

Spotting endangered Birds of Bhutan

Day1. Fly into Paro: Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and transported to your hotel. Visit the National museum and Paro Dzong (Fort). The following birds can be seen: Pheasant, White-capped River Chat, Pied Wagtail, Blue Whistling-thrush, Blue-fronted redstarts, Ibisbill, Brown Dipper and more...Over Night at Hotel. Alt: 7364ft

Day2. Paro----Thimphu --- Via---- Haa: - 130km / 4hrs: Early drive to **Chelila Pass:** 12,500ft. Several birds such as Blood Pheasants, Himalayan Monal, Kalij Pheasant, Collared Grosbeaks, Himalayan Griffon, Lammergeier can be seen. Drop down to Haa Valley and continue your drive to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital Alt: 7493 ft. Over night at Hotel.

Day3. Thimphu --- Sightseeing: Visit the National memorial chorten (shrine), Traditional Painting School (a school for Bhutan's 13 traditional Arts and crafts), Textile weaving center at ChangZamtok and the **Takin** reserve. Overnight at hotel.

Day4. Thimphu ----- Punakha: - 75 Km/ 3 hrs: Leaving Thimphu you will pass through Dochula Alt. 10142 ft. Highlight of the day might be Satyr Tragopan, Large Hawk cuckoo, Eurasian cuckoo and spotted nut Cracker. Over night at Hotel, Alt: 4430 ft.

Day5. Punakha -- Punakha: Start early morning to spot White-bellied Heron - one of Bhutan's most elusive specialties (rare and difficult). Birding along the Mo Chu Valley, past Punakha to Tashithang in the subtropical forests of the Jigme Dorji National Park, there will be chances of spotting Ibisbill, Bar-headed Geese, Great-headed Gulls, Tawny Fish Owl, River Lapwing, Red-headed Trogon, many more..... Over night at Punakha, Alt: 4430ft

Day6. Punakha ----- Phubjikha: - 4 to 5 hrs / 145 km: Visit Punakha Dzong (fortress). Crossing the Wangdi Dzong (fortress) to the winter home of the Black-necked Cranes, on this stretch you are likely to spot the Himalayan Monal, Blood Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, White-winged Grosbeak, more.... Over night at Phubjikha

Day7. Phubjikha ----- Trongsa: - 82km / 2 to 3 hrs: Early morning go to see Black-necked cranes by their roosting ground and then to Pele la pass at 11046 ft. You may spot Yellow – billed Blue Magpie, Brown Dippers, Common Buzzard, and many more. Over night at hotel in Trongsa. Alt: 7041 ft.

Day8. Trongsa ---- Tintibi: 5 to 6hrs / 130 km. From Tsonga it is fruitful to take a side trip to Zhemgang and the Tingtibi Valley. The avifauna in this region includes: Yellow-rumped Honeyguide, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, nine species of cuckoos, Chestnut-breasted Partridges, Pin-

tailed Green Pigeons, and Red-headed Trogon. You may also be lucky to spot the Beautiful Nuthatch, Collared Treepie and more.... Over night at camp.

Day9. Tintibi -----Tintibi: Early sighting for: Rufous-naked Hornbill, Great Hornbill, White-browed Piculet, Bay Woodpeker, Lesser Shortwing, Blyth's Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, White-tailed Robin, fulvettas and yuhinas, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Rufous-faced Warbler, Pygmy Blue Flycatcher, Sultan Tit, scimitar-babblers. Over night at camp.

Day10. Tintibi ----- Gelephu. 98km/4hr: On the way you can find: Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Himalayan Swiftlet, , Rufous-bellied Eagle, Fork-tailed Swifts, Crimson-breasted and Darjeeling Woodpeckers, Red-billed Leiothrix, Long-tailed Minivets, Little Pied Flycatchers, Striated Bulbul, Spotted Bush-Warbler, Scaly Thrushes, Little and Spotted Forktails and more...Overnight at hotel.

Day11. Gelephug ---- Guwhati: 233 km/ 6 to 7hr: Drive on flat boarder road to Guwhati. There will be sighting of: Red-Breasted Parakeet, Rose -Ringed Parakeet, Indian Pond Heron, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Sometimes you can see Great Egret, Black Stork, Black-Necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Greater Adjutant, Asian Fiary Bird, Little Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Darter, White Throated Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Blue-Eared Kingfisher, Indian Roller, Stork-Billied Kingfisher, and many more...Overnight at Guwhati.

Day12. Guwahti ----- Bangkok: After breakfast Airport drop and board a flight to onward destination. Good Bye.

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