

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

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Bar-headed Geese fly through the Himalayan range, even above the **Mount Everest** !

Morphology

- Gray and white with two horseshoe-shaped, brownish-black bars on the back of its white head.
- Orange-yellow beak and legs and the male bird is slightly larger than the female.

They can fly over **80 kph** (50 mph) without wind to assist them!

Geographic Range

- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Habitat and Threats

- Reside near water bodies, preferring high-altitude lakes.
- Over-hunting, unsustainable levels of egg collecting and habitat destruction.

They are able to migrate more than **1,609 km** (1,000 mi.) in a **single day**!

Migration

- One of the impeccable migratory record of crossing the mighty Himalayan range at heights of 3,658 m to 4,267 m recorded.

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