



North East India Birding Tour

including Eaglenest, Nameri and Kaziranga

Best time to visit: November – April/May. Book well in advance for choice of dates.

17 days Delhi – Guwahati – Nameri – Sangti Valley & Sela Pass – Eaglenest – Kaziranga – Guwahati – Delhi

A birding tour to North East India to explore mountainous Arunachal Pradesh and the Assam Valley can yield between 350 and 500 species (weather permitting) including many with restricted range.

Birds likely to be seen: Bugun Liocichla, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Greater Adjutant, White-winged Duck, Beautiful Nuthatch, Cutia, Long-billed Plover, Rufous-necked and Wreathed Hornbills, Ibisbill, Ward's and Red-headed Trogons, Spotted Laughingthrush, Lesser and Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes. Blue-naped Pitta, Finn's Weaver, Bengal Florican, Golden-throated, Blue-eared and Blue-throated Barbets, Pallas' and Grey-headed Fish Eagles, Spot-billed Pelican, Himalayan Monal, Temminck's and Blyth's Tragopans, Pied Harrier, Long-tailed Broadbill, Large, Small and Rufous-bellied Niltavas are all possible. **Mammals likely to be seen:** Indian One-horned Rhino, Asian Elephant, Swamp Deer, Asiatic Water Buffalo, Hog Deer and Capped Langur. Tiger is occasionally seen at Kaziranga.



Bugun Liocichla © J Glover



Grandala © P Lobo



Sela Pass © P Lobo



Siberian Rubythroat © C Bradshaw



Fire-tailed Myzornis © P Lobo

Day 1: Flight (excluded, but easily booked via the internet)

Day 2: Delhi – Guwahati – Nameri

Take a short internal flight (excluded but we can advise on how you can book via the internet) to Guwahati where you will meet your bird guide for the duration of the tour. Drive to Nameri (6 hrs). Birding around the grounds of Nameri Eco Camp for remainder of day. (L) (D)

Day 3: Nameri

Explore local forest and the River Jia Bhareli for White-winged Duck, Wreathed Hornbill, Ibisbill, Sultan Tit, Blyth's Kingfisher and Green Cochoa. Return to camp. (B) (L) (D)

Day 4: Nameri – Dirang (1500 m)

Drive to Dirang (7 hrs) birding enroute. Visit Sangti Valley for Black-necked Crane if time permits. Night at hotel. (B) (L) (D)

Day 5: Dirang and Sangti Valley area

Day birding for Black-tailed Crake, Crested Kingfisher, Hoary-throated Barwing, Blue-headed Rock-thrush. Night at hotel. (B) (L) (D)

Day 6: Dirang – Sela Pass (4500m) – Dirang

Drive 2 ½ hrs to Sela Pass for some high altitude birding, returning to Dirang hotel for the night. Key species include Grandala, Himalayan Monal, Snow Partridge, Blood Pheasant, White-browed and Rufous-bellied Bush-robins, various Rosefinches. (B) (L) (D)

Day 7: Dirang – Eaglenest (2350m)

Drive to Eaglenest where you will look for the Bugun Liocichla, Green Shrike-babbler, Red-headed and Grey-headed Bullfinches, Mountain Hawk-eagle.... Night at Lama/Ramaling in tented camp. (B) (L) (D)

Days 8 - 12: Eaglenest birding

You'll spend five full days birding in the Eaglenest area from various fully serviced

camp including Sunderview and Lama camps. Explore the area known as Top Ridge where, as well as Ward's Trogon, some fortunate groups have seen the extremely rare and elusive Red Panda. Key species include Beautiful Nuthatch, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Blue-fronted Robin, Chestnut-breasted Hill-partridge, Blyth's Tragopan, Temminck's Tragopan, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide and Cutia. Use of jeeps offers flexibility to choose the altitudinal range to bird, depending on the weather conditions and our priorities. There is a wealth of wonderful birding in this pristine and diverse montane forest including Golden Bush- robin, Purple Cochoa, Grey-bellied Tesia, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, various Wren-babblers and Parrotbills. All nights camping. (B) (L) (D)

Day 13: Eaglenest – Kaziranga

Drive to Kaziranga (6 hrs), a delight for birds and mammals alike. Home to One-horned Rhino, Swamp Deer, Asiatic Wild Buffalo and Asian Elephant. Tiger and Sloth Bear are also seen occasionally. Birding is equally diverse with Finn's Weaver, Bengal Florican and Blue-naped Pitta among the many highlights. (B) (L) (D)

Day 14 and 15: Kaziranga

Two full days birding in and around Kaziranga for Swamp Francolin, Spot-billed Pelican, Pallas' and Grey-headed Fish Eagles. In the tea gardens we might also add Blue-bearded Bee-eater and various Laughingthrushes and Barbets. Nights in lodge. (B) (L) (D)

Day 16: Kaziranga – Guwahati – Delhi

After breakfast head back to Guwahati for your internal flight to Delhi. Night in hotel. (B) (L)

Day 17: Delhi

You will be transferred to the International airport for your flight home. (B) **Tour ends.**

Price per person (valid till 1 Oct. 2012) on twin-share basis: minimum of 4 travelling £1490 per person; minimum of 6 travelling £1405. Group size limited to max. of 8 + guide and support staff. The booking of this itinerary is with Wild About Travel and their booking terms and conditions apply.

Price includes:

Accommodation and meals as specified.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).

Services of experienced bird guide.

Entrance fees and Restricted Area Permit.

Bird/mammal checklist and pre-travel information.

Price excludes:

Single room supplement.

International and internal flights, tourist visa and travel insurance.

Camera and camcorder fee where this is not included in park entrance fee.

Some meals (where these are not specified above).

Drinks (inc. bottled water), tips, laundry, phone calls and anything of a personal nature.

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