

Long-Billed Bush Warbler

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Long-Billed Bush Warbler Latest News

A team of birders recently recorded the first confirmed Indian sighting of the elusive Long-billed Bush Warbler in 46 years, spotting the Near Threatened species in Ladakh's Suru Valley.

About Long-Billed Bush Warbler

- It is a **medium-sized bush warbler (songbird)** with a relatively **long tail and long bill**.
- Scientific Name: *Locustella major*
- **Distribution:**
 - It has a limited distribution in the **mountains of Central Asia**.
 - It's found in parts of **China, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan**.
- **Habitat:** It inhabits **grassy slopes** dotted with bushes, weeds, and grass; **upland terraced cultivation**; and **edges of alpine meadows** and forest clearings, at 2400-3600 m.
- **Features:**
 - **Plumage** is generally **brownish-olive** with fine streaking on the back.

- The underparts are paler, usually whitish or buff.
- Size: Around 15–17 cm in length.
- **Sexes alike.**
- Like other bush warblers, typically very **skulking and furtive, preferring to run instead of fly when threatened.**
- Emerges onto small bushes to **sing, producing a dull clicking** that would underwhelm a grasshopper.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - **IUCN Red List: Near Threatened**

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