

The Birds of Tirupati

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My pictures were taken on my casual morning and evening walks from the SV University guest house. This is about 3km from the town on the Bangalore road near the level crossing. Opposite the guesthouse towards the Tirumula Hills is a large area with some University and Agriculture college buildings - mainly a large variety of trees and scrubland. Other walks were in the Dairy farm and surrounding fields extending South around the village of Thumulagunta. The pictures were taken between the middle of November and the middle of February in the years 2003 to 2014. More extensive collections of my bird photos and photos of Tirupati and Thumulagunta are on my website (see below).

My cameras improved over the years. First was a Fuji Finepix 6900 with an added zoom lens [6Mp; giving 10x]; then Finepix 9600 [10Mp; 10.5 x zoom]; then Canon PowerShot SX10IS [10Mp; 20x zoom]. From 2012 I have used a Canon Powershot SX40S [12Mp, 35x Zoom and CMOS detector]

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For more bird pictures and pictures of India go to my website: <http://www.chris-anthony.co.uk>

Dedicated to: My family who generously agreed to my annual trips to Tirupati; to the Vice Chancellors, Prof. Sai Gopal, Academic staff, Guest house staff and students of SV University; Balaji, Barath Kumar and my many special young friends friends in Thumulagunta; and my many friends who have motivated my visits (eg Surya, Suresh, Prabakar, Sivamani, Nagaraju, Dixit, Subramanyam, Kiran, Charlie, Steven, Imran, Madhu, Gopi, Sunil, Moin, Edwin, Barath)

1. Crows, Roller, Mynas



Jungle Crow 50cm



House Crow 45cm



Brahminy myna 22cm



Indian Tree Pie 45cm



Common Myna 22cm



Rosy starling 23cm



Indian Roller 30cm



Rosy Starling

2. Doves, Kingfisher, Orioles, Woodpeckers, Hoopoe



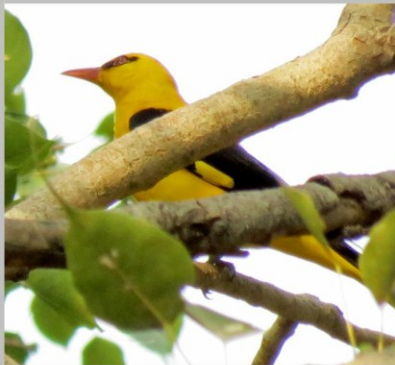
Spotted Dove 30cm



Little Brown dove 25cm



Rose-ringed Parakeet 40cm



Golden Oriole 25cm Male / female



Black-headed Oriole 25 cm



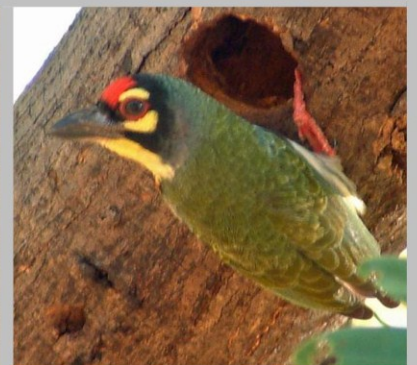
White-fronted Kingfisher 27cm



Golden-backed Woodpecker 27cm



Hoopoe 30cm



Coppersmith 15cm

3. Babblers and Bulbuls



Yellow-billed Babbler 23cm The most common Babbler here



Jungle Babbler 25cm

Rufous-bellied babbler 13 cm



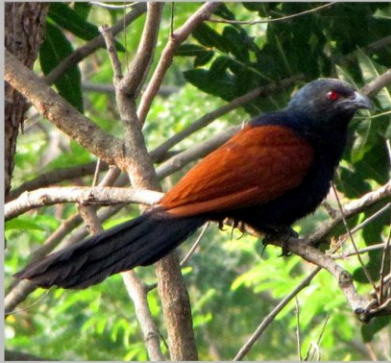
White-browed bulbul 20cm

Red-vented bulbul 20cm



Red-whiskered bulbul 20cm

4. Cuckoos, Cuckoo-shrikes, Shrikes and Chats



Coucal or Crow-pheasant 47cm



Indian Cuckoo 33cm



Blue-faced Malkoha 39cm



Common Hawk-cuckoo (Brainfever bird) 33cm



Black-winged cuckoo-shrike 24cm



Long-tailed Shrike 25cm



Koel 42cm Male / female



Common Woodshrike (NB Brown shrike) 18cm



Ashy Swallow-shrike 19cm



Black-headed Cuckoo-Shrike 18cm Male / female



5. Flycatchers and Swallows



Paradise flycatcher 20cm + tail



Male adult (white) and brown juvenile (2 yr old)



Paradise flycatcher female



Tickell's flycatcher (male) 14 cm



Black Drongo 30 cm



White-bellied Drongo 24cm



Asian brown flycatcher 13cm



Common Swallow 17cm



Red-rumped swallow 17cm



6. Bea-eaters, Leafbirds, Sunbirds and Warblers



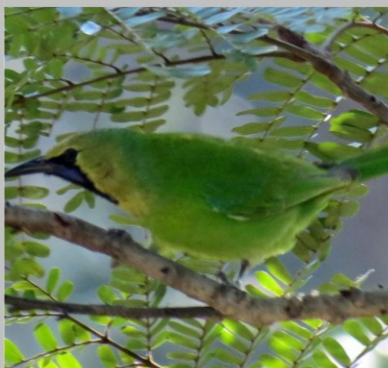
Little Green Bee-eater 22cm



Both Bee-eaters



Blue-tailed Bee-eater 30 cm



Jerdon's Leafbird (male) 18 cm



Jerdon's Leafbird (female)



Common lora (male) 14 cm



Common lora (female)



Zitting cisticola (Streaked fantail warbler) 10cm



Blyth's Reed warbler 14cm



Purple Sunbird 10 cm



Female sunbird



Purple-rumped sunbird

7. Finches, Petronia, Wagtails and Fantails



Spotted munia 10cm Male



Spotted munia 10cm Female



Chestnut-shouldered Petronia 13.5cm



White-backed Munia 10cm



Common Rosefinch (male/female) 15cm



Indian Pipit 15 cm



Grey wagtail 19cm



Yellow wagtail 18cm



Forest wagtail 18cm



Large pied wagtail 17cm



White-browed Fantail 18cm



White-throated fantail 19cm

8. Thrushes, Robins, BushChat, Minivets and Prinias



Magpie Robin 20cm



Orange-headed Thrush 21cm



Grey-breasted Prinia 11cm



Indian Prinia 13cm



Ashy Prinia 13cm



Tailor-bird 13cm



Small Minivet 15cm



Indian Robin 16cm Male / female



Pied Bushchat 13cm

9. Eagles, Hawks, Owls, Gamebirds



Crested Hawk Eagle 70cm



Common Grey Hornbill 65cm



Pariah Kite 65cm



Black-winged Kite 33cm



Kestrel 35cm Female



Shikra 33cm



Spotted Owlet 20cm



Grey Junglefowl 70cm



Grey Partridge 33cm

10. Egrets, Herons, Lapwings, Waterhen, Sandpiper



Cattle Egret 50cm



Little Egret 62cm



Paddybird (Swamp Heron) 45cm



White-breasted Waterhen 30cm



Red-wattled Lapwing 33cm



Wood Sandpiper 23cm



Yellow-wattled Lapwing 25cm

