

Butterfly and bird watching at the Annapurna Eco-village Astam



Striped Blue Crow

Butterflies

Being located on a ridge with a garden full of flowers, butterflies are naturally attracted to the resort. All you need to do is just sit there, wait for the sun to come out and the butterflies will flutter by and settle on flowers to suck up some nectar. There is a guidebook with most of the common butterflies to help you identify them.



Danaid Eggfly



Indian Fritillary

Autumn Leaf



Seen at Annapurna Eco-village in June, one of the earliest and highest sightings in Nepal for this species



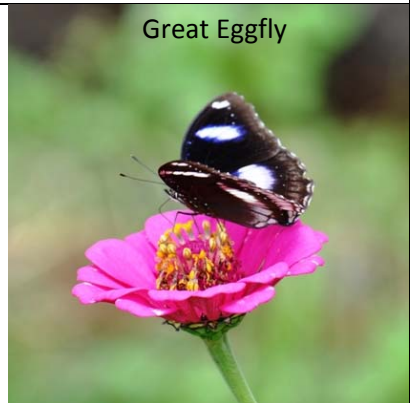
Painted Jezebel



Pale Grass Blue



Common Brimstone



Great Eggfly



Rustic



Indian Red Admiral



Peacock Pansy

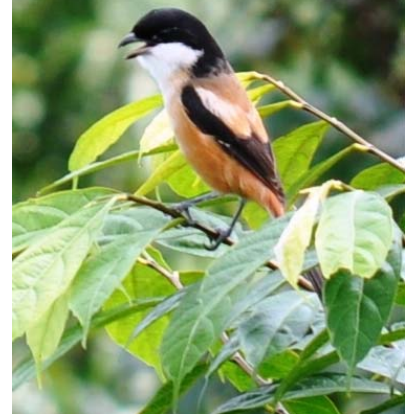
Egyptian Vulture



Birds

The ridge of Astam is a good place for bird watching due to a wide variety of habitats: agricultural fields, forest, cliffs and a small pond. Sitting at your leisure at the Annapurna Eco-Village, you can watch birds of prey soaring past while small birds flitter around in the garden. A guidebook for birds is available at the Annapurna Eco-village.

Red-backed Shrike



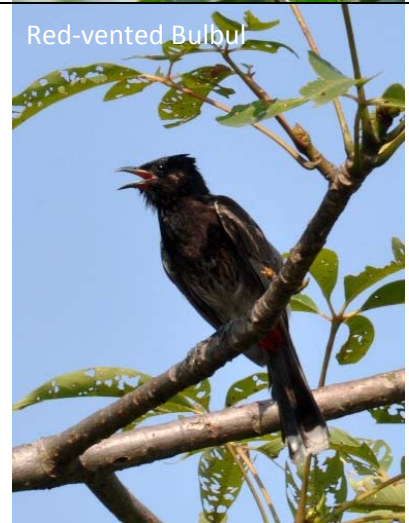
Common Bushchat



Scarlet Minivet



Red-vented Bulbul



Common Myna



Spangled Drongo



Black Eagle



Some good butterfly plants:



Butterfly bush (*Buddleia cylindrica*)



Eupatorium odoratum, leave some strips free of grass and hoe the soil for this fallow land weed.



Bottlebrush (*Callistemon spp.*)

Others:



Lantana camara, plant on south exposed protected (by building, wall, steep slope) site.



Bidens pilosa, also on fallow disturbed soil

And flowers such as aster, lavender, marigold, zinnia, heliotrope, rosemary, daylilies.

Butterflies of Annapurna Eco-Village Astam

Common name	Scientific name	Occurrence in Nepal & at AEV												Remarks
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Swallowtails	Papilionidae													Source: Photogr. pocket guide '11
														Source: Butterflies of Nepal '94
Tailed Jay	<i>Graphium agememnon</i>								*					
Glassy Bluebottle	<i>Graphium cloanthus</i>								*^	*				
Common Bluebottle	<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>								*^	*^				^(21 Aug) lot more than *(13 Aug)
Lime Swallowtail	<i>Papilio demoleus</i>								^					1
Common Peacock	<i>Papilio polyctor</i>								*	*				1 (^ also 1 peacock)
Spangle	<i>Papilio protenor</i>								^	^				
Red Helen	<i>Papilio helenus</i>								*^	^				*:1
Whites (and yellows)	Pieridae	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Indian Cabbage White	<i>Pieris canidia</i>								*^	^				
Red-base Jezebel	<i>Delias pasithoe</i>								*^	*^				
Red-breast Jezebel	<i>Delias acalis</i>									^				
Red-spot Jezebel	<i>Delias descombesi</i>								*^					
Painted Jezebel	<i>Delias hyparete</i>								*^	^				
Mottled Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i>							*						1
Great Orange Tip	<i>Hebomoia glaucippe</i>								*^					1
Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>							*	*^	*^				
Small Grass Yellow	<i>Terias brigitta</i>								^	*^				
Blues	Lycaenidae	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Dull Silverstreak Blue	<i>Iraota maecenas</i>								*^	^				
Common Flash	<i>Rapala nissa</i>									^				
Common Caerulean	<i>Jamides celano</i>								*	^				
Forget-me-not Blue	<i>Catochrysops strabo</i>								^					
Peablu	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>								*^	^				
Pale Grass Blue	<i>Zizeeria maha</i>							*	*^	*^				
Common Hedge Blue	<i>Acytolepis puspa</i>								^	^				
Nymphalids	Nymphalidae	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Red Lacewing	<i>Cethosia biblis</i>								^	^				1
Rustic	<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>									^				1
Vagrant	<i>Vagrans egista</i>								*	*^				
Indian Fritillary	<i>Argyreus hyperbius</i>							*	*^	*^				
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>							*	*^	*^				
Indian Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa indica</i>							*	*^	^				
Indian Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais cashmirensis</i>							*	*^	*^				
Blue Admiral	<i>Kaniska canace</i>									^				1
Chocolate Pansy	<i>Precis iphita</i>								*^	*^				
Danaid Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas missipus</i>							*		*				
Great Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i>								*^	*^				
Autumn Leaf	<i>Doleschallia bisaltide</i>							*	*					Very rare at this elevation, habitat and in spring and summer
Himalayan Sergeant	<i>Athyma opalina</i>								*^	^				
Staff Sergeant	<i>Athyma selenophora</i>								*					1
Creamy Sailer	<i>Neptis soma</i>								*^	^				Need to verify
Yellow Sailer	<i>Neptis ananta</i>								*					1
Green Duke	<i>Euthalia sahadeva</i>								*^	^				
Common Map	<i>Cyrestis thyodamas</i>								*^	^				
Eastern Courtier	<i>Sephis chandra</i>								^	^				
Circe	<i>Hestina nama</i>								^	^				
Yellow Rajah	<i>Charaxes marmax</i>									^				
Browns	Satyridae	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	

Common Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis perseus</i>								*	^									
Dark Brand Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis mineus</i>									^	^								
Common Fivering	<i>Ypthima baldus</i>									*	^								
Newar Threering	<i>Ypthima newara</i>						*		*	^	*	^							
Brown Argus	<i>Dallacha hyagriva</i>										*								
Tigers and Crows	<i>Danaidae</i>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Common Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>									^	^								
Dark Blue Tiger	<i>Tirmala septentrionis</i>									^									
Glassy Tiger	<i>Tirmala aglea</i>									*	^								
Striped Blue Crow	<i>Euploea mulciber</i>									*	^	^							
Common Indian Crow	<i>Euploea core</i>										^								
Skippers	<i>Hesperiidae</i>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Fulvous Pied flat	<i>Pseudocaledonia dan</i>									*	^	*	^						
Restricted Demon	<i>Notocrypta curvifascia</i>										^								
Grass Demon	<i>Udaspes folus</i>									*	^	*	^						
Pale Palm Dart	<i>Telicota colon</i>									*									
Dark Palm Dart	<i>Telicota bambusae</i>									*	^								
Indian Dart	<i>Oriens pseudomaesa</i>									*	^	^							
Bevans Swift	<i>Borbo bevani</i>						*		*	^	*	^							
Large branded Swift	<i>Pelopidas sinensis</i>						*			^									
Little branded Swift	<i>Pelopidas agna</i>									*									
Ceylon Swift	<i>Parnara bada</i>									*									Probably; rare
Straight Swift	<i>Parnara guttata</i>									*	^	*	^						
Sumatran Swift	<i>Parnara apostata</i>									^									
Yellow-spot Swift	<i>Polytremis eltola</i>									*	^								
Paintbrush Swift	<i>Baoris farri</i>									*	^								Far above its known range
Purple Swift	<i>Caltoris tulsi</i>									*	^	^							