

Assam Plains and Primates 2013 Trip Report

Dates: 9th February - 17th February 2013
Sites covered: Kaziranga National Park and Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary
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A total of 4 nights were spent in Kaziranga (KNP) with 1 night at Gibbon (GWLS), comprising 6 game drives and 5 nature walks respectively. In Kaziranga the zone break down was 4 drives in the central range, 1 in eastern and 1 in the western range. At Gibbon, 4 day-hikes were made and 1 brief night walk. The temperature during the day ranged from the mid to high 20s (degrees celcius) dropping into the teens in the early and late hours.

Sightings

MAMMALS

Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*)

Two different individuals were seen. The first was stalking through the grass in the central range on day 1. The second was seen from Donga lake watch tower as it came to drink at the waters edge.

Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*)

Heard only at Gibbon WLS but common in Kaziranga.

Great One-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*)

Common in Kaziranga.

Asiatic water Buffalo (*Bubalus arnee*)

Common in Kaziranga

Western Hoolock Gibbon (*Hoolock hoolock*)

Seen several times in Gibbon WLS.

Capped langur (*Semnopithecus dussumieri*)

Common in Gibbon WLS and seen briefly en route to eastern range of Kaziranga.

Pig-tailed macaque

Seen well in Gibbon WLS.

Rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta mulatta*)

Seen in roadside settlement and common in Kaziranga.

Soft-ground swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinghi*)

Common in Kaziranga, which is one of its two remaining strongholds.

Hog deer (*Axis porcinus*)

Very common in Kaziranga

Barking deer (*Muntiacus muntjak aureus*)

Seen briefly in Kaziranga.

Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*)

Seen once from watch tower in Kaziranga's central range.

Wild boar (*Sus scrofa cristatus*)

Common in Kaziranga.

Asian short-clawed otter

Seen once in central range and once from Donga lake watch tower.

Hoary-bellied squirrel (*Callosciurus pygerythrus*)

Common in both parks.

Malay Giant squirrel (*Ratufa bicolor*)

Very common in Gibbon WLS.

Reptiles

Assamese roofed turtle

Pond terrapin

BIRDS

1. Eurasian griffon	KNP	33. Bronze-winged jacana	KNP
2. Crested serpent eagle	KNP	34. Black-headed ibis	KNP
3. Pallas fish eagle	KNP	35. Redshank	KNP
4. Grey-headed fish eagle	KNP	36. Common sandpiper	KNP
5. Changeable hawk eagle	KNP	37. Black-headed gull	KNP
6. Greater spotted eagle	KNP	38. Black-necked stork	KNP
7. Eurasian kestrel	KNP	39. Asian openbill	KNP
8. Honey buzzard	KNP	40. White-necked stork	KNP
9. Asian barred owlet	KNP	41. Lesser adjutant stork	KNP
10. Spotted owlet	KNP	42. Little egret	KNP
11. Jungle owlet	KNP	43. Cattle egret	KNP
12. Brown fish owl	KNP	44. Great white egret	KNP
13. Brown hawk owl	KNP	45. Purple heron	KNP
14. Pied harrier	KNP	46. Grey heron	KNP
15. Marsh harrier	KNP	47. White pelican	KNP
16. Osprey	KNP	48. Spot-billed pelican	KNP
17. Shikra	KNP	49. Great cormorant	KNP
18. Black kite	KNP	50. Little cormorant	KNP
19. Great indian hornbill	KNP	51. Darter	KNP
20. Oriental pied hornbill	KNP	52. Bar-headed goose	KNP
21. Rose-necked parakeet	KNP	53. Ruddy shelduck	KNP
22. Blossom-headed parakeet	KNP	54. Mallard	KNP
23. Alexandrine parakeet	KNP	55. Common teal	KNP
24. Red-breasted parakeet	KNP	56. Spot-billed duck	KNP
25. Green bee eater	KNP	57. Pintail (northern)	KNP
26. Blue-bearded bee eater	KNP	58. Widgeon	KNP
27. White-breasted kingfisher	KNP	59. Northern shoveler	KNP
28. Pied kingfisher	KNP	60. White-breasted waterhen	KNP
29. Common kingfisher	KNP	61. Red-wattled lapwing	KNP
30. Stork-billed kingfisher	KNP	62. Northern lapwing	KNP
31. Lineated barbet	KNP	63. Grey-headed lapwing	KNP
32. Common Snipe	KNP	64. Oriental peafowl	KNP
		65. Red junglefowl	KNP

66. Small niltava	KNP	100. Greater raquet-tailed drongo	KNP
67. Common stonechat	KNP	101. Green-billed malkoha	KNP
68. Ashy prinia	KNP	102. Yellow-footed green pigeon	KNP
69. Rosy pipit	KNP	103. Spotted dove	KNP
70. Olive-backed pipit	KNP	104. Oriental turtle dove	KNP
71. Oriental magpie robin	KNP	105. Green imperial pigeon	KNP
72. Rock pigeon	KNP	106. Jungle babbler	KNP
73. Red-vented bulbul	KNP	107. Puff-throated babbler	KNP
74. Red-whiskered bulbul	KNP	108. Brown shrike	KNP
75. Black-creseted bulbul	KNP, GWLS	109. Little pied flycatcher	KNP
76. Great tit	KNP	110. Red-throated flycatcher	KNP
77. Jungle mynah	KNP	111. Grey-headed canary flycatcher	KNP
78. Common mynah	KNP	112. Common martin	KNP
79. White-vented mynah	KNP	113. Sand martin	KNP
80. Hill mynah	KNP	114. Barn swallow	KNP
81. Asian pied starling	KNP	115. Black-rumped flameback	KNP
82. Chestnut-tailed starling	KNP	116. Rufous woodpecker	KNP
83. Black-headed oriole	KNP	117. Grey-capped pygmy woodpecker	KNP
84. Maroon oriole	GWLS	118. Spot-winged starling	KNP
85. Jungle crow	KNP	119. Abbott's babbler	KNP
86. House crow	KNP	120. Tickell's leaf warbler	KNP
87. Greater coucal	KNP	121. Scarlet-backed flowerpecker	KNP
88. Lesser coucal	KNP	122. House sparrow	KNP, GWLS
89. Long-tailed shrike	KNP		
90. Indian roller	KNP		
91. Rufous treepie	KNP		
92. Grey wagtail	KNP		
93. White wagtail	KNP		
94. Citrine wagtail	KNP		
95. White-rumped shama	KNP		
96. Long-tailed minivet	KNP		
97. Scarlet minivet	KNP		
98. Spangled drongo	KNP		
99. Black drongo	KNP		



Above: *Rhesus macaques* near Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary



Anti-clockwise from top right: *Assamese roofed turtles, KNP*; *Hoolock gibbon, GWLS*; *Black-necked stork, KNP*; *Rhinos at dusk, KNP*, *One-horned rhino, KNP*

