

(Thompson et al. 2013). It has been reported only four times from India since then, twice from Kerala in 2014, and twice from Gujarat in 2017 (Praveen et al. 2015; Shah et al. 2018), apart from the Maldives (Anderson et al. 2016). There have not been any further reports from the coastline of BoB.

This is the first record of a large influx of these birds from the Indian mainland. However, Short-tailed Shearwaters are regularly being sighted from the western coast of Thailand, and northern Malaysia, 'At sea, off Tanjung Dawai, Kedah' (eBird 2020a), where this species was a regular visitor during April–May from 2016 to 2019. There was also a recent sighting at 'Sungai Burung, Pulau Pinang' (eBird 2020b) on 14 May 2020, wherein the bird was 'driven close to shore by an approaching storm' (Kee 2020). It is possible that they were present on the western coast of Thailand before 'Amphan' formed. The depression area of this storm was 10.9°N, 86.3°E, as uploaded in a bulletin of the India Meteorological Department (2020), which is situated directly west of the western coast of Thailand. We think it is possible that the cyclone brought those birds 142 km into West Bengal from there.

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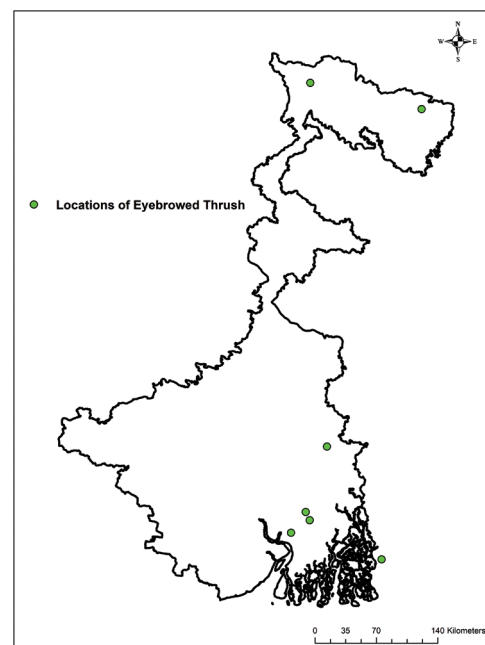
The Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* in West Bengal, India

The Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* breeds in central and eastern Siberia to Kamchatka, Mongolia, Amurland, and Sakhalin, and winters in the north-eastern part of the Indian Subcontinent, eastwards to Taiwan, southwards to the Greater Sundas and the Philippines (Collar 2020). In the Indian Subcontinent it has been mainly recorded from north-eastern India, with vagrants elsewhere in the peninsular India (Grimmett et al. 2011; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012; eBird 2020).

On 03 November 2018 at 0813 h one *T. obscurus* was sighted at Lion's Safari Park, Kolkata, West Bengal, India (22.51°N, 88.36°E), well camouflaged in leaf litter under the shade of dense *Neolamarckia cadamba* trees [122]. The bird had a prominent white supercilium, and dark lores underlined by a white stripe. It also has dark brown ear-coverts, and a pale white throat bordered by a dark brown malar stripe. It was a first-winter male (they are generally brighter than females), with more grey on ear-coverts and upper breast. It was being chased by six Jungle Babblers *Turdoides striata*. At 0922 h the bird was seen feeding on an earthworm in one of the farthest corners inside the park. A few seconds later, due to some disturbance in its surroundings, it moved away and went inside the denser regions of the park which were difficult to access.



122. A camouflaged Eyebrowed Thrush in leaf litter at Lion's Safari Park, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.



Map 1. Locations of Eyebrowed Thrush sightings in West Bengal

The Eyebrowed Thrush has been sighted earlier in West Bengal (all photographed), at widely spaced out locations (Map 1). Since the first report in April 2009 by Srikumar Bose and Caesar Sen (Sengupta 2013), which bird was seen by many birders, repeated sightings have been recorded from the Kolkata region (Table 1).

Table 1.

Dates	Site/District	Age/Sex	Reference
01 January 2020	Latpanchar, Darjeeling	First winter female	Ramz (2020)
31 October 2019	Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata	First winter female	Ray (2019)
24 December 2017	Hijuli Forest, Nadia	First winter female	Banerjee (2017)
26–27 October 2013	Sundarban Tiger Reserve, South 24 Parganas	First winter female	Das (2013)
02 October 2012	Buxa Tiger Reserve, Alipurduar	First winter male	Sengupta (2013)
18–19 April 2009	Chintamonikar Bird Sanctuary (CKBS), Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas	First winter male	Sengupta (2013)

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