

## **An Updated checklist of birds of Theni District, Tamil Nadu, South India**

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### **Abstract:**

This study provides an updated checklist of the avian species in the Theni district, Tamil Nadu, South India, based on primary survey and secondary record collected from June 2022 to May 2023. A total of 326 bird species belonging to 78 families and 22 orders were recorded, including 21 endemic and 56 migratory species. Three critically endangered species were identified according to IUCN criteria. Feeding habits and diversity indices highlight the area's significance for avian biodiversity conservation in the Western Ghats.

Key words: Birds, Checklist, families, IUCN category

### **Introduction**

The simplest definition of a community is a group of species populations occurring together in space and time (Cody 1974). Understanding the species distribution and abundance is fundamental to successful conservation management (Conroy and Noon, 1996). Tropical forest encompasses a high proportion of the biodiversity (Myers et al. 2000). Surveying and cataloguing biological variety has revealed the Western Ghats to be a hotspot for endemism in species. Monitoring of the main ecosystem components and baseline data on the fauna and flora that the region supports are essential for the management of any protected area.

The Theni landscape, encompassing Varusanad hills, Cumbam Valley, Highway Mountains and a portion of the northern slopes of the landscape together with Madurai forest division, considering the conservation significance of the area having several endemic and threatened flora and fauna. Further, large scale conversion of wet forests to raise a few economic crops during the colonial period and intense anthropogenic pressure during the last few decades had put tremendous pressure on natural forests although the area has been considered for heritage site. Although several research attempts have been made on the avifauna of the Western Ghats (Vijayan et al. 1999 and Raman 2001). In Theni division only few checklist available (Babu and Bhupathi 2013). After Babu and Bhupathi 2013 there is no completed list of bird

published hence in this manuscript we update the checklist from direct survey and secondary available information on bird species.

### Study area

The Research focuses on the Theni Forest Division, encompassing the Megamalai region in south western Tamil Nadu, India. This division, part of Western Ghats, covers an area of approximately 3242.3 square kilometres and extends across a diverse topography. The elevation ranges from 400 meters to over 2,600 meters above sea level, with Megamalai representing one of the highest and most rugged terrains in the division. Geographically, the Theni Forest Division is situated between 9.5°N to 10.2°N Latitude and 77.2°E to 77.7°E longitude, bordering Kerala to the west and Karnataka to the north. The region's topography is marked by rolling hills, steep slopes, and high mountain ranges, contributing to its varied landscape.

At lower elevations, the area experiences a tropical climate, which changes to a more moderate temperature at higher elevations on megamalai. The division experiences significant rainfall during the monsoon season, which supports its dense, lush forests and diverse ecosystems. Biodiversity in the Theni Forest Division is rich and varied, with the region a crucial part of the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot. The forests support a wealth of flora and fauna, including endemic and endangered species such as the Asian elephant, Tiger, and numerous bird species. The Megamalai area in particularly noted for its unique plant and animal species, adding to the region's ecological significance.

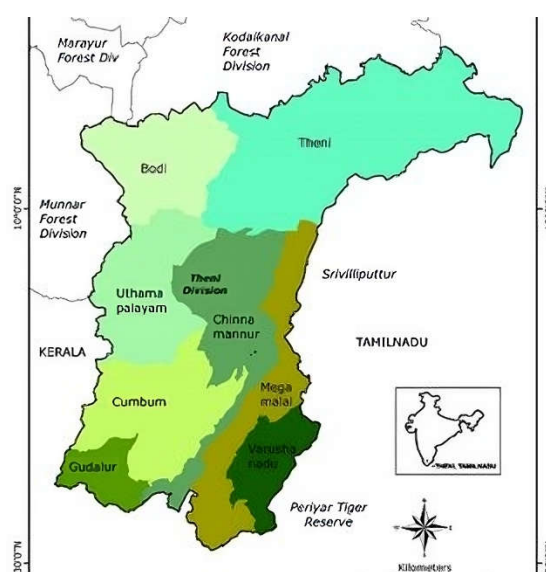


Figure 1: Surveyed region in the Theni district landscape, southern Western Ghats

## Field methods

The following data collection procedures were adopted to assess the bird diversity in Theni landscape. Primary dataset was based on the study from June 2022 to May 2023.

## Primary study

The line transects method (Bibby 2000). Was used to record birds along fixed transect lines two Km in the following areas: Kumily (Cumbam West), Ulmanai saragam (Cumbam West), Thagaval odai saragam (Cumbam West), Kurangani (Bodi), Meenakchi puram (Bodi). Five transects were laid in each area and covered fortnightly. Additionally opportunistic bird species were recorded outside the study area.

**Secondary studies**-Published information on the birds of the Theni division and forest department record was collected from the literature and compared with the results of the present study.

## Result

Theni district has evergreen, dry deciduous and most evergreen forest. The occurrence of birds in the Theni region suggests that the area provides a favourable condition for birds as a green pocket. In total 326 species 78 families and 22 orders were observed in this study (Appendix 1). Which consist of 21 endemic and 56 migratory birds. Out of 326 birds, 209 birds were recorded in this study of which 72 species were newly added in present study, whereas 117 species we could not record in present study. According to ICUN criteria three species namely Indian vulture *Gyps indicus*, siberian crane *Leucogeranus leucogeranus* comes under critically endangered category and white-bellied heron *Ardea insignis*. One endangered species steppe eagle *Aquila nipalensis*, 13 near threaded, 10 vulnerable and 299 least concern species were recorded from both primary and secondary study (Appendix 1 and Figure 2).

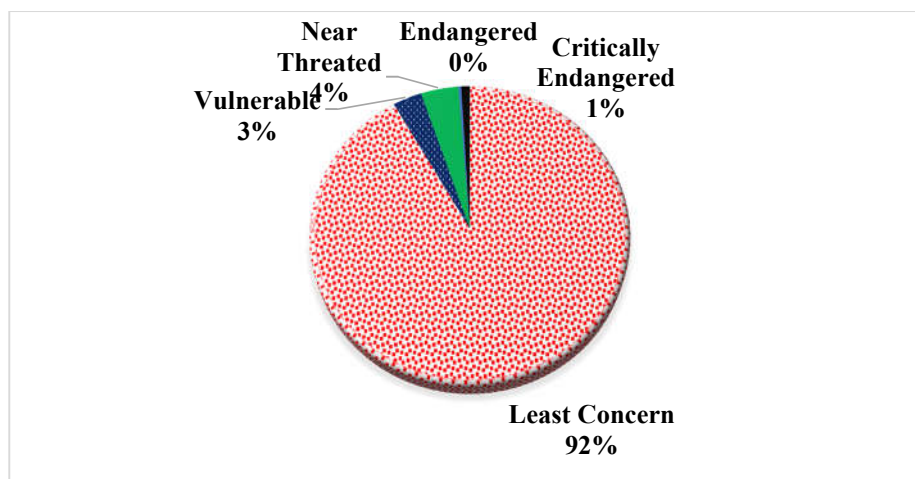


Figure 2: Percentage of IUCN category birds recorded from Theni district

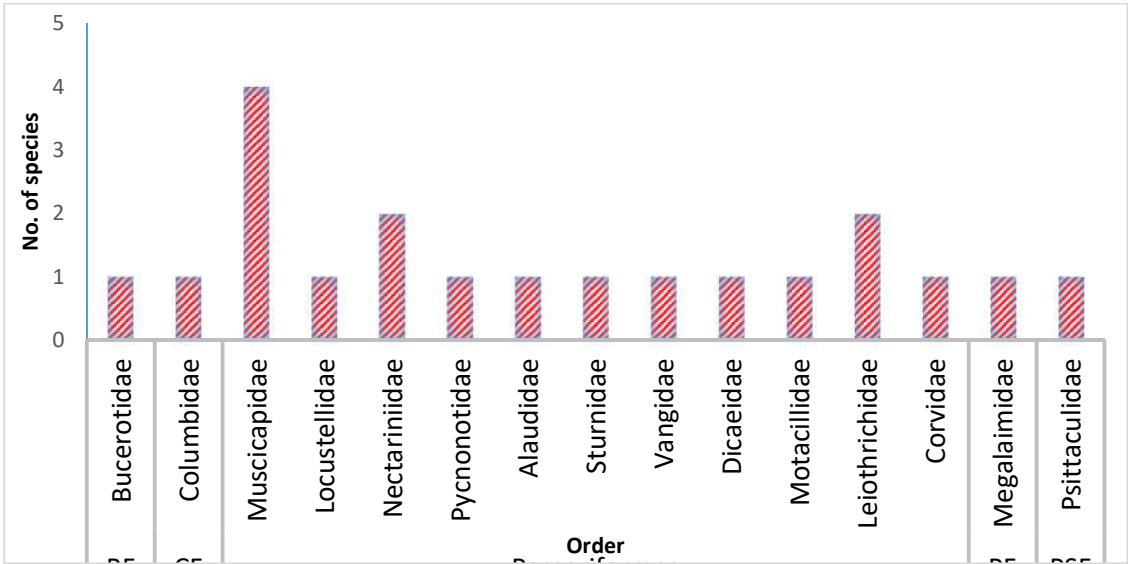
### Schedule Species

Under the Wildlife protection Act, 1972 (WPA 1972), a total of 326 bird species have been recorded. Among these, 51 species are listed under Schedule I, which provides them with highest level of legal protection, prohibiting their hunting, capture, or trade and imposing severe penalties for violations. Additionally, 272 bird species fall under Schedule II, which also offers protection but with somewhat less stringent regulations and penalties compared to Schedule I. Only a few bird species (3) are not covered by any of the WPA schedules, meaning they do not receive the specific protections outline in the act. (Praveen and Jayapal 2024) (Appendix 1).

### Endemic birds

Total of 21 endemic species recorded from 15 families and five orders of which under the order Passeriformes eleven families contains and 17 species, other four order Bucerotiformes, Columbiformes, Piciformes and Psittaciformes consist each one family and one species (Figure 2). Out of 21 endemic birds 15 birds recorded by previous studies and from present study we recorded 13species. Rufous babbler *Argya subrufa*, Nilgiri wood pigeon *Columba elphinstonii*, Malabar lark *Galerida malabarica*, Broad-tailed grassbird *Schoenicola platyurus*, White-bellied blue flycatcher *Cyornis pallidipes*, Nilgiri flycatcher *Eumyias albicaudatus*, white bellied blue robin *Sholicola albiventris* and Nilgiri pipit *Anthus nilghiriensis*, were recorded in previous studies but this study we dint record. Flame-throated bulbul *Rubigula gularis*, Malabar barbet *Psilopogon malabaricus*, Malabar starling *Sturnia blythii*, Malabar woodshrike *Tephrodornis sylvicola*, Vigors's sunbird *Aethopyga vigorsii*,

and Wayanad laughingthrush *Pterorhinus delesserti*, recorded from this study no previous record in this region (Table 1)



Note: BF: Bucerotiformes, CF : Columbiformes, PF: Piciformes and PSF: Psittaciformes

Figure 3: Number of endemic species (order and family wise) recorded in Theni District

Table1: List of endemic birds from study area

| S.No | Family         | Common Name                   | Scientific Name               | Source |
|------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1    | Muscicapidae   | Black-and-orange flycatcher   | <i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>     | 2,3,5  |
| 2    | Locustellidae  | Broad-tailed grassbird        | <i>Schoenicola platyurus</i>  | 1,3    |
| 3    | Nectariniidae  | Crimson-backed sunbird        | <i>Leptocoma minima</i>       | 2,3,5  |
| 4    | Pycnonotidae   | Flame-throated bulbul         | <i>Rubigula gularis</i>       | 5      |
| 5    | Megalaimidae   | Malabar barbet                | <i>Psilopogon malabaricus</i> | 5      |
| 6    | Bucerotidae    | Malabar grey hornbill         | <i>Ocyceros griseus</i>       | 2,3,5  |
| 7    | Alaudidae      | Malabar lark                  | <i>Galerida malabarica</i>    | 2      |
| 8    | Psittaculidae  | Malabar parakeet              | <i>Psittacula columboides</i> | 2,3,5  |
| 9    | Sturnidae      | Malabar starling              | <i>Sturnia blythii</i>        | 5      |
| 10   | Vangidae       | Malabar woodshrike            | <i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i> | 5      |
| 11   | Dicaeidae      | Nilgiri flowerpecker          | <i>Dicaeum concolor</i>       | 3,5    |
| 12   | Muscicapidae   | Nilgiri flycatcher            | <i>Eumyias albicaudatus</i>   | 3      |
| 13   | Motacillidae   | Nilgiri pipit                 | <i>Anthus nilghiriensis</i>   | 3      |
| 14   | Columbidae     | Nilgiri wood pigeon           | <i>Columba elphinstonii</i>   | 3      |
| 15   | Leiothrichidae | Palani laughingthrush         | <i>Montecincla fairbanki</i>  | 3,5    |
| 16   | Leiothrichidae | Rufous babbler                | <i>Argya subrufa</i>          | 1,3    |
| 17   | Nectariniidae  | Vigors's sunbird              | <i>Aethopyga vigorsii</i>     | 5      |
| 18   | Leiothrichidae | Wayanad laughingthrush        | <i>Pterorhinus delesserti</i> | 5      |
| 19   | Muscicapidae   | White-bellied blue flycatcher | <i>Cyornis pallidipes</i>     | 1,2,3  |

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|----|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 20 | Muscicapidae | White-bellied blue robin | <i>Sholicola albiventris</i>   | 2,3     |
| 21 | Corvidae     | White-bellied treepie    | <i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i> | 1,2,3,5 |

Source: 2 Bhupathi et,al (2012) 3-Babu and Bhupathi(2013) 4-Rajajayapal (pers.comm), 5- Parthiban and Ezhilarasi (2024)

Avian Orders: Distribution by Family and Species

Avian orders encompass a diverse array of bird families and species, each contributing uniquely to avian biodiversity. The distribution across various orders highlights this diversity. For instance, the Passeriformes, or perching birds, dominate with 41 families and an impressive 155 species. Following closely are the Charadriiformes, known for shorebirds and gulls, represented by 6 families and 7 species. The Piciformes, including woodpeckers and barbet, show 2 families hosting 16 species. Other orders exhibit varying levels of diversity; for example, the Accipitriformes feature two families housing 23 species of diurnal raptors, while the columbiformes, comprising pigeons and doves, comprise a single family but 13 distinct species (Table 2).

Table 2: Avian Orders: Distribution by Family and Species

| S.No | Order            | No.of Family | No.of Species |
|------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1    | Accipitriformes  | 2            | 23            |
| 2    | Anseriformes     | 1            | 4             |
| 3    | Apodiformes      | 2            | 5             |
| 4    | Bucerotiformes   | 2            | 5             |
| 5    | Caprimulgiformes | 1            | 3             |
| 6    | Charadriiformes  | 6            | 7             |
| 7    | Ciconiiformes    | 1            | 5             |
| 8    | Columbiformes    | 1            | 13            |
| 9    | Coraciiformes    | 3            | 12            |
| 10   | Cuculiformes     | 1            | 11            |
| 11   | Falconiformes    | 1            | 4             |
| 12   | Galliformes      | 1            | 9             |
| 13   | Gruiformes       | 2            | 8             |
| 14   | Passeriformes    | 41           | 155           |
| 15   | Pelecaniformes   | 3            | 21            |
| 16   | Piciformes       | 2            | 16            |
| 17   | Podicipediformes | 1            | 3             |
| 18   | Psittaciformes   | 1            | 4             |
| 19   | Pterocliiformes  | 1            | 1             |
| 20   | Strigiformes     | 2            | 12            |
| 21   | Suliformes       | 2            | 4             |

|    |               |    |     |
|----|---------------|----|-----|
| 22 | Trogoniformes | 1  | 1   |
|    | Total         | 78 | 326 |

Migrants

In the study area of Theni district, a comprehensive assessment of avian migration patterns was conducted, revealing a total of 260 resident migrant bird species. Among these, the Amur falcon *Falco amurensis*, stands out as a notable partial migrant species. The Amur falcon is documented as migrating seasonally, travelling from breeding grounds from eastern Asia to wintering grounds in southern Africa.

Moreover, the study identified six species of winter visitors based on previous research findings. This category includes birds that temporarily inhabit the study area during the winter months, utilizing it as a seasonal habitat before returning to their primary breeding grounds. Additionally, within the category of residential migrants, a total of 48 individuals were recorded, nine of which were newly identified as winter visitors. This finding underscores the dynamic nature of migratory behaviours and highlights the importance of continued monitoring and documentation to enhance understanding of avian ecology and conservation efforts in the region (Table 3, Appendix 1).

Table 3: Residential and migratory status of bird species record in Theni district

| S.No | Migration           | Source 1 | Source 2 | Source 3 | Source 4 | Source 5 |
|------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1    | Resident            | 36       | 113      | 165      | 9        | 177      |
| 2    | Residential Migrant | 15       | 22       | 34       | 2        | 19       |
| 3    | Partial Migrant     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| 4    | Winter Visitor      | 4        | 2        | 4        | 1        | 11       |

Source: 1- Nicolas (1944 & 1945), 2 – Bhupathi etal (2012) 3- Babu and Bhupathi (2013) 4-Rajajayapal (pers.comm) 5- Parthiban and Ezhilarasi (2024)

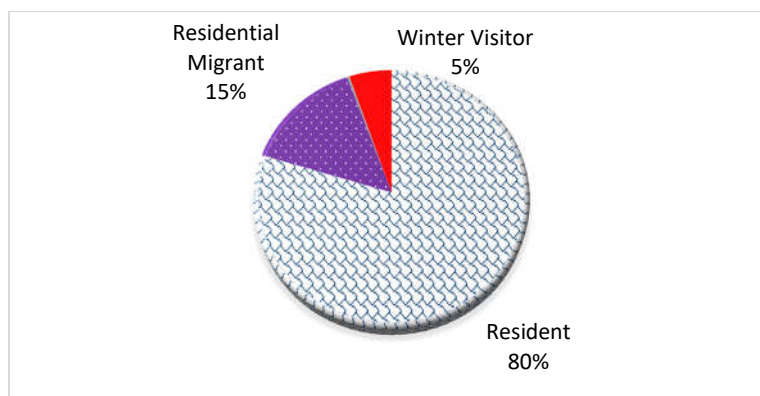


Figure 4: Residential and Migration Status of birds recorded from Theni district

### Feeding guild

The feeding habits of birds were analyzed to understand their ecological roles within the ecosystem. Among the 326 recorded species, a diverse array of feeding guilds was identified. The avian community is diverse, comprising various feeding guilds that demonstrate specialized dietary preferences. Among them, insectivores dominate, constituting nearly half of all species at 48.16%. Following closely are carnivores, which make up 15.64% of the species, showcasing a preference for animal-based diets. Frugivores and Omnivores account for 9.82% and 10.12%, respectively, highlighting their reliance on fruits and a combination of plant and animal matter. Granivores and Piscivores, at 6.44% and 7.06% respectively, specialize in seeds and fish, illustrating their distinct feeding adaptations. Nectarivores, the smallest group at 2.76%, rely on nectar as their primary food source. Together, these feeding guilds underscore the diverse dietary strategies birds employ, reflecting their adaptation to various ecological niches and available food resources. (Table 4 and Figure 4)

Table 4: Feeding guild of birds recorded from Theni district

| Feeding Guild | No. of endemic | %     |
|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Carnivores    | 51             | 15.64 |
| Frugivores    | 32             | 9.82  |
| Granivores    | 21             | 6.44  |
| Insectivores  | 157            | 48.16 |
| Nectarivores  | 9              | 2.76  |
| Omnivores     | 33             | 10.12 |
| Piscivores    | 23             | 7.06  |

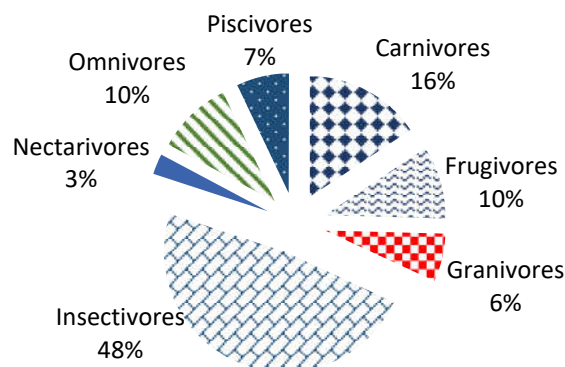


Figure 5: Feeding guilt of birds recorded from Theni district

## Discussion

The occurrence of birds in particular area suggests that the area provides a favourable condition for birds as a good packet. Tropical forests are structurally complex plant communities (Condit *et al.*, 2002) with high species richness (Ayyappan and Parthasarathy 1999). A high species richness amounting to 326 species in Theni forest division is typical of tropics as suggested by studies done elsewhere. Diverse order and family representations of birds in the area indicate the availability of diverse and abundant food resource, which is an important factor determining the community structure (Recher and Davis 2002). The total of 326 species listed from Theni forest division, so far has been the result of the concerted efforts of independent observers and groups during the past decades (Nichols, 1944 a,b and 1945, Bubu and Bhupathi 2013). The lack of record of the few species during my sampling in the park was partly an outcome of rarity of those unrecorded species and restriction of sampling to the localised scale.

After 1940 One vulture species (Long-billed vulture *Gyps indicus*) (Nichols 1944a, b and 1945) not reported by any others (Bubu and Bhupathi 2013). which shows there no evidence it population in this region. Endemism is critical to the understanding and conservation of biological diversity, since these species are habitat specialists and are more sensitive to disturbance and prone to extinction (Birdlife international 2001, Vijayan and Gokula 2001). Out of 29 endemics present in Western Ghats (Ramesh *et al.*, 2017, Birdlife international 2020) 21 species recorded from this study.

In dense forests or in competitive environments may exhibit more feeding guilt due to the value of food resources. Physical environment vegetation composition and structure have

frequently been considered the major factors influencing avian distribution and community organization (Repasky 1991). Elevation gradient in the tropics have a more or less stable condensation zone at a certain level, causing favourable condition for birds, which in turn create microhabitat and food for other taxa. From the conservation management perspective these result indicate that attention should be given for maintaining structurally complex forest and also large areas of continuous forest.

The results highlight the need for integrated conservation strategies that address both local and migratory bird populations. The Theni district's avian diversity, including numerous endemic and endangered species, underscores the region's significance for global avian biodiversity. Effective management practices shout incorporate habitat protection, anti-poaching measures, and monitoring of both resident and migratory species to ensure the long-term preservation of this vital ecological region (Conroy and Noon, 1996; Myers *et al.*, 2000).

Further research should focus on longitudinal studies to monitor changes in bird populations and their habitats, as well as the impacts of climate change on avian migration and feeding behaviours. Additionally, exploring the interactions between bird species and their ecosystems can provide deeper insights into the ecological dynamics of the Theni district and the broader Western Ghats region (Cody, 1974; Conroy and Noon, 1996).

Appendix 1

List of bird species recorded in Theni district

| S.No | Family         | Common Name               | Scientific Name                | Guild | Resident Status | IUCN | Source  | WPA Schedule |
|------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------|---------|--------------|
| 1    | Accipitridae   | Black baza                | <i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>       | C     | RM              | LC   | 3       | I            |
| 2    | Accipitridae   | Black eagle               | <i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>   | C     | R               | LC   | 4,5     | I            |
| 3    | Accipitridae   | Black kite                | <i>Milvus migrans</i>          | C     | R               | LC   | 2,3     | II           |
| 4    | Accipitridae   | Black-winged kite         | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>        | C     | R               | LC   | 2,3,5   | II           |
| 5    | Accipitridae   | Booted eagle              | <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>      | C     | RM              | LC   | 4       | I            |
| 6    | Accipitridae   | Brahminy kite             | <i>Haliastur indus</i>         | C     | R               | LC   | 2,3,5   | I            |
| 7    | Accipitridae   | Changeable hawk-eagle     | <i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>      | C     | R               | LC   | 2,5     | I            |
| 8    | Accipitridae   | Crested goshawk           | <i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>   | C     | R               | LC   | 5       | I            |
| 9    | Accipitridae   | Crested honey buzzard     | <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>    | C     | RM              | LC   | 1,2,3   | II           |
| 10   | Accipitridae   | Crested serpent eagle     | <i>Spilornis cheela</i>        | C     | R               | LC   | 2,3,5   | I            |
| 11   | Accipitridae   | Eurasian sparrowhawk      | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>         | C     | RM              | LC   | 2       | I            |
| 12   | Accipitridae   | Greater spotted eagle     | <i>Clanga clanga</i>           | C     | WV              | VU   | 5       | I            |
| 13   | Accipitridae   | Indian vulture            | <i>Gyps indicus</i>            | C     | R               | CR   | 1       | II           |
| 14   | Accipitridae   | Jerdon's baza             | <i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>         | C     | R               | LC   | 2       | I            |
| 15   | Accipitridae   | Lesser fish eagle         | <i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>    | C     | R               | NT   | 1,5     | I            |
| 16   | Accipitridae   | Montagu's harrier         | <i>Circus pygargus</i>         | C     | WV              | LC   | 2       | I            |
| 17   | Accipitridae   | Pallid harrier            | <i>Circus macrourus</i>        | C     | R               | NT   | 2,5     | I            |
| 18   | Accipitridae   | Rufous-bellied eagle      | <i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i> | C     | R               | NT   | 1       | I            |
| 19   | Accipitridae   | Shikra                    | <i>Accipiter badius</i>        | C     | R               | LC   | 1,2,3,5 | I            |
| 20   | Accipitridae   | Short-toed snake eagle    | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>      | C     | R               | LC   | 3       | I            |
| 21   | Accipitridae   | Steppe eagle              | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>       | C     | WV              | EN   | 5       | I            |
| 22   | Accipitridae   | White-tailed eagle        | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>    | C     | WV              | LC   | 5       | II           |
| 23   | Acrocephalidae | Blyth's reed warbler      | <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>  | I     | RM              | LC   | 2,3     | II           |
| 24   | Acrocephalidae | Clamorous reed warbler    | <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i> | I     | R               | LC   | 3,5     | II           |
| 25   | Aegithinidae   | Common iora               | <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>        | I     | R               | LC   | 2,3,5   | II           |
| 26   | Alaudidae      | Ashy-crowned sparrow-lark | <i>Eremopterix griseus</i>     | I     | R               | LC   | 2       | II           |
| 27   | Alaudidae      | Indian bush lark          | <i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>    | I     | R               | LC   | 5       | II           |
| 28   | Alaudidae      | Jerdon's bush lark        | <i>Mirafra affinis</i>         | I     | R               | LC   | 1       | II           |
| 29   | Alaudidae      | Malabar lark*             | <i>Galerida malabarica*</i>    | I     | R               | LC   | 2       | II           |

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|----|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----|----|---------|----|
| 30 | Alaudidae   | Oriental skylark          | <i>Alauda gulgula</i>           | I | R  | LC | 1       | II |
| 31 | Alaudidae   | Rufous-tailed lark        | <i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>     | I | R  | LC | 2       | II |
| 32 | Alcedinidae | Black-capped kingfisher   | <i>Halcyon pileata</i>          | P | R  | VU | 3       | II |
| 33 | Alcedinidae | Common kingfisher         | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>            | P | RM | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 34 | Alcedinidae | Pied kingfisher           | <i>Ceryle rudis</i>             | P | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 35 | Alcedinidae | Stork-billed kingfisher   | <i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>     | P | R  | LC | 1       | II |
| 36 | Alcedinidae | White-throated kingfisher | <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>       | P | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 37 | Alcippeidae | Brown-cheeked fulvetta    | <i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>     | I | R  | LC | 1,3,5   | II |
| 38 | Anatidae    | Cotton pygmy goose        | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> | O | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 39 | Anatidae    | Garganey                  | <i>Spatula querquedula</i>      | O | WV | LC | 5       | II |
| 40 | Anatidae    | Indian spot-billed duck   | <i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>      | O | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 41 | Anatidae    | Lesser whistling duck     | <i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>     | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 42 | Anhingidae  | Oriental darter           | <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>     | P | RM | NT | 3,5     | II |
| 43 | Apodidae    | Asian palm swift          | <i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>    | I | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 44 | Apodidae    | Indian swiftlet           | <i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>      | I | R  | LC | 4       | II |
| 45 | Apodidae    | Little swift              | <i>Apus affinis</i>             | I | RM | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 46 | Apodidae    | White-rumped spinetail    | <i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>      | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 47 | Ardeidae    | Black-crowned night heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>    | P | R  | LC | 1,2     | II |
| 48 | Ardeidae    | Cattle egret              | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>            | P | RM | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 49 | Ardeidae    | Cinnamon bittern          | <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>   | P | RM | LC | 1       | I  |
| 50 | Ardeidae    | Eastern cattle egret      | <i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 51 | Ardeidae    | Great bittern             | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>       | C | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 52 | Ardeidae    | Great egret               | <i>Ardea alba</i>               | P | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 53 | Ardeidae    | Grey heron                | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>            | P | RM | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 54 | Ardeidae    | Indian pond heron         | <i>Ardeola grayii</i>           | P | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 55 | Ardeidae    | Intermediate egret        | <i>Ardea intermedia</i>         | C | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 56 | Ardeidae    | Little egret              | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>         | P | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 57 | Ardeidae    | Purple heron              | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>           | P | RM | LC | 1,3,5   | II |
| 58 | Ardeidae    | Striated heron            | <i>Butorides striata</i>        | C | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 59 | Ardeidae    | Western reef heron        | <i>Egretta gularis</i>          | C | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 60 | Ardeidae    | White-bellied heron       | <i>Ardea insignis</i>           | C | R  | CR | 5       | I  |
| 61 | Ardeidae    | Yellow bittern            | <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>      | P | RM | LC | 1       | II |
| 62 | Artamidae   | Ashy woodswallow          | <i>Artamus fuscus</i>           | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 63 | Bucerotidae | Great hornbill            | <i>Buceros bicornis</i>         | F | R  | VU | 1,2,3,5 | I  |

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| 64 | Bucerotidae   | Indian grey hornbill      | <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>        | F | R  | LC | 2     | II |
| 65 | Bucerotidae   | Malabar grey hornbill*    | <i>Ocyrceros griseus*</i>         | F | R  | VU | 2,3,5 | I  |
| 66 | Bucerotidae   | Malabar pied hornbill     | <i>Anthraccoceros coronatus</i>   | F | R  | NT | 2     | I  |
| 67 | Campephagidae | Ashy minivet              | <i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>   | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 68 | Campephagidae | Black-headed cuckooshrike | <i>Lalage melanoptera</i>         | I | RM | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 69 | Campephagidae | Large cuckooshrike        | <i>Coracina macei</i>             | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 70 | Campephagidae | Orange minivet            | <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 71 | Campephagidae | Scarlet minivet           | <i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>     | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 72 | Campephagidae | Small minivet             | <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>   | I | R  | LC | 5     | I  |
| 73 | Caprimulgidae | Indian nightjar           | <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 74 | Caprimulgidae | Jerdon's nightjar         | <i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>     | I | RM | LC | 1     | II |
| 75 | Caprimulgidae | Jungle nightjar           | <i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>        | I | RM | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 76 | Charadriidae  | Red-wattled lapwing       | <i>Vanellus indicus</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 77 | Charadriidae  | Yellow-wattled lapwing    | <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>       | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 78 | Chloropseidae | Blue-winged leafbird      | <i>Chloropsis moluccensis</i>     | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 79 | Chloropseidae | Golden-fronted leafbird   | <i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>       | I | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 80 | Chloropseidae | Jerdon's leafbird         | <i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>         | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 81 | Ciconiidae    | Asian openbill            | <i>Anastomus oscitans</i>         | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 82 | Ciconiidae    | Black-necked stork        | <i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i> | P | R  | NT | 5     | II |
| 83 | Ciconiidae    | Painted stork             | <i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>      | P | RM | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 84 | Ciconiidae    | White stork               | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>            | P | WV | LC | 5     | I  |
| 85 | Ciconiidae    | Woolly-necked stork       | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i>          | P | R  | NT | 3     | II |
| 86 | Cisticolidae  | Ashy prinia               | <i>Prinia socialis</i>            | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 87 | Cisticolidae  | Common tailorbird         | <i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>        | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 88 | Cisticolidae  | Grey-breasted prinia      | <i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>           | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 89 | Cisticolidae  | Jungle prinia             | <i>Prinia sylvatica</i>           | I | R  | LC | 4,5   | II |
| 90 | Cisticolidae  | Zitting cisticola         | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>         | I | R  | LC | 1     | II |
| 91 | Columbidae    | Common emerald dove       | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>         | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 92 | Columbidae    | Eurasian collared dove    | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>      | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 93 | Columbidae    | Green imperial pigeon     | <i>Ducula aenea</i>               | F | R  | NT | 1,3,5 | II |
| 94 | Columbidae    | Laughing dove             | <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>    | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |

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| 95  | Columbidae | Malabar imperial pigeon      | <i>Ducula cuprea</i>                | F | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 96  | Columbidae | Mountain imperial pigeon     | <i>Ducula badia</i>                 | F | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 97  | Columbidae | Nilgiri wood pigeon*         | <i>Columba elphinstonii*</i>        | F | R  | VU | 3       | I  |
| 98  | Columbidae | Orange-breasted green pigeon | <i>Treron bicinctus</i>             | F | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 99  | Columbidae | Oriental turtle dove         | <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>      | G | RM | LC | 4       | II |
| 100 | Columbidae | Rock Pigeon                  | <i>Columba livia</i>                | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | NS |
| 101 | Columbidae | Spotted dove                 | <i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>         | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 102 | Columbidae | Sri Lanka green pigeon       | <i>Treron pompadora</i>             | F | R  | LC | 1,3     | II |
| 103 | Columbidae | Yellow-footed green pigeon   | <i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>        | F | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 104 | Coraciidae | Indian roller                | <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>        | I | RM | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 105 | Corvidae   | Brown-necked raven           | <i>Corvus ruficollis</i>            | O | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 106 | Corvidae   | House crow                   | <i>Corvus splendens</i>             | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | NS |
| 107 | Corvidae   | Indian jungle crow           | <i>Corvus culminatus</i>            | O | R  | LC | 5       | NS |
| 108 | Corvidae   | Large-billed crow            | <i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>         | O | R  | LC | 1,2,3   | II |
| 109 | Corvidae   | Rufous treepie               | <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>        | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 110 | Corvidae   | White-bellied treepie*       | <i>Dendrocitta leucogastra*</i>     | O | R  | LC | 1,2,3,5 | II |
| 111 | Cuculidae  | Asian koel                   | <i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>        | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 112 | Cuculidae  | Banded bay cuckoo            | <i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>        | I | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 113 | Cuculidae  | Blue-faced malkoha           | <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> | C | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 114 | Cuculidae  | Chestnut-winged cuckoo       | <i>Clamator coromandus</i>          | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 115 | Cuculidae  | Common cuckoo                | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>              | I | RM | LC | 3       | II |
| 116 | Cuculidae  | Common hawk-cuckoo           | <i>Hierococcyx varius</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 117 | Cuculidae  | Greater coucal               | <i>Centropus sinensis</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 118 | Cuculidae  | Grey-bellied cuckoo          | <i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>        | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 119 | Cuculidae  | Jacobin cuckoo               | <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 120 | Cuculidae  | Sirkeer malkoha              | <i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 121 | Cuculidae  | Square-tailed drongo-cuckoo  | <i>Surniculus lugubris</i>          | I | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 122 | Dicaeidae  | Nilgiri flowerpecker*        | <i>Dicaeum concolor*</i>            | N | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 123 | Dicaeidae  | Pale-billed flowerpecker     | <i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>      | N | R  | LC | 5       | II |

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| 124 | Dicaeidae     | Thick-billed flowerpecker    | <i>Dicaeum agile</i>             | N | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 125 | Dicruridae    | Ashy drongo                  | <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>      | I | RM | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 126 | Dicruridae    | Black drongo                 | <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 127 | Dicruridae    | Bronzed drongo               | <i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>           | I | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 128 | Dicruridae    | Crow-billed drongo           | <i>Dicrurus annectens</i>        | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 129 | Dicruridae    | Greater racket-tailed drongo | <i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 130 | Dicruridae    | Lesser racket-tailed drongo  | <i>Dicrurus remifer</i>          | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 131 | Dicruridae    | White-bellied drongo         | <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>     | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 132 | Estrildidae   | Black-throated munia         | <i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>         | G | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 133 | Estrildidae   | Chestnut munia               | <i>Lonchura atricapilla</i>      | G | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 134 | Estrildidae   | Indian silverbill            | <i>Euodice malabarica</i>        | G | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 135 | Estrildidae   | Scaly-breasted munia         | <i>Lonchura punctulata</i>       | G | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 136 | Estrildidae   | Tricoloured munia            | <i>Lonchura malacca</i>          | G | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 137 | Estrildidae   | White-rumped munia           | <i>Lonchura striata</i>          | G | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 138 | Falconidae    | Amur falcon                  | <i>Falco amurensis</i>           | C | PM | LC | 5     | I  |
| 139 | Falconidae    | Common kestrel               | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>         | C | RM | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 140 | Falconidae    | Peregrine falcon             | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>          | C | R  | LC | 5     | I  |
| 141 | Falconidae    | Red-necked falcon            | <i>Falco chicquera</i>           | C | R  | NT | 2     | I  |
| 142 | Fringillidae  | Common rosefinch             | <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>     | G | RM | LC | 3     | II |
| 143 | Gruidae       | Siberian crane               | <i>Leucogeranus leucogeranus</i> | O | WV | CR | 5     | I  |
| 144 | Hemiprocnidae | Crested treeswift            | <i>Hemiprogne coronata</i>       | I | R  | LC | 5     | I  |
| 145 | Hirundinidae  | Barn swallow                 | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>           | I | RM | LC | 2     | II |
| 146 | Hirundinidae  | Dusky crag martin            | <i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>     | I | R  | LC | 4,5   | II |
| 147 | Hirundinidae  | Hill swallow                 | <i>Hirundo domicola</i>          | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 148 | Hirundinidae  | Pacific swallow              | <i>Hirundo tahitica</i>          | I | R  | LC | 4     | II |
| 149 | Hirundinidae  | Red-rumped swallow           | <i>Cecropis daurica</i>          | I | RM | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 150 | Hirundinidae  | Wire-tailed swallow          | <i>Hirundo smithii</i>           | I | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 151 | Irenidae      | Asian fairy-bluebird         | <i>Irena puella</i>              | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 152 | Jacaniidae    | Pheasant-tailed jacana       | <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>  | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 153 | Laniidae      | Bay-backed shrike            | <i>Lanius vittatus</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 154 | Laniidae      | Brown shrike                 | <i>Lanius cristatus</i>          | I | RM | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 155 | Laniidae      | Iberian grey shrike          | <i>Lanius meridionalis</i>       | I | RM | VU | 3     | I  |

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| 156 | Laniidae       | Long-tailed shrike         | <i>Lanius schach</i>             | I | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 157 | Lcteridae      | Hooded oriole              | <i>Icterus cucullatus</i>        | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 158 | Leiothrichidae | Common babbler             | <i>Argya caudata</i>             | I | R  | LC | 1,2,5   | II |
| 159 | Leiothrichidae | Jungle Babbler             | <i>Argya striata</i>             | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 160 | Leiothrichidae | Large grey babbler         | <i>Argya malcolmi</i>            | I | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 161 | Leiothrichidae | Palani laughingthrush*     | <i>Montecincla fairbanki*</i>    | I | R  | NT | 3,5     | II |
| 162 | Leiothrichidae | Rufous babbler*            | <i>Argya subrufa*</i>            | I | R  | LC | 1,3     | II |
| 163 | Leiothrichidae | Wayanad laughingthrush*    | <i>Pterorhinus delesserti*</i>   | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 164 | Leiothrichidae | Yellow-billed babbler      | <i>Argya affinis</i>             | O | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 165 | Locustellidae  | Broad-tailed grassbird*    | <i>Schoenicola platyurus*</i>    | I | R  | VU | 1,3     | I  |
| 166 | Megalaimidae   | Brown-headed barbet        | <i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>     | F | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 167 | Megalaimidae   | Coppersmith barbet         | <i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>  | F | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 168 | Megalaimidae   | Crimson-fronted barbet     | <i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>  | F | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 169 | Megalaimidae   | Malabar barbet*            | <i>Psilopogon malabaricus*</i>   | F | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 170 | Megalaimidae   | White-cheeked barbet       | <i>Psilopogon viridis</i>        | F | R  | LC | 1,2,3,5 | II |
| 171 | Meropidae      | Asian green bee-eater      | <i>Merops orientalis</i>         | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 172 | Meropidae      | Blue-bearded bee-eater     | <i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>       | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 173 | Meropidae      | Blue-tailed bee-eater      | <i>Merops philippinus</i>        | I | RM | LC | 1,2,5   | II |
| 174 | Meropidae      | Blue-throated bee-eater    | <i>Merops viridis</i>            | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 175 | Meropidae      | Chestnut-headed bee-eater  | <i>Merops leschenaulti</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 176 | Meropidae      | European bee-eater         | <i>Merops apiaster</i>           | I | WV | LC | 5       | II |
| 177 | Monarchidae    | Black-naped monarch        | <i>Hypothymis azurea</i>         | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 178 | Monarchidae    | Indian paradise flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>      | I | RM | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 179 | Motacillidae   | Forest wagtail             | <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>     | I | RM | LC | 1,2,3   | I  |
| 180 | Motacillidae   | Grey wagtail               | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>         | I | WV | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 181 | Motacillidae   | Nilgiri pipit*             | <i>Anthus nilghiriensis*</i>     | I | R  | VU | 3       | I  |
| 182 | Motacillidae   | Paddyfield pipit           | <i>Anthus rufulus</i>            | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 183 | Motacillidae   | Western yellow wagtail     | <i>Motacilla flava</i>           | I | RM | LC | 3       | II |
| 184 | Motacillidae   | White wagtail              | <i>Motacilla alba</i>            | I | RM | LC | 2,5     | II |
| 185 | Motacillidae   | White-browed wagtail       | <i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i> | I | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 186 | Muscicapidae   | Asian brown flycatcher     | <i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>        | I | RM | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 187 | Muscicapidae   | Black-and-orange           | <i>Ficedula</i>                  | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |

|     |                   | flycatcher*                    | nigrorufa*                      |   |    |    |         |    |
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| 188 | Muscicapidae      | Blue rock thrush               | <i>Monticola solitarius</i>     | I | RM | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 189 | Muscicapidae      | Blue whistling thrush          | <i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 190 | Muscicapidae      | Blue-capped rock thrush        | <i>Monticola cinclorhyncha</i>  | I | RM | LC | 1,2     | II |
| 191 | Muscicapidae      | Brown-breasted flycatcher      | <i>Muscicapa muttui</i>         | I | RM | LC | 3       | II |
| 192 | Muscicapidae      | Indian blue robin              | <i>Larvivora brunnea</i>        | I | RM | LC | 1,3,5   | II |
| 193 | Muscicapidae      | Indian robin                   | <i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>      | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 194 | Muscicapidae      | Little pied flycatcher         | <i>Ficedula westermanni</i>     | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 195 | Muscicapidae      | Malabar whistling thrush       | <i>Myophonus horsfieldii</i>    | I | R  | LC | 1,2,3,5 | II |
| 196 | Muscicapidae      | Nilgiri flycatcher*            | <i>Eumyias albicaudatus*</i>    | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 197 | Muscicapidae      | Oriental magpie-robin          | <i>Copsychus saularis</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 198 | Muscicapidae      | Pied bush chat                 | <i>Saxicola caprata</i>         | I | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 199 | Muscicapidae      | Rusty-tailed flycatcher        | <i>Ficedula ruficauda</i>       | I | WV | LC | 1       | II |
| 200 | Muscicapidae      | Tickell's blue-flycatcher      | <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 201 | Muscicapidae      | Verditer flycatcher            | <i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>      | I | RM | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 202 | Muscicapidae      | White-bellied blue flycatcher* | <i>Cyornis pallidipes*</i>      | I | R  | LC | 1,2,3   | II |
| 203 | Muscicapidae      | White-bellied blue robin*      | <i>Sholicola albiventris*</i>   | I | R  | VU | 2,3     | I  |
| 204 | Muscicapidae      | White-rumped shama             | <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>    | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 205 | Nectariniidae     | Crimson-backed sunbird*        | <i>Leptocoma minima*</i>        | N | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 206 | Nectariniidae     | Little spiderhunter            | <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i> | N | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 207 | Nectariniidae     | Loten's sunbird                | <i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>        | N | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 208 | Nectariniidae     | Purple sunbird                 | <i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>       | N | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 209 | Nectariniidae     | Purple-rumped sunbird          | <i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>      | N | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 210 | Nectariniidae     | Vigors's sunbird*              | <i>Aethopyga vigorsii*</i>      | N | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 211 | Oriolidae         | Black-hooded oriole            | <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>       | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 212 | Oriolidae         | Black-naped oriole             | <i>Oriolus chinensis</i>        | O | RM | LC | 3       | II |
| 213 | Oriolidae         | Eurasian golden oriole         | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>          | O | RM | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 214 | Oriolidae         | Indian golden oriole           | <i>Oriolus kundoo</i>           | O | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 215 | Pandionidae       | Osprey                         | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>        | C | R  | LC | 5       | I  |
| 216 | Paradoxornithidae | Yellow-eyed babbler            | <i>Chrysomma sinense</i>        | I | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |

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| 217 | Paridae           | Black-lored tit               | <i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>      | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 218 | Paridae           | Cinereous tit                 | <i>Parus cinereus</i>                | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 219 | Paridae           | Great tit                     | <i>Parus major</i>                   | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 220 | Passeridae        | House sparrow                 | <i>Passer domesticus</i>             | G | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 221 | Pelecanidae       | Great white pelican           | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>         | P | WV | LC | 5       | II |
| 222 | Pelecanidae       | Spot-billed Pelican           | <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>        | P | RM | NT | 3,5     | II |
| 223 | Pellorneidae      | Buff-breasted babbler         | <i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>           | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 224 | Pellorneidae      | Puff-throated babbler         | <i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>           | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | II |
| 225 | Phalacrocoracidae | Great cormorant               | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>           | C | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 226 | Phalacrocoracidae | Indian cormorant              | <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>     | C | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 227 | Phalacrocoracidae | Little cormorant              | <i>Microcarbo niger</i>              | P | RM | LC | 1,2,3,5 | II |
| 228 | Phasianidae       | Grey francolin                | <i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>      | G | R  | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 229 | Phasianidae       | Grey junglefowl               | <i>Gallus sonneratii</i>             | G | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | I  |
| 230 | Phasianidae       | Indian peafowl                | <i>Pavo cristatus</i>                | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5   | I  |
| 231 | Phasianidae       | Jungle bush quail             | <i>Perdica asiatica</i>              | I | R  | LC | 3       | II |
| 232 | Phasianidae       | King quail                    | <i>Synoicus chinensis</i>            | G | R  | LC | 1,5     | II |
| 233 | Phasianidae       | Painted spurfowl              | <i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>          | O | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 234 | Phasianidae       | Rain quail                    | <i>Coturnix coromandelica</i>        | G | RM | LC | 2       | II |
| 235 | Phasianidae       | Red junglefowl                | <i>Gallus gallus</i>                 | O | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 236 | Phasianidae       | Red spurfowl                  | <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>          | O | R  | LC | 2,3     | II |
| 237 | Phylloscopidae    | Green warbler                 | <i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>          | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 238 | Phylloscopidae    | Greenish warbler              | <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>     | I | WV | LC | 3,5     | II |
| 239 | Phylloscopidae    | Large-billed leaf warbler     | <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>     | I | WV | LC | 1,3,5   | II |
| 240 | Phylloscopidae    | Tickell's leaf warbler        | <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>          | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 241 | Phylloscopidae    | Western crowned warbler       | <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>      | I | RM | LC | 1       | II |
| 242 | Picidae           | Black-rumped flameback        | <i>Dinopium benghalense</i>          | I | R  | LC | 1,2,3,5 | II |
| 243 | Picidae           | Brown-capped pygmy woodpecker | <i>Yungipicus nanus</i>              | I | R  | LC | 3,4,5   | II |
| 244 | Picidae           | Common flameback              | <i>Dinopium javanense</i>            | I | R  | LC | 3,4,5   | II |
| 245 | Picidae           | Greater flamback              | <i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i> | I | R  | LC | 5       | II |
| 246 | Picidae           | Heart-spotted woodpecker      | <i>Hemicircus canente</i>            | I | R  | LC | 1,3,5   | I  |

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| 247 | Picidae       | Lesser yellownape                       | <i>Picus chlorolophus</i>        | I | R | LC | 1     | II |
| 248 | Picidae       | Rufous woodpecker                       | <i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>   | I | R | LC | 1,2,5 | II |
| 249 | Picidae       | Streak-throated woodpecker              | <i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>       | I | R | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 250 | Picidae       | White-bellied woodpecker                | <i>Dryocopus javensis</i>        | I | R | LC | 5     | II |
| 251 | Picidae       | White-naped woodpecker                  | <i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>   | I | R | LC | 1,3   | II |
| 252 | Picidae       | Yellow-crowned woodpecker               | <i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>    | I | R | LC | 4,5   | I  |
| 253 | Pittidae      | Indian pitta                            | <i>Pitta brachyura</i>           | I | R | LC | 1,2,3 | II |
| 254 | Ploceidae     | Baya weaver                             | <i>Ploceus philippinus</i>       | G | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 255 | Podicipedidae | Black-necked grebe                      | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>      | C | R | LC | 5     | II |
| 256 | Podicipedidae | Little grebe                            | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>    | C | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 257 | Podicipedidae | Red-necked grebe                        | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>        | C | R | LC | 5     | II |
| 258 | Psittaculidae | Malabar parakeet*                       | <i>Psittacula columboides*</i>   | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 259 | Psittaculidae | Plum-headed parakeet                    | <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>   | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 260 | Psittaculidae | Rose-ringed parakeet or ringneck parrot | <i>Psittacula krameri</i>        | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 261 | Psittaculidae | Vernal hanging parrot                   | <i>Loriculus vernalis</i>        | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 262 | Pteroclididae | Chestnut-bellied sandgrouse             | <i>Pterocles exustus</i>         | G | R | LC | 1     | II |
| 263 | Pycnonotidae  | Black bulbul                            | <i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>  | F | R | LC | 3     | II |
| 264 | Pycnonotidae  | Black-capped bulbul                     | <i>Rubigula melanictera</i>      | F | R | LC | 2,3   | I  |
| 265 | Pycnonotidae  | Flame-throated bulbul*                  | <i>Rubigula gularis*</i>         | O | R | LC | 5     | II |
| 266 | Pycnonotidae  | Grey-headed bulbul                      | <i>Brachypodius priocephalus</i> | F | R | NT | 2,3   | II |
| 267 | Pycnonotidae  | Red-vented bulbul                       | <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>          | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 268 | Pycnonotidae  | Red-whiskered bulbul                    | <i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>        | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 269 | Pycnonotidae  | Square-tailed bulbul                    | <i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>        | F | R | LC | 5     | II |
| 270 | Pycnonotidae  | White-browed bulbul                     | <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>       | F | R | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 271 | Pycnonotidae  | Yellow-browed bulbul                    | <i>Acritillas indica</i>         | F | R | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 272 | Pycnonotidae  | Yellow-throated bulbul                  | <i>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</i>   | F | R | VU | 2,3,5 | II |
| 273 | Rallidae      | Common moorhen                          | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>       | O | R | LC | 5     | II |

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| 274 | Rallidae         | Eurasian coot                 | <i>Fulica atra</i>             | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 275 | Rallidae         | Grey-headed swamphen          | <i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i> | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 276 | Rallidae         | Ruddy-breasted crake          | <i>Zapornia fusca</i>          | I | R  | LC | 1     | II |
| 277 | Rallidae         | Slaty-legged crake            | <i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>    | I | RM | LC | 1     | II |
| 278 | Rallidae         | Western swamphen              | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>     | O | R  | LC | 3,5   | I  |
| 279 | Rallidae         | White-breasted waterhen       | <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>  | I | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 280 | Recurvirostridae | Black-winged stilt            | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>   | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 281 | Rhipiduridae     | White-browed fantail          | <i>Rhipidura aureola</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2     | II |
| 282 | Rostratulidae    | Greater painted-snipe         | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | G | R  | LC | 1     | II |
| 283 | Scolopacidae     | Common sandpiper              | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>      | I | RM | LC | 1,3   | II |
| 284 | Sittidae         | Velvet-fronted nuthatch       | <i>Sitta frontalis</i>         | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 285 | Stenostiridae    | Grey-headed canary-flycatcher | <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>  | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 286 | Strigidae        | Brown boobook                 | <i>Ninox scutulata</i>         | C | R  | LC | 1,3   | II |
| 287 | Strigidae        | Brown fish owl                | <i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>      | C | R  | LC | 3     | I  |
| 288 | Strigidae        | Brown wood owl                | <i>Strix leptogrammica</i>     | C | R  | LC | 1,3   | I  |
| 289 | Strigidae        | Eurasian eagle-owl            | <i>Bubo bubo</i>               | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | I  |
| 290 | Strigidae        | Indian scops owl              | <i>Otus bakkamoena</i>         | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 291 | Strigidae        | Jungle owlet                  | <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>     | C | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 292 | Strigidae        | Mottled wood owl              | <i>Strix ocellata</i>          | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | I  |
| 293 | Strigidae        | Oriental scops owl            | <i>Otus sunia</i>              | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 294 | Strigidae        | Rock eagle-owl                | <i>Bubo bengalensis</i>        | C | R  | LC | 5     | I  |
| 295 | Strigidae        | Spot-bellied eagle-owl        | <i>Ketupa nipalensis</i>       | C | R  | LC | 1,2,3 | I  |
| 296 | Strigidae        | Spotted owlet                 | <i>Athene brama</i>            | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 297 | Sturnidae        | Brahminy starling             | <i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>       | F | RM | LC | 1,2,3 | II |
| 298 | Sturnidae        | Chestnut-tailed starling      | <i>Sturnia malabarica</i>      | F | R  | LC | 1,3   | II |
| 299 | Sturnidae        | Common hill myna              | <i>Gracula religiosa</i>       | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 300 | Sturnidae        | Common myna                   | <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>    | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 301 | Sturnidae        | Golden-crested myna           | <i>Ampeliceps coronatus</i>    | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 302 | Sturnidae        | Jungle myna                   | <i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>     | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 303 | Sturnidae        | Malabar starling*             | <i>Sturnia blythii*</i>        | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 304 | Sturnidae        | Rosy starling                 | <i>Pastor roseus</i>           | F | WV | LC | 1,3   | II |
| 305 | Sturnidae        | Southern hill myna            | <i>Gracula indica</i>          | O | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | I  |

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| 306 | Sylviidae         | Lesser whitethroat           | <i>Curruca curruca</i>             | I | WV | LC | 4     | II |
| 307 | Sylviidae         | Western Orphean warbler      | <i>Curruca hortensis</i>           | I | WV | LC | 1     | II |
| 308 | Threskiornithidae | Black-headed ibis            | <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i> | O | R  | NT | 3,5   | II |
| 309 | Threskiornithidae | Eurasian spoonbill           | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>         | C | R  | LC | 5     | I  |
| 310 | Threskiornithidae | Glossy ibis                  | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>        | P | WV | LC | 5     | II |
| 311 | Threskiornithidae | Red-naped ibis               | <i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>         | O | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 312 | Timaliidae        | Dark-fronted babbler         | <i>Dumetia atriceps</i>            | I | R  | LC | 3,5   | II |
| 313 | Timaliidae        | Indian scimitar babbler      | <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>    | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 314 | Timaliidae        | Tawny-bellied babbler        | <i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>          | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 315 | Trogonidae        | Malabar trogon               | <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>         | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 316 | Turdidae          | Indian blackbird             | <i>Turdus simillimus</i>           | O | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 317 | Turdidae          | Orange-headed thrush         | <i>Geokichla citrina</i>           | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 318 | Turdidae          | Scaly thrush                 | <i>Zoothera dauma</i>              | I | RM | LC | 1     | II |
| 319 | Turnicidae        | Barred buttonquail           | <i>Turnix suscitator</i>           | I | R  | LC | 1     | II |
| 320 | Tytonidae         | Barn owl                     | <i>Tyto alba</i>                   | C | R  | LC | 2,3   | I  |
| 321 | Upupidae          | Common hoopoe                | <i>Upupa epops</i>                 | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |
| 322 | Vangidae          | Bar-winged flycatcher-shrike | <i>Hemipus picatus</i>             | I | R  | LC | 3     | II |
| 323 | Vangidae          | Common woodshrike            | <i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>  | I | R  | LC | 2,3   | II |
| 324 | Vangidae          | Large woodshrike             | <i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i>       | I | R  | LC | 4     | II |
| 325 | Vangidae          | Malabar woodshrike*          | <i>Tephrodornis sylvicola*</i>     | I | R  | LC | 5     | II |
| 326 | Zosteropidae      | Indian white-eye             | <i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>       | I | R  | LC | 2,3,5 | II |

\* - Endemic, CR- Critically Endangered, EN- Endangered, VU- Vulnerable, NT- Near-threatened, LC- Least Concern

Status; R- Resident, RM- Resident Migrant, PM- Partial Migrant, WV- Winter Visitor

Feeding guild; C- Carnivores, F- Frugivores, G- Granivores, I- Insectivores, N- Nectarivores, O- Omnivores, P- Piscivores.

Source; 1- Nichols (1944a, b; 1945), 2- Bhupathy et al. (2009&2012), 3- Babu and Bhupathi (2013), 4- Rajah Jayapal (in press) 5- Parthiban and Ezhilarasi (present study 2024)

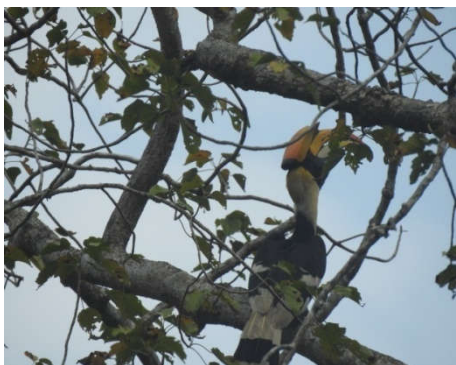


Image 1. Great hornbill

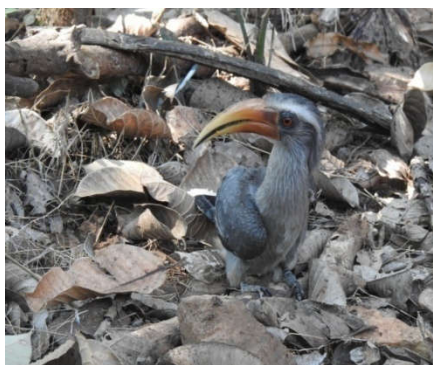


Image 2. Malabar grey hornbill



Image 3. Black-rumped flameback



Image 4. Indian paradise flycatcher



Image 4. Shikra



Image 5. Black-winged kite

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