road when we hear a call which we were constantly listening for. Yes, it was the Ward's Trogon calling out. We waited a long while to have a clear view of it until it moved in an open area a male Ward's Trogon followed by a female with him. It was the bird of the day.

After spending an entire half day at Nobding we had our lunch and started heading towards Phobjik-

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ha climbing up to 3350 meters, crossing the Lowala Pass and entered the valley 2850 meters. Here we saw some White-collared Blackbird, Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Red-billed Chough, Oriental Skylark and lots of Large-billed Crows. As the valley is known as the valley of the cranes we were pretty sure we would see it because the numbers are always abundant. But on the other hand I personally was feeling apprehensive about it because it was the time the cranes have to migrate back. Nevertheless, late evening we set off in the main valley looking out everywhere and there was no crane to be seen, seemed like the cranes have already left, we wandered looking everywhere in the



Spotted Laughingthrush

vast open valley. After failing to see the bird I finally made a decision to wait until dusk and keep an eye out at their roosting place, thinking if few of them are left behind they would surely come to roost the same place because they always do as far as I know. All of us agreed and we went to the spot, it started to get windy and cold and light was fading when three adult Black-necked cranes flew in from nowhere and landed in the roosting site. As we were looking at them three more flew in and joined the flock, to our joy night fell and it was the six Black-necked cranes that made our day, probably the last six to be leaving Bhutan for this year. With that we called it a wrap.

Today our journey will take us all the way from west Bhutan to the central regions; our stay for the night is called Bumtang. Before sunrise we head off to Pelela Pass 3350 meters. Here we came across some Himalayan Griffon hovering over heads, the list includes Himalayan Buzzard, Coal, Rufous-vented and Green-backed Tit, Black-faced, Chestnut-crowned and Spotted Laughingthrush, Striped-throated Yuhina, Blyth's leaf, lemon-rumped, Ashy-throated and Buff-barred Warblers, in the slopes we caught a little glimpse of the beautiful Himalayan Monal our first sighting. Heading further the abandon road we saw some Spotted Nutcracker, Plain Mountain and Dark-rumped Rosefinch, White-winged Grosebeak, Blue Whistling Thrush and Yellow-billed Blue Magpie.

After spending couple hours at the Pelela abandon road, we were back on the track, as we had a long journey ahead. On the way we had few stops for birds like the Common Kestrel, Nepal House Martin and Crested Serpent Eagle. Afternoon we stopped for lunch at Trongsa, a Historical place, with a beautiful 17th century Dzong and a watch tower. After having lunch, we were back on the road heading for our next destination to the monastery in Bumthang for a close view of the Himalayan



Snow Pigeon

Monal, as we expected, we saw the Himalayan Monal one of the target of the trip, well we also managed to see some White-winged Redstart, flock of Snow Pigeon, Alpine Accentor, Red-billed Chough, Black-billed Magpie, Russet Sparrow, Eurasian Tree Sparrow and on the way back Kalij Pheasant was up close for a good picture to end the day.

today we start early from our nights stay at Bumtang and head towards east Bhutan, our next stay

is called Yongkola, a small village just outside the range of Phrumsengla National Park. But before that we have several stops along the way. Stopping first at Tangsibi a place just after the valley of Chokor for our first Blood Pheasant which we saw several times ahead, we saw the Monal again for the second time and some Black Eagle, Collared Owlet, Olive-backed Pipit, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Himalayan Blue-tail and Little Forktail. Our next stop Thrumbsingla Pass, over 3750 meters here we saw the Himalayan Buzzard, we saw the Beautiful Golden and White-browed Bush Ronin, we saw our first and only Horry-throated Barwing, first Minla was the Bar-throated Minla, some flock of

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Coal, Rufous-vented and Greenback tit, Striped-throated and Rufous-vented Yuhina, White-browed Fullvetta and Brown Parrotbill,

We crossed over the high pass and dropped down to small village which falls inside the National Park, Sengor we had our lunch and continued our journey heading deeper into the well known birding spots in the country (the Eastern slopes of the Phrumsengla National Park (upper and lower Lingmithang road). Here we saw some new Tits, like the Grey-crested and Yellow-browed Tit, we saw the Hodgson's Treecreeper, Common Rosefinch, Red-headed Bullfinch and the stunning Fire-tailed Myzornis in numbers.

Highlight of the day: - Today's main target bird was the Satyr Tragopan, in today's drive we managed to see it three times, the first one being in Gyalzamchhu, but it was just me, who saw the bird. We carried on driving stopping at Namling, we decided to have a short walk as the bird activity seemed good and hoping we would see the Tragopan. We were walking along the road and just when me and Joan looked over the cliff we saw two male Tragopans but the bird didn't stay long enough for my other client Allen to see it. We carried on walking hoping we would see it again. We reach a blind bend and just after it Allen went 'ohohoh'. And it was the Satyr Tragopan forging on the road side. The bird stayed there long enough for us to get some good pictures and with that we called it a day.



Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler



Fire-tailed Myzornis

For the next 4 nights we stayed and birded in the Phrumsengal National Park. The Birding spots we covered here are Yongkola, Namling and Llmithang Road, altitude varying from about 2400 meters till 550 meters. Here we in three full days of birding. We were able to see some raptors like Crested Serpent Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Besra Sparrowhawk, and some Black Eagle, Square-tailed Drongo Cuckoo, Collared Owlet, Asian-barred Owlet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Great, Golden-throated and Blue-throated Barbets, we saw the Yellow-rumped Honeyguide for the second time and some Woodpeckers like Grey-headed, Bay and Crimson Breasted Woodpeckers, we saw the White-browed Piculet, Grey-chinned and Scarlet Minivet, we had few bulbuls as well, such as Striated Bulbul, Ashy and Black Bulbul, we had some orange bellied leaf bird, Rufous-breasted and Maroon-backed Accentor and many more.

Focusing on Important and target birds, here we were able to see the rare Rufous-necked Hornbill (Endangered). Chestnut-breasted Partridge (vulnerable), we saw the Ward's Trogon again, Streaked-breasted Scimitar-babbler, Spotted and Rufous-throated Wren Babbler, White-tailed Nuthatch and the most wanted bird, Beautiful Nuthatch.

Today we retrace our Journey back to Trongsa. On our way back we managed to see some scaly, White-throated and Striated Laughingthrush, Greater Yellownap, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler, Red-tailed and Blue-winged Minla, Black-eared Shrike Babbler, Spotted Nutcracker, Blood Pheasant, Himalayan Monal and many more. Our journey today took us through beautiful villages such as Ura and through Chumey valley. We made our way up to the Yutongla pass again and to our nights stay Trongsa. was a long day of drive.

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Beautiful Nuthatch

Next morning, we headed towards our next destination Tingtibi for the next two nights. It's a different kind of forest cover we will be birding in, its basically a sub-tropical forest.

Here we managed to see our first Mountain Hawk Eagle, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Barred Cuckoo Dove, White-browed and Speckled Piculet, along with a rare Woodpecker, Pale-headed Woodpecker which

happened to be our bird of the first day

at Tingtibi. We also saw some Black-crested, Ashy and Himalayan Bulbul, Rufous-bellied and Small Niltava, Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher, Slaty-backed and spotted Forktail, Grey-sided and Rufous-necked Laughingthrush, White-browed Scimitar Babbler and some beautiful Red-billed Leiothrix.

Highlight of the Trip:- The sole purpose of us staying at Tingtibi was to see the Great Hornbill, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Pale-billed Parrotbill, Pale-headed woodpecker which we saw as expected and it was the other alternative spot of the ever rare White-bellied Heron. First day we tried up the Mangdue chhu waiting till sunset but failed again. Next day we tried for it again trying different location, we spend the whole morning looking for the bird but we were very unlucky. Mid-day came and the sun was at its prime so we decided to take a different road to our lunch following the river. We checked all over the place, river banks, big tree and river confluences and the bird was nowhere to be found, until in far bend of the river from where we were at I happened to see a big thing right in the middle of the river, I put the scope up and it appeared to be the bird we were looking for. The herons are generally known to be active foraging early morning and late evening but guess it wanted a change for the day and decided to go for a mid-day lunch. All of us were grateful and happy, this marked our completion of the targeted birds. It was certainly the highlight of the trip.



Pale-billed Parrotbill



Great Hornbill

Today our journey will take us back to the Valley of the cranes; it was a grueling long drive but managed to see a lot of birds as well such as, Striated and Rufous Prinia, Black-spotted Yellow Tit, Besra Sparrowhawk, Black Eagle, Common Kestrel, Great hornbill, Asian-barred owl, Nepal House Martin, Blyth's Swift, Great, Golden-throated and Blue-throated Barbet, White-browed Piculet, Rusty-flanked Treecreeper, Wallcreeper, Streaked-breasted Scimitar Babbler, White-throated, Bhtuan, Chestnut-crowned and Black-faced Laughing Thrush, Plumbeous and Hodgson's Redstart, White-tailed Nuthatch, Verditer and Rufous-gorgoted Flycatcher, grey treepie and more. We reach Phobjikha towards the evening and decided that we would check on the last remaining Black-necked Cranes, after waiting till sunset we concluded that the six cranes we saw about a week ago have left until next winter.

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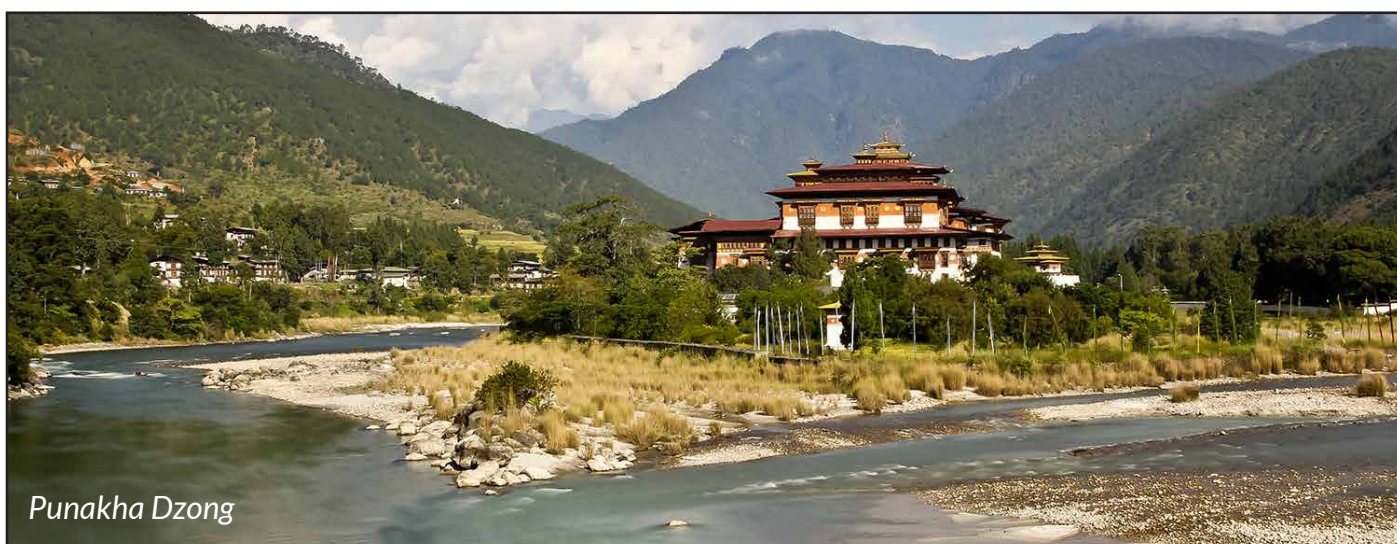
Golden Langur

As of today, we start heading back to where we started, another long drive for us. We arrived late evening at Paro, but on the long drive back we were able to have flashback of what we have seen. Like the oriental Turtle Dove, Hodgson's, White-capped and Plumbeous water redstart, striated, white-throated and Bhutan laughingthrush, white-collared Blackbird, green-backed, rufous-fronted and coal Tit, Yellow-billed Blue magpie and our very First Common Green magpie. Blue whisteling thrush were abundant, bar-throated minal, Himalayan Bluetail and many more.

Today was the last day in Bhutan so we were determined to finish strongly so, early morning we set off to Chelela pass the highest pass on the entire trip standing at a height of 3998 meters from sea level, with beautiful views of the second highest mountain in Bhutan Mt. Jomolhari 7450 meters. on our way up to the pass we saw a trio of pheasant again, blood pheasant, killej Pheasant and the beautiful Monal, we saw our first collared grosbeak, long-tailed Minivet, spotted laughingthrush, Hen Harrier, Darjeeling Woodpecker, Whistler's Warbler, lemon-rumped and Buff-barred warblers, spotted Nutcracker, blue-fronted Red-start and Hodgson's Treecreeper. After spending half of the day at the pass we drove back to Paro for lunch at a typical Bhutanese farm house, where we were served with traditional dishes and the local wine Ara.

Later towards the evening we spend out remaining time exploring the banks of the Paro river. We saw some River lapwing, Ibisbill, White wagtail, Rufous-breasted accentor, common Hoopoe and our first Little Bunting. After birding at the river we drove to a paddy field nearby and tried our luck with the beautiful Black-tailed Crake and we were successful so the remaining evening we spent it by exploring the charming Paro Town.

Early departure at Paro International Airport, me and my driver bid farewell to our clients, till we meet again.



Punakha Dzong

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Birding at Chelila Pass



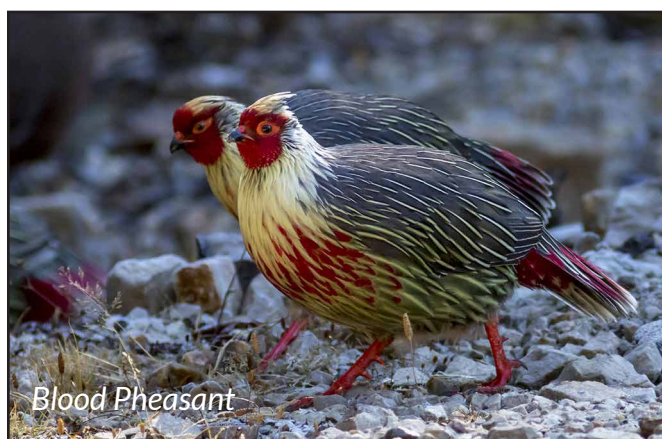
Himalayan Monal



Satyr Tragopan



Kalij Pheasant



Blood Pheasant



View from Namling Road

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Bird check list.

Compiled by:- Tshering Dorji

Non-passerines	
1. Great Cormorant.	Phalacrocorax Carbo
2. White-bellied Heron	Ardea Insignis(Critically Endangered)
3. Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna Ferruginea
4. Common Teal	Anas crecca
5. Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca Penelope
6. Common Merganser	Mergus Meganser
7. Oriental Honey-buzzard	Pernis Ptilorhynchus
8. Pallas's Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus Leucoryphus (Vulnerable)
9. Himalayan Griffon	Gyps Himalayensis (Near Threatened)
10. Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis Cheela
11. Hen Harrier	Cirus Cyaneus
12. Besra	Accipiter Virgatus
13. Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter Nisus
14. Northern Goshawk	Accipiter Gentilis
15. Himalayan Buzzard	Buteo Burmanicus
16. Black Eagle	Ictinaetus Malayensis
17. Mountain Hawk Eagle	Nisaetus Nipalensis
18. Common Kestrel	Falco Tinnunculus
19. Common Hill partridge	Arborophila Torquola
20. Chestnut-breasted Partridge	Arborophila Mandellii (Vulnerable)
21. Blood Pheasant	Ithaginis Cruentus
22. Satyr Tragopan	Tragopan Satyra (Near Threatened)
23. Himalayan Monal	Lophophours Impejanus
24. Kallej Pheaset	Lophura Leucomelanos
25. Black-necked Crane	Grus Nigricollis (Vulnerable)
26. River Lapwing	Vanellus Duvaucellii (Near Threatned)
27. Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus Indicus
28. Common Sandpiper	Gallinago Gallinago
29. Ibisbill	Ibidorhyncha Struthersii
30. Brown-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus Brunnicephalus
31. Pallas's Gull	Ichthyaetus Ichthyaetus
32. Snow pigeon	Columba Leuconota
33. Rock pigeon	Columba Livia
34. Oriental Turtle Dove	Sreptopelia Oriemtalıs
35. Barred Cuckoo Dove	Macropygia Unchall
36. Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron Apicauda
37. Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron Sphenurus
38. Large Hawk Cuckoo	Hierococcyx Sparverioıdes
39. Collared Owlet	Glaucidium Brodieo
40. Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium Cuculoides
41. Himalayan Swiftlet	Aerodramus Breviristris
42. Blyth's Swift	Apus Leuconyx
43. Ward's Trogon	Harpactes Wardi (Near Threatened)
44. White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon Smyrnensis
45. Crested Kingfisher	Ceryle Lugubris
46. Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis Athertoni
47. Common hoopoe	Upupa Epops
48. Great Hornbill	Buceros Bicornis (Near Threatened)

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49.	Rufous-necked Hornbill	<i>Aceros Nipalensis</i> (Vulnerable)
50.	Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima Corens</i>
51.	Golden-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima Frankinii</i>
52.	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>
53.	Yellow-rumped Honeyguide	<i>Indicator Xanthonotus</i> (Near Threatened)
54.	Speckled Piculet	<i>Vivia innominata</i>
55.	White-browed Piculet	<i>Sasia Ochracea</i>
56.	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos Canicapillus</i>
57.	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos Cathpharius</i>
58.	Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus Pyrrhotis</i>
59.	Grey-headed woodpecker	<i>Picus Canus</i>
60.	Pale-headed Woodpecker	<i>Gecinulus Grantia</i>
61.	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda Gulgula</i>
62.	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>
63.	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>
64.	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>



Green-tailed Sunbird



Crimson Sunbird



Hotel at Phobjekha

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Passerines

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| 1. Nepal House Martin | Delichon nipalensis |
| 2. Asian House Martin | Delipchon dasypus |
| 3. White Wagtail | Motacilla Alba |
| 4. White-browed Wagtail | Motacilla maderaspatensis |
| 6. Grey Wagtail | Motacilla cinerea |
| 7. Olive-backed Pipit | Anthus hodgsoni |
| 8. Grey-chinned Minivet | Pericrocotus solaris |
| 9. Long-tailed Minivet | Pericrocotus ethologus |
| 10. Scarlet Minivet | Pericrocotus speciosus |
| 11. Pied Flycatcher Shrike | Hemipus picatus |
| 12. Large Wood Shrike | Tephrodornis gularis |
| 13. White-throated Fantail | Rhipidura albicollis |
| 14. Yellow-bellied Fantail | Chelidorhynchus hyoxantha |
| 15. Striated Bulbul | Pycnonotus striatus |
| 16. Red-vented Bulbul | Pycnonotus cafer |
| 17. Black Bulbul | Hypsipetes leucocephalus |
| 18. Mountain Bulbul | Ixos mccllellandii |
| 19. Ashy Bulbul | Hemixos flavala |
| 20. Black-crested Bulbul | Pycnonotus flaviventris |
| 21. Himalayan Bulbul | Pycnonotus leucogenys |
| 22. White-throated Bulbul | Pycnonotus flaveolus |
| 23. Orange-bellied Leafbird | Chloropsos hardwickii |
| 24. Brown shrike | Lanius cristatus |
| 25. Grey-backed Shrike | Lanius tephronotus |
| 26. Long-tailed Shrike | Lanius schach |
| 27. Winter Wren | Troglodytes troglodytes |
| 28. Alpine Accentor | Prunella collaris |
| 29. Altai Accentor | Prunella himalayana |
| 30. Rufous-breasted Accentor | Prunella strophiatea |
| 31. Maroon-backed Accentor | Prunella immaculata |
| 32. White-collared Blackbird | Turdus albocinctus |
| 33. Grey-winged Blackbird | Turdus boulboul |
| 34. Blue Whistling Thrush | Myophonus caeruleus |
| 35. Dark-sided Flycatcher | Muscicapa sibirica |
| 36. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher | Ficedula strophiatea |
| 37. Little Pied Flycatcher | Ficedula westermanni |
| 38. Verditer Flycatcher | Eumyias thalassinus |
| 39. Large Niltava | Niltava grandis |
| 40. Rufous-bellied Niltava | Niltava sundara |



Local people in traditional dress

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41.	Small Niltava	Niltava macgrigoriae
42.	Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis rubeculoides
43.	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis
44.	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris
45.	Blue-capped Rock Thrush	Monticola cinclorhynchus
46.	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius
47.	Himalayan Bluetail	Tarsiger rufilatus
48.	White-browed Bush Robin	Tarsiger indicus
49.	Golden Bush robin	Tarsiger chrysaeus
50.	Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis
51.	Hodgson's Redstart	Phoenicurus hodgsoni
52.	Plumbeous Water Redstart	Phoenicurus fuliginosus
53.	White-capped Redstart	Phoenicurus leucocephalus
54.	Little Forktail	Enicurus scouleri
55.	Slaty-backed Forktail	Enicurus schistaceus
56.	Spotted Forktail	Enicurus maculatus
57.	Common Stonchat	Saxicola maurus
58.	Grey Bushchat	Phodophila ferrea
59.	White-throated Laughingthrush	Garrulax albogularis
60.	Black-faced Laughingthrush	Trochalpoteron affine
61.	White-crested Laughingthrush	Leucodioptron leucolophum
62.	Striated Laughingthrush	Grammatoptila striata
63.	Rufous-necked Laughingthrush	Dryonastes gularis
64.	Grey-sided laughingthrush	Garrulax caerulatus
65.	Spotted Lughingthrush	Lanthocincla ocellata
66.	Bhutan Laughingthrush	Trochalpoteron imbricatum
67.	Scaly Laughingthrush	Trochalpoteron subunicolor
68.	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	Trochalpoteron erythrocephalum
69.	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	Megapomatorhinus erythrognys
70.	White-browed Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus schisticeps
71.	Streaked-breasted Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus ruficollis
72.	Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler	Xiphirhynchus superciliaris



Dark-rumped Rosefinch



Gold-naped Finch

73.	Spotted Wren Babbler	Eluchura formosa
74.	Rufous-throated Wren Babbler	Spelaornis caudatus(Near Threatened)
75.	Rufous-Capped Babbler	Cyanoderma ruficeps
76.	Golden Babbler	Cyanoderma chrysaeum
77.	Grey-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps
78.	Red-billed Leiothrix	leiothrix lutea
79.	White-hooded Babbler	Gampsorhynchus rufulus
80.	Rusty-fronted Barwing	Actinodura egertoni
81.	Hoary-throated Barwing	Ixops nipalensis

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82. Blue-winged Minla	<i>Siva cyanouropetra</i>
83. Bar-throated Minla	<i>Chrysominla strigula</i>
84. Red-tailed Minla	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>
85. Yellow-throated Fulvetta	<i>Pseudominla cinerea</i>
86. White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta vinipectus</i>
87. Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Pseudominla castaneceps</i>
88. Nepal Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>
89. Rufous Sibia	<i>Malacias capistratus</i>
90. Long-tailed Sibia	<i>Heterophasia picaoides</i>
91. Striated Yuhina	<i>Staphasia castaniceps</i>
92. Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>
93. Striped-throated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>
94. White-napped Yuhina	<i>Yuhina bakeri</i> (Rare)
95. Rufous-vented Yuhina	<i>Yuhina occipitalis</i>
96. Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigrimnta</i>
97. Fire-tailed Myzornis	<i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i> (Near Threatened)
98. Brown Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i>
99. Pale-billed Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis atosuperciliaris</i>
100. White-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis ruficeps</i>
101. Blyth's Shrike Babbler	<i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i>
102. Green Shrike Babbler	<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>
103. Black-eared shrike Babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotis</i>
104. Striated Prinia	<i>Prinia ceinigera</i>
105. Rufous Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>
106. Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Phyllergates cuculatus</i>
107. Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
108. Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>
109. Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>
110. Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chlorontus</i>
111. Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
112. Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
113. Blyth's leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>
114. Yellow-vented Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>
115. Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>
116. Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicerus whistleri</i>
117. Grey-cheeked Warbler	<i>Seicerus poigenys</i>
118. Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>
119. Yellow-bellied Warbler	<i>Abroscopus superciliaris</i>
120. Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
121. Rufous-fronted Tit	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>
122. Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater aemodius</i>
123. Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>



Spotted Elachura



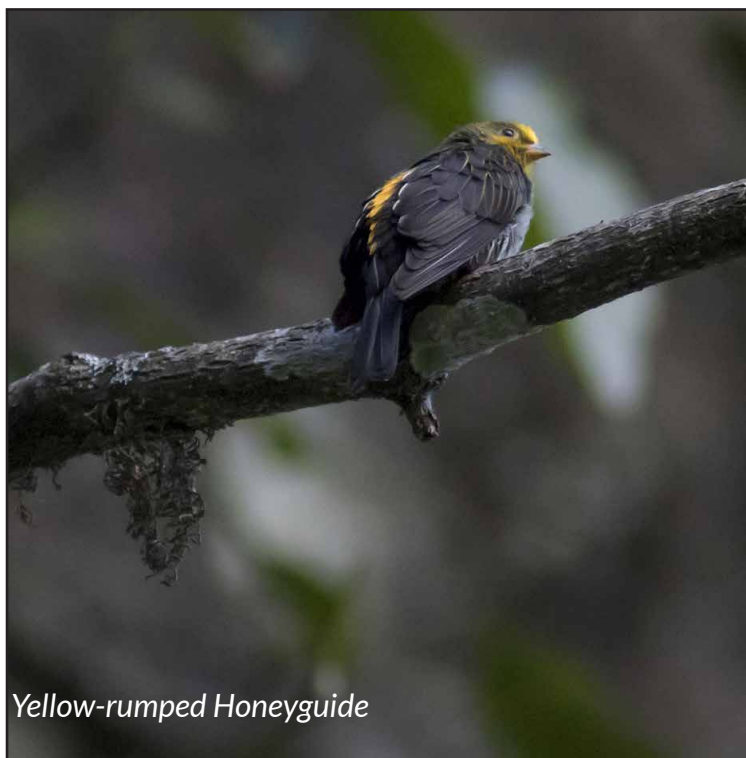
Rufous-throated Wren Babbler

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124. Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>
125. Fire-capped Tit	<i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>
126. Grey-crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>
127. Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>
128. Black-spotted Yellow Tit	<i>Parus spilonotus</i>
129. Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochlora sultanes</i>
130. White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>
131. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>
132. Beautiful Nuthatch	<i>Sitta Formosa</i> (Near Threatened)
133. Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
134. Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>
135. Hodgson's Treecreeper	<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>
136. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>
137. Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>
138. Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
139. Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>
140. Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>
141. Oriental white-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
142. Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathamii</i>
143. Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>
144. Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>
145. Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
146. White-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus thura</i>
147. Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>
148. Dark-rumped Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i>
149. Scarlet Finch	<i>Haematospiza sipahi</i>
150. Red-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>
151. Gold-napped Finch	<i>Pyrrhopectes epauletta</i>
152. Collared Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas affinis</i>
153. White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>
154. Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>
155. Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
160. Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
161. Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>
162. Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
163. Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
164. Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>
165. Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
166. Yellow-billed Blue magpie	<i>Urocissa flavirosyris</i>
167. Common Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>
168. Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
169. Grey treepie	<i>Dendrocitta Formosa</i>
170. Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>

Trip Detail



Yellow-rumped Honeyguide



Wallcreeper

- 171. Black-billed Magpie
- 172. Red-billed Chough
- 173. House Crow
- 174. Large-billed Crow
- 175. Brown Dipper

- Pica pica*
- Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
- Corvus macrorhynchos*
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- Cinclus pallasii*

Total species seen= 236

Mammals List:

- 1. Golden Langur
- 2. Capped langur
- 3. Assamese Macaque
- 4. Himalayan Yellow-throated Marten
- 5. Barking deer/ Muntjack
- 6. Goral
- 7. Sambar Deer
- 8. Common Pika
- 9. Large-eared pika
- 10. Malayan Giant Squirrel
- 11. Himalayan Stripped Squirrel
- 12. Hoary-bellied Squirrel
- 13. Orange-bellied Squirrel.

- Trachypithecus Geei* (Endangered)
- Semnopithecus entellus*
- Macaca Asamensis* (Vulnerable)
- Martes flavigula*
- Muntiacus mutjak*
- Nemorhaedus goral*
- Rusa unicolor*
- Ochotona roylei*
- Ochotona macrotis*
- Ratufa Bicolor*
- Tamiops macclellandi*
- Callosciurus pygerythrus*
- Dermomys lokriah*

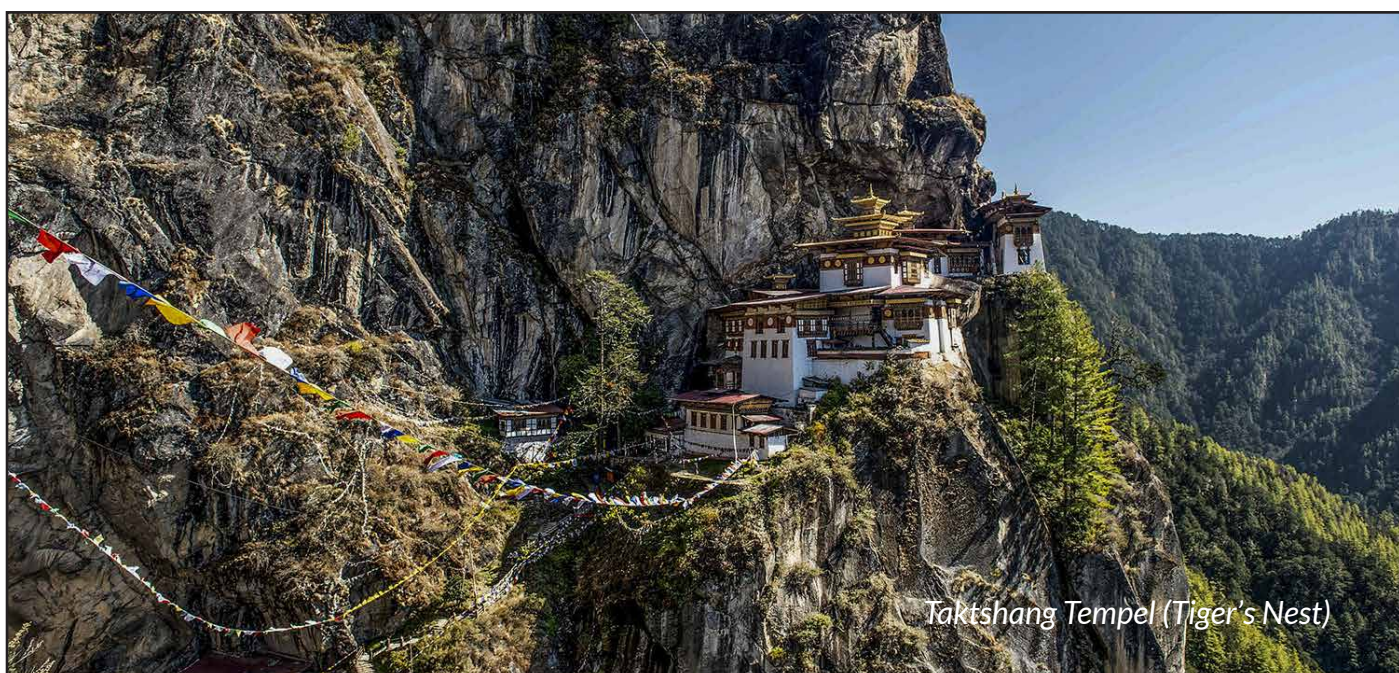


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Rufous-necked Hornbill



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