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BIRDS OF THE SÁLIM ALI CENTRE FOR ORNITHOLOGY AND NATURAL HISTORY CAMPUS, ANAIKATTY HILLS, SOUTHERN INDIA

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Birds are common dwellers of ecosystems and have been considered as environmental bio-indicators of inhabited areas (Blair 1999). There are approximately 9,990 bird species recorded in our planet and, the Indian subcontinent is home to 1,313 bird species (Grimmett et al. 2011). Tamil Nadu is known for its rich diversity of avifauna with more than 450 species including several endemic and conservation prioritised species (Islam & Rahmani 2004). Previously, Nirmala (2002) documented the birds of the Anaikatty area of the Western Ghats. The present study attempts to prepare a checklist of birds in and around the campus of the Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) situated in the Anaikatty Hills (11°05'30.9"N & 76°47'36.2"E), 30km northwest of Coimbatore City, on the border of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR), Western Ghats, Tamil Nadu

(Fig. 1). Being located on the eastern slope (~ 600 elevation), the climate is semi-arid with temperature soaring up to 41°C during summer and the annual rainfall hardly exceeds 700mm. The SACON campus was established during early 1994 in 55 acres of degraded land. Tree planting initiatives



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(in 2000) and protection measures against livestock grazing enhanced the vegetation growth inside the campus which became a source of attraction for many bird species. The campus' vegetation is predominantly scrub forest type, with a small Eucalyptus plantation. The campus harbours 200 species of plants that includes 60 tree species (Balasubramanian et al. 2012). Common woody species of the campus include Premna tomentosa, Albizia amara and Chloroxylon swietenia and tall shrubs include Lantana camara and Chromolaena odorata. Based on rainfall and temperature the study area experiences four distinct seasons, namely, southwest monsoon (June-August), northeast monsoon (September–November), winter (December–February) and summer (March-May).

Regular fortnightly surveys between January 2012 and May 2013 were done by walk on fixed routes in and around the campus including the banks of a non-perennial stream located on the western side of the campus. Surveys were usually made in the morning (07:00–10:00 hr) and evening (16:00–18:00 hr), and also sometimes in the night for owls and nightjars. The identification of birds in the field was based on Ali (2002) and Grimmett et al. (2011), while Manakadan & Pittie (2001) was referred to for binomial names and

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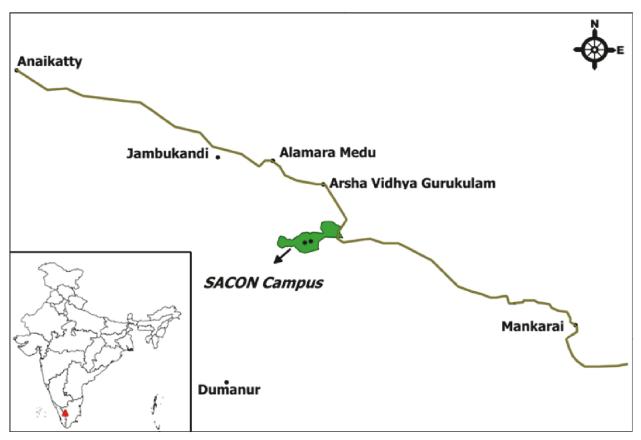


Figure 1. Location map of the Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), southern India

authorities. The photographs of birds were taken with a SONY Digital Camera (DSC-HX200V) with zoom lens.

Depending on movement and seasonality of occurrence, the birds are classified as: resident (species found throughout the year), winter migrant (species migrates from outside India during winter) and local migrant (species found irregularly but is resident to India). Depending on the frequency of sightings during the field visits, birds are classified as: abundant (birds sighted in more than 80% of the visits), common (sighted in 60–<80 %), uncommon (sighted in 40–<60 %), occasional (sighted in 20–<40 %) and rare (sighted in <20%). Breeding bird referred to as species observed to breed or showing evidence (nests or newly fledged chick(s) recorded) in the study area.

Results and Discussion: A total of 145 species of birds belonging to 106 genera and 48 families were recorded in and around the SACON campus (Appendix 1). The study area supports 76 passerine and 69 non-passerine bird species. Among the passerines, the best represented family is the Sylviinae (nine species), Timaliinae (seven species), Turdinae (six species) and Fringillidae and Dicruridae (five species each). Of the non-passerines, the Accipitridae (12 species) has the most species,

followed by Cuculidae (eight species), Columbidae and Picidae (six species each) and Psittacidae and Alcedinidae (four species each). Two species, Blue-winged Parakeet *Psittacula columboides* and White-cheeked Barbet *Megalaima viridis* are endemic to the Western Ghats. Of the 145 species, all the 12 species belonging to the family Accipitridae, Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus* and Indian Grey Hornbill *Ocyceros birostris* are included under Schedule-I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Among the 145 species, 73 (50%) are resident species, 58 (40%) local migrants and 14 (10%) winter migrants (Table 1). The Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*, Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*, Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*, Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*, Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*, Blyth's Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Greenish Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*, Hume's Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia althaea*, Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*, Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*, Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*, and Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* are some important winter migrants and usually seen between mid November and early January, of these, the Green Sandpiper, Indian Pitta and the Grey Wagtail are

also seen during the summer season in the study area.

Among the total species observed, 45 (31%) species are uncommon, 38 (26%) common, 26 (18%) occasional, 24 (17%) rare and 12 (8%) abundant (Table 1). The most abundant species in the study area are Red-whiskered Bulbul Pycnonotus jocosus, Red-vented Bulbul P. cafer, White-browed Bulbul P. luteolus, White-headed Babbler Turdoides affinis, Blue-winged Parakeet P. columboides, Small Bee-eater Merops orientalis, Common Iora Aegithina tiphia, Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis and Purple-rumped Sunbird Nectarinia zeylonica. The White-necked Stork Ciconia episcopus, Sirkeer Malkoha Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii, Black Bulbul Hypsipetes leucocephalus, Orange-headed Thrush Zoothera citrina and Asian Fairy-Bluebird Irena puella were recorded only once during the entire survey period. Twenty-two species of birds were observed to be restricted to the stream side vegetations including some evergreen forest bird species (Appendix 1).

Forty species were recorded breeding in and around the SACON campus (Appendix 1). Of these, 23 species were seen to be nesting while the remaining 17 species were observed with their juveniles. Most of the species started their breeding activities at the end of the northeast monsoon.

Nirmala (2002) reported 187 species of birds from a larger area in the Anaikatty Hills of Western Ghats. The present study which focussed on a subset area of the

earlier study, reports 19 additional species (Appendix 1) that were not reported by Nirmala (2002). However, there were 61 species which are found in the earlier checklist that could not be observed during the present study, because the study was carried out in relatively smaller and selected areas only. We hope that this updated checklist of birds would serve as a guide to the bird-watching community especially to students and research scholars and those who visit the SACON campus.

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Table 1. Distribution of number of species with orders, families and status of avifauna in and around the SACON campus

	No. of No. of		Migratory status		Abundance status					
Orders	Families	Species	RE	LM	WM	Α	С	U	0	R
Pelicaniformes	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ciconiiformes	2	4	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	1
Falconiformes	2	13	4	9	-	-	-	5	4	4
Galliformes	1	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Gruiformes	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Charadriiformes	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Columbiformes	1	6	4	2	-	2	-	3	1	-
Psittaciformes	1	4	2	2	-	1	-	2	-	1
Cuculiformes	1	8	3	4	1	-	2	3	2	1
Strigiformes	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Caprimulgiformes	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Apodiformes	2	3	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
Coraciiformes	5	10	5	5	-	1	1	6	1	1
Piciformes	2	9	4	5	-	-	3	2	3	1
Passeriformes	24	76	38	26	12	8	26	14	14	14
Total	48	145	73	58	14	12	38	45	26	24

RE - Resident; LM - Local Migrant; WM - Winter Migrant; A - Abundant; C - Common; U - Uncommon; O - Occasional; R: Rare

Appendix 1. Systematic list of birds with its status in and around the SACON campus, southern India during January 2012 to May 2013

	Family / Common Name	Scientific Name	MS	AS	BR
	Phalacrocoracidae				
1	Little Cormorant^	Phalacrocorax niger	LM	0	
	Ardeidae				
2	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	RE	U	
3	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	LM	U	
4	Indian Pond-Heron	Ardeola grayii	RE	U	
	Ciconiidae				
5	White-necked Stork^*	Ciconia episcopus	LM	R	
	Accipitridae				
6	Oriental Honey- Buzzard*	Pernis ptilorhynchus	LM	U	
7	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus	LM	U	
8	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	RE	0	
9	Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	RE	0	
10	Crested Serpent- Eagle^	Spilornis cheela	LM	0	
11	Shikra	Accipiter badius	RE	U	
12	Besra Sparrowhawk^*	Accipiter virgatus	LM	R	
13	White-eyed Buzzard*	Butastur teesa	LM	0	
14	Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malayensis	RE	U	
15	Bonelli's Eagle*	Hieraaetus fasciatus	LM	U	
16	Rufous-bellied Eagle*	Hieraaetus kienerii	LM	R	
17	Changeable Hawk- Eagle^	Spizaetus cirrhatus	LM	R	
	Falconidae				
18	Common Kestrel*	Falco tinnunculus	LM	R	
	Phasianidae				
19	Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus	RE	С	#
20	Grey Junglefowl	Gallus sonneratii	RE	С	#
21	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	RE	С	#
	Turnicidae				
22	Common Buttonquail	Turnix suscitator	LM	R	\$
	Rallidae				
23	White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	RE	U	
	Charadriidae				
24	Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	RE	U	\$
	Scolopacidae				
25	Green Sandpiper^*	Tringa ochropus	WM	U	
	Columbidae				
26	Blue Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	RE	U	
27	Little Brown Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	RE	А	
28	Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	RE	А	\$

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29	Eurasian Collared- Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	RE	U	
30	Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	LM	U	
31	Yellow-legged Green- Pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera	LM	0	
	Psittacidae				
32	Indian Hanging- Parrot	Loriculus vernalis	LM	R	
33	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	LM	U	
34	Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala	RE	U	
35	Blue-winged Parakeet	Psittacula columboides	RE	А	#
	Cuculidae				
36	Pied Crested Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	LM	U	
37	Brainfever Bird	Hierococcyx varius	LM	U	
38	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	WM	0	
39	Indian Plaintive Cuckoo*	Cacomantis passerinus	LM	0	
40	Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopacea	RE	С	#
41	Small Green-billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus viridirostris	RE	С	#
42	Sirkeer Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus Ieschenaultii	LM	R	
43	Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	RE	U	#
	Strigidae				
44	Brown Fish-Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis	RE	U	#
45	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	RE	С	\$
	Caprimulgidae				
46	Jerdon's Nightjar*	Caprimulgus atripennis	RE	U	
47	Common Indian Nightjar	Caprimulgus asiaticus	RE	U	
	Apodidae				
48	Asian Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	RE	С	
49	House Swift	Apus affinis	RE	С	
	Hemiprocnidae				
50	Crested Tree-Swift	Hemiprocne coronata	LM	U	
	Alcedinidae				
51	Small Blue Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	RE	U	
52	Stork-billed Kingfisher^*	Halcyon capensis	LM	R	
53	White-breasted Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	RE	U	#
54	Lesser Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	LM	U	
	Meropidae				
55	Blue-bearded Bee- eater	Nyctyornis athertoni	LM	U	
56	Small Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	RE	Α	#
57	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	Merops leschenaulti	LM	U	

	Family / Common Name	Scientific Name	MS	AS	BR
	Coraciidae				
58	Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	RE	U	
	Upupidae				
59	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	RE	С	\$
	Bucerotidae				
60	Indian Grey Hornbill	Ocyceros birostris	LM	0	
	Capitonidae				
61	Brown-headed Barbet	Megalaima zeylanica	LM	0	
62	White-cheeked Barbet	Megalaima viridis	LM	0	
63	Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala	RE	С	\$
	Picidae				
64	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker^	Dendrocopos nanus	LM	R	
65	Rufous Woodpecker	Celeus brachyurus	LM	0	
66	Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker	Picus chlorolophus	RE	U	
67	Little Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker	Picus xanthopygaeus	RE	С	
68	Common Golden- backed Woodpecker	Dinopium javanense	LM	U	
69	Lesser Golden- backed Woodpecker	Dinopium benghalense	RE	С	\$
	Pittidae				
70	Indian Pitta	Pitta brachyura	WM	0	
	Alaudidae				
71	Jerdon' s Bush-Lark*	Mirafra affinis	RE	U	
72	Eastern Skylark*	Alauda gulgula	RE	U	
	Hirundinidae				
73	Common Swallow	Hirundo rustica	LM	R	
74	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica	LM	U	
	Motacillidae				
75	Forest Wagtail^	Dendronanthus indicus	WM	0	
76	Large Pied Wagtail	Motacilla maderaspatensis	RE	U	
77	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	WM	R	
78	Grey Wagtail^	Motacilla cinerea	WM	0	
	Campephagidae				
79	Black-headed Cuckoo-Shrike	Coracina melanoptera	LM	0	
80	Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus	RE	С	#
81	Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus	RE	С	
	Pycnonotidae				
82	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	RE	Α	\$
83	Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	RE	А	\$
84	White-browed Bulbul	Pycnonotus luteolus	RE	А	\$
85	Black Bulbul^	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	LM	R	

	Family / Common Name	Scientific Name	MS	AS	BR
	Irenidae				
86	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	RE	Α	\$
87	Jerdon's Chloropsis	Chloropsis cochinchinensis	RE	А	
88	Gold-fronted Chloropsis	Chloropsis aurifrons	RE	А	
89	Asian Fairy- Bluebird^*	Irena puella	LM	R	
	Laniidae				
90	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	WM	R	
91	Rufous-backed Shrike	Lanius schach	LM	R	
	Turdinae				
92	Malabar Whistling- Thrush^	Myiophonus horsfieldii	LM	R	
93	Orange-headed Thrush^*	Zoothera citrina	LM	R	
94	Eurasian Blackbird^*	Turdus merula	LM	R	
95	Oriental Magpie- Robin	Copsychus saularis	RE	С	#
96	Indian Robin	Saxicoloides fulicata	RE	С	\$
97	Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata	RE	С	#
	Timaliinae				
98	Spotted Babbler^	Pellorneum ruficeps	LM	0	
99	Indian Scimitar- Babbler^	Pomatorhinus horsfieldii	LM	R	
100	Rufous-bellied Babbler	Dumetia hyperythra	RE	С	\$
101	Yellow-eyed Babbler	Chrysomma sinense	RE	С	\$
102	Large Grey Babbler*	Turdoides malcolmi	RE	С	
103	Jungle Babbler	Turdoides striatus	RE	U	
104	White-headed Babbler	Turdoides affinis	RE	А	\$
	Sylviinae				
105	Franklin's Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii	LM	U	
106	Jungle Prinia	Prinia sylvatica	LM	U	
107	Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis	RE	С	\$
108	Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	LM	U	
109	Blyth's Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum	WM	R	
110	Booted Warbler	Hippolais caligata	RE	С	
111	Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	RE	С	\$
112	Greenish Leaf- Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	WM	С	
113	Hume's Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia althaea	WM	0	
	Muscicapinae				
114	Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa dauurica	WM	0	
115	Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassina	WM	0	
116	Tickell's Blue- Flycatcher^	Cyornis tickelliae	RE	U	

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	Monarchinae				
117	Asian Paradise- Flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	RE	С	
118	Black-naped Monarch-Flycatcher*	Hypothymis azurea	LM	R	
	Paridae				
119	Great Tit	Parus major	RE	С	
	Dicaeidae				
120	Tickell's Flowerpecker	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	RE	С	
	Nectariniidae				
121	Purple-rumped Sunbird	Nectarinia zeylonica	RE	А	\$
122	Purple Sunbird	Nectarinia asiatica	RE	С	
123	Loten's Sunbird	Nectarinia lotenia	RE	С	
	Fringillidae				
124	Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus	WM	R	
125	White-throated Munia	Lonchura malabarica	LM	U	
126	White-rumped Munia*	Lonchura striata	RE	U	
127	Spotted Munia^	Lonchura punctulata	LM	0	
128	Black-headed Munia	Lonchura malacca	LM	U	\$
	Passerinae				
129	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	RE	С	\$
	Ploceinae				
130	Baya Weaver	Ploceus philippinus	LM	0	

	Family / Common Name	Scientific Name	MS	AS	BR
	Sturnidae				
131	Brahminy Starling	Sturnus pagodarum	LM	С	
132	Rosy Starling	Sturnus roseus	WM	0	
133	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	RE	С	\$
134	Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus	RE	С	#
	Oriolidae				
135	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	LM	0	
136	Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	RE	С	#
	Dicruridae				
137	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	RE	С	#
138	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	LM	U	
139	White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	LM	U	
140	Bronzed Drongo^	Dicrurus aeneus	LM	0	
141	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo^	Dicrurus paradiseus	LM	0	
	Artamidae				
142	Ashy Woodswallow^	Artamus fuscus	LM	R	
	Corvidae				
143	Indian Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	RE	С	#
144	House Crow	Corvus splendens	RE	С	\$
145	Jungle Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	RE	С	\$

^ - Species recorded only along the stream; * - Additional sightings. These birds were sighted during the current study and were not reported by Nirmala (2002) MS - Migratory status; LM - Local migrant; RE - Resident; WM - Winter migrant; AS - Abundance status; O - Occasional; U - Uncommon; R - Rare; C - Common; A - abundant; BR - Breeding; # - Nest-site; \$ - Only juveniles



Image 1. White-necked Stork Ciconia episcopus



Image 2. Bonelli's Eagle Hieraaetus fasciatus



Image 3. Grey Jungle-fowl Gallus sonneratii (female)



Image 4. Indian Peafowl Pavo cristatus



Image 5. Blue-winged Parakeet Psittacula columboides



Image 6. Spotted Owlet Athene brama



Image 7. Blue-beared Bee-eater Nyctyornis athertoni



Image 8. Chestnut-headed Beeeater *Merops leschenaulti*



Image 9. Stork-billed Kingfisher Halcyon capensis



Image 10. Indian Grey Hornbill Ocyceros birostris



Image 11. Coppersmith Barbet Megalaima haemacephala



Image 12. Little Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker Picus xanthopygaeus



Image 13. Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava



Image 14. White-browed Bulbul Pycnonotus luteolus



Image 15. Eurasian Blackbird Turdus merula



Image 16. Pied Bushchat Saxicola caprata



Image 17. Spotted Babbler Pellorneum ruficeps



Image 18. Yellow-eyed Babbler Chrysomma sinense



Image 19. Common Tailorbird Orthotomus sutorius



Image 20. Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher Cyornis tickelliae



Image 21. Great Tit Parus major

Image 22. Brahminy Starling Sturnus pagodarum



Image 23. Ashy Drongo Dicrurus leucophaeus



Image 24. White-bellied Drongo Dicrurus caerulescens



Image 25. Indian Treepie Dendrocitta vagabunda



Image 26. Little Cormorant Phalacrocorax niger



Image 27. Little Egret
Egretta garzetta



Image 28. Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis



Image 29. Indian Pond-Heron Ardeola grayii



Image 30. Black-shouldered Kite Elanus caeruleus



Image 31. Black Kite Milvus migrans



Image 32. Brahminy Kite Haliastur indus



Image 33. Crested Serpent-Eagle Spilornis cheela



Image 34. Shikra Accipiter badius



Image 35. White-eyed Buzzard Butastur teesa



Image 36. Black Eagle Ictinaetus malayensis



Image 37. Common Kestrel Falco tinnunculus



Image 38. Grey Francolin Francolinus pondicerianus



Image 39. Grey Jungle-fowl Gallus sonneratii (Male)



hen Amaurornis phoenicurus



Image 41. Red-wattled Lapwing Vanellus indicus



Image 42. Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus



Image 43. Blue Rock Pigeon Columba livia



Image 44. Little Brown Dove Streptopelia senegalensis



Image 45. Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis



Image 46. Eurasian Collared-Dove Streptopelia decaocto



Image 47. Emerald Dove Chalcophaps indica



Image 48. Rose-ringed Parakeet Psittacula krameri



Image 49. Common Cuckoo Cuculus canorus



Image 50. Small Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*



Image 51. Brown Fish-Owl Ketupa zeylonensis



Image 52. Small Blue Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*



Image 53. White-breasted_King-fisher Halcyon smyrnensis



Image 54. Lesser-Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*



Image 55. Small Bee-eater Merops orientalis



Image 56. Brown-headed Barbet *Megalaima zeylanica*



Image 57. Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops*



Image 58. Indian Roller Coracias benghalensis



Image 59. Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus*



Image 60. Rufous Woodpecker Celeus brachyurus



Image 61. Common Goldenbacked Woodpecker *Dinopium javanense*



Image 62. Jerdon' s Bush-Lark *Mirafra affinis*



Image 63. Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*



Image 64. Large-pied Wagtail Motacilla maderaspatensis



Image 65. Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea



Image 66. Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*



Image 67. Red-vented Bulbul Pycnonotus cafer



Image 68. White-headed Babbler Turdoides affinis



Image 69. Jungle Prinia Prinia sylvatica



Image 70. Humes Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia althaea*



Image 71. Rosy Starling Sturnus roseus



Image 72. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*



Image 73. Black Drongo Dicrurus macrocercus



Image 74. Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*



Image 75. Black-headed Cuckoo Shrike *Coracina melanoptera*



Image 76. Pied Crested Cuckoo Clamator jacobinus



Image 77. Asian Koel Eudynamys scolopacea



Image 78. Indian Pitta Pitta brachyura



Image 79. Gold-fronted Chloropsis *Chloropsis aurifrons*



Image 80. Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*



Image 81. House Sparrow Passer domesticus



Image 82. Verditer Flycatcher Eumyias thalassina



Image 83. Jungle Myna Acridotheres fuscus



Image 84. Black-headed Oriole Oriolus xanthornus



Image 85. Purple-rumped Sunbird Nectarinia zeylonica



Image 86. Purple Sunbird Nectarinia asiatica



Image 87. White-throated Munia Lonchura malabarica



Image 88. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*



Image 89. Rufous-backed Shrike

Image 90. Indian Robin Saxicoloides fulicata



Image 91. White-rumped Munia Lonchura striata