

Travancore-Cochin Ornithological Survey 2009

Checklist of the Birds of Thenmala

22nd March 2009 to 28th March 2009

	Cormorants/Shags		Phalacrocoracidae
1	Little Cormorant (28)		Phalacrocorax niger (Vieillot, 1817)
	Darters		Anhingidae
2	Darter (29)		Anhinga melanogaster Pennant, 1769
	Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns		Ardeidae
3	Little Egret (49)		Egretta garzetta (Linnaeus, 1766)
4	Large Egret (45-46)		Casmerodius albus (Linnaeus, 1758)
5	Cattle Egret (44)		Bubulcus ibis (Linnaeus, 1758)
6	Indian Pond-Heron (42-42a)		Ardeola grayii (Sykes, 1832)
7	Little Green Heron		Ixobrychus cinnamomeus
8	Chestnut Bittern		Ixobrychus cinnamomeus
	Storks		Ciconiidae
9	Asian Openbill-Stork (61)		nastomus oscitans (Boddaert, 1783)
	Hawks, Eagles, Buzzards, Old World Vultures, Kites, Harriers		Accipitridae
10	Black Baza (127-128a)		Aviceda leuphotes (Dumont, 1820)
11	Oriental Honey-Buzzard (129-130)		Pernis ptilorhynchus (Temminck, 1821)
12	Black Kite (132-134)		Milvus migrans (Boddaert, 1783)
13	Brahminy Kite (135)		Haliastur indus (Boddaert, 1783)
14	White-bellied Sea-Eagle (173)		Haliaeetus leucogaster (Gmelin, 1788)
15	Lesser Fish-Eagle (177)		Ichthyophaga humilis (Muller & Schlegel, 1841)
16	Short-toed Snake-Eagle (195)		Circaetus gallicus (Gmelin, 1788)
17	Crested Serpent-Eagle (196-200)		Spilornis cheela (Latham, 1790)
18	Crested Goshawk (144-146)		Accipiter trivirgatus (Temminck, 1824)
19	Shikra (137-140)		Accipiter badius (Gmelin, 1788)
20	Besra Sparrowhawk (149-151)		Accipiter virgatus (Temminck, 1822)
21	Black Eagle (172)		Ictinaetus malayensis (Temminck, 1822)
22	Booted Eagle (164)		Hieraaetus pennatus (Gmelin, 1788)
23	Rufous-bellied Eagle (165)		Hieraaetus kienerii (E. Geoffroy, 1835)
24	Changeable Hawk-Eagle (160-162)		Spizaetus cirrhatus (Gmelin, 1788)
25	Mountain Hawk-Eagle (158-159)		Spizaetus nipalensis (Hodgson, 1836)
	Osprey		Pandionidae
26	Osprey (203)		Pandion haliaetus (Linnaeus, 1758)
	Pheasants, Partridges, Quails		Phasianidae
27	Grey Junglefowl (301)		Gallus sonneratii Temminck, 1813
28	Indian Peafowl (311)		Pavo cristatus Linnaeus, 1758

Rails, Crakes, Moorhens, Coots
29 White-breasted Waterhen (343-345)

Plovers, Dotterels, Lapwings
30 Red-wattled Lapwing (366-368)

Coursers & Pratincoles
31 Small Pratincole (444)

Gulls, Terns & Noddies
32 River Tern (463)

Pigeons & Doves
33 Blue Rock Pigeon (516-517)
34 Spotted Dove (537-540)
35 Emerald Dove (542-544a)
36 Pompadour Green-Pigeon (496-500)
37 Mountain Imperial-Pigeon (510-512)

Parakeets & Hanging-Parrots
38 Indian Hanging-Parrot (566, 567)
39 Plum-headed Parakeet (557-558)
40 Blue-winged Parakeet (564) **E**

Cuckoos, Malkohas & Coucals
41 Large Hawk-Cuckoo (572)
42 Brainfever Bird (573-574)
43 Indian Cuckoo (576)
44 Banded Bay Cuckoo (582-583)
45 Asian Koel (590-592)
46 Greater Coucal (600-602)

Owls
47 Jungle Owlet (636-637)
48 Brown Hawk-Owl (642-645)

Nightjars
49 Great Eared-Nightjar (668-669)
50 Jerdon's Nightjar (676, 677)

Swifts
51 Indian Edible-nest Swiftlet (685)
52 White-rumped Needletail-Swift (692)
53 Brown-backed Needletail-Swift (691)
54 Asian Palm-Swift (707-708)
55 Alpine Swift (693-695)

Rallidae
Amaurornis phoenicurus (Pennant, 1769)

Charadriidae
Vanellus indicus (Boddaert, 1783)

Glareolidae
Glareola lactea Temminck, 1820

Laridae
Sterna aurantia J.E. Gray, 1831

Columbidae
Columba livia Gmelin, 1789
Streptopelia chinensis (Scopoli, 1786)
Chalcophaps indica (Linnaeus, 1758)
Treron pompadora (Gmelin, 1789)
Ducula badia (Raffles, 1822)

Psittacidae
Loriculus vernalis (Sparrman, 1787)
Psittacula cyanocephala (Linnaeus, 1766)
Psittacula columboides (Vigors, 1830)

Cuculidae
Hierococcyx sparverioides
Hierococcyx varius (Vahl, 1797)
Cuculus micropterus Gould, 1838
Cacomantis sonneratii (Latham, 1790)
Eudynamys scolopacea (Linnaeus, 1758)
Centropus sinensis (Stephens, 1815)

Strigidae
Glaucidium radiatum (Tickell, 1833)
Ninox scutulata (Raffles, 1822)

Caprimulgidae
Eurostopodus macrotis (Vigors, 1831)
Caprimulgus atripennis Jerdon, 1845

Apodidae
Collocalia unicolor (Jerdon, 1840)
Zoonavena sylvatica (Tickell, 1846)
Hirundapus giganteus (Temminck, 1846)
Cypsiurus balasiensis (J.E. Gray, 1829)
Tachymarpis melba (Linnaeus, 1758)

- Tree-Swifts**
56 Crested Tree-Swift (709)
- Trogons**
57 Malabar Trogon (710-712)
- Kingfishers**
58 Stork-billed Kingfisher (730-732)
59 White-breasted Kingfisher (735-738)
- Bee-eaters**
60 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (744-745)
- Hornbills**
61 Malabar Grey Hornbill (768) **E**
62 Great Pied Hornbill (776)
- Barbets**
63 White-cheeked Barbet (785)
64 Crimson-throated Barbet (790-791)
- Woodpeckers**
65 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker (851-854)
66 Rufous Woodpecker (802-804)
67 Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker (814-817)
68 Common Golden-backed Woodpecker (825-826)
69 Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker (818-823)
70 Greater Golden-backed Woodpecker (860-863)
71 Heart-spotted Woodpecker (856)
- Pittas**
72 Indian Pitta (867)
- Swallows & Martins**
73 Dusky Crag-Martin (914)
74 Common Swallow (916-918)
75 Red-rumped Swallow (923-928)
- Wagtails & Pipits**
76 Forest Wagtail (1874)
77 Large Pied Wagtail (1891)
78 Grey Wagtail (1884)
79 Paddyfield Pipit (1858-1860)
- Cuckoo-Shrikes, Flycatcher-Shrikes, Trillers, Minivets, Woodshrikes**
80 Large Cuckoo-Shrike (1072-1075)
81 Small Minivet (1090-1095)
- Hemiprocidae**
Hemiprocne coronata (Tickell, 1833)
- Trogonidae**
Harpactes fasciatus (Pennant, 1769)
- Alcedinidae**
Halcyon capensis (Linnaeus, 1766)
Halcyon smyrnensis (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Meropidae**
Merops leschenaulti Vieillot, 1817
- Bucerotidae**
Ocyrceros griseus (Latham, 1790)
Buceros bicornis Linnaeus, 1758
- Capitonidae**
Megalaima viridis (Boddaert, 1783)
Megalaima rubricapilla (Gmelin, 1788)
- Picidae**
Dendrocopos nanus (Vigors, 1832)
Celeus brachyurus (Vieillot, 1818)
Picus chlorolophus Vieillot, 1818
Dinopium javanense (Ljungh, 1797)
Dinopium benghalense (Linnaeus, 1758)
Chrysocolaptes lucidus (Scopoli, 1786)
Hemicircus canente (Lesson, 1830)
- Pittidae**
Pitta brachyura (Linnaeus, 1766)
- Hirundinidae**
Hirundo concolor Sykes, 1833
Hirundo rustica Linnaeus, 1758
Hirundo daurica Linnaeus, 1771
- Motacillidae**
Dendronanthus indicus (Gmelin, 1789)
Motacilla maderaspatensis Gmelin, 1789
Motacilla cinerea Tunstall, 1771
Anthus rufulus Vieillot, 1818
- Campephagidae**
Coracina macei (Lesson, 1830)
Pericrocotus cinnamomeus (Linnaeus, 1766)

- 82 Scarlet Minivet (1080-1083)
- 83 Pied Flycatcher-Shrike (1064-1066)
- 84 Large Woodshrike (1067-1068)
- 85 Common Woodshrike (1069-1071)

Bulbuls & Finchbills

- 86 Grey-headed Bulbul (1114)
- 87 Ruby-throated Bulbul (1115-1117)
- 88 Red-whiskered Bulbul (1118-1122)
- 89 Red-vented Bulbul (1126-1132)
- 90 Yellow-browed Bulbul (1143-1145)
- 91 Black Bulbul (1148-1151)

Ioras, Chloropsis/Leafbird, Fairy-Bluebird

- 92 Common Iora (1097-1101)
- 93 Gold-fronted Chloropsis (1103-1105)
- 94 Asian Fairy-Bluebird (1109, 1110)

Shrikes

- 95 Brown Shrike (949-950a)

Thrushes, Shortwings, Robins, Forktails, Wheaters

- 96 Malabar Whistling-Thrush (1728)
- 97 White-throated Ground Thrush (1734)
- 98 White-bellied Shortwing (1638) **E**

**Oriental Magpie-Robin (1661-1664)
Babblers, Laughingthrushes, Babaxes, Barwings, Yuhinas**

- 100 Grey breasted(Blanford's)Laughingthrush
- 101 Spotted Babbler (1152-1159)
- 102 Indian Scimitar-Babbler (1172-1177)
- 103 Black-headed Babbler (1224-1227)
- 104 Indian Rufous Babbler (1259-1260) **E**
- 105 Jungle Babbler (1261-1265)
- 106 White-headed Babbler (1267-1268)
- 107 Quaker Tit-Babbler (1389-1391)

Goldcrest, Prinias, Tesias, Warblers

- 108 Streaked Fantail-Warbler (1498-1500a)
- 109 Blyth's Reed-Warbler (1556)
- 110 Thick-billed Warbler (1549)
- 111 Common Tailorbird (1535-1539)
- 112 Tickell's Warbler (1579)
- 113 Greenish Leaf-Warbler (1602-1605)
- 114 Large-billed Leaf-Warbler (1601)

- Pericrocotus flammeus (Forster, 1781)
- Hemipus picatus (Sykes, 1832)
- Tephrodornis gularis (Raffles, 1822)
- Tephrodornis pondicerianus (Gmelin, 1789)

Pycnonotidae

- Pycnonotus priocephalus (Jerdon, 1839)
- Pycnonotus melanicterus gularis(Gmelin, 1789)
- Pycnonotus jocosus (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Pycnonotus cafer (Linnaeus, 1766)
- Iole indica (Jerdon, 1839)
- Hypsipetes leucocephalus (P.L.S. Muller, 1776)

Irenidae

- Aegithina tiphia (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Chloropsis aurifrons (Temminck, 1829)
- Irena puella (Latham, 1790)

Laniidae

- Lanius cristatus Linnaeus, 1758

Turdinae

- Myiophonus horsfieldii (Vigors, 1831)
- Zoothera citrina cyanotue (Jardine&Selby)
- Brachypteryx major albiventris(Jerdon, 1844)
- Copsychus saularis (Linnaeus, 1758)

Timaliinae

- Garrulax jerdoni meridionale
- Pellorneum ruficeps Swainson, 1832
- Pomatorhinus horsfieldii Sykes, 1832
- Rhopocichla atriceps (Jerdon, 1839)
- Turdoides subrufus (Jerdon, 1839)
- Turdoides striatus (Dumont, 1823)
- Turdoides affinis (Jerdon, 1847)
- Alcippe poiocephala (Jerdon, 1844)

Sylviinae

- Cisticola juncidis (Rafinesque, 1810)
- Acrocephalus dumetorum Blyth, 1849
- Acrocephalus aedon (Pallas, 1776)
- Orthotomus sutorius (Pennant, 1769)
- Phylloscopus affinis (Tickell, 1833)
- Phylloscopus trochiloides (Sundevall, 1837)
- Phylloscopus magnirostris Blyth, 1843

Flycatchers

- 115 Asian Brown Flycatcher (1407)
- 116 Rusty-tailed Flycatcher (1409)
- 117 White-bellied Blue-Flycatcher (1435) **E**
- 118 Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher (1442-1443)
- 119 Blue-throated Flycatcher(1440)
- 120 Grey-headed Flycatcher (1448-1449)

Monarch-Flycatchers & Paradise-Flycatchers

- 121 Asian Paradise-Flycatcher (1460-1464)
- 122 Black-naped Monarch-Flycatcher (1465-1469)

Tits

- 123 Great Tit (1790-1797)

Nuthatches

- 124 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (1838)

Flowerpeckers

- 125 Plain Flowerpecker (1901-1903)

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters

- 126 Small Sunbird (1909)
- 127 Purple Sunbird (1916-1918)
- 128 Loten's Sunbird (1911-1912)
- 129 Little Spiderhunter (1931)

White-eyes

- 130 Oriental White-eye (1933-1936)

Starlings & Mynas

- 131 Grey-headed Starling (987)
- 132 Blyth's Starling (988)
- 133 Common Myna (1006-1007)
- 134 Jungle Myna (1009-1011)
- 135 Southern Hill-Myna (1016)

Orioles

- 136 Eurasian Golden Oriole (952-953)
- 137 Black-naped Oriole (954, 956-957)
- 138 Black-headed Oriole (958-960a)

Drongos

- 139 Ashy Drongo (965-966b)
- 140 Bronzed Drongo (971)
- 141 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (976-981)

Woodswallows/Swallow-Shrikes

- 142 Ashy Woodswallow (982)

Crows, Jays, Treepies, Magpies**Muscicapinae**

- Muscicapa dauurica Pallas, 1811
- Muscicapa ruficauda Swainson, 1838
- Cyornis pallipes (Jerdon, 1840)
- Cyornis tickelliae Blyth, 1843
- Cyornis rubculoides
- Culicicapa ceylonensis (Swainson, 1820)

Monarchinae

- Terpsiphone paradisi (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Hypothymis azurea (Boddaert, 1783)

Paridae

- Parus major Linnaeus, 1758

Sittidae

- Sitta frontalis Swainson, 1820

Dicaeidae

- Dicaeum concolor Jerdon, 1840

Nectariniidae

- Nectarinia minima (Sykes, 1832)
- Nectarinia asiatica (Latham, 1790)
- Nectarinia lotenia (Linnaeus, 1766)
- Arachnothera longirostra (Latham, 1790)

Zosteropidae

- Zosterops palpebrosus (Temminck, 1824)

Sturnidae

- Sturnus malabaricus (Gmelin, 1789)
- Sturnus malabaricus blythii (Jerdon)
- Acridotheres tristis (Linnaeus, 1766)
- Acridotheres fuscus (Wagler, 1827)
- Gracula indica (Cuvier, 1829)

Oriolidae

- Oriolus oriolus (Linnaeus, 1758)
- Oriolus chinensis Linnaeus, 1766
- Oriolus xanthornus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Dicruridae

- Dicrurus leucophaeus Vieillot, 1817
- Dicrurus aeneus Vieillot, 1817
- Dicrurus paradiseus (Linnaeus, 1766)

Artamidae

- Artamus fuscus Vieillot, 1817

Corvidae

143	Indian Treepie (1030a-1034)	Dendrocitta vagabunda (Latham, 1790)
144	White-bellied Treepie (1036) E	Dendrocitta leucogastra Gould, 1833
145	House Crow (1048-1051)	Corvus splendens Vieillot, 1817
146	Jungle Crow (1054-1057)	Corvus macrorhynchos Wagler, 1827

Total 146 species

Highlights

- Second sighting of White bellied sea eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* south of Kadalundi
- First breeding record of lesser fish eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis* away from its normal range of lower Himalayas. (Umayar)
- Mountain Hawk-Eagle(Palaruvi), Grey breasted(Blanford's)Laughingthrush *Garrulax jerdoni meridionale* (Pandimotta), White bellied short wing,(Pandimotta)

Note:

This checklist follows RANJIT MANAKADAN & AASHEESH PITTIE (2000)

Numbers within brackets after the common names are the numbers given to species in Ripley's (1982) Synopsis, which was also followed in Ali & Ripley's Handbook.

E – Endemic species to Western ghats