

20th October 2019:

We started birding from Rongli and drove via South Regu. It took almost one and half hour to reach to Taalkharka. After reaching in home stay, we freshened up and hiked south of the village for little more than two kilometers. Gray-chinned Minivet, Black Eagle, Black-throated Prinia, Golden Babbler, Himalayan Cutia, Rufous-winged Fulvetta etc were some highlight birds from the short visit. The session yielded 33 (thirty three) species of birds. Later after n hour we came back and had some snacks. We hiked out toward north of the village for one hour till sundown. Here in the second session, we had 9 (nine) taxa reported. Pygmy Cupwing, Black-throated Tit, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon etc were seen. By sundown we came back to home stay and had some local Sikkimese Rai cuisine and brew. We retired by 7PM.

ebird checklist:

1. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865153>
2. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865209>

21st October 2019:

Today we planned for a round trek via Alubari dara, Phusrey Lake (Mulkharka Lake) and back to Taalkharka. This entire trekking trail comprised of 17.5 kms of hiking. During this full day trekking, we recorded 48 species of birds, most of which were from passeriform species. Detailed trekking trail along with species found have been compiled in the following three lists. Species highlights were – Gray-sided Laughingthrush, Green Shrike-babbler, Yellow-browed Tit, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Golden Bush Robin, Gray-bellied Tesia etc. It took almost 11 hours to complete the hike.

ebird checklist:

1. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865321>
2. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865368>
3. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865383>

22nd October 2019:

As we started in previous two days, today also we started at 5:30 AM in the morning. In the morning session, we covered south trail, same as day 1. The highlight species was Red-breasted Parakeet, which is seldom found here in Sikkim. Regular mid and lower altitude hill birds were there too. Since the day became hot and humid, we resumed birding till afternoon. Afternoon session at Kalikhola was productive, as we recorded Red-faced Liocichla from there. In the evening, Red Giant Flying Squirrel was a nice sighting too!

ebird checklist:

1. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865484>
2. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S60865545>