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BIRDING CHECKLIST

COUNT	COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	GRIMMETT ³ PLATE #	LOCATION / FIELD NOTES
1	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	5	Occasionally seen near tea plantations and waterfall
2	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	7	Calls can be heard in the morning from O'Land houses
3	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	29	Hovers above the Estate House area and above old Machaan area
4	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	31	Seen flying over property
5	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	32	Very common in urban areas, but rarely seen at O'Land
6	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	32	Occasionally perches near waterfall
7	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	34	Hunts over open central areas of O'Land
8	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	34	Often seen soaring above the canopy
9	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	37	Perches atop trees near Estate House
10	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	40	Seen hovering above lower areas of O'Land, near plantation office
11	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	41	Occasionally seen
12	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	45	Seen soaring above higher areas of O'Land in winter
13	Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	46	Infrequently seen soaring above the canopy
14	Legge's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>	46	Seen flying over property, or perched on trees
15	Red-Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	55	Seen around central O'Land areas – pulper house, temple, stream
16	Nilgiri Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba elphinstonii</i>	76	Usually on large trees above the upper part of the waterfall

* "Birds of the Indian Subcontinent", *Grimmett et al. 2016.*

17	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	77	More often <i>heard</i> than seen on the property
18	Spotted Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia chinensis</i>	78	Seen regularly around O'Land houses and open areas
19	Grey-Fronted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron affinis</i>	79	Relatively common around property
20	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	80	Seen along and near O'Land paths and hedges
21	Vernal Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	81	Seen frequently around middle and lower O'Land areas, on treetops
22	Rose-Ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	81	Perches and feeds on trees all over O'Land
23	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>	82	Perches and feeds on trees all over O'Land
24	Plum-Headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	82	Less frequent visitors to O'Land than Malabar Parakeet & Rose-Ringed Parakeet
25	Common Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	83	Unmistakable, repeated manic call " <i>Brainfever...brainfever...brainfever...</i> "
26	Pied (Jacobin) Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	83	Infrequently seen
27	Lesser Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>	84	Winter migrant, rarely seen
28	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	85	Occasionally seen around the lower areas of O'Land
29	Drongo Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	86	Occasionally seen
30	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	86	Characteristic Koel call is heard from all O'Land houses
31	Southern Coucal	<i>Centropus parroti</i>	87	Seen in plantation areas as well as wooded areas
32	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	91	Infrequently seen around central O'Land areas
33	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	92	Spotted at night near Estate House
34	Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	94	Seen sitting on roads / paths at dusk
35	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia unicolor</i>	96	Occasionally seen
36	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	97	Infrequently seen above the cliff areas
37	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	99	Infrequently seen and heard around O'Land houses
38	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	99	Occasionally seen
39	White-Throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	100	Often perched on the wires above the waterfall
40	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	101	Near streams & central areas
41	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>	101	Seen near village road
42	Blue-Bearded Bee-Eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>	102	Infrequently seen

43	Green Bee-Eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	102	Also known as 'Small Green Bee-Eater'; around Estate Houses
44	Chestnut-Headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	102	Usually flying above the waterfall
45	Malabar Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros griseus</i>	103	Infrequently seen
46	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	104	Feeds below Estate House; breeding pair frequently seen, nests near Machaan
47	Brown-Headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	105	Infrequently seen
48	White-Cheeked Barbet	<i>Megalaima viridis</i>	105	Heard all day long all over O'Land, easy to see on trees around O'Land houses
49	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	106	Heard all day long, seen in trees above plantation
50	Malabar Barbet	<i>Megalaima malabarica</i>	106	Heard infrequently, not often seen
51	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>	108	Loud staccato against dried tree trunks, in plantation and Machaan tree areas
52	Brown-Capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus nanus</i>	109	Seen on tree trunks in plantation areas
53	Yellow-Crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus mahrattensis</i>	110	Occasionally seen
54	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	111	Occasionally seen
55	Streak-Throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>	111	Frequently seen in plantations area and around Estate House
56	Common Goldenback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>	112	Also called 'Flameback'; frequently seen on tree trunks in plantation areas
57	Lesser Goldenback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	112	Also called 'Lesser Flameback'; frequently seen on tree trunks in plantation areas
58	Greater Goldenback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	112	Also called 'Greater Flameback'; frequently seen on tree trunks in plantation areas
59	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	113	Winter migrant, occasionally seen, can be heard at dusk and dawn
60	Malabar Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i>	114	Infrequently seen
61	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	114	Infrequently seen
62	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	114	Usually perched on a dry tree near the top of the waterfall or near Estate House
63	Bar-Winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	115	Regularly seen around the plantation
64	Black-Headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	115	Infrequently seen
65	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	116	Frequently seen in central O'Land areas
66	Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	117	Frequently seen in the thickets alongside O'land waterfalls
67	Long-Tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius Schach</i>	119	Frequently seen around O'Land houses and around central waterfall
68	Greater Racket-Tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	120	Occasionally seen among trees in plantation areas

69	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	121	Very common, seen all around O'land
70	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucopaeus</i>	121	Very common, seen all around O'land
71	White-Bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	121	Occasionally seen in plantation areas
72	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	121	Occasionally seen
73	Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	122	Occasionally seen, all around O'Land
74	White-Browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	123	Frequently seen near Estate Houses & in central areas
75	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	123	Occasionally seen in plantations areas
76	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	125	Occasionally seen all around O'Land
77	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	126	Occasionally seen
78	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	128	Frequents thickets alongside both O'land waterfalls & area near plantation office
79	Indian Yellow Tit	<i>Parus aponotus</i>	128	Infrequently seen
80	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	131	Very common around central waterfall and O'Land houses
81	Red-Rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>	133	Infrequently seen
82	Gray-Headed Bulbul	<i>Brachypodius priocephalus</i>	138	Occasionally seen in dense vegetation
83	Flame-Throated Bulbul	<i>Rubigula gularis</i>	139	Occasionally seen in small groups
84	Red-Whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	139	Very common, seen all around O'Land
85	Red-Vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	140	Very common, seen all around O'Land
86	Yellow-Throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</i>	140	Found around dry slopes with large boulders / cliffs at the edge of O'Land property
87	Yellow-Browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>	141	Frequently seen near central waterfall
88	Square-Tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>	141	Occasionally seen near village road and central O'Land area
89	Grey-Breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	143	Infrequently seen near central waterfall
90	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	144	Infrequently seen near central waterfall
91	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	145	Infrequently seen all around O'Land
92	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	149	Very common winter visitor, seen all around O'Land
93	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	153	Very common winter visitor, seen all around O'Land
94	Tytler's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i>	154	Infrequent winter visitor, mostly seen around O'Land houses

95	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	156	Infrequent winter visitor
96	Puff-Throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	157	Infrequently seen in dense vegetation and thickets along paths
97	Dark-Fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	160	Infrequently seen in thickets near the waterfall
98	Tawny-Bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	161	Frequently seen in thickets above the plantation areas
99	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>	162	Heard often from dense trees in plantation areas, seen east of Hornbill House
100	Rufous Babbler	<i>Turdoides subrufa</i>	163	A noisy group (family) is usually seen in thickets around central waterfall
101	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	164	Very common; noisy groups of 6-8 birds seen all over O'Land
102	Black-Chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cachinnans</i>	167	Now called Nilgiris Laughingthrush; seen in thickets & undergrowth
103	Brown-Cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>	172	Occasionally seen
104	Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	177	Very common, seen around O'Land stream thickets & near Estate Houses
105	Velvet-Fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	179	Frequently seen clambering up & down bare O'Land trees
106	Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula (religiosa) indica</i>	181	Occasionally seen in bare trees west of Hornbill House
107	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	182	Very common at O'Land - seen around Estate House; flights of 10-15 birds
108	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	182	Less common than the Jungle Myna at O'land, seen around Estate House
109	Malabar Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus horsfieldii</i>	184	"Whistling Schoolboy" - heard much more than seen - all over O'Land
110	Pied Thrush	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>	184	Infrequent sightings of this winter visitor - mostly near the waterfall
111	Orange-Headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	184	Infrequently seen in central O'Land area
112	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>	186	Common all over O'Land
113	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	190	Infrequently seen; around O'Land stream thickets & near Estate House
114	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>	190	Infrequently seen; around O'Land stream thickets, road hedges & near driveways
115	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	191	Very common, seen all around O'land
116	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	191	Occasionally seen around O'Land stream thickets, road hedges & near driveways
117	Blue-Capped Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>	197	Frequently seen near the waterfalls and around Estate House
118	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	198	Frequently seen near the waterfalls
119	Rusty-Tailed Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i>	198	Frequently seen near the waterfalls
120	Black-and-Orange Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>	200	Occasionally seen around O'Land stream thickets, road hedges & near driveways

121	Nilgiri Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias albicaudatus</i>	201	Frequently seen near waterfalls and around O'Land houses
122	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	201	Frequently seen near waterfalls and around O'Land houses
123	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	203	Frequently seen around O'Land stream thickets, road hedges & near driveways
124	Grey-Headed Canary Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	203	Frequently seen near the waterfalls
125	Asian Fairy Bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	205	Frequently seen around O'Land Houses (Pepper House) and in plantation areas
126	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>	205	Occasionally seen
127	Golden-Fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	205	Relatively frequently seen, in trees mid-storey, all around O'Land
128	Thick-Billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	206	Relatively frequently seen in plantation areas
129	Pale-Billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>	206	Infrequently seen
130	Nilgiri Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>	206	Very common all over O'Land
131	Purple-Rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	208	Occasionally seen around Estate House, road hedges & near driveways
132	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	208	Common; seen around O'Land stream thickets, road hedges & near driveways
133	Crimson-Backed Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma minima</i>	208	Occasionally seen near flower-rich areas
134	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	210	Infrequently seen around O'Land houses
135	White-Rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	213	A flock frequents Pepper House area, telegraph poles; also around plantation
136	Black-Headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	213	Infrequently seen
137	Black-Throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>	213	Occasionally seen in grass / open woodland area around plantation
138	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	215	Frequents grassy areas & waterfalls at O'land
139	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	216	Frequents grassy areas & waterfalls at O'land
140	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	221	Very common all over O'Land

Note: this list is always growing! If you see a new bird at O'Land, please let the manager know, or email us at oland.nilgiris@gmail.com, and we will add it to this list 😊

CURRENTLY VERIFYING REPORTS OF:

- Grey-bellied Cuckoo
- Scaly-Breasted (Spotted) Munia

- Asian Palm Swift
- Changeable Hawk-Eagle
- Wire-tailed Swallow