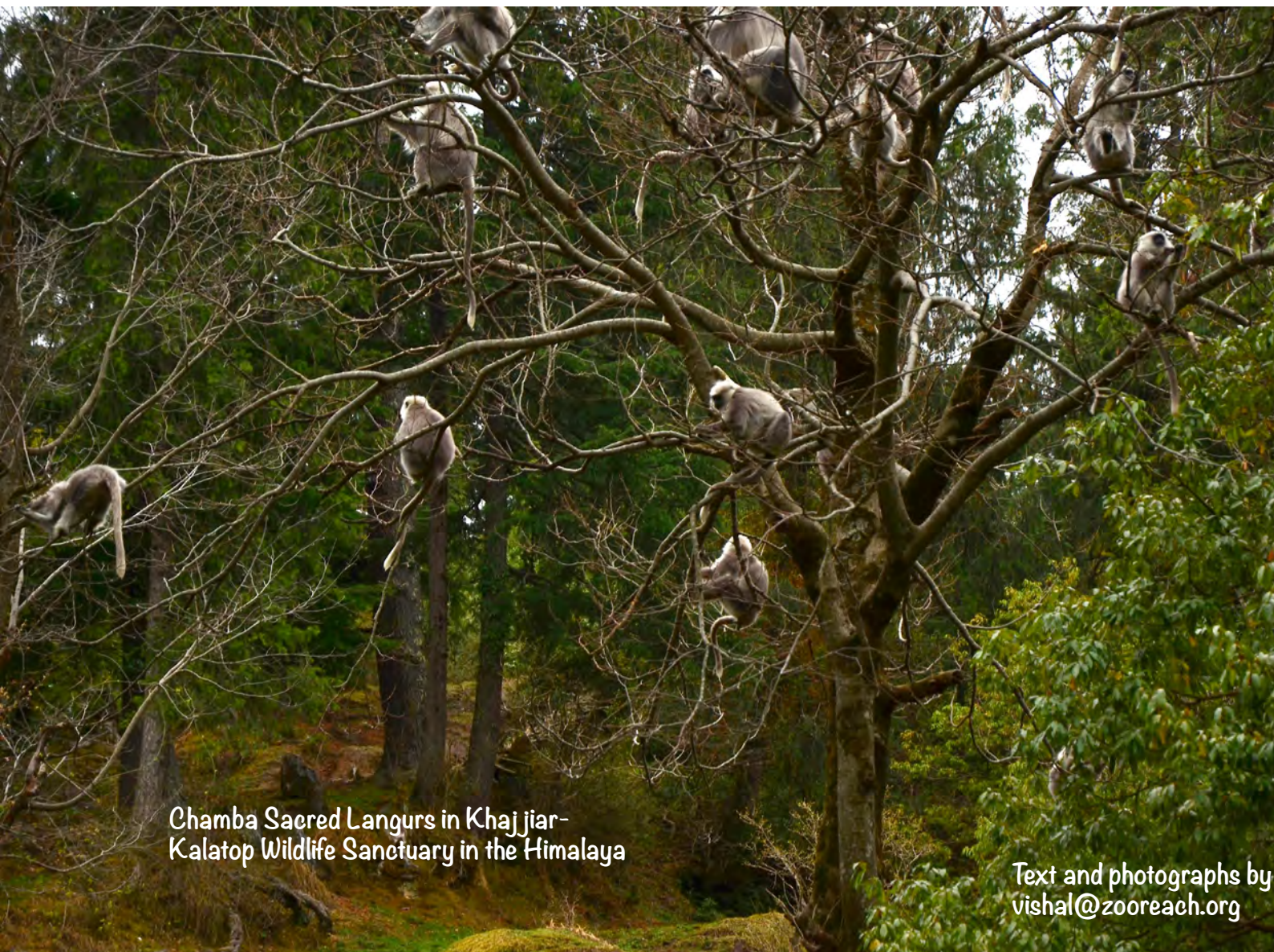


Spring in the Himalaya is magical! After cold wintery months, spring brings in warmth. Flowering plants bloom and the wildlife thrive on the new leaves on trees, beginning when snow is still on the ground and continuing to early summer.

Langurs are most active during this season and can be easily spotted jumping from one branch to another feeding upon fresh leaf sprouts and floral buds. Two of the three species of Himalayan Langurs have been photographed feeding on two species of plants in early spring this year.

A group of the biggest and bulkiest of all langurs, the **Chamba Sacred Langur** or *Semnopithecus ajax* is seen feeding on the fresh buds and leaves of *Celtis* tree at 2200m in the Khajjiar-Kalatop Wildlife Sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh.

In another picture with the blue sky background, the much leaner and **Terai Sacred Langurs** or *Semnopithecus hector* are seen feeding on the buds and leaves of *Bombax ceiba* tree in the Shivalik Hills at 1000m.



Chamba Sacred Langurs in Khajjiar-Kalatop Wildlife Sanctuary in the Himalaya

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Terai Sacred Langurs in
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