

Birding in Bhopal Places and Checklist

A brief introduction to bird watching spots in and around Bhopal
With respect to their location and importance.
Checklist of birds also included.



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Birding in Bhopal

Beautiful landscape and greenery all around makes city of Bhopal a suitable place for birding activities. There are some spots like van vihar and shahpura where for definite reasons you can find different species of birds. But there are some other places too that can be looked upon for bird watching. Following is the list of birding spots, with their location and description. Also enclosed is the checklist for each birding spot.

All efforts have been made to prepare a checklist that provides maximum probability to spot a bird in a particular area. That's the reason why area covered by a spot is also described ie shahpura does not cover entire shahpura but just the lake and its surrounding area. This area has been referred to as 'Birding area'.

Taking into account that we are just amateurs, questions were asked to experts and resource persons, and help was sought and only after proper discussion that this list was created. Bird watching camps and various visits to birding locations in a formal or informal way were utilized to identify birds and prepare the list.

Birding spots in Bhopal

- Van Vihar
- Prempura Ghat
- Bhadbhada
- Shahpura
- Kerwa
- Kaliasot
- Dhanwantri Park



Van Vihar

This park is located on a hill adjacent to the Upper Lake. Wildlife watchers can view a variety of herbivorous and carnivorous species, in these natural surroundings. This 445 hectares park has tigers, crocodiles, bear, leopards and a wide variety of birds.

A separate area has been allocated in the park as bird's habitat that includes ponds, bushes and grasslands that attract birds. It is named AVIORY. Many migratory birds arrive here during winters. Birding area of van vihar includes almost the entire area alongside the main road but prominently the bird sanctuary.

Van vihar's richness in avifauna lies in the fact that in a single day about 40-50 bird species can be spotted. Right from the gate you can start seeing wagtails, hoopoes, prinias and as you enter warblers, coucals and bulbuls welcome you. As we move further, water birds start appearing as you see herons, cormorants and waterhens.

Pied kingfisher hovering above the water and Indian rollers with their fantastic courtship displays provide moments that are always cherished by the birders. A good binocular enables you to see birds on the other side of the lake or flying above. Terns can be seen covering a large area over the lake.



Van Vihar - Checklist

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1. Red vented bulbul - *Pycnonotus cafer*

 2. Red collared dove - *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
 3. Spotted dove - *Streptopelia chinensis*
 4. White breasted waterhen - *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
 5. Little egret - *Egretta garzetta*
 6. Cattle egret - *Bubulcus ibis*
 7. Intermediate egret - *Mesophoyx intermedia*
 8. Large egret - *Casmerodius albus*
 9. Red wattled lapwing - *Vanellus indicus*
 10. Little cormorant - *Phalacrocorax niger*
 11. Large cormorant - *Phalacrocorax carbo*
 12. Night heron - *Nycticorax nycticorax*
 13. Indian pond heron - *Ardeola grayii*
 14. Grey heron - *Ardea cinerea*
 15. Purple heron - *Ardea purpurea*
 16. Rose ringed parakeet - *Psittacula krameri*
 17. Bronze winged jacana - *Metopidius indicus*
 18. Pheasant tiled jacana - *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*
 19. Common myna - *Acridotheres tristis*
 20. Brahminy starling - *Sturnus pagodarum*
 21. Asian pied myna - *Sturnus contra*
 22. Baya - *Ploceus philippinus*
 23. Asian koel - *Eudynamys scolopacea*
 24. Lesser whistling teal - *Dedrocygna javanica*
 25. White breasted kingfisher - *Halcyon smyrnensis*
 26. Pied kingfisher - *Ceryle rudis*
 27. Little blue kingfisher - *Alcedo atthis*
 28. Black drongo - *Dicrurus macrocercus*
 29. Golden oriole - *Oriolus oriolus*
 30. Iora - *Aegithina tiphia*
 31. Jungle crow - *Corvus macrorhynchos*
 32. Pariah kite - *Milvus migrans*
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33. Magpie robin - *Copsychus saularis*
 34. Crow pheasant - *Centropus sinensis*
 35. Purple sunbird - *Nectarinia asiatica*
 36. Peacock - *Pavo cristatus*
 37. Painted stork - *Mycteria leucocephala*
 38. Open bill stork - *Anastomus oscitans*
 39. Indian roller - *Coracias benghalensis*
 40. Ashy prinia - *Prinia socialis*
 41. Oriental white eye - *Zosterops palpebrosus*
 42. Pigmy cotton goose - *Nettapus coromandelianus*
 43. Indian river tern - *Sterna aurantia*
 44. Coot - *Fulica atra*
 45. Comb duck - *Sarkidiornis melanotos*
 46. Crested bunting - *Melophus lathami*
 47. Indian robin - *Saxicoloides fulicata*
 48. Common wood shrike - *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
 49. Long tailed shrike - *Lanius schach*
 50. Bay backed shrike - *Lanius vittatus*
 51. White wagtail - *Motacilla alba*
 52. White browed wagtail - *Motacilla maderaspatensis*
 53. Yellow wagtail - *Motacilla flava*
 54. Citrine wagtail - *Motacilla citreola*
 55. Pied crested cuckoo - *Clamator jacobinus*
 56. Silver billed munia - *Lonchura malabarica*
 57. Red munia - *Amandava amandava*
 58. Spotted munia - *Lonchura punctulata*
 59. Paddyfield pipit - *Anthus rufulus*
 60. Small green bee eater - *Merops orientalis*
 61. Egyptian vulture - *Neophron percnopterus*
 62. Black winged stilt - *Himantopus himantopus*
 63. Paradise flycatcher - *Terpsiphone paradisi*
 64. House swift - *Apus affinis*
 65. Wire tailed swallow - *Hirundo smithii*
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66. Streak throated swallow - *Hirundo fluvicola*
 67. Small minivet - *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
 68. Eurasian wryneck - *Jynx torquilla*
 69. Large grey babbler - *Turdoides malcolmi*
 70. Blyths reed babbler - *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
 71. Bristled grass bird - *Chaetornis striatus*
 72. Greenish leaf warbler - *Phylloscopus trochiloides*
 73. Blue cheeked beeeater - *Merops persicus*
 74. Greater painted snipe - *Rostratula benghalensis*
 75. Spot billed duck - *Anas poecilorhyncha*
 76. Sarus crane - *Grus antigone*
 77. White browed fantail flycatcher - *Rhipidura aureola*
 78. Common Hoopoe - *Upupa epops*
 79. Purple swamp hen - *Porphyrio porphyrio*
 80. Common stonechat - *Saxicola torquata*
 81. Coppersmith barbet - *Megalaima haemacephala*
 82. Pied bushchat - *Saxicola caprata*
 83. Black Redstart - *Phoenicurus ochruros*
 84. Osprey - *Pandion haliaetus*
 85. Marsh harrier - *Circus aeruginosus*
 86. Common teal - *Anas crecca*
 87. Shikra - *Accipiter badius*
 88. Wood sand piper - *Tringa glareola*
 89. Little ringed plover - *Charadrius dubius*
 90. Glossy ibis - *Plegadis falcinellus*
 91. Lesser white throat - *Sylvia curruca*
 92. Mallard - *Anas platyrhynchos*
 93. Brahminy shelduck - *Tadorna ferruginea*
 94. Chifchaf - *Phylloscopus collybita*
 95. Common Pochard - *Aythya ferina*
 96. Red crested pochard - *Rhodonessa rufina*
 97. Tickels blue flycatcher - *Cyornis tickelliae*
 98. Stork billed kingfisher - *Halcyon capensis*
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99. Common moorhen - *Gallinula chloropus*
100. Booted warbler - *Hippolais caligata*
101. Northern pintail - *Anas acuta*
102. Bluethroat - *Luscinia svecica*
103. Yellow fronted pied woodpecker - *Dendrocopos
mahrattensis*
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Prempura Ghat

If you don't want to spend 50 bucks to enter van vihar, prempura ghat provides an alternative. Basically used for idol immersion, this place attracts a lot of water birds. Not many birds as far as count is concerned have been seen here but many species found in van vihar can be easily spotted. They generally cross over prempura ghat to reach van vihar.

Now days, a large number of cormorants can be seen in groups crossing this area. You can also find open bill storks sometimes in the evening again moving towards van vihar. Terns are common and pied kingfisher pair can be seen almost on any given day near the ghat.

Birding area of Prempura ghat starts right from the turn to ghat from bhadbhada main road towards van vihar. A bund in between provides a good site to watch birds especially jacanas.



Prempura ghat – Checklist

1. Cattle egret - <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
2. Little egret - <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
3. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
4. Pied kingfisher - <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
5. White wagtail - <i>Motacilla alba</i>
6. White browed wagtail - <i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
7. River tern - <i>Sterna aurantia</i>
8. Indian pond heron - <i>Ardeola grayii</i>
9. House swift - <i>Apus affinis</i>
10. Wire tailed swallow - <i>Hirundo smithii</i>
11. Pheasant tailed jacana - <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
12. Bronze winged jacana - <i>Metopidius indicus</i>
13. White breasted waterhen - <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
14. Black shouldered kite - <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
15. Pariah kite - <i>Milvus migrans</i>
16. Open bill stork - <i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
17. Lesser whistling teal - <i>Dedrocygna javanica</i>
18. Red vented bulbul - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
19. Small green bee-eater - <i>Merops orientalis</i>

Prempura Ghat : Area next to van vihar used for idol immersion.



Bhadbhada

Once a great spot to visit during monsoon, this place has totally changed after the construction of new roads and connecting bridges. This place attracts many water birds and has colonies of swifts and martins. Myna's clutter can be heard anytime of the day as you walk by. Best time is morning as there is less traffic during this time. Birding area is the complete wetland along the bridge.

Bhadbhada - Checklist

1. Dusky crag martin - <i>Hirundo concolor</i>
2. House swift - <i>Apus affinis</i>
3. Pied kingfisher - <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
4. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
5. Indian pond heron - <i>Ardeola grayii</i>
6. Grey hornbill - <i>Ocyceros birostris</i>
7. White breasted waterhen - <i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
8. Ashy prinia - <i>Prinia socialis</i>
9. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
10. Purple swamp hen - <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
11. Bronze winged jacana - <i>Metopidius indicus</i>
12. Indian river tern - <i>Sterna aurantia</i>



Shahpura

Shahpura Lake provides a great habitat to different water and migratory birds next only to van vihar. Cormorants, terns, kingfishers and herons can be easily spotted. Bar headed geese was also seen here. Local fishermen are proving to be a threat to these birds as there have been reports that they use poison to kill these birds. Again, morning hrs is best to watch birds in this area. Birding area is area near the lake.

Shahpura - Checklist

1. Indian river tern - <i>Sterna aurantia</i>
2. Little cormorant - <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
3. Cattle egret - <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
4. Purple swamp hen - <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
5. White breasted waterhen - <i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
6. Pheasant tailed jacana - <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
7. Indian pond heron - <i>Ardeola grayii</i>
8. Bar headed Geese - <i>Anser indicus</i>
9. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
10. Pied kingfisher - <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
11. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
12. Brahminy starling - <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
13. Asian pied myna - <i>Sturnus contra</i>
14. Red wattled lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>
15. Lesser whistling teal - <i>Dedrocygna javanica</i>
16. Red vented bulbul - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>

Shahpura : Area near the lake.



Kerwa

Kerwa Dam is one of the most popular picnic spots of Bhopal. Situated at a distance of about 10 kms, the reservoir has a catchment area of about 69 sq. km. Kaliasot and Kerwa reservoirs have been constructed to meet the water demands of Bhopal city during dry seasons. Birding area includes road from dam to the nursery and area around the flowing water.

Kerwa is home to mottled wood owl. Nightjars can be heard, we hadn't seen but their frequent calls are helpful to identify them. Area around nursery has woodpeckers and fantail flycatchers and a large eucalyptus tree provides resting place to Indian roller. During monsoon, peacocks call frequently around this place.

Bird watching in kerwa demands patience and time. Your checklist on a given day does not add to more birds but you get to see crested serpent eagle sitting on a strong branch or Egyptian vulture flying above. Moreover, the first sighting of Stork billed kingfisher is from this very place.



Kerwa - Checklist

1. Asian koel - <i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
2. Crow pheasant - <i>Centropus sinensis</i>
3. Common hawk cuckoo / Brainfever - <i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
4. Crested bunting - <i>Melophus lathami</i>
5. White breasted waterhen - <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
6. Coppersmith barbet - <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
7. Egyptian vulture - <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
8. Great tit - <i>Parus major</i>
9. Crested serpent eagle - <i>Spilornis cheela</i>
10. Black drongo - <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
11. White bellied drongo - <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
12. Baya - <i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
13. Peacock - <i>Pavo cristatus</i>
14. Golden oriole - <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
15. Grey hornbill - <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>
16. Red wattled lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>
17. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
18. Stork billed kingfisher # - <i>Halcyon capensis</i>
19. Rose ringed parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>
20. Indian roller - <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
21. Indian robin - <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>
22. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
23. Brahminy starling - <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
24. Asian pied myna - <i>Sturnus contra</i>
25. Small green bee eater - <i>Merops orientalis</i>
26. Mottled wood owl - <i>Strix ocellata</i>
27. Golden backed woodpecker - <i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
28. Zitting cisticola - <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
29. White browed fantail flycatcher - <i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
30. Brown headed barbet - <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>
31. Shikra - <i>Accipiter badius</i>



32. Jungle nightjar * - <i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>
33. Savanna nightjar * - <i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>
34. Common nightjar * - <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>

* Only heard characteristic calls, not seen
Only one sighting of Stork billed kingfisher

Kerwa : area includes the dam, nursery and nearby areas around water.



Kaliasot

Kaliasot, again with catchment area of 17 sq. kmt. And a large forest area provides a good opportunity to see wide variety of birds. Birding area starts from the stop dam where you can see lots of swifts and martins till the bull mother farm. Black shouldered kite can be seen over WALMI with its hovering flight.

Kaliasot - Checklist

1. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
2. Brahminy starling - <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
3. Asian pied myna - <i>Sturnus contra</i>
4. Black drongo - <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
5. White bellied drongo - <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
6. House sparrow - <i>Passer domesticus</i>
7. House swift - <i>Apus affinis</i>
8. Dusky crag martin - <i>Hirundo concolor</i>
9. Wire tailed swallow - <i>Hirundo smithii</i>
10. Streak throated swallow - <i>Hirundo fluvicola</i>
11. Small green bee-eater - <i>Merops orientalis</i>
12. Pariah kite - <i>Milvus migrans</i>
13. Black shouldered kite - <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
14. Cormorant - <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
15. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
16. Red vented bulbul - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
17. Spotted dove - <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
18. Laughing dove - <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
19. Blue rock pigeon - <i>Columbia livia</i>
20. Purple sunbird - <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
21. Common babbler - <i>Turdoides caudatus</i>
22. Jungle babbler - <i>Turdoides striatus</i>
23. Large grey babbler - <i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>



24. Baya - <i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
25. Shikra - <i>Accipiter badius</i>
26. Coppersmith barbet - <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
27. Ashy prinia - <i>Prinia socialis</i>
28. Rose ringed parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>

Kaliasoth: Area from stop dam till Bull mother farm connecting kerwa road.



Dhanwantri Park

Located in BHEL area, Dhanwantri Park is famous for hundreds of varieties of roses and different seasonal flowers. Birding area comprises of complete park area including grassland towards the medical ground. Almost all the common birds like mynah, bulbul etc can be seen here including magpie robin, long tailed shrike and babblers. This park is a permanent home of rose ringed parakeets and koel. Lesser whistling teals have been also sighted here.

Dhanwantri Park - Checklist

1. Magpie robin - <i>Copsychus saularis</i>
2. Red vented bulbul - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
3. Brahminy starling - <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
4. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
5. Asian pied myna - <i>Sturnus contra</i>
6. Red vented lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>
7. Common babbler - <i>Turdoides caudatus</i>
8. Jungle Babbler - <i>Turdoides striatus</i>
9. Long tailed shrike - <i>Lanius schach</i>
10. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
11. White breasted waterhen - <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
12. Indian pond heron - <i>Ardeola grayii</i>
13. Cattle egret - <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
14. Rose ringed parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>
15. Lesser whistling teal - <i>Dedrocygna javanica</i>
16. Loughing dove - <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
17. House swift - <i>Apus affinis</i>
18. Golden oriole - <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
19. Iora - <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
20. Crow pheasant - <i>Centropus sinensis</i>
21. Ashy prinia - <i>Prinia socialis</i>
22. Asian koel - <i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>



23. White browed wagtail - <i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
24. Grey wagtail # - <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
25. Purple sunbird - <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
26. Silver billed munia - <i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
27. Black drongo - <i>Dicurus macrocercus</i>
28. Indian treepie - <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
29. Small green bee-eater - <i>Merops orientalis</i>
30. Egyptian vulture * - <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>

Only one sighting of Grey wagtail

* Only one sighting of Egyptian vulture

Dhanvantri Park: Area includes that of park till Kasturba hospital and medical ground



Kolar Dam

Kolar Dam, about 40 kms from Bhopal is a treat to visit in monsoons with lush green carpet spread all over and water streams flowing at different places. Forest is dense and provides home to woodpeckers and owlets. During winters, many terrestrial migratory birds like flycatchers and wagtails arrive here. Local bird sellers catch plum headed parakeets from this forest.

Leela resort, on the way provides a parking place. Further moving to Kathotiya is a bumpy ride through a kachha road. Pipits and larks can be seen here on the rocky areas. This place is famous for adventure sports.

Kolar Dam - Checklist

1. Spotted Owlet - <i>Athene brama</i>
2. Mottled wood owl - <i>Strix ocellata</i>
3. Golden backed woodpecker - <i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
4. Brown capped pigmy woodpecker - <i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
5. Common hawk cuckoo - <i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
6. Ashy prinia - <i>Prinia socialis</i>
7. Iora - <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
8. Eurasian collared dove - <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
9. Spotted dove - <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
10. Laughing dove - <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
11. Rufous treepie - <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
12. Long tailed shrike - <i>Lanius schach</i>
13. Indian roller - <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
14. Peacock - <i>Pavo cristatus</i>
15. Rose ringed parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>
16. Red wattled lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>
17. Purple sunbird - <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
18. Great tit - <i>Parus major</i>



19. Red breasted flycatcher - <i>Ficedula parva</i>
20. Tickels blue flycatcher - <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
21. Humes warbler - <i>Phylloscopus humei</i>
22. Thick billed flowerpecker - <i>Dicaeum agile</i>
23. Plum headed parakeet - <i>Psittacula cynaocephala</i>
24. Yellow throated sparrow - <i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>
25. Varible wheater - <i>Oenanthe picata</i>
26. Isabelline wheater - <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
27. Indian bush lark - <i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>
28. Ashy crowned sparrow lark - <i>Eremopterix grisea</i>
29. Small minivet - <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
30. White bellied drongo - <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
31. White browed fantail flycatcher - <i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
32. Black shouldered kite - <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
33. Common Hoopoe - <i>Upupa epops</i>
34. Black drongo - <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
35. Coppersmith barbet - <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
36. Long tailed shrike - <i>Lanius schach</i>
37. Indian treepie - <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
38. Grey headed flycatcher - <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
39. Tree pipit - <i>Anthus trivialis</i>
40. Black redstart - <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
41. Indian robin - <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>
42. Sulpher bellied warbler - <i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>
43. Olive backed pipit - <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>



Some other places too...

Administration academy, where we used to gather during bird watching camps is a host to several birds. In the nursery, we saw a group comprising of mynas, crows and babblers making life difficult for a barn owl and then crows finally chasing this poor owl.

Rishipuram, area nearby colony consisting of some farmhouse, grasslands, healthy plantations and fields. Once used to be agricultural land but now several colonies are being developed here.

Administration Academy - Checklist

1. White wagtail - <i>Motacilla alba</i>
2. Chestnut tailed starling # - <i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>
3. Barn owl - <i>Tyto alba</i>
4. Coppersmith barbet - <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
5. Brown headed barbet - <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>
6. Oriental white eye - <i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>

Nobody could identify this bird but Mr. Sanjay Thakur did.



Rishipuram - Checklist

1. Indian roller - <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
2. Indian robin - <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>
3. Greater painted snipe - <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
4. Crested bunting - <i>Melophus lathamii</i>
5. Sykes lark - <i>Galerida deva</i>
6. Paddyfield pipit - <i>Anthus rufulus</i>
7. Brown rock chat - <i>Cercomela fusca</i>
8. Common stone chat - <i>Saxicola torquata</i>
9. Pied bush chat - <i>Saxicola caprata</i>
10. Purple sunbird - <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
11. Shikra - <i>Accipiter badius</i>
12. Spotted Owlet - <i>Athene brama</i>
13. Silver billed Munia - <i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
14. Baya - <i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
15. Golden oriole - <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
16. Laughing dove - <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
17. Spotted dove - <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
18. Common myna - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
19. Brahminy starling - <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
20. Asian pied myna - <i>Sturnus contra</i>
21. Red wattled lapwing - <i>Vanellus indicus</i>
22. Cattle egret - <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
23. White breasted kingfisher - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
24. House swift - <i>Apus affinis</i>
25. Dusky crag martin - <i>Hirundo concolor</i>
26. House crow - <i>Corvus splendens</i>
27. House sparrow - <i>Passer domesticus</i>
28. Long tailed shrike - <i>Lanius schach</i>
29. Red vented bulbul - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
30. Rose ringed parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>
31. Black drongo - <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>



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