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Are you seeking adventure? Do you want to be involved in conservation travel? In this issue of Red Panda Network eNews, learn how you can visit red pandas in their Himalayan habitat while supporting community-based conservation.

Visit Red Pandas — Make A Difference For The Planet



Jennie of the Jungle and RPN are teaming up to provide a Himalayan adventure with global significance.

Red Pandas. Travel. Conservation. Community. Can you imagine finding all of those in one experience? That's exactly what I knew I'd discovered when I first heard of [Red Panda Network \(RPN\) and Jennie of the Jungle's new partner trip kicking off in October 2020!](#)

It's inspiring and positive in a world often full of disjointed negativity. So I'm literally counting my vacation days to see if I can join.

RPN ecotrips are specially designed to educate about red pandas; to create tailored experiences for viewing this endangered species while preserving their habitat and to cultivate a small community of travelers immersed in local people and culture. Yet, what about the global perspective? That's where this new partnership with Jennie provides context and creates a unique travel proposition!

"What do you want to do for your planet?"

This is Jennie's motto and I love it. It's empowering. It reminds me that each of us—and each of our decisions—makes an impact on planet Earth, and while that negativity sometimes feels so overwhelming; what if we could view these as opportunities? Jennie, wildlife biologist and founder of [Jennie of the Jungle](#), has done just that. Jennie has strong convictions about the ethics of both conservation and travel, and that's why she created a volunteer-based travel company with all the trips guided by Jennie herself from start to finish!



Jennie of the Jungle

From her childhood, Jennie grew up in extreme poverty, and travel was something she never imagined. Now, that's her business! From Costa Rica to Africa, Jennie's trips bring people close to the wildlife and intimately connect the ecological, social and cultural diversity of this planet. And, she knows how great of a responsibility this brings, illustrating her outstanding character. Eventually, Jennie's goal is to be able to sponsor at least one volunteer trip for an underprivileged person each year. She believes that we "have to keep

fighting for the future of our planet and everything that lives here.”

“Many of our partners work to benefit local economies or offset carbon emissions from travel. We only work with legitimate and ethical wildlife organizations so volunteers can be sure that they are making a real and positive difference in the lives of animals...We make a difference, while making memories that last a lifetime.”

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Himalayan Phototrips

Join RPN on December 3-11, 2020 on a unique opportunity to develop your photography skills and foster your enthusiasm and respect for the natural world!

[RPN Himalayan phototrips](#) are created for wildlife photographers and those seeking a unique opportunity to develop photography skills.

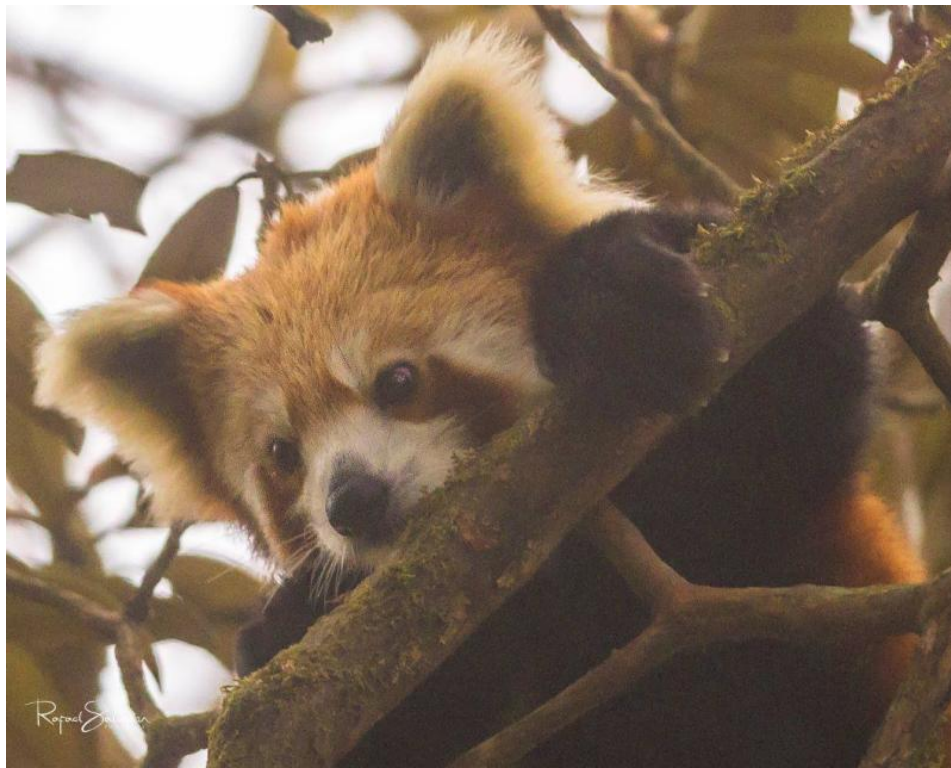


Photo by phototrip leader, Rafa Salvador, during Himalayan phototrip.

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[Interview with phototrip leader, Rafa Salvador.](#)

Ecotrip Travelers See Increasing Numbers of Red Pandas in Nepal.



Good news can be hard to come by for people working to save threatened and endangered species. That's why the Red Panda Network (RPN) is delighted to share some heartening news worth celebrating: In 2019, there was a record-high number of red pandas seen on RPN's ecotrip to Nepal.

Since 2011, RPN has offered ecotrips for travelers who want to immerse themselves in the world of red pandas; experience the culture, natural beauty, and biodiversity of Nepal; and take part in community-based conservation.

Ecotrips support RPN's conservation efforts and give local communities added incentives to help preserve red pandas and curb habitat loss, which is the [biggest threat to red pandas living in Nepal](#). RPN uses a multi-tiered conservation approach. Of these efforts, ecotourism is emerging as the most effective way to support initiatives, such as [Plant a Red Panda Home](#), that protect and restore the Himalayan forest that red pandas need to survive.

For red pandas, the payoff of RPN's ecotrips to Nepal is big. What began as one to three red panda sightings per trip, has increased over time. The success rate for seeing red pandas has been 100 percent for RPN ecotrippers since 2017, and [eight red pandas were spotted in 2018](#). Then in 2019, a record-high of ten red pandas—a total of nine cubs (from different litters) and one female red panda—were seen on a 12-day trip.

The increased number of red pandas seen by ecotrippers, combined with reports of more red pandas and wildlife seen in habitat reforested with the support of ecotrip funds, strongly suggests that red panda numbers in Nepal are on the rise.

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Red Panda Network EcoTrip Anyone? 10 Reasons to Go!



Red panda pictures are easy to find on social media channels these days but where can you see real live red pandas in the wild? Red Panda Network (RPN) offers guided ecotrips in Eastern Nepal that make it possible to see red pandas in their natural habitat! Here are the top 10 reasons why you might want to add this to your bucket list:

1. See the red panda, a rare and elusive species, in its natural habitat! The number one reason most people go on an RPN ecotrip is to see red pandas in the wild. Thanks to our incredible Forest Guardians and ecotrip field guides—and rising red panda numbers in our conservation project areas—RPN has had a 100% success rate of red panda sightings during ecotrips for years now.

2. See dozens of bird species. Sightings of more than 30 bird species have been reported on RPN ecotrips, including: Fire-tailed Myzornis, the White-collared Blackbird, the Orange-flanked Bush-robin and the uncommon White-capped Water Redstart. Additional sightings of the Rufous-vented Niltava, Himalayan Griffon Vulture, a Steppe Eagle, an Oriental Honey Buzzard, the Asian Barred Owlet and a White-capped Water Redstart have been reported from past Red Panda Network ecotrip participants.

3. Amazing Adventure Red pandas are elusive and live in remote forested areas, so get ready for an adventure! The journey includes a long, bumpy jeep ride, modest accommodations and challenging hikes through thick vegetation and up or down steep ravines. Sometimes unpredictable weather can impact our adventure, as well as other unforeseen delays. But don't worry! We've seen it all and done it all many times before! Get ready to work up a healthy appetite exploring the gorgeous scenery.



View of the Himalayas from Sandakpur.

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Red Panda Network is committed to the conservation of wild red pandas and their habitat through the education and empowerment of local communities.

