

Project Update: June 2018

Rufford small grant assisted project on Indian spotted eagle (*Aquila hastata*) formally began in March 2018. All known six breeding pairs were checked and surveyed at their breeding sites. Two pairs began incubation in April 2018. One pair were not found after a nesting tree was felled by a storm. Two pairs regularly frequented their nesting sites. But no new nests were built in this season. One pair (Dhaka pair) was last sighted on 11th March 2018 within about 1 km radius of their nesting tree. Thereafter they disappeared. The latest survey on 6th June also failed to detect the Dhaka pair. One more possible new breeding pair was found in Moulvibazar (north-east part of the country). The pair frequents open forested habitat. Their nest was built on a sal tree (*Shorea robusta*). Some birds were recently sighted in areas of the northern part we surveyed but no nests or bird were detected by our survey. Two university students were trained for raptor survey. Local birders and photographers were involved during the survey.



Principal investigator taking data at a nest site in Bogra (northern part). ©Safayat Hossain.