

LADAKH from 25 October to 04 November 2006

(Hemis National Park – Guide : Tseling Dotje from Rumbak)

25 October : Drive from Leh to Zinchen (3250 m.) then 3 hours walk to Rumbak (3800m) . 9 nights' stay in this village.
26 October : Trek to Tsalung Valley
27 October : Trek to Karlung Valley
28 October : Trek to Husing Valley
29 October : Trek to Husing Valley, observation to Tarbung
30 October : Trek to Karlung Valley
31 October : Trek to Yurutse then to Ganda La Pass. Back to Yurutse (Night)
01 November : Direction to Ganda La till 4600 m. Back to Rumbak
02 November : Trek to Husing Valley.
03 November : Back to Zinchen then drive to Leh. Night at Leh
04 November : Drive to Nimu (Indus Valley) then drive to Chilling (Zanskar Valley)

List of Mammals:

- **Snow Leopard (*Uncia uncia*):** 1 on October 29th sitting at 4200 m. on the top of a cliff above the confluence of Karlung Valley with the main valley, inspecting its territory from 5pm till night.
1 on November 1st at 11am at 4600 m. under Ganda La, lying at one meter of an Argali female just killed. Stay near its prey till 4pm then begin to eat !!...
1 on November 3rd (may be the same animal than October 29th) at 7am walking along the stream of Rumbak village then climbing slowly the mountain in front of the village, reaching the summit at 7am45 after 2 stops to rest and to look after 3 Blue Sheeps.
(1 was observed by villagers at about the same place on October 27th at 4pm)
- Wolf (*Canis lupus*): Droppings on October 26th
- Asiatic Ibex (*Capra ibex*): 20 including 3 males on November 4th in Zanskar Valley at 15 km from the confluence with Indus Valley
- Blue Sheep (*Pseudois nayaur*): Seen quite every day in groups from 3 to 25 individuals
- **Ladakh Urial (*Ovis vignei*):** 12 including 2 males on November 4th near the road just near Nimu and a group of 25 in the Zanskar Valley
- Argali (*Ovis ammon*): 10 (4 males and 6 females and young) on October 31st under Ganda La (4600 m.), only 9 on November 1st at the same place (one female killed by Snow Leopard)
- Woolly Hare (*Lepus oiostolus*): 1 on October 30th , more than 10 on October 31st under Ganda La (4400 to 4600 m.)

- Ladakh's Pika (*Ochotona ladacensis*): 1 on October 28th