

## BIRDS OF PAWALGARH

**About Pawalgarh:** Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve is located in the hill state of Uttarakhand. It derives its name from the village Pawalgarh that is in the foothills of Nainital District. Covering an area of 58.25 sq. km, nestled in the lush green forests of the Himalayan foothills, the Conservation Reserve is home to some marvelous faunal and floral diversity.

**Birds of Pawalgarh:** Three hundred and sixty-five species of birds have been recorded from Pawalgarh. This brochure only provides an insight into some of the common and not-so-common birds of Pawalgarh. An updated checklist of the birds of Pawalgarh can be downloaded from xxxxxxxx.

### Best season to visit for birds

- **Summer:** March to June, which is the breeding season for most birds.
- **Winter:** October to February, during which numerous passage and altitudinal migrants can be seen.

### BIRDS TRAILS (to and fro)

- Pawalgarh to KardaSrot: 5 km (3 hrs) along forest trail till the KardaSrot (stream)
- Pawalgarh to Kyari: 10 km trail criss-crossing (6 hrs) the Dabka River.
- Pawalgarh to Haathigaliyar: 8 km (5 hrs) trail along the Dabka River, and through forest.
- Sitabani to Moteshwar Mandir: 5 km (3 hrs) trail along the Khichdi River
- Kyari to PehalGhat: 5 km (3 hrs) forest trail along the Khichdi River Banks
- Kyari to Ban Devi: 9 km (6 hrs) trail along the canal

### NOTE

- Images not to scale.
- The Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, under which a species has been accorded legal protection is mentioned in a red box.
- Pawalgarh Prakrati Prahari supports ethical birdwatching practices and specifically does not use call playback or support bird nest photography.

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**Black Francolin**  
*Francolinus francolinus*

34 cm, Partridge +-

Resident. Seen at edges of grasslands & fields. Calls sound like "Ram terikudrat".

Anup Sah



**Kalij Pheasant**  
*Lophura leucomelanos*

M 65-73 cm, F 50-60cm,  
Village hen +

Resident. Male bird's crest feathers were used to decorate headgear of queens and princess in earlier times.

Anant Zanjale



**Collared Falconet**  
*Microhierax caerulescens*

18 cm, Bulbul-

Largely resident.  
Smallest bird of prey in India.

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**Bearded Vulture**  
*Gypaetus barbatus*

100-115 cm, Vulture +

Himalayan resident.  
Gets its common name because of its facial "moustache".  
Throws bones down from heights to feed on bone marrow.

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**Rufous-bellied Hawk-eagle**  
*Lophotriorchis kienerii*

53-61 cm, Kite +-

Resident. Largely a forest eagle.  
Easily recognizable by rufous on belly in adult plumage.