

## Snapshot sightings

### Bean Goose at Pobitora, Assam

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On 04 March 2015, a single Bean Goose *Anser fabalis* was photographed at a wetland inside Pobitora WLS (26.23°N, 92.05°E), Assam, where the bird stayed at least till 15 March, enabling various photographers to take pictures. Extensive red on the upper mandible eliminates *rossicus*, and shorter neck eliminates *middendorffi*, while other races cannot be safely eliminated. Bean Goose records are very few from India: It has occurred twice in north-eastern India (Praveen *et al.* 2014), while another bird wintered in Rajasthan this year (Sangha 2015).

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### Brown Rock Chat at Saundatti, Karnataka

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Three Brown Rock Chats *Oenanthe fusca* were seen, and one photographed, near the bus stand of Yellamma Gadda (15.75°N, 75.15°E), Saundatti in Karnataka, on 31 May 2015. General habitat where the birds were seen was rocky with scanty grass. The species is rare in Karnataka (Grimmett *et al.* 2011; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012) with no photographic records, so this may be a first.

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### Malayan Night Heron at Thoothukkudi, Tamil Nadu

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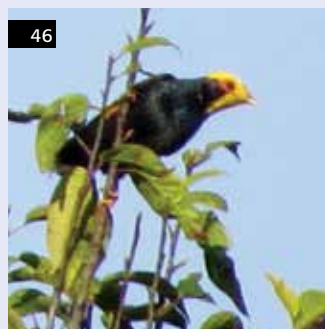


A sub-adult Malayan Night Heron *Gorsachius melanolophus* was videographed at a farm (8.68°N, 78.01°E) near Saywerpuram, Thoothukkudi District, Tamil Nadu, on 22 November 2015. The site is more than 60 km from the nearest stretch of Western Ghats but just 15 km from the sea coast. There have been two prior instances of its occurrence in Tamil Nadu plains and coasts (Satyamurthi 1970; Santharam 1981). It is possible the bird was migrating to Sri Lanka (Rasmussen & Anderton 2012).

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### Golden-crested Myna at Namdapha, Arunachal Pradesh

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A flock of 15 Golden-crested Mynas *Ampeliceps coronatus* was seen while birding along Vijayanagar road, Namdapha National Park (27.44°N, 96.53°E), Arunachal Pradesh, on 07 November 2015. One of them came close enough to be photographed. The species is generally rare in north-eastern India (Rasmussen & Anderton 2012); the most recent sightings for India being from Namdapha NP itself ([www.orientalbirdimages.org](http://www.orientalbirdimages.org)).

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