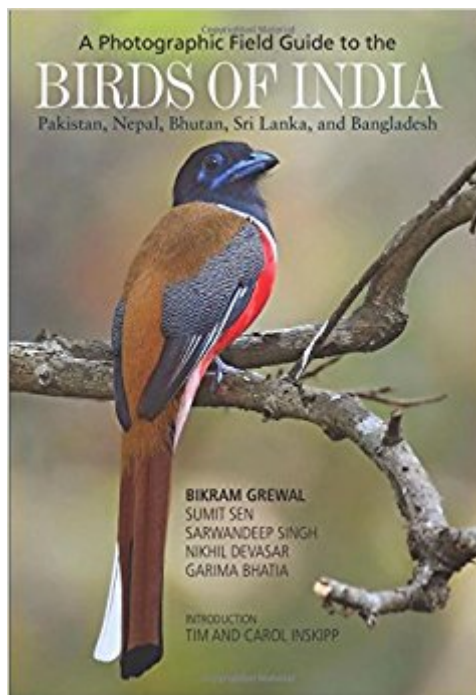




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A Photographic Field Guide To The Birds Of India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, And Bangladesh



Synopsis

This is the only comprehensive photographic field guide to the birds of the entire Indian subcontinent. Every distinct species and subspecies—some 1,375 in all—is covered with photographs, text, and maps. The guide features more than 4,000 stunning photographs, many never before published, which have been carefully selected to illustrate key identification features of each species. The up-to-date facing-page text includes concise descriptions of plumage, voice, range, habitat, and recent taxonomic changes. Each species has a detailed map reflecting the latest distribution information and containing notes on status and population density. The guide also features an introduction that provides an overview of birdlife and a brief history of ornithology in India and its neighbors. The result is an encyclopedic photographic guide that is essential for everyone birding anywhere in the subcontinent. Covers all 1,375 subcontinental bird species. Features more than 4,000 stunning photographs to aid quick field identification. Includes up-to-date facing-page text and range maps. Contains concise descriptions of plumage, voice, habitat, and much more.

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"Long overdue, this is the first comprehensive photographic guide to the birds of the Indian subcontinent, utilising some superb work by Sumit Sen,

Sarwandeep Singh, Nikhil Devasar and Garima Bhatia. . . . If you're heading for the subcontinent anytime soon . . . this looks like an absolute essential item to take along."--Matthew Merritt, Bird Watching Magazine

Bikram Grewal is the author of more than twenty books, including A Photographic Guide to the Birds of India and the Indian Subcontinent (Princeton). Sumit Sen is an expert birder and photographer whose work has been published in books and journals worldwide. Sarwandeep Singh runs the popular birding website Birds of India and is one of India's leading bird photographers. Nikhil Devasar runs the Delhi Bird Club and is a widely published bird photographer. Garima Bhatia is an avid birder and photographer who has traveled widely in India and beyond.

The Indian subcontinent has long been a fabulous destination for birders with so many endemics and regional specialties so it's no wonder there are several field guides to the region. This photographic guide compliments many of the existing guides providing a novel format for the region. The down side is that having so many species this book is quite heavy and cumbersome and probably not best in the field. As with many photographic guides the species photo, range map and text are all together which can be a bit lumpy and difficult to make species comparisons. It's often difficult to get a photo of each species with similar poses so comparing like to like is not always possible. The text is limited and often difficult to discern with the background photo. Range maps could do with being bigger especially with such a large landmass covered. There are several incorrect photos assigned to species so there is some updating to do for further editions. Though a valiant effort there needs to be more work done to improve this guide.

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