

# South India

December 20 2009-January 10 2010



## Introduction

This was Robert's third trip to India and Nilla's first. After having bought the plane tickets in July 2009, we began an e-mail correspondence with Kalypso Adventures, a company that have been highly recommended in many trip reports. We soon understood that using them would be very expensive compared to arranging everything on our own, and they were not interested in customizing the trip according to our wishes concerning cheaper hotels (despite saying so on their web page), why we decided to try it on our own. This turned out to be an excellent decision, which we never regretted.

Birding this part of India on one's own is easy and a true pleasure: people are friendly and helpful, it is easy to get to all of the hotspots, it is possible to use the service of good local bird guides at the main hotspots and the birding is exciting with many endemic bird species. All in all we saw 238 bird species. We saw a fantastic 25 out of 28 Southern India endemic bird species and races<sup>1</sup>, and 8 out of 9<sup>2</sup> Western Ghats and Sri Lankan endemics. When it comes to the timing of the trip some of the local bird guides we met suggested that the second half of January is a better time, because then many species have started breeding, and the possibilities for taking good pictures are better.

We flew with Lufthansa from Gothenburg to Bangalore return ticket, which cost 16 700 Swedish kronor for the both of us. The visas needed cost 1440 Swedish kronor for the both of us.

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<sup>1</sup> Two of the three species we didn't see we didn't try for: *Yellow-throated Bulbul* (we felt it to be a too long detour to go to Bodi Ghat for one species) and *Broad-tailed Grassbird* (managed to forget about it when we were in Munnar). *Nilgiri Thrush* is possible at Cairnhill Forest, Ooty, but we were not lucky

<sup>2</sup> We didn't see *Black-throated Munia*, a species others have seen at Top Slip, Bodi Ghat, Rajamalai and Thattekad

## Places visited

We arrived to Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) 02.30 in the morning the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. From there we took a bus (BIAS 09) to Kempegowda Bus Station downtown, which took about 45 minutes (140 Rs<sup>3</sup> per person). From there we continued with a comfortable Volvo Airvath bus to Mysore Suburb/Central Bus Stand, which took two and a half hours (240 Rs per person).

### **Mysore/Ranganathittu**

December 20-21, January 8-9

Mysore is an exciting and interesting city, why we returned to it and spent two more days there by the end of our trip. We arrived to Mysore on a Sunday morning, which turned out to be a real hit since the beautiful Mysore palace light show is on Sunday evenings. From Mysore we took a taxi to the temple site Somnathpur, a place well worth visiting.

From Mysore it is 19 kilometres to Ranganathittu. We went there by a taxi arranged at the hotel (750 Rs), but it is close enough for taking a cheap auto-rickshaw. Ranganathittu is a pretty small place, but it kept us busy for three and a half hours. Taking a boat trip (500 Rs for foreigners for a private boat) is highly recommended since this is a good way of getting very close to the birds. Some of the interesting species seen here were *Indian Grey Hornbill*, *Spot-billed Pelican*, *Great Thick-knee* and *River Tern*. *Grey-headed Fish Eagle* is possible here, but according to people we spoke with only one bird was in the area at the time of our visit.



*River Tern*



*Great Thick-knee*

The last day of the trip (January 9) we went by auto-rickshaw to a marsh (Dalawahi Kere – shown on Google maps) a few kilometres south of the city, located west of the road towards Ooty and Mudumalai. Some of the interesting species seen here were *Blue-tailed Bee-eater*, *Spotted Owlet*, *Red Avadavat*, *Purple Swamphen* and *Red-naped Ibis*.

The first two nights in Mysore (December 20-21) we stayed in The Green Hotel<sup>4</sup>, which we had pre-booked via e-mail without having to pay in advance. We paid 2950 Rs for a semi-deluxe room in the garden. It was a nice place to stay, especially the garden and the restaurant there, but the room standard was very simple and did not match the price. Therefore we decided to stay in Comfort Inn, Vyshak<sup>5</sup> when we returned to Mysore the 8<sup>th</sup> of January (near Suburb Bus Stand). This hotel had opened in November 2009, and the room

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<sup>3</sup> 1 Swedish Krona=6,5 Rs

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.greenhotelindia.com/>

<sup>5</sup> E-mail: [comfortinn.vyshak@gmail.com](mailto:comfortinn.vyshak@gmail.com)

we stayed in was very good with A/C and a comfortable bed and definitely worth the 1700 Rs we paid. The restaurant in the hotel served fantastic food!

From Mysore we went by taxi the 90 kilometres to Mudumalai NP, which took three hours. We arranged the taxi trip through one of the auto-rickshaw drivers and it cost us only 900 Rs with an Indicar (it would have cost us the double if we had booked through the hotel travel agency).

## Mudumalai NP

December 22-25

We spent four memorable days in Mudumalai NP in the surroundings of Forest Hills Farm & Guest House, close to the more famous Jungle Hut. When we arrived to the guest house we were hit by terrible news – a French woman had been killed by an elephant at Viboothimalai close to the guest house in August<sup>6</sup>, why the authorities had prohibited tourists from walking in the jungle.



*Blue-winged Leafbird*

Because of this most

of the birding was done by walking along roads between Forest Hills and the small village of Bokkapuram and around Jungle Hut. With the help of bird guide Siddha<sup>7</sup> (tel.nr. 944 38 57 985), who worked at Jungle Hut, we managed to find some of our target species, i.e. *Malabar Lark* and *Grey-headed Bulbul*. The birding was generally slow, but the scenery was fantastic and we saw some really good species: *Indian Vulture*, *Rufous-bellied Eagle*, *Brown Fish Owl*, *Crested Treeswift*, *Malabar Whistling Thrush*, *Tytler's Leaf Warbler*, *Nilgiri Flycatcher*, *White-bellied Flycatcher*, *Blue-throated Flycatcher*, *Indian Blue Robin*, *White-browed Fantail*, *Indian Scimitar Babbler*, *Loten's Sunbird* and *Asian Fairy Bluebird*. There are a couple of important target species here that we didn't see: *Yellow-legged Buttonquail*, *White-rumped Shama*<sup>8</sup>, *White-naped Woodpecker*<sup>9</sup> and *Blue-bearded Bee-eater*<sup>10</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.thehindu.com/2009/08/15/stories/2009081550750100.htm>

<sup>7</sup> 100 Rs per person and hour

<sup>8</sup> We searched for this species in the area behind Jungle Hut, with thick bamboo thickets, where Siddha said it is possible but rare

<sup>9</sup> We tried for this species with Siddha in the right habitat, open dry areas with scattered trees, but had no luck

<sup>10</sup> We searched for this species in the area behind Jungle Hut, with thick bamboo thickets, where Siddha said it is possible but rare

We stayed five nights at Forest Hills Farm & Guest House<sup>11</sup> in Bokkapuram, which we pre-booked via e-mail without having to pay in advance. We paid astronomical 5500 Rs per day for the Tree House including three meals per day. The accommodation was very Spartan, but the food was superb, staff excellent and the atmosphere great. The nearest neighbour was Jungle Hut and we were allowed to walk around in their garden. From what we saw Forest Hills is a better option compared to Jungle Hut, especially the scenery is better at Forest Hills, and there is a nice watchtower overlooking the mountains.



*Malabar Parakeet*



*Brown Shrike*

From Mudumalai it is possible to take a day trip to the Hindu temple site of Gopalaswamy Betta, 42 kilometres from Masinagudi, which we unfortunately never did. At Gopalaswamy Betta the following species are possible: *Painted Bush Quail*, *Jungle Bush Quail*, *Barred Buttonquail*, *Oriental Skylark*, *Tawny Lark*, *Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark* and *Jerdon's Bushlark*.



*Yellow-wattled Lapwing*



*Malabar Lark*

## Ooty

December 26-28

We had planned to continue to and stay overnight in Ooty the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. We called several hotels the night before, but every hotel was full. Because of this we decided to stay an extra night at Forest Hills Farm & Guest House, but to go over the day to Ooty. We took a taxi to Masinagudi (150 Rs), and from there a local bus to Ooty (20 Rs). After having booked a room for the coming night at Regency Villas<sup>12</sup>, a hotel situated within walking

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.foresthillsindia.com/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.nivalink.com/regencyvilas/index.html>

distance of Cairnhill Forest, and after having had an overpriced lunch at Fernhill Palace, we spent two hours birding Cairnhill Forest. We returned to Forest Hills Farm & Guest House from Ooty with a taxi (700 Rs). The 27<sup>th</sup> of December we took a jeep taxi from Forest Hills to Ooty (800 Rs). During the afternoon we spent an hour birding the Potato Research Station. We had planned to continue birding at Cairnhill Forest, but a heavy rain made this impossible. The 28<sup>th</sup> of December we spent three hours birding Cairnhill Forest starting at dawn.

Ooty was the only disappointment of the trip birdwise. Birding was extremely slow both at Cairnhill Forest and at the Potato Research Station. We managed to see some of the target species, i.e. *Black-and-rufous Flycatcher*, *Nilgiri Wood Pigeon* and *Rufous-breasted (Nilgiri) Laughingthrush*, but we never found important species like *Brown Wood Owl*, *Kashmir Flycatcher*, *White-bellied Shortwing* and *Nilgiri Thrush*.

From Ooty we took a shared taxi to Ukkadam Bus Station, Coimbatore (four hours, 450 Rs for both of us), and from there a local bus to Pollachi (one hour, 28 Rs).

### Top Slip

December 29-31

We decided to stay in a hotel in Pollachi and go to Top Slip on day trips. Pollachi in itself is a genuine, non-touristy Indian town with friendly people, some interesting things to see, like the flower market, and a very good restaurant (Hotel Amutha Surabhi; upper floor A/C room). From Pollachi there is a daily bus to Top Slip at 6 am (1 ½ hours), and from Top Slip you can leave by bus at 1 or 6.30 pm. One can buy water, soft drinks, coffee/tea and snacks at Top Slip.



*Malabar Trogon*

At Top Slip one pays 100 Rs per person to do bird walks for a couple of hours in the area with a guide. We had Kethan for guide all three days, and he can be warmly recommended. His English might not be very good, but he knows the bird names in English, where to find the target species and he knows most songs and calls. Some of the interesting species seen here were *Black Eagle*, *Sri Lanka Frogmouth*, *Malabar Trogon*, *Great Pied Hornbill*, *Heart-spotted Woodpecker*, *Indian Pitta*, *Forest Wagtail*, *Orange-headed Thrush*, *Wynaad Laughingthrush*, *Rufous Babbler*, *Little Spiderhunter*, *Large Woodshrike* and *White-bellied Treepie*. There are a couple of target species here that we didn't see: *Black-throated Munia*, *White-browed Bulbul*, *Blue-bearded Bee-eater* and *White-rumped Shama*.

We stayed in Sakthi Hotel<sup>13</sup> in Pollachi (1150 Rs for A/C Suite), which was close to the bus station and good value.

When we called hotels in Munnar we were told by several hotel owners that every hotel in town was full, why we started thinking about changing our trip plan. We made a final call to Westend Cottages and they actually had a room. What a relief! It seems like booking hotel rooms in Ooty and Munnar in advance is advisable, at least around Christmas and New Years Eve! We went by bus from Pollachi to Udamalpet (those buses run very frequently), and from there took a taxi from the bus station to Munnar (1600 Rs). The entire trip took 4 ½ hours. This is a much cheaper option compared to going all the way by taxi from Pollachi to Munnar. One can also take a bus from Udamalpet to Munnar, and as we understood it there was also one bus daily from Pollachi to Munnar.

### Munnar/Eravikulam NP

January 1-2

Munnar is a very touristy place, not at all as pleasant for a nature lover as for example Top Slip and Thattekad, but to get all the endemics you have to go there. One day spent there should be enough to see all or most of the target species. We decided to spend the afternoon our first day there by walking along the river. This walk was memorable for many reasons, i.e.



*Grey-breasted Laughingthrush*

all the kids that approached us asking for “pen”, “country coin” and “photo” (in that order), wild elephants close to the road and stunning scenery. Birdwise we managed to see one of the main targets, *Grey-breasted Laughingthrush*, and we had the only *Black Bubluls* of the trip.

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Our second day we went by auto-rickshaw to Eravikulam NP, where we took the first possible bus at 8 am (entrance fee plus bus ticket plus camera fee 465 Rs). We spent two hours up there, and did see all the main target species: *Grey-breasted Laughingthrush*, *Nilgiri Pipit* and *White-bellied Shortwing*<sup>4</sup>. Returning down the road hordes of tourists were walking on their way upwards, so a word of advice is to be in time to catch the first morning bus.

There are a couple of target species in the Munnar area that we didn't see: *Broad-tailed Grassbird*<sup>5</sup> and *Blue-capped Rock Thrush*.



Munnar

We stayed in Westend Cottages<sup>16</sup>, a friendly homestay, with cheap rooms with shared bathroom and shower.

We took a bus from Munnar to Kothamangalam (3 hours, 97 Rs).

### Thattekad

January 2-4

Thattekad is only 12 kilometres from the nice town of Kothamangalam, so if one wants to stay in a comfortable hotel, i.e. Hotel Maria International<sup>17</sup> (1250 Rs for an A/C Suite), and avoid "primitive" homestays or tent camps, that's no problem. Many birders coming here stay at expensive Hornbill Camp, which we can see no reason at all to do. One option that we tried for one



Malabar Grey Hornbill

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<sup>14</sup> The bird was seen on the ground in an area of bushes and trees that is the last wooded area along the road towards the summit.

<sup>15</sup> Deshadan Resort

<sup>16</sup> Tel.nr. 04865 - 230954

<sup>17</sup> E-mail: info@hotelmariain Notice that this is a popular hotel, and that it is usually full during weekdays, why it is wise to book ahead.

night was staying at a homestay, in this case Jungle Bird Homestay (1500 Rs for a double room including three meals), run by advocate Gireesh Chandran.<sup>18</sup> Jungle Bird Homestay is perfectly situated just inside the entrance to the bird sanctuary. Gireesh was extremely helpful when it came to finding targets species, driving us in his car and knowing exactly where to find the species, and he seems to be genuinely interested in birding.

We birded mainly four areas:

1) a path starting directly before the bridge near the entrance to the bird sanctuary leading to the left alongside the river (coming from Kothamangalam). Here we saw *Indian Pitta*, *Black-naped Oriole* and *Dark-fronted Babbler*.

2) the main road towards Idamalayar Dam, where we saw *Emerald Dove*.

3) Kallipara, which was a fantastic place with loads of birds in a small area. We saw *Black-crested Bulbul*, *Mountain Imperial Pigeon*, *Green Imperial Pigeon*, *Pompadour Green Pigeon*, *Grey-headed Bulbul* and *White-bellied Woodpecker* here, but *Black Baza* and *Crested Goshawk* are also regular here according to Gireesh.

4) at dusk around Jungle Bird Homestay for owls and nightjars. We were extremely lucky and heard *Oriental Scops Owl*, *Spot-bellied Eagle Owl*, *Indian Scops Owl* and *Sri Lanka Frogmouth*. Gireesh said that *Great-eared Nightjar* is possible to hear outside the homestay at 5 am, which Robert tried the last morning, but unfortunately he only heard a *Brown Hawk Owl*.

We took a taxi from Jungle Bird Homestay to Fort Kochi (2 hours and 20 minutes; 1250 Rs)

## Fort Kochi

January 5-7

After two weeks of intense birding we had a few relaxing days at Fort Kochi, visiting Cherai Beach two days combined with evening visits to Ernakulam. Fort Kochi is a very popular tourist destination, and sometimes it didn't feel like "real" India, but on the other hand it has got a relaxed atmosphere which is what people come here for.

We took an A/C night bus from the KSRTC bus stand in Ernakulam to Mysore.



*Blue-tailed Bee-eater*

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## List of bird-species

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis* (Smådopping)  
1 in Munnar 1/1

**Spot-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis* (Fläcknäbbad pelikan)  
6 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Indian Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* (Indisk skarv)  
3-5 at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis* (Storskarv)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger* (Småskarv)  
Common at Ranganathittu 21/12 and at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster melanogaster* (Indisk ormhalsfågel)  
5 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1 between Udamalpet and Munnar 1/1 and 1 at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea* (Gråhäger)  
Observed at Ranganathittu 21/12, Munnar 1/1 and Thattekad 2/1

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea manilensis* (Purpurhäger)  
Common at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis* (Revhäger)  
Common around Fort Kochi 4-7/1

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba modesta* (Ägretthäger)  
Observed seven days

**Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia intermedia* (Mellanhäger)  
Observed nine days

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta* (Silkeshäger)  
Observed seven days

**Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii* (Rishäger)  
Observed fifteen days

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis coromandus* (Kohäger)  
Observed thirteen days

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata chloripes* (Mangrovehäger)  
1 at Idimalayar dam, Thattekad 3/1

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax* (Natthäger)  
~40 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala* (Indisk ibisstork)  
1 seen between Bangalore and Mysore 20/12 and 1 seen between Mysore and Somnathpur 8/1

**Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans* (Indisk gapnäbbstork)  
Common at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Black-headed Ibis** *Threskiornis melanocephalus* (Orientibis)  
Common at Ranganathittu 21/12 and seen in Mysore 22/12 and 9/1

**Red-naped (Black) Ibis** *Pseudibis papillosa* (Vårtibis)  
3 seen along the road (NH 212) between Mysore and Begur 22/12, 5 seen along the same road 8/1, 3 at Somnathpur 8/1 and 12 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* (Bronsibis)  
9 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia* (Skedstork)  
8 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Cotton Pygmy Goose** *Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus* (Bomullsdvärgand)  
1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Spot-billed Duck** *Anas poecilorhyncha poecilorhyncha* (Fläcknäbbad and)  
2 seen along the road (NH 212) between Mysore and Begur 8/1

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* (Skedand)  
~300 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* (Fiskgjuse)  
1 seen at Fort Kochi 6/1

**Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis* (Tofsbivråk)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 24/12 and 25/12, 1 in Ooty 26/12, 1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus caeruleusvociferus* (Svartvingad glada)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* (Brunglada)  
Observed twelve days

**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus indus* (Braminglada)  
Observed fourteen days; very common around Fort Kochi and Cherai Beach 4-8/1

**Indian Vulture** *Gyps indicus* (Indisk gam)  
2 and 1 respectively in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 23/12

**Crested Serpent-Eagle** *Spilornis cheela melanotis* (Orienthjälmsörn)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 25/12, 1 and 2 respectively at Top Slip 30 and 31/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Eurasian Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus* (Brun kärrhök)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12 and 1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Shikra** *Accipiter badius badius* (Shikra)  
1 in Mudumalai 22/12, 2 in Mudumalai 25/12, 1 at Top Slip 31/12 and 1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Besra** *Accipiter virgatus* (Besra)  
1 in Mudumalai 23/12

**Eurasian Buzzard** *Buteo buteo japonicas* (Ormvråk)

1 at Top Slip 29/12 and 1 in Munnar 1/1

**Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malayensis perniger* (Svartörn)

1 at Top Slip 30/12

**Bonelli's Eagle** *Aquila fasciatus* (Hökörn)

1 in Mudumalai NP 24/12

**Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Aquila kienerii* (Rödbukad dvärgörn)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus cirrhatus cirrhatus* (Indisk tofsörn)

2 in Mudumalai NP 25/12

**Eurasian Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* (Tornfalk)

1 in Mudumalai NP 24/12, 1 at Top Slip 28-30/12 and 1 at Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Red Spurfowl** *Galloperdix spadicea spadicea* (Röd sporrhöna)

2 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 28/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3 and 4/1

**Grey Junglefowl** *Gallus sonneratii* (Grå bankivahöna)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12, 3 at Top Slip 30/12, 1 at Top Slip 31/12, 1 in Munnar 1/1 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Indian Peafowl** *Pavo cristatus* (Påfågel)

2 at Top Slip 31/12, 1 in Munnar 1/1 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus* (Vattenhöna)

1 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Purple Swamphen** *Porhyrio porhyrio poliocephalus* (Purpurhöna)

~15 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra atra* (Sothöna)

4 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Bronze-winged Jacana** *Metopidius indicus* (Bronsjacana)

1 at Thattekad 3/1 and 1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* (Styltlöpare)

~15 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Great Thick-knee** *Burhinus recurvirostris* (Strandtjockfot)

~15 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Yellow-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus malabaricus* (Gulflikvipa)

7 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus* (Rödflikvipa)

7 in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 4 in Munnar 1/1 and 2 at Thattekad 2/1

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* (Gluttsnäppa)

3 at Cherai Beach 5/1

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* (Skogssnäppa)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 25/12

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* (Grönbenä)

25 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* (Drillsnäppa)

2 in Munnar 1/1

**Brown-headed Gull** *Larus brunnicephalus* (Brunhuvad mås)

Seen in small numbers daily around Fort Kochi 5-7/1

**Gull-billed Tern** *Sterna nilotica* (Sandtärna)

Seen in small numbers around Fort Kochi 4-7/1

**River Tern** *Sterna aurantia* (Indisk flodtärna)

5 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* (Skäggtärna)

Common at Thattekad (~25 daily) 2-4/1 and at Cherai Beach (hundreds) 5-6/1

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (Tamduva)

Observed fourteen days

**Nilgiri Wood-Pigeon** *Columba elphinstonii* (Nilgiriduva)

3 at Potato Research Station, Ooty 27/12

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto* (Turkduva)

2 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 seen on the way to Ooty from Mudumalai 27/12

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis suratensis* (Pärlhalsduva)

Very common; observed eighteen days

**Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica indica* (Smaragdduva)

1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Pompadour Green Pigeon** *Treron pompadora pompadora* (Pompadourgrönduva)

1 in Mudumalai 25/12 and 7 at Thattekad 4/1

**Yellow-footed Green Pigeon** *Treron phoenicoptera chlorigaster* (Gulfotad grönduva)

5 in Mudumalai NP 25/12

**Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea pusilla* (Grön kejsarduva)

~10 at Thattekad 4/1

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia cuprea* (Bergskejsarduva)

1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri manillensis* (Halsbandsparakit)

Common in Mysore 20-21/12

**Plum-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula cyanocephala* (Plommonhuvad parakit)

2, 4 and 2 respectively in Mudumalai NP 22-24/12, 1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 2, 5 and 2 respectively at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Malabar Parakeet** *Psittacula columboides* (Malabarparakit)

3 and 11 respectively in Mudumalai 24-25/12, 7, 20 and 10 respectively at Top Slip 29-31/12, and 30 and 10 respectively at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis* (Blåstrupig fladdermuspapegoja)

4 at Top Slip 30/12 and 3 at Thattekad 4/1

**Common Hawk Cuckoo** *Cuculus varius varius* (Mindre hökgök)

1 in Mudumalai NP 27/12

**Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii sonneratii* (Bandad buskgök)

1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopacea scolopacea* (Koelgök)

Observed five days, primarily in Mudumalai NP and at Thattekad

**Blue-faced Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris* (Dvärgmalkoha)

2 and 1 respectively at Top Slip 30-31/12

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis parroti* (Orientsporrögök)

Observed eleven days

**Indian Scops Owl** *Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena* (Indisk kragdvärguv)

1 heard at Thattekad 3/1

**Oriental Scops Owl** *Otus sunia rufipennis* (Orientdvärguv)

1 seen and heard at Thattekad 3/1

**Spot-bellied Eagle Owl** *Bubo nipalensis nipalensis* (Nepaluv)

1 heard at Thattekad 3/1

**Brown Fish Owl** *Ketupa zeylonensis* (Brun fiskuv)

2-3 at Mudumalai NP 23-25/12 (seen and heard) and 2 seen at Thattekad 2/1

**Jungle Owlet** *Glaucidium radiatum malabaricum* (Djungelsparvuggla)

1 seen and heard at Top Slip 30/12 and 31/12, and 1 seen and heard at Thattekad 3/1

**Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama brama* (Braminuggla)

2 in Mudumalai NP 25/12 and 1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Brown Hawk Owl** *Ninox scutulata hirsuta* (Brun spökuggla)

1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Sri Lanka Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus monileger* (Sri Lankagrodmun)

Male and female at Top Slip 29/12 and 1 heard at Thattekad 3/1

**Jerdon's Nightjar** *Caprimulgus atripennis atripennis* (Jerdonnattskärria)

1-2 heard at dusk at Forest Hills Farm and Guesthouse, Mudumalai NP 23-26/12 and 1-2 heard at Thattekad 2-3/1

**Indian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus asiaticus asiaticus* (Indisk nattskärria)

1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12

**Indian Swiftlet** *Aerodramus unicolor* (Indisk salangan)

Common in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12 (daily ~15-25) and at Thattekad 3-4/1 (~30)

**White-rumped Needletail** *Zoonavena sylvatica* (Indisk taggstjärtseglare)  
1 and 4 respectively at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus indicus* (Brun taggstjärtseglare)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Asian Palm-Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis* (Asiatisk palmseglare)  
~30 at Top Slip 30/12

**Fork-tailed (Pacific) Swift** *Apus pacificus leuconyx* (Orientseglare)  
2 at Top Slip 30/12

**Crested Treeswift** *Hemiprocne coronate* (Indisk trädseglare)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 15 in the same place 23/12 and 25/12

**Malabar Trogon** *Harpactes fasciatus malabaricus* (Malabartrogon)  
2, 1 and 2 respectively seen at Top Slip 29-31/12

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis taprobana* (Kungsfiskare)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis capensis* (Storknäbbskungsfiskare)  
1 heard at Ranganathittu 21/12

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca* (Smyrnakungsfiskare)  
Observed eleven days

**Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis travancoreensis* (Gråfiskare)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis orientalis* (Grön dvärgbiätare)  
Observed six days: Ranganathittu, Mudumalai NP and Thattekad

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus* (Blåstjärtad biätare)  
2 at Fort Kochi 4/1 and 2 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaultia leschenaultia* (Brunhuvad biätare)  
6, 5 and 2 respectively at Top Slip 29-31/12 and 1 and 2 respectively at Thattekad 2-3/1

**Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis indicus* (Indisk blåkråka)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12, 1 seen from the bus close to Pollachi 28/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* (Rödnäbbad blåkråka)  
1 at Top Slip 29/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops epops* (Härfågel)  
1 in Mudumalai 25/12 and 1 in Munnar 1/1

**Malabar Grey Hornbill** *Ocyceros griseus* (Malabartoko)  
2 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12, 2-4 seen at Top Slip 29-31/12, and 2-5 seen at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Indian Grey Hornbill** *Ocyceros birostris* (Indisk gråtoko)  
4 in the garden of the Green Hotel, Mysore 21/12 and 6 at Ranganathittu 21/12, and 1 in the garden of the Green Hotel, Mysore 22/12

**Great (Pied) Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* (Större hornkorp/Bandvingad näshornsfågel)  
2-4 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 at Top Slip 31/12

**White-cheeked Barbet** *Megalaima viridis* (Vitkindad barbett)  
Very common; observed every day of the trip except for in Ooty 28/12

**Crimson-fronted Barbet** *Megalaima rubricapillus malabarica* (Karmosinstrupig barbett)  
6, 1 and 3 respectively seen at Top Slip 29-31/12

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala* (Kopparslagarbarbett)  
1 at Ranganathittu 21/12, ~20 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 1 and 2 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 25/12

**Brown-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos moluccensis cinereigula* (Hinduspett)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Yellow-crowned Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos mahrattensis* (Mahrattaspett)  
2 and 1 respectively in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 25/12

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis hodgsoni* (Vitbukad spillkråka)  
2 at Thattekad 4/1

**Lesser Yellownap** *Picus chlorolophus chlorigaster* (Mindre gultofsad grönspett)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 22-23/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Streak-throated Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus* (Indisk grönspett)  
1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 in Munnar 1/1

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense malabaricum* (Guldryggad sultanspett)  
1 at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Black-rumped Flameback** *Dinopium benghalense puncticolle* (Svartgumpad sultanspett)  
Common; observed ten days

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus socialis* (Större sultanspett)  
2 at Top Slip 29-30/12

**Heart-spotted Woodpecker** *Hemicircus canente* (Svarttofsad dvärgspett)  
1 at Top Slip 31/12

**Indian Pitta** *Pitta brachyurus* (Indisk pitta)  
1 at Top Slip 29/12 and 1 at Thattekad 2-3/1

**Malabar Lark** *Galerida malabarica* (Malabarlärka)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 24/12

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* (Ladusvala)  
Observed at Ranganathittu 21/12, in Mudumalai NP 22-23/12 and at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica domicola* (Kustsvala)  
8, 1 and 10 respectively in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 23/12 and 25/12, 1 in Ooty 26/12, 10 at Top Slip 30/12, 4 in Munnar 1/1 and 10 at Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica erythropygia* (Rostgumpsvala)  
Seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12

**Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii* (Trådstjärtsvala)

1 and ~10 respectively in Mudumalai NP 22-23/12

**Streak-throated Swallow** *Petrochelidon fluvicola* (Indisk svala)

Observed at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Dusky Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne concolor concolor* (Mörk klippsvala)

3 in Mudumalai NP 22/12

**Eurasian Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (Klippsvala)

2 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and ~15 in Munnar 1/1

**Plain Martin** *Riparia paludicola* (Brunstrupig backsvala)

Observed in small numbers at Ranganathittu 21/12

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi* (Större piplärka)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Oriental (Paddyfield) Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* (Orientpiplärka)

1 in Mudumalai NP 24/12

**Nilgiri Pipit** *Anthus nilghiriensis* (Nilgiripiplärka)

2 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Forest Wagtail** *Dendronanthus indicus* (Trädärla)

1 at Top Slip 30/12

**White-browed Wagtail** *Motacilla madaraspatensis* (Indisk ärla)

2 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 2 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 25/12, 2 in Munnar 1/1 and 2 at Thattekad 2/1

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava* (Gulärla)

5 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* (Forsärla)

Observed eleven days

**Black-headed Cuckooshrike** *Coracina melanoptera sykesi* (Svarthuvad gråfågel)

1 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 2 in Mudumalai 22/12, 1 at Top Slip 31/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus malabaricus* (Mindre minivett)

4 in Mudumalai NP 23-24/12, 2 at Top Slip 29/12 and 4 at Thattekad 4/1

**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus flammeus* (Eldminivett)

7, 2 and 2 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23-25/12, 2 in Ooty 27/12, 4, 11 and 8 respectively at Top Slip 29-31/12 and 15 and 6 respectively at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus picatus* (Bandvingad flugätare)

4 and 2 respectively in Ooty 26-27/12

**Grey-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus priocephlaus* (Gråhuvad bulbul)

2 and 3 respectively in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12 and 2 at Thattekad 4/1

**Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus gularis* (Sri Lankabulbul)

1 at Top Slip 29/12 and 31/12 and 1, 1 and 5 respectively at Thattekad 2-4/1



**Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus fuscicaudatus* (Rödörad bulbyl)

Very common; observed every day of the trip

**Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer pusillus* (Rödgumpad bulbyl)

Observed twelve days

**Yellow-browed Bulbul** *Iole indica indica* (Gulgrön bulbyl)

2 and 6 respectively in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12, 2 at Top Slip 30-31/12 and ~10 at Thattekad 4/1

**Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus ganeesa* (Svart bulbyl)

2 in Munnar 1/1

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis jerdoni* (Blåvingad bladfågel)

2 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 2, 8 and 2 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23-25/12, 2 at Top Slip 30/12 and 2 at Thattekad 2-3/1

**Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons insularis* (Guldpannad bladfågel)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12, 2 at Top Slip 29/12 and 31/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia multicolor* (Iora)

Observed ten days

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitaries* (Blåtrast)

2 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Malabar Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus horsfieldii* (Malabarvisseltrast)

1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 24-25/12 and 2, 1 and 1 respectively at Top Slip 29-31/12

**Orange-headed Thrush** *Zoothera citrina cyanota* (Orangetrast)

2, 1 and 1 respectively at Top Slip 29-31/12

**Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula simillimus/nigropileus* (Koltrast)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 26/12

**White-bellied Shortwing** *Brachypteryx major* (Vitbukad kortvinge)

1 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Jungle Prinia** *Prinia sylvatica sylvatica* (Jungelprinia)

4 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Ashy Prinia** *Prinia socialis socialis* (Askprinia)

2 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1 at Ooty 26/12 and 2 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata franklinii* (Orientprinia)

2 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Paddyfield Warbler** *Acrocephalus agricola* (Fältsångare)

1 in Munnar 1/1

**Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (Busksångare)

Observed seven days

**Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus* (Papyrussångare)

1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Acrocephalus aedon aedon* (Tjocknäbbad sångare)

1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Syke's Warbler** *Hippolais rama* (Saxualsångare)

Observed six days: Ranganathittu, Mudumalai and Top Slip

**Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius guzuratus* (Skräddarfågel)

1 in Mysore and 3 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1-2 in Mudumalai NP 22-24/12 and 4 at Top Slip 31/12

**Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis* (Alpin sångare)

4 and 6 respectively in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 26/12 and 28/12, 2 at Top Slip 31/12 and 4 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus* (Taigasångare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 23/12 and 25/12 and 1 at Top Slip 31/12

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides* (Lundsångare)

Observed twelve days

**Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris* (Grovnäbbad sångare)

1 in Mudumalai 22/12 and 1 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 28/12

**Tytler's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus tytleri* (Kashmirsångare)

4 in Mudumalai NP 22/12

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica* (Glasögonflugsnappare)

1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Rusty-tailed Flycatcher** *Muscicapa ruficauda* (Rödstjärtad flugsnappare)

1 at Top Slip 30/12

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva* (Mindre flugsnappare)

2 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Black-and-rufous Flycatcher** *Ficedula nigrorufa* (Svarthuvad flugsnappare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 25/12 and 2, 1 and 3 respectively in Ooty 26-28/12

**Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus thalassinus* (Turkosflugsnappare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Nilgiri Flycatcher** *Eumyias albicaudata* (Nilgiriflugsnappare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 1 at Top Slip 30/12

**White-bellied Flycatcher** *Cyornis pallipes* (Vitbukad blåflugsnappare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12 and 1 at Top Slip 30-31/12

**Blue-throated Flycatcher** *Cyornis rubeculoides* (Blåstrupig blåflugsnappare)

1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12

**Tickell's Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis tickelliae* (Vitsidig blåflugsnappare)

1 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1, 1 and 3 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23-25/12 and 1 at Top Slip 31/12

**Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* (Gråhuvad solflugsnappare)  
1 and 4 respectively in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12, 1 at Potato Research Station, Ooty 27/12, 1  
in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 28/12, 2 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 in Munnar 1/1

**Indian Blue Robin** *Luscinia brunnea brunnea* (Himalayanäktergal)  
1 male in Mudumalai NP 25/12

**Oriental Magpie Robin** *Copsychus saularis ceylonensis* (Skatnäktergal)  
Observed twelve days

**Indian Robin** *Saxicoloides fulicata fulicatus* (Indisk näktergal)  
1 and 2 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23-24/12

**Pied Bushchat** *Saxicola caprata atratus* (Svart buskskvätta)  
1-2 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12, ~10 in Munnar 1/1, 4 in Eravikulam NP 2/1 and 2  
at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Spot-breasted Fantail** *Rhipidura albogularis* (Fläckig solfjädersstjärt)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12 and 1 at Potato Research Station, Ooty 27/12

**White-browed Fantail** *Rhipidura aureola compressirostris* (Vitbrynad solfjädersstjärt)  
3 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi paradise* (Asiatisk paradisflugsnappare)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1 in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12 and 1 at Top Slip 30-31/12

**Grey-breasted Laughingthrush** *Garrulax jerdoni* (Gråbröstad fnittertrast)  
3 in Munnar 1/1 and 4 in Eravikulam NP 2/1

**Rufous-breasted (Nilgiri) Laughingthrush** *Garrulax cachinnans* (Nilgirifnittertrast)  
2 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 28/12

**Wynaad Laughingthrush** *Garrulax delesserti* (Mysorefnittertrast)  
4 at Top Slip 30/12

**Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps olivaceum* (Fläcktrasttimalia)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 25/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Indian Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus horsfieldii travancoreensis* (Indisk sabeltimalia)  
1 and 2 respectively seen and heard in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12 and 2 seen at Top Slip 30-  
31/12

**Dark-fronted Babbler** *Rhopocichla atriceps* (Svarthuvad timalia)  
1 at Thattekad 2/1

**Yellow-eyed Babbler** *Chrysomma sinense* (Eldögd timalia)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Large Grey Babbler** *Turdoides malcolmi* (Grå skriktrast)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 25/12

**Rufous Babbler** *Turdoides subrufus* (Gråpannad skriktrast)  
1 at Top Slip 30-31/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Jungle Babbler** *Turdoides striatus malabarica* (Indisk skriktrast)  
Observed five days

**Yellow-billed Babbler** *Turdoides affinis affinis* (Ljushuvad skriktrast)  
Common in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12

**Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe poioicephala poioicephala* (Brunkindad fulvetta)  
2 and 11 respectively in Mudumalai NP 24-25/12 and 2 at Top Slip 30/12

**Great Tit** *Parus major mahrattarum* (Talgoxe)  
Observed eight days

**Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** *Sitta castanea castanea* (Kastanjenötväcka)  
4 in Mudumalai NP 23/12

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis frontalis* (Rödnäbbad nötväcka)  
3 and 1 respectively in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 26/12 and 28/12, and 1 and 3 respectively at Top Slip 29/12 and 31/12

**Purple-rumped Sunbird** *Leptocoma Zeylonica flaviventris* (Violettgumpad solfågel)  
Observed ten days

**Crimson-backed Sunbird** *Leptocoma minima* (Karmosinryggad solfågel)  
2 at Top Slip 29/12 and 2 at Thattekad 3-4/1

**Purple Sunbird** *Cinnyris asiaticus asiaticus* (Purpursolfågel)  
2 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-24/12 and 2 seen at Thattekad 4/1

**Long-billed (Loten's) Sunbird** *Cinnyris lotenius hindustanicus* (Långnäbbad solfågel)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 24/12

**Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra longirostra* (Mindre spindeljägare)  
1 at Top Slip 30/12

**Thick-billed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum agile agile* (Tjocknäbbad blomsterpickare)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 25/12

**Pale-billed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos* (Bleknäbbad blomsterpickare)  
1 in the garden of the Green Hotel, Mysore 21/12 and 22/12, 1 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 1-2 in Mudumalai NP 22-24/12, 1 at the Potato Research Station, Ooty 27/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum concolor concolor* (Enfärgad blomsterpickare)  
1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 1 at Thattekad 3/1

**Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus egregius* (Indisk glasögonfågel)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 22-23/12 and 25/12, 3 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 26/12, ~20 in Ooty 27/12, 5 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 28/12, 6 in Munnar 1/1 and 5 at Thattekad 2/1

**Eurasian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus kundoo* (Sommargylling)  
1 and 4 respectively at Top Slip 30/12 and 31/12 and 4 and 2 respectively at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis diffusus* (Svartnackad gylling)  
1 and 2 respectively at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus maderaspatanus* (Orientgylling)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 4 and 2 respectively at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Asian Fairy Bluebird** *Irena puella puella* (Indisk blåfågel)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 24/12 and 1 at Thattekad 4/1

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* (Brun törnskata)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 23/12 and 25/12, 2 and 1 respectively at Top Slip 30/12 and 31/12  
and 1 in Munnar 1/1

**Bay-backed Shrike** *Lanius vittatus vittatus* (Indisk törnskata)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 24/12 and 25/12

**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach caniceps* (Rostgumpad törnskata)  
2-4 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12 and 7 in Munnar 1/1

**Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis gularis sylvicola* (Större skogstörnskata)  
1 at Top Slip 29/12

**Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* (Mindre skogstörnskata)  
1 and 4 respectively in Mudumalai NP 23/12 and 25/12

**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus macrocercus* (Svart drongo)  
Observed eight days

**Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus longicaudatus* (Grå drongo)  
Observed ten days in wooded areas

**White-bellied Drongo** *Dicrurus caerulescens caerulescens* (Vitbukad drongo)  
1-3 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12

**Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus aeneus* (Bronsdrongo)  
2-4 seen daily in Mudumalai NP 23-25/12, 2 at Top Slip 31/12 and common at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus paradiseus* (Större vimpeldrongo)  
2 and 1 respectively in Mudumalai 23/12 and 25/12, 2-3 seen daily at Top Slip 29-31/12 and  
2-8 seen daily at Thattekad 2-4/1

**Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda parvula* (Indisk trädiskata)  
1 in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 1 at Top Slip 31/12 and 1-2 seen daily at Thattekad 2-4/1

**White-bellied Treepie** *Dendrocitta leucogastra* (Vitbukad trädiskata)  
4-6 seen daily at Top Slip 29-31/12 and 7 and 4 respectively at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**House Crow** *Corvus splendens splendens* (Huskråka)  
Observed daily

**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos culminatus* (Djungelkråka)  
Observed fifteen days

**Southern Hill Myna** *Gracula indica* (Beostare)  
1 at Top Slip 30/12 and 5 and ~40 respectively at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Jungle Myna** *Acridotheres fuscus* (Jungelmajna)  
Observed nine days

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis tristis* (Brun majna)  
Observed daily, except for 1/1

**Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica* (Gråhuvad stare)  
2 in Mudumalai NP 23/12, 5 at Top Slip 30/12 and ~20 at Thattekad 3/1 and 4/1

**Brahminy Starling** *Temenuchus pagodarum* (Pagodstare)  
Common in Mudumalai NP 22-25/12

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus* (Gråsparv)  
Observed fourteen days

**Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava* (Röd tigerfink)  
1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill)** *Lonchura malabarica* (Indisk silvernäbb)  
Common at Ranganathittu 21/12 and 1 in Mudumalai NP 25/12

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata striata* (Vitgumpmunia)  
2 at Ranganathittu 21/12, 7 in Mudumalai NP 22/12 and 1 at a marsh (Dalawahi Kere) south of Mysore 9/1

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata punctulata* (Fjällig munia)  
1 at the Green Hotel, Mysore 21/12, 1-3 in Mudumalai NP 22/12, 24/12 and 27/12 and 4 at the Potato Research Station, Ooty 27/12

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus* (Rosenfink)  
6 in Cairnhill Forest, Ooty 26/12