

Project Update: September 2019

During this period (June– August 2019), the Indian spotted eagle project team spent a total of 25 days in the field. Regular monitoring was conducted at seven nesting sites but only four nesting pairs were found. One pair successfully reared chicks and one chick successfully fledged among four incubating pairs. The successful pair reared two nestlings initially but one survived. However, this is the first record of two nestlings in a single nest. At this nest, eggs hatched at end of May and chick fledged on the first week of August.

Breeding behaviour was also observed for two unsuccessful pairs. One pair built a new nest and laid a replacement clutch, after the first nest was destroyed by storm. Second unsuccessful pair returned to their regular nesting site in June-July then disappeared and did not build a nest.

An oral presentation on Indian spotted eagle was delivered at Rajshahi Bird Club titled: 'Indian Spotted Eagle: The biological controller of our agricultural lands'. Bird club members, local nature lovers and forest department officials were present including Divisional Forest Officer (DFO).



Left: Newly fledged chick on nesting tree in Rajshahi, 5 August 2019. © **Shafiquer Rahman**. Right: Principal investigator of the project delivering a talk at Rajshahi Bird Club on 7 September 2019. © **Arif Ul Anam**.