



The Nicobar Megapode is a unique, ground-dwelling bird found only in the Nicobar Islands, known for its remarkable nesting habit—building large mounds of sand and leaf litter to incubate its eggs using natural heat.



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The Narcondam Hornbill is found only on Narcondam Island — nowhere else in the world! Andaman & Nicobar Island makes up 2% of the landmass of Indian subcontinent yet has 17% bird endemism which is highest in India.

# BIRD WATCHING



# EXCLUSIVE TO THE ISLANDS (ENDEMIC SPECIES)



Andaman Teal



Andaman Crake



Andaman Masked Owl



Andaman Woodpecker



Nicobar Sparrowhawk



Nicobar Parakeet



Nicobar Bulbul



Great Nicobar Serpent Eagle



Andaman Green-Pigeon



Andaman Drongo



Andaman Cuckoo-Shrike



Andaman Cuckoo-Dove



Nicobar Jungle-Flycatcher



White-headed Starling



Nicobar Megapode



Hume's Boobook



Andaman Coucal



Andaman Wood-Pigeon



Andaman Nightjar



Andaman Scops-Owl



Nicobar Pitta



Nicobar Scops-Owl



Nicobar Imperial Pigeon



Narcondam Hornbill



Andaman Serpent-Eagle



Andaman Flowerpecker



Andaman Bulbul



Andaman Shama



Andaman Treepie



Andaman Boobook



## KEEPERS OF TIDAL FOREST

There are a vibrant mix of local residents and long-distance travellers, making the islands' mangroves, creeks, and paddy fields.



**Lesser Whistling Duck**



**Cinnamon Bittern**



**Black Naped Terns**



**Pacific Reef Heron**



**Beach Thick Knee**



**Pacific Swallow**



**Ruddy Kingfisher**



**Collared Kingfisher**

## VISITORS TO THE ISLANDS

Two types of migration occur here: the East Asian Flyway stay for 5-6 months, and Eastern Palearctic migration is a passage migration of 15-20 days, which is very unique and difficult to trace in India. One has to be lucky to sight them.



**Pacific Golden Plover**



**Grey Plover**



**Lesser Sand Plover**



**Greater Sand Plover**



**Long Toed Stint**



**Little Ringed Plover**



**Whimbrel**



**Eurasian Curlew**



**Bar-tailed Godwit**



**Black-tailed Godwit**



**Common Redshank**



**Common Greenshank**



**Marsh Sandpiper**



**Wood Sandpiper**



**Terek Sandpiper**



## OCEAN'S ENDLESS DRIFTERS

Pelagic birds are oceanic wanderers that spend most of their lives far out at sea, returning to land only to breed.



**Flesh Footed  
Shear Water**



**Wedge Tail  
Shear Water**



**Lesser  
Crested Tern**



**Brown Noddy**



**Greater  
Crested Tern**



**Roseate Tern**



**Bridled Tern**



**Sooty Tern**

## TRAILS & SPOTS



**Pongi Balu**



**Manipur Parvat  
National Park**



**Dhaninallah Mangrove**



**Yerrata Mangrove Walk,  
Middle Andaman**

- Saddle Peak
- Munda Pahad
- Shoalbay 19
- Sippighat Wetlands
- Khudirampur Trial
- Kalatag Bird Trail
- Baratang Limestone Cave.

