

BIRDS IN SHIVPURI FOREST, MADHYA PRADESH

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Birds are very beautiful organisms to look at. The flickering

movements and vocal activities are very fascinating. In Shivpuri (77°15' to 78°30' E and 24°14' to 25°55' N at an altitude of 460 m.) there is quite a dense forest bound on the north by Gwalior District and on the south by Guna District. On the eastern side there are sporadic forests towards Datia and Jhansi. Additionally, Shivpuri National Park has three lakes and other smaller water bodies giving enough opportunities for birds to inhabit this area.

I have taken notes on birds and their activity period during two years (1995 and 1996) which are presented below. Identification of birds is based on Ali (1979).

References

Ali, S. (1979). *The Book of Indian Birds*. Bombay Natural History Society, Bombay, 188pp.

Record	Common Name	Scientific Name	Time of occurrence
<u>Passeridae</u>			
52	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
45	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i> (Tunstall)	In all months
48	Large Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i> Gmelin	In all months
54	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
53	Plain Munia	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i> (Linnaeus)	June to February
46	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i> Linnaeus	In all months
<u>Dacelonidae</u>			
19	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i> (Boddaert)	In all months
20	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
18	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Corvidae</u>			
26	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
25	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
29	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i> (Vieillot)	In all months
33	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i> (Linnaeus)	June to January
28	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i> Wagler	In all months
23	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i> (Bechstein)	In all months
38	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
31	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i> (Forster)	November to January
30	Rufous Tree Pie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i> (Latham)	In all months
24	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
37	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i> (Vieillot)	In all months
<u>Threskiornithidae</u>			
4	Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i> (Temminck)	September to January
5	Asian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i> (Latham)	September to January
<u>Accipitridae</u>			
56	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i> (Desfontaines)	October to February
55	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> (Scopoli)	In all months
<u>Psittacidae</u>			
15	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i> (Linnaeus)	November to June
<u>Coraciidae</u>			
16	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Ardeidae</u>			
3	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i> (Linnaeus)	October to February
<u>Bucerotidae</u>			
21	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i> (Scopoli)	In all months

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<u>Phasianidae</u>			
6	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
57	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> (Gmelin)	In all months
<u>Megalaimidae</u>			
13	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i> (Muller)	In all months
<u>Centropodidae</u>			
11	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i> (Stephens)	In all months
<u>Hirundinidae</u>			
22	Dusky Crag-Martin	<i>Hirundo concolor</i> Sykes	In all months
<u>Picidae</u>			
60	Black-rumped Flame-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Irenidae</u>			
34	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i> (Gmelin)	In all months
32	Gold-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i> (Temminck)	In all months
<u>Upupidae</u>			
14	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Sturnidae</u>			
27	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Muscicapidae</u>			
42	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
40	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
43	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
41	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> (Scopoli)	October to January
47	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i> (Blyth)	October to January
<u>Sylviidae</u>			
44	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i> (Dumont)	In all months
36	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i> (Franklin)	March to October
39	Common Tailor Bird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i> (Pennant)	In all months
<u>Cuculidae</u>			
10	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
12	Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i> (Boddaert)	In all months
<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>			
1	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i> (Vieillot)	October to January
<u>Apodidae</u>			
59	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i> (Lichtenstein)	In all months
<u>Nectariniidae</u>			
50	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i> (Latham)	In all months
49	Tickell's Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i> (Latham)	October to January
<u>Charadriidae</u>			
8	Red Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Pycnonotidae</u>			
35	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> (Linnaeus)	In all months
<u>Meropidae</u>			
17	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i> (Latham)	In all months
<u>Anhingidae</u>			
2	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> (Daudin)	October to January
<u>Colubidae</u>			
9	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> (Scopoli)	In all months
<u>Strigidae</u>			
58	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i> (Temminck)	In all months
<u>Rallidae</u>			
7	White breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> (Pennant)	In all months
<u>Zosteropidae</u>			
51	Oriental White Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosa</i> (Temminck)	June to February