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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The hill state of Uttarakhand (formed in 2000, then known as Uttaranchal) has terrific avifaunal diversity. Of the 1303 bird species recorded from India (Avibase, 2014), more than 50% are found in Uttarakhand. The state's varies from the *terai* region in the plains, the *bhabhars* (the outermost foothills of the Himalaya), the Shivaliks (sub-Himalayan range), the Lower Himalayas and finally, the high altitudinal Greater Himalayas. The amazing diversity in habitat from the plains up to the numerous mountain peaks that exceed altitudes of 7,000 m results in marvelous avifaunal diversity.

Within the 6 National Parks, 7 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 4 Conservation Reserves in the state (Annexure 1), and outside these areas too, opportunities for bird watching abound. Uttarakhand is home to 14 Important Bird Areas (Islam & Rahmani, 2004) (Annexure 2) that are important and priority sites for conservation. The last checklist of birds of Uttarakhand was published in 2015 (Mohan & Sondhi, 2015) and listed 693 species.

Asan Conservation Reserve, in Dehradun district, is India's first conservation reserve, established in 2005. Covering an area of 4.44 sq. km., this wetland is at the confluence of the Asan and Yamuna rivers. Known for its terrific resident and migratory avifauna, Indian Bird Conservation Network lists Asan Conservation Reserve as an Important Bird Area. It is a potential Ramsar site and serves as a prominent wintering spot for migrating waterfowl. In addition, the adjacent forests offer a chance to see forest birds too. Its proximity to Dehradun and the ease of seeing birds of both wetland and forest makes it a terrific birdwatching destination. Asan Conservation Reserve was the site of Uttarakhand's 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Bird Festival from 7 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Uttarakhand Spring Bird Festival is once again being hosted at Asan CR, for which this checklist is being produced.

For preparing this checklist of birds of Asan Conservation Reserve (CR), the authors have relied on their personal experience of birdwatching in the CR, annual bird counts at Asan, published literature and credible photographic records and sightings. Three hundred and twenty-seven

(327) species have currently been recorded from Asan CR. It is hoped that more information on birds of Asan will be spurred by this list and the number of species recorded from the CR will only increase further. Check boxes have been provided alongside the species, for people wanting to use this checklist to track their bird records at Asan.

The English Names adopted for the checklist are primarily those used by Grimmet *et. al* (2011). Alternate English Names that are still used in India are also mentioned. For scientific names, we have relied primarily on IOC World Bird List (IOC, 2014) and Avibase (2014). The recent taxonomic changes proposed by Pamela Rasmussen (Rasmussen, 2005) as well as other recent taxonomic updates are captured in the "Remarks" column.

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## A Checklist of the Birds of Asan Conservation Reserve

S. No.	English Name	Alternate English Name	Scientific Name	Remarks
1	Black Francolin	Black Partridge	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	
2	Grey Francolin	Grey Partridge	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	
3	Common Quail	Grey Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	
4	Jungle Bush Quail		<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	
5	Lesser Whistling Duck		<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	
6	Greylag Goose		<i>Anser anser</i>	
7	Greater White-fronted Goose		<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Vagrant
8	Lesser White-fronted Goose		<i>Anser erythropus</i>	Vulnerable. Vagrant
9	Bar-headed Goose		<i>Anser indicus</i>	
10	Knob-billed Duck	Comb Duck/ Nakta	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	
11	Common Shelduck		<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	
12	Ruddy Shelduck	Brahminy Duck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	
13	Cotton Pygmy Goose	Cotton Teal	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	
14	Gadwall		<i>Anas strepera</i>	
15	Falcated Duck	Falcated Teal	<i>Anas falcata</i>	Near Threatened. Vagrant.
16	Eurasian Wigeon		<i>Anas penelope</i>	
17	Mallard		<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	

18	Indian Spot-billed Duck	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	Species split: Eastern Spot-billed Duck <i>Anas zonoryncha</i> is eastern species
19	Northern Shoveler		<i>Anas clypeata</i>	
20	Northern Pintail		<i>Anas acuta</i>	
21	Garganey		<i>Anas querquedula</i>	
22	Eurasian Teal	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	
23	Marbled Duck	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	Vulnerable
24	Red-crested Pochard		<i>Netta rufina</i>	
25	Common Pochard		<i>Aythya ferina</i>	
26	Baer's Pochard		<i>Aythya baeri</i>	Critically Endangered
27	Ferruginous Duck	Ferruginous Pochard, White-eyed Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Near Threatened
28	Tufted Duck	Tufted Pochard	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	
29	Greater Scaup		<i>Aythya marila</i>	Vagrant.
30	Long-tailed Duck		<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Vulnerable. Vagrant.
31	Common Goldeneye		<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
32	Common Merganser		<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
33	Little Grebe		<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
34	Red-necked Grebe		<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Vagrant
35	Great Crested Grebe		<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	
36	Black-necked Grebe		<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	



37	Painted Stork		<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Near Threatened
38	Asian Openbill		<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	
39	Black Stork		<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	
40	Woolly-necked Stork	White-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	
41	Black-necked Stork		<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	Near Threatened
42	Black-headed Ibis	Oriental White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Near Threatened
43	Red-naped Ibis	Indian Black Ibis, Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	
44	Glossy Ibis		<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	
45	Eurasian Spoonbill		<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	
46	Great Bittern	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	
47	Little Bittern		<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	
48	Cinnamon Bittern	Chestnut Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	
49	Black-crowned Night Heron		<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
50	Striated Heron	Little Heron, Little Green Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
51	Indian Pond Heron		<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	
52	Eastern Cattle Egret	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	Species split: Western Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> is western species.
53	Grey Heron		<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	
54	Purple Heron		<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
55	Western Great Egret	Large Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	

56	Intermediate Egret	Median Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	
57	Little Egret		<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
58	Western Reef Heron	Western Reef Egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	Vagrant
59	Great White Pelican		<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	
60	Little Cormorant		<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	
61	Indian Cormorant	Indian Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	
62	Great Cormorant		<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	
63	Oriental Darter	Various species of darter referred to as "Snake Bird"	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Near Threatened
64	Osprey	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
65	Crested Honey-buzzard	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	
66	Black-winged Kite	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	
67	Black Kite	Pariah Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black-eared Kite <i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i> is considered as a full species by some authors.
68	Brahminy Kite		<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>	
69	Pallas's Fish Eagle		<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Vulnerable
70	White-tailed Eagle	White-tailed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Near Threatened
71	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron, Scavenger Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Endangered

72	White-rumped Vulture	White-backed Vulture, Indian White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	Critically Endangered
73	Himalayan Vulture	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	
74	Griffon Vulture	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	
75	Red-headed Vulture	King Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	Critically Endangered
76	Cinereous Vulture		<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Near Threatened
77	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	
78	Crested Serpent Eagle		<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	
79	Western Marsh Harrier	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Species split: Eastern Marsh Harrier <i>Circus spilonotus</i> is eastern species
80	Crested Goshawk		<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
81	Shikra		<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
82	Eurasian Sparrowhawk		<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	
83	White-eyed Buzzard		<i>Butastur teesa</i>	
84	Buzzard		<i>Buteo spp</i>	
85	Indian Spotted Eagle		<i>Aquila hastata</i>	Species split: Greater Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila clanga</i> winters in N. Indian plains. Vulnerable.

86	Greater Spotted Eagle		<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Species split: Greater Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila clanga</i> winters in N. Indian plains. Vulnerable.
87	Steppe Eagle		<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	
88	Bonelli's Eagle		<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	
89	Booted Eagle		<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	
90	Common Kestrel		<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
91	Red-necked Falcon	Red-headed Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	
92	Eurasian Hobby		<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	
93	Peregrine Falcon		<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
94	Ruddy-breasted Crake		<i>Porzana fusca</i>	
95	Brown Crake		<i>Amaurornis akool</i>	
96	White-breasted Waterhen		<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
97	Grey-headed Swamphen	Purple Moorhen, Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	
98	Common Moorhen		<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
99	Eurasian Coot	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
100	Barred Buttonquail	Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	
101	Great Thick-knee	Great Stone-curlew, Great Stone-plover	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	
102	Black-winged Stilt		<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	
103	Pied Avocet		<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	

104	Northern Lapwing	Peewit	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	
105	River Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	Near Threatened
106	Yellow-wattled Lapwing		<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	
107	Red-wattled Lapwing		<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	
108	White-tailed Lapwing		<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	
109	Little Ringed Plover		<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
110	Kentish Plover		<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	
111	Pheasant-tailed Jacana		<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	
112	Bronze-winged Jacana		<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	
113	Common Snipe		<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
114	Black-tailed Godwit		<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Near Threatened
115	Eurasian Curlew		<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Near Threatened
116	Spotted Redshank		<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	
117	Common Redshank		<i>Tringa totanus</i>	
118	Marsh Sandpiper		<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	
119	Common Greenshank		<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
120	Green Sandpiper		<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	
121	Wood Sandpiper		<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
122	Common Sandpiper		<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
123	Terek Sandpiper		<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Vagrant

124	Little Stint		<i>Calidris minuta</i>	
125	Temminck's Stint		<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	
126	Ruff		<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	
127	Small Pratincole		<i>Glareola lactea</i>	
128	Brown-headed Gull		<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>	
129	Black-headed Gull	Common Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	
130	Pallas's Gull	Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	
131	Gull-billed Tern		<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	
132	River Tern		<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	Near Threatened
133	Black-bellied Tern		<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	Endangered
134	Whiskered Tern		<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	
135	Common Pigeon	Rock Pigeon, Blue Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
136	Oriental Turtle Dove		<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	
137	Eurasian Collared Dove	Ring Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
138	Red Turtle Dove	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
139	Common Emerald Dove	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
140	Spotted Dove		<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	
141	Laughing Dove	Little Brown Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	
142	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Yellow-legged Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	
143	Slaty-headed Parakeet	Himalayan Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	

144	Alexandrine Parakeet		<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	
145	Rose-ringed Parakeet		<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
146	Plum-headed Parakeet	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	
147	Greater Coucal	Crow Pheasant	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
148	Jacobin Cuckoo	Pied Crested Cuckoo, Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	
149	Asian Koel		<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	
150	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	Grey-bellied Plaintive Cuckoo, Indian Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	
151	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	Brainfever Bird	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	
152	Common Cuckoo	Eurasian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	
153	Indian Eagle Owl	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>	Species split: Eurasian Eagle-Owl <i>Bubo bubo</i> found in Himalaya above 1,800 m. Considered conspecific with <i>B. bengalensis</i> by some authors.
154	Jungle Owlet		<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	
155	Spotted Owlet		<i>Athene brama</i>	

156	Brown Hawk Owl		<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	Species split: Hume's Hawk Owl <i>Ninox obscura</i> and Andaman Hawk Owl <i>Ninox affinis</i> both earlier considered conspecific with <i>N. scutulata</i> , are found in Andamans.
157	Savanna Nightjar	Franklin's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	
158	Himalayan Swiftlet		<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>	
159	White-throated Needletail	White-throated Needletail Swift	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	
160	Alpine Swift		<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	
161	House Swift		<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	Species split: Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i> is found south of Himalayas
162	Indian Roller		<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	
163	European Roller		<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Near Threatened
164	Stork-billed Kingfisher		<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	
165	White-throated Kingfisher	White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
166	Common Kingfisher	Small Blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
167	Crested Kingfisher	Himalayan Pied Kingfisher, Greater Pied Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	



168	Pied Kingfisher	Lesser Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	
169	Blue-bearded Bee-eater		<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>	
170	Green Bee-eater	Little Green Bee-eater, Small Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	
171	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater		<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	
172	Blue-tailed Bee-eater		<i>Merops philippinus</i>	
173	Eurasian Hoopoe	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
174	Indian Grey Hornbill		<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	
175	Great Barbet	Great Hill Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>	
176	Blue-throated Barbet		<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	
177	Brown-headed Barbet	Large Green Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	
178	Lineated Barbet		<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	
179	Coppersmith Barbet	Crimson-breasted Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	
180	Eurasian Wryneck		<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	
181	Speckled Piculet		<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>	
182	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Indian Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>	
183	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>	
184	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>	

185	Brown-fronted Woodpecker	Brown-fronted Pied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i>	
186	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	Mahratta Woodpecker/ Yellow-fronted Pied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>	
187	Grey-headed Woodpecker	Black-naped Green Woodpecker, Grey-faced Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	
188	Greater Goldenback	Greater Flameback, Greater Golden-back Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	
189	Lesser Goldenback	Black-rumped Flameback, Lesser Goldenback Woodpecker	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	
190	Rufous Woodpecker		<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>	
191	Indian Pitta		<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	
192	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Pied Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	
193	Common Woodshrike		<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	
194	Ashy Woodswallow		<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	
195	Common lora		<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
196	Large Cuckooshrike		<i>Coracina macei</i>	
197	Small Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	
198	Long-tailed Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	

199	Scarlet Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	Species split: Orange Minivet Pericrocotus flammeus is found in peninsular India
200	Bay-backed Shrike		<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	
201	Long-tailed Shrike	Rufous-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	
202	Southern Grey Shrike		<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Species split: Great Grey Shrike Lanius excubitor was earlier conspecific with this species.
203	Indian Golden Oriole	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	Species split: Eurasian Golden Oriole Oriolus oriolus is the western species
204	Black-hooded Oriole	Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	
205	Maroon Oriole		<i>Oriolus traillii</i>	
206	Black Drongo		<i>Dicrurus macrocerus</i>	
207	Ashy Drongo		<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	
208	Hair-crested Drongo	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	

209	White-throated Fantail	White-throated Fantail Flycatcher	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	Species split: White-spotted Fantail <i>Rhipidura albogularis</i> , formerly considered a subspecies of <i>R. albicollis</i> , is found in peninsular India.
210	White-browed Fantail	White-browed Fantail Flycatcher	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	
211	Indian Paradise Flycatcher		<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	
212	Rufous Treepie	Indian Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	
213	House Crow		<i>Corvus splendens</i>	
214	Large-billed Crow		<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	
215	Yellow-bellied Fantail	Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher	<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxantha</i>	
216	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher		<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	
217	White-crowned Penduline Tit		<i>Remiz coronatus</i>	Vagrant
218	Cinereous Tit	Great Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	Species split: Great Tit <i>Parus major</i> is western species
219	Bengal Bush Lark	Bush Lark	<i>Mirastra assamica</i>	
220	Sand Lark	Indian Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>	
221	Crested Lark	Large Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	

222	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	Ashy-crowned Finch-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	
223	Red-whiskered Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	
224	Himalayan Bulbul	White-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	
225	Red-vented Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	
226	Himalayan Black Bulbul		<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	Species split: Square-tailed Black Bulbul <i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i> is found in south India, earlier considered conspecific.
227	Grey-throated Martin	Plain Martin, Plain Sand Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	Species split: Plain Martin <i>Riparia paludicola</i> is now extralimital, but considered conspecific with <i>R. chinensis</i> by some authors.
228	Sand Martin	Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Status needs confirmation
229	Pale Martin	Pale Sand Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>	
230	Barn Swallow	Common Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
231	Wire-tailed Swallow		<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	
232	Dusky Crag Martin		<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	

233	Nepal House Martin		<i>Delichon nipalense</i>	
234	Red-rumped Swallow		<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Species split: Striated Swallow <i>Cecropis striolata</i> is now considered a separate species, found in NE India.
235	Streak-throated Swallow	Cliff Swallow, Indian Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>	
236	Nepal Wren-babbler		<i>Pnoepyga immaculata</i>	
237	Aberrant Bush Warbler		<i>Cettia flavolivacea</i>	
238	Common Chiffchaff		<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	
239	Dusky Warbler	Dusky Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	
240	Tickell's Leaf Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	
241	Lemon-rumped Warbler	Pallas' Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	
242	Hume's Leaf Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Species split: Yellow-browed Warbler <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i> is eastern species
243	Greenish Warbler	Greenish Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	

244	Western Crowned Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	Species split: Eastern Crowned Warbler <i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i> is eastern species
245	Grey-hooded Warbler	Grey-headed Flycatcher Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>	
246	Whistler's Warbler	Golden-spectacled Warbler, Whistler's Flycatcher-warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	Species split: Previously Golden-spectacled Warbler <i>Seicercus burkii</i>
247	Paddyfield Warbler		<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	
248	Clamorous Reed Warbler	Indian Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Vagrant
249	Blyth's Reed Warbler		<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	
250	Zitting Cisticola	Streaked Fantail-warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	
251	Rufous-fronted Prinia		<i>Prinia buchanaui</i>	
252	Grey-breasted Prinia	Franklin's Prinia, Franklin's Wren-warbler	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	
253	Jungle Prinia	Jungle Wren-warbler	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	
254	Ashy Prinia	Ashy Wren-warbler	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	
255	Plain Prinia	Plain Wren-warbler	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	
256	Common Tailorbird		<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	
257	Black-chinned Babbler		<i>Stachyridopsis pyrrhops</i>	

258	Tawny-bellied Babbler	Rufous-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	
259	Puff-throated Babbler	Spotted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
260	Common Babbler		<i>Turdoides caudata</i>	
261	Striated Babbler		<i>Turdoides earlei</i>	
262	Large Grey Babbler		<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	
263	Jungle Babbler		<i>Turdoides striata</i>	
264	Lesser Whitethroat		<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Species split: Hume's Whitethroat <i>Sylvia althaea</i> is western species
265	Yellow-eyed Babbler		<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	
266	Oriental White-eye		<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	
267	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch		<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>	Species split: Formerly <i>Sitta castanea</i> . Indian Nuthatch <i>Sitta castanea</i> may also occur in Uttarakhand bordering the plains.
268	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch		<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
269	Wallcreeper		<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	
270	Jungle Myna		<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	
271	Bank Myna		<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	



272	Common Myna		<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
273	Pied Myna	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	
274	Chestnut-tailed Starling	Grey-headed Myna	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>	
275	Brahminy Starling	Brahminy Myna	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	
276	Common Starling		<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	
277	Blue Whistling Thrush	Himalayan Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	
278	Black-throated Thrush	Dark-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	
279	Bluethroat		<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	
280	White-tailed Rubythroat	Himalayan Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>	
281	Oriental Magpie-Robin		<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	
282	Indian Robin		<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	
283	Black Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	
284	Plumbeous Water Redstart	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosa</i>	
285	White-capped Redstart	White-capped River-chat	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	
286	Siberian Stonechat	Asian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	Formerly Common Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquatus</i> which is extralimital
287	Pied Bush Chat		<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
288	Grey Bush Chat	Dark Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	
289	Brown Rock Chat	Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>	

290	Blue Rock Thrush		<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	
291	Blue-capped Rock Thrush	Blue-headed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>	
292	Red-breasted Flycatcher	Red-throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	
293	Slaty-blue Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	
294	Verditer Flycatcher		<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	
295	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher		<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	
296	Golden-fronted Leafbird	Golden-fronted Chloropsis	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	
297	Purple Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	
298	Crimson Sunbird	Yellow-backed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>	
299	House Sparrow		<i>Passer domesticus</i>	
300	Yellow-throated Sparrow	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	
301	Black-breasted Weaver	Black-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	
302	Streaked Weaver		<i>Ploceus manyar</i>	
303	Baya Weaver		<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	
304	Red Avadavat	Red Munia	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	
305	Black-headed Munia	Tricolored Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	Vagrant
306	Indian Silverbill	White-throated Munia	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	
307	Scaly-breasted Munia	Spotted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
308	Western Yellow Wagtail	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Species split: Eastern Yellow Wagtail Motacilla tschutschensis

309	Citrine Wagtail	Yellow-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	
310	Grey Wagtail		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
311	White Wagtail		<i>Motacilla alba</i>	
312	White-browed Wagtail	Large Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	
313	Paddyfield Pipit		<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	
314	Tawny Pipit		<i>Anthus campestris</i>	
315	Long-billed Pipit	Brown Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	
316	Tree Pipit	Eurasian Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	
317	Olive-backed Pipit	Oriental Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	
318	Rosy Pipit		<i>Anthus roseatus</i>	
319	Water Pipit		<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Vagrant
320	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	Himalayan Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>	
321	Common Rosefinch		<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	
322	Crested Bunting		<i>Emberiza lathamii</i>	
323	Chestnut-eared Bunting	Grey-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>	
324	White-capped Bunting		<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	

### Note

The following species were added subsequent to making of this checklist, taking the list of bird species recorded at Asan Conservation Reserve to 327 species.

325	Greater Painted Snipe		<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	
326	Black-crested Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus flaviventris</i>	
327	Taiga Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	



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**ANNEXURE - 1**  
Uttarakhand's Protected Areas

S. no.	Name	Year initially/ finally notified	Area (Sq. Km.)	Contact address
1	Corbett National Park	1936	520.82	Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve ☎ +91-5947-253977
2	Rajaji National Park	1983/2013	819.54	Director Rajaji National Park ☎ +91-135-2621669
3	Gangotri National Park	1989	2390.02	Director Gangotri National Park Uttarkashi Uttarakhand ☎ +91-1374-222444 DFO Uttarkashi ☎ +91-1374-222444
4	Govind National Park	1990/2013	558.88	Deputy Director Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Purola ☎ +91-1375-223433
5	Nanda Devi National Park	1982	624.60	Divisional Forest Officer, Nanda Devi National Park, Joshimath ☎ +91-1389- 222179
6	Valley of Flowers National Park	1982	87.50	Deputy Director Nanda Devi National Park Gopeshwar, ☎ +91-1372-222179
7	Askot Wildlife Sanctuary	1986/2013	600	Divisional Forest Officer, Askot WLS, Pithoragarh ☎ +91-5964-225234
8	Benog Mountain Quail Wildlife Sanctuary	1993	10.82	Divisional Forest Officer, Mussoorie Forest Division, Mussoorie, ☎ +91-135-2631765

9	Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary	1988	45.59	Divisional Forest Officer, Civil Soyam Forest Division, Almora ☎ +91-5962-230229
10	Govind Wildlife Sanctuary	1955/2013	481.05	Deputy Director Govind National Park, Purola ☎ +91-13732- 23438
11	Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary	1972	975.20	Divisional Forest Officer, Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary, Gopeshwar ☎ +91-1372-252149
12	Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary	2012	269.96	Divisional Forest Officer, Haldwani Forest Division ☎ +91-5946-220002
13	Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary	1987	301.18	Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve ☎ +91-5947-251489, 253977
14	Asan Conservation Reserve	2005	4.44	Divisional Forest Officer, Chakrata Kalsi ☎ +91-1360-275078
15	Jhilmil Conservation Reserve	2005	37.84	Divisional Forest Officer Haridwar ☎ +91-1334-226271
16	Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve	2012	58.25	Divisional Forest Officer, Ramnagar Forest Division ☎ +91-5947-251362
17	Naina Devi Bird Conservation Reserve	2015	111.9	Divisional Forest Officer, Nainital Forest Division ☎ +91 5942-236790, 236718



**ANNEXURE - 2**

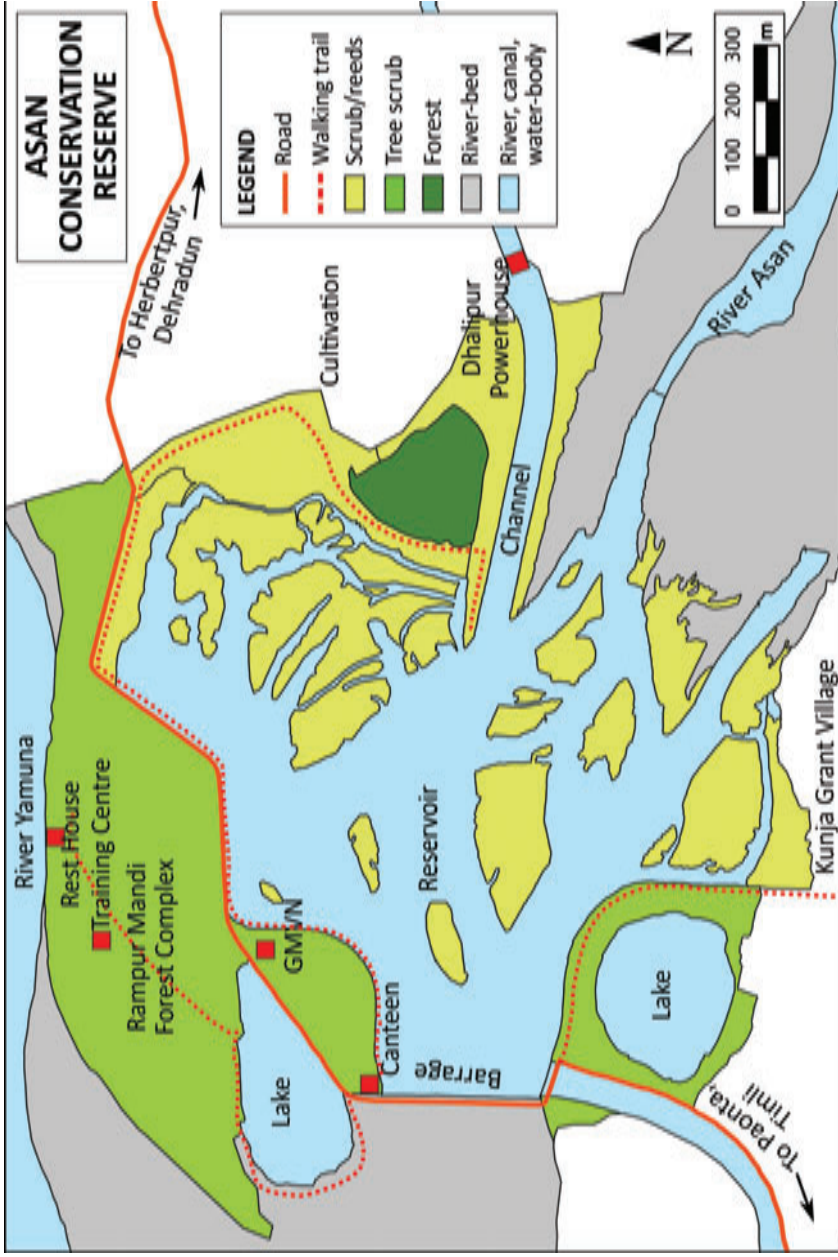
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<b>IBA site codes</b>	<b>IBA site names</b>	<b>IBA criteria</b>
IN-UT-01	Asan Barrage	A1, A4i
IN-UT-02	Askot Wildlife Sanctuary and Goriganga Basin	A1, A2
IN-UT-03	Binog Sanctuary-Bhadraj-Jharipani	A1, A2
IN-UT-04	Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary	A3
IN-UT-05	Corbett Tiger Reserve	A1
IN-UT-06	Govind National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, Sandra, Kotinad and Singtur ranges (Tons forest division)	A1, A2
IN-UT-07	Kedarnath Musk Deer Sanctuary & surrounding Reserve Forests	A1, A2, A3
IN-UT-08	Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve	A1, A2
IN-UT-09	New Forest Campus	A3
IN-UT-10	Rajaji National Park	A1
IN-UT-11	Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-UT-12	Upper Pindar Catchment in East Almora Forest Division	A1, A2, A3
IN-UT-13	Valley of Flowers National Park	A1
IN-UT-14	Gangotri National Park	Data Deficient

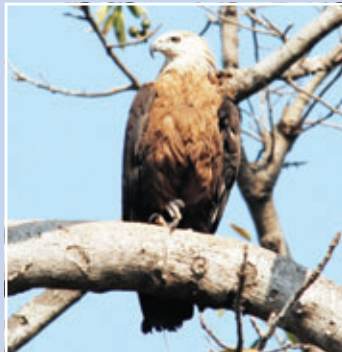
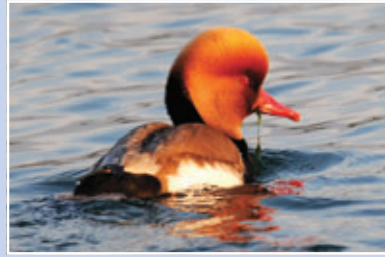
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# NOTES

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Map of Asan Conservation Reserve



A Checklist of the Birds of Asan Conservation Reserve lists 327 birds that have been recorded at Asan based on prior publications, annual bird counts and birdwatching visits by the authors. The checklist provides up-to-date taxonomic information, including that of species splits or mergers in the last decade. Finally, the checklist also provides an up-to-date status the birds as per IUCN's Red Data List.

