common birds of nainital Rajbhawan



Uttarakhand Forest Department

Sparrow-sized Birds (10-15 cm)









Green-backed Tit Parus monticolus



Black-lored Tit

Parus xanthogenys



Grey-hooded Warbler Seicercus xanthoschistos







Crimson Sunbird Aethopyga siparaja



Purple Sunbird

Nectarinia asiatica



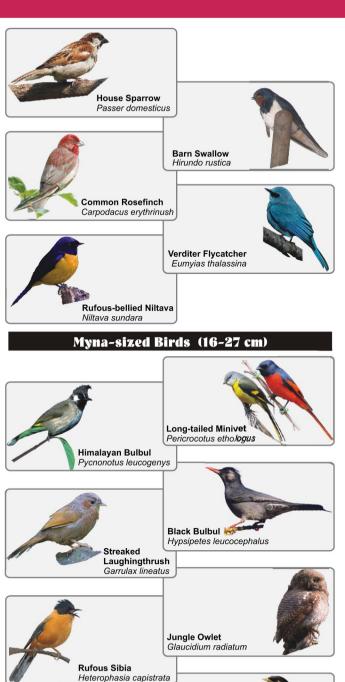
Grey Bushchat Saxicola ferrea



Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher Culicicapa ceylonensis



Russet Sparrow Passer rutilans

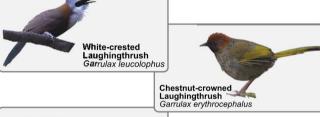




Common Myna Acridotheres tristis

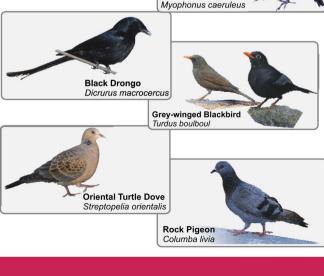














Common Kestrel Falco tinnunculus











Vulture-sized Birds (51-110cm)







Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis





Himalayan Griffon Gyps himalayensis





Rajbhawan is the official accomodation for the Governor of Uttarakhand in Nainital. The beautiful estate is spread across 86.85 hectare and consists of a two-storied mansion, lush gardens, swimming pool, golf course and dense montane forest. The forest, rich in both floral and faunal biodiversity, has a large number of visiting and resident wildlife including birds, mammals, reptiles and butterflies.

Des and Den'ts for Birdwatching

- Equip yourself with good pair of binoculars, camera and a field guide for birds.
- Best time for birdwatching is mornings and evenings.
- · Wear dull coloured clothes that blend with the surroundings.
- Walk slowly and quietly while maintaining absolute silence.
- Observe birds from distance and don't go too close to them.
- Listen for calls and songs of birds.
- Learn to spot small movements in foliage from the corners of your eyes.
- Observe the behaviour and habitat of birds.
- Do not touch or disturb nest, eggs, chicks or birds on nest.
- Do not feed birds or other wildlife.
- Do not litter the surroundings.
- Do not damage plants by plucking leaves, flowers etc.
- Do not smoke or ignite fire in forest.
- · Note down all your observations in a field diary.
- Attract birds to your yard by planting trees & shrubs and putting bird feeders, bird boxes and bird baths.

About this brochure

This is a photographic quick reference guide to 50 common birds found in Rajbhawan, Nainital. The area is rich with different habitats and a large number of birds can be seen in and around the campus. The birds are grouped in four categories based on sizes to help birders in easy identification.

enjoy but don't disturb!

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