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Hemis and Ladakh



A high cold desert around Leh and Hemis National Park, out to the Changthang lakes: snow leopards in winter, bharal and urial on the slopes, kiang on the plateau, lammergeiers over the gorges, and bar-headed geese and black-necked cranes at the lakes.

106 animals 18 mammals, 81 birds, 1 reptile, 1 amphibian and 5 butterflies

Best time: Jan to Mar, Jun to Sept

Seen _____ of 106

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01 Cats and other carnivores 8

- ☐ Red Fox
- ☐ Grey Wolf
- ☐ Snow Leopard Rare
- ☐ Eurasian Lynx Rare
- ☐ Pallas's Cat Rare
- ☐ Tibetan Fox Rare
- ☐ Beech Marten Rare
- ☐ Mountain Weasel Rare

02 Wild sheep, goats and asses 6

- ☐ Bharal
- ☐ Kiang
- ☐ Ladakh Urial
- ☐ Siberian Ibex
- ☐ Argali Rare
- ☐ Tibetan Gazelle Rare

03 Marmots, hares and pikas 4

- ☐ Himalayan Marmot
- ☐ Woolly Hare
- ☐ Large-eared Pika
- ☐ Ladakh Pika

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04 Birds of prey and owls 10

- ☐ Bearded Vulture
- ☐ Himalayan Vulture
- ☐ Black Kite
- ☐ Common Kestrel
- ☐ Golden Eagle
- ☐ Upland Buzzard
- ☐ Eurasian Sparrowhawk
- ☐ Little Owl
- ☐ Eurasian Eagle-Owl Rare
- ☐ Saker Falcon Rare

05 Snowcocks, partridges, cranes and pigeons 8

- ☐ Chukar Partridge
- ☐ Hill Pigeon
- ☐ Himalayan Snowcock
- ☐ Tibetan Snowcock
- ☐ Tibetan Partridge
- ☐ Snow Pigeon
- ☐ Black-necked Crane
- ☐ Tibetan Sandgrouse Rare

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06 Lake, river and wetland birds 19

- [ ] Bar-headed Goose
- [ ] Ruddy Shelduck
- [ ] Brown-headed Gull
- [ ] Common Redshank
- [ ] Tibetan Sand Plover
- [ ] Citrine Wagtail
- [ ] White Wagtail
- [ ] Common Tern
- [ ] Great Crested Grebe
- [ ] Black-necked Grebe
- [ ] Little Grebe
- [ ] Mallard
- [ ] Eurasian Teal
- [ ] Common Merganser
- [ ] Ibisbill
- [ ] Little Ringed Plover
- [ ] Common Sandpiper
- [ ] Green Sandpiper
- [ ] Grey Heron

07 Larks, wheatears and snowfinches 11

- [ ] Horned Lark
- [ ] Hume's Lark
- [ ] Desert Wheatear
- [ ] Black-winged Snowfinch
- [ ] Tibetan Lark
- [ ] Oriental Skylark
- [ ] Isabelline Wheatear
- [ ] Pied Wheatear
- [ ] Rufous-necked Snowfinch
- [ ] Blanford's Snowfinch
- [ ] Mongolian Finch

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08 Accentors, redstarts and warblers 14

- [ ] Robin Accentor
- [ ] Black Redstart
- [ ] Eurasian Crag Martin
- [ ] Brown Accentor
- [ ] Alpine Accentor
- [ ] White-winged Redstart
- [ ] White-capped Redstart
- [ ] Brown Dipper
- [ ] Wallcreeper
- [ ] White-browed Tit-Warbler
- [ ] Sulphur-bellied Warbler
- [ ] Mountain Chiffchaff
- [ ] Hume's Whitethroat
- [ ] Rock Bunting

09 Finches, crows and village birds 19

- [ ] Twite
- [ ] Plain Mountain Finch
- [ ] Common Rosefinch
- [ ] Red-billed Chough
- [ ] Alpine Chough
- [ ] Common Raven
- [ ] Eurasian Magpie
- [ ] Common Hoopoe
- [ ] Barn Swallow
- [ ] House Sparrow
- [ ] Eurasian Tree Sparrow
- [ ] Fire-fronted Serin
- [ ] Great Rosefinch
- [ ] Brandt's Mountain Finch
- [ ] Large-billed Crow
- [ ] Common Swift
- [ ] Eurasian Golden Oriole
- [ ] Common Cuckoo
- [ ] Red-fronted Rosefinch Rare

	ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
10	**Reptiles, amphibians and butterflies** 7	
☐	Himalayan Agama	
☐	Ladakh Toad	
☐	Common Red Apollo	
☐	Large White	

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10	**Reptiles, amphibians and butterflies** continued	
☐	Cabbage White	
☐	Painted Lady	
☐	Indian Tortoiseshell	

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 106

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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BEST TIME

Jan to Mar, Jun to Sept

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.