

India's Monsoon Birding Extravaganza 02

Tour starts from- August 03 to 22 /2025 (21 Days).

Day 1: Arrival in Mumbai.

Welcome to India! Arrive at Mumbai International Airport, where the monsoon season sets the stage for an incredible birding experience. Relax and prepare for the adventure ahead. Overnight in Mumbai.

Days 2: Pune – Monsoon Gems of the Western Ghats.

Pune in the northern Western Ghats. This region offers a new suite of monsoon-specialty birds. With pack breakfast drive to Pune to Explore the bird-rich habitats around Pune, focusing on the **Broad-tailed Grassbird** a monsoon specialist that becomes active and visible at this time of year. Other key species include the vibrant **Vigors's Sunbird**, **Sykes's Lark**, **Painted Francolin** and the melodious **Malabar Whistling Thrush** Overnight in Pune.

Days 3: Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary – Quest for the Forest Owlet.

Travel to Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, home to the enigmatic and endangered **Forest Owlet** rediscovered after being presumed extinct for over a century. While searching for this rare species, you'll also encounter a variety of owls, nightjars, and central Indian endemics like **Jungle Bush Quail** and **Mottled Wood Owl**. Overnight in Tansa.

Days 4: Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary – Quest for the Forest Owlet – Mumbai.

Full day birding at tansa wildlife sanctuary. Later before dusk drive back to Mumbai to catch morning flight to Jaisalmer. Overnight in Mumbai.

Days 5: Mumbai to Desert National Park – Home of the Great Indian Bustard.

take morning flight to Jaisalmer afternoon visit the Wood Fossil Park for species like **Indian Eagle Owl** and **Desert Lark**. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

Days 6-7: Desert National Park.

Devote two days to exploring the semi-arid habitats of Desert National Park, the last stronghold of the critically endangered **Great Indian Bustard**. While searching for this iconic species, you may also encounter **Stoliczka's Bushchat**, **Cream-colored Courser** and a variety of sandgrouse and larks. Nights in Jaisalmer.

Days 8 : Jaisalmer to Talchhaper via Bikaner.

Depart early morning birding for Bikaner to observe a variety of vultures at the famous rubbish dump, then head to Talchhaper– Grassland Marvels. The main attraction is the **Indian Spotted Creeper** but other highlights include **Rock Bush Quail**, **Black Francolin** and **Indian Eagle Owl**. Overnight in Tal Chhapar.

Days 9-10-11 : The Spectacular Lesser Florican.

Travel to Ajmer, home to the endangered **Lesser Florican** known for its breathtaking monsoon aerial displays. Alongside this highlight, the lush landscapes host species like **Rain Quail**, **Indian Pitta**, **Black-breasted Weaver** and even the elusive **Painted Francolin**. Overnight in Ajmer.

Days 12 : Drive to Delhi.

Early morning drive to Delhi then birding around Delhi look for Sind sparrow. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 13 : Delhi to Kashmir.

take an early afternoon flight to Srinagar, where lush forests and unique bird species await. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 14-15-16 : Kashmir's Avian Paradise.

Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Kashmir, exploring coniferous forests and verdant valley floors. Here, you'll focus on finding rare species like **Kashmir Nuthatch**, **White-cheeked Nuthatch**, **Tytler's Leaf Warbler** and **Kashmir Nutcracker**. Keep an eye out for species such as **Himalayan Woodpeckers**, **Spot-winged Tit** and the elusive **Orange Bullfinch** whose shrinking habitat has made sightings increasingly rare. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 17 : Srinagar to Haiderpur via Delhi.

Early morning flight back to Delhi then from airport Kick off the tour with haiderpur wetland, searching for Indian **Grassbird**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, and **Streaked and Black-breasted Weavers**. Overnight near haiderpur.

Days 18-19-20 : Bristled Grassbird and Critically Endangered Finn's Weaver.

Leave early morning birding at haiderpur wetland searching for **Bristled** and **Indian Grassbird**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, and **Streaked and Black-breasted Weavers**. later drive to Haldwani birding around Haripura Dam to seek out the **Critically Endangered Finn's Weaver**. Once more widespread, this species has seen a 90% decline in recent decades. Other birds of the Terai region will also be observed. Overnight in Haldwani.

Day 21 : Haldwani to Departure from Delhi.

Morning birding around then Bid farewell to India and its remarkable monsoon birding and take home unforgettable memories of rare species, breathtaking landscapes, and unique experiences.

This tour celebrates India's monsoon season and its incredible biodiversity, offering birders a rare chance to witness some of the country's most elusive and endangered species in their prime habitats.