

Bird Checklist Assi Ganga, Kuflon, Uttarkashi India: December 2010-January 2011

Background:

In the summer of 2010, [Benjamin Schwartz](#), Naturalist, representing [University of Montana](#), MT spent six months with the [Mountain Shepherds Initiative](#) to orient and train the members of MSI in bird watching and nature guiding. Under Benjamin Schwartz the core team of Mountain Shepherds learned the basics of bird watching. With his extensive worldwide experience as a birding guide, Benjamin developed the basic framework for nature based tourism in Uttarakhand through his dissertation entitled '[A Case Study of Problems and Possibilities in the Establishment of a Guide Training Institute in Uttarakhand, India](#)'. In 2011, the [Eco Tourism Wing](#) of the Uttarakhand Forest Department initiated a series of training programs for the rural youth of Uttarakhand in nature guiding. Two of the members of the Mountain Shepherds participated in the first training program on nature guide held at Chunakhan in 2011. In April 2011, Nanda Devi Institute of Adventure Sports and Outdoor Education was incorporated as a subsidiary of [Mountain Shepherds Initiative](#) with an aim to design and conduct need based adventure sports and outdoor education programs for the capacity building of the rural mountain youth in responsible tourism. The bird check list presented herein is the first list by one of the students of Benjamin Schwartz in India.

Duration: 42 days. 15 December 2010 -25 January 2011

Observer: [Mr. Vijay Butola](#)

Location : The observation venue was Nanda Devi Institute's base camp at Kuflon in Assi Ganga Valley of Uttarkashi. Location reference on goggle map is <https://goo.gl/maps/mCWxzUUuxgk>

Protocol: Area and hiking count

Birding locations: A 2-3 kilometer up and down-stream hike and from the NDI base camp and Kuflon specific observations.

Sessions: Morning observations between 6.30 Am to 9 AM.

Checklist type: Composite

Bird checklist

| # | Name of Bird |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Common Rosefinch |
| 2 | Scarlet Finch |
| 3 | Spotted Forktail |
| 4 | Plumbeous water Redstart |
| 5 | Brown Dipper |
| 6 | White Capped water Redstart |
| 7 | Great Tit |
| 8 | Green backed Tit |

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- 9 Black lored Tit
- 10 Himalayan Bulbul
- 11 Grey hooded Warbler
- 12 Blue whistling Thrush
- 13 White throated Laughingthrush
- 14 Crested Kingfisher
- 15 Rock Bunting
- 16 Whistler's Warbler
- 17 Tickell's leaf Warbler
- 18 Chestnut headed Tesia
- 19 White bellied Redstart
- 20 Blue fronted Redstart
- 21 White tailed Nuthatch
- 22 Grey Treepie
- 23 Scaly breasted Wren Babbler
- 24 Red billed Blue Magpie
- 25 Brown fronted Woodpecker
- 26 Spot winged Rosefinch
- 27 cutia
- 28 White browed Shrike Babbler
- 29 Streaked Laughingthrush
- 30 Chestnut crowned Laughingthrush
- 31 Russet Sparrow
- 32 Yellow crowned woodpecker
- 33 Black throated Tit
- 34 Rufous Sibia
- 35 Grey Bushchat
- 36 Small Niltava
- 37 Blue capped Redstart
- 38 Black Redstart
- 39 Little Forktail
- 40 Golden spectacled Warbler
- 41 Orange flanked Bush robin
- 42 Jungle Owlet
- 43 Spotted Creeper
- 44 Winter wren
- 45 Western crowned Warbler
- 46 Grey cheeked Warbler
- 47 Yellow eyed Babbler
- 48 Common Myna
- 49 Chestnut capped Babbler
- 50 Yellow bellied Fantail

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- 51 Great Barbet
- 52 Striated laughingthrush
- 53 Golden Bush Robin
- 54 Rusty cheeked Cimitar Babbler
- 55 Speckled Piculet
- 56 Brooks's leaf Warbler
- 57 Little pied Flycatcher
- 58 Kalij Pheasant
- 59 Red vented Bulbul
- 60 Pink browed Rosefinch
- 61 Streak throated Woodpecker
- 62 Lesser yellownape
- 63 Grey capped pugmy Woodpecker
- 64 Chestnut bellied Nuthatch
- 65 Spot winged Tit
- 66 European gold finch
- 67 Yellow breasted Greenfinch
- 68 Fire fronted Serin
- 69 Himalayan Grifin
- 70 Black chinned Babbler
- 71 Mountain hawk Eagle
- 72 Green tailed Sunbird
- 73 Eurasian jay
- 74 Chestnut belied Rock Thrush
- 75 Plum headed Parakeet
- 76 Large belled Crow
- 77 Common Kestrel
- 78 Goldcrest
- 79 Bar tailed Treecreeper
- 80 Rusty flanked Treecreeper
- 81 Red headed Bullfinch
- 82 Black headed Jay
- 83 Spotted Bush Warbler