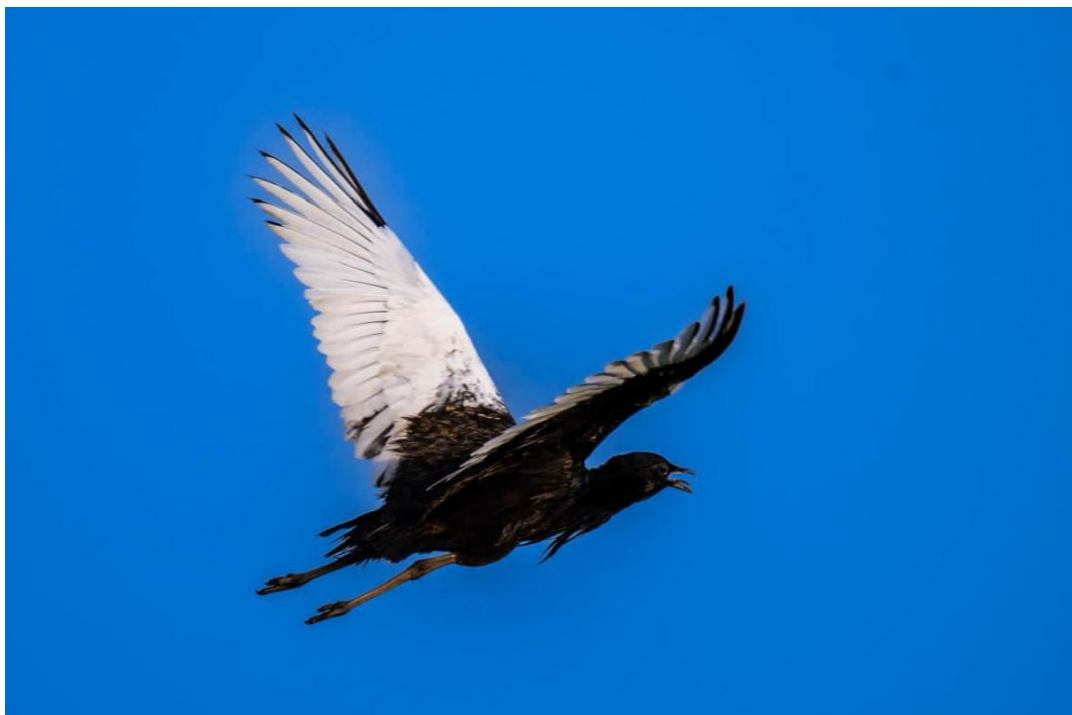


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Update – 12.05.25: The number of Bengal Florican has sharply declined in the recent years even from the protected areas of Nepal. Bengal Florican is one of the most highlighted species of the Shuklaphanta National park. Nature guides were saying that it's easy to encounter the Royal Bengal Tiger but sighting Bengal Florican in the wild is very tough. However I am so thrilled to say you that on the very first day of my survey I was able to sight Bengal Florican and was able to capture the photographs as well.



Update – 18.05.25: I am delighted to say you that population survey has been completed. It was indeed very challenging because of the height of the grasslands and the presence of potential predators like tigers and wild elephants. Every potential sites where the Bengal Florican was sighted were meticulously visited. At the first sweep count method was done but it didn't turned out to be effective. So point count method was applied. On doing so 3 Bengal Florican (1-Female, 2-Male) were sighted in the Shuklaphanta grassland. And again the grassland was revisited

on the elephant's back to avoid the risk of wild elephants and tigers. During the population survey, Royal Bengal Tiger was sighted.

Now we are planning to conduct the habitat survey in the Shuklaphanta grassland. 15 blocks has already been generated using fishnet tool in arc GIS. 1 block will be divided into 6 plots so altogether habitat survey will be carried out in 90 plots. All the predetermined habitat variables will be measured.



