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Notes on birds

Recorded in Nepal

(Bl. n. Monarch Flycatcher)



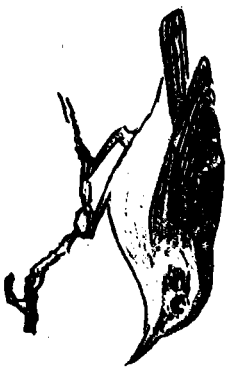
(Hypothymis azurea)

Monarchia azurea

later at least another two seen

TICKELL'S FLOWER-PECKER*

smaller than Tick-billed Flower-pecker with a longer and thinner pinkish bill. Greyish green above, buffy white below. About 3 seen.



Dicaeum erythrorhynchos

- 5 Yellow b. Warbler 10 White-eye
- 4 White bellied Drongo 10 Little Minivet

- 1 Peregrine
- 4 Chestnut b. Nuthatch
- 1 Marshalls Iora? 17 Golden Oriole
- 1 pair Spotted dove 1 Red b. Flycatcher

En Route to Muzaffarpur

Imm. Shikra 10 Palm Swift

Muzaffarpur to Raxaul

1 Shikra 1 Brown Shrike seen

on wires. A small brown backed Shrike similar to a ♀ Red backed Ripley 1961 considers a full species *hannus cristatus*

- 2 Sand martin 1 Indian Treepie
- 1 large Red wagtail 5 Brahminy Kite
- 1 Chestnut Bittern 10 Palm Swift
- 2 Little Egret 6 White t. Munia
- 1 White b Drongo 15 Pond Heron.

Nepal

Arrived over the border only a little before dark so little was seen in Nepal.

- 1 White b. Kingfisher 1 Red Bushshrike
- 1 Scops Owl heard after dark. Call very different to European subspecies

WEDNESDAY 7th October

Nepal. Simra.

GREY-CROWNED PIGMY WOODPECKER *

About three seen well. Very small Woodpecker
banded black and white closely above. Dirty
pinkish and slightly streaked below. Crown
grey with black stripes on each side. Dirty
buffish face with dark mark through eye.
Call a quite 'keen' note.



Picoides canicapillus

LARGER GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER *

About six of lesser Golden backed
and with similar plumage. Whole of
cap and crest red. White superciliary and
black mark through eye. Black line down

side of throat and another black line
curving down the centre of the throat.
Whole of under parts white mottled grey
and upper parts golden yellow with no
white spots and dark shoulders. Rump
crimson and tail black.



Chrysocolaptes lucidus

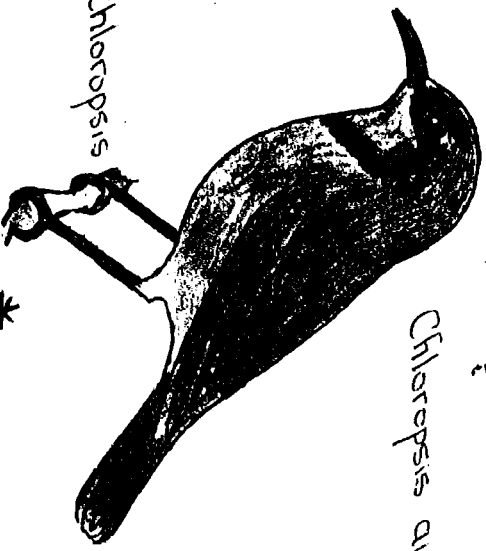
COMMON HORR * (*Regithina tiphia*)

About five seen feeding at tops of trees
size and shape of Warblers but
appear on back. Yellow under parts.

Two white wing bars with yellowish
edgings to the flight feathers and
no white in the tail. Active feeder
like Warblers sometimes staying
hidden behind the foliage for short periods.

GOLD FRONTED LEAF-BIRDS*

Four seen feeding at the tops of trees. A medium sized bird, green above and below with a curved black bill and black mask through the eye and encircling the dark blue throat. Forefeet reddish golden.



Chloropsis aurifrons

Also called
Gold-fronted Chloropsis

LARGE CUCKOO-SHRIKE* (*Loricina novaehollandiae*)

Two seen. Large birds about the size of Jays with short rounded tails and rounded wings in flight. Heavy dark bill and dark mask through eye.

•. Usku of plumage medium grey, paler on the belly. Call in flight wote down in field as a 'wee-ee' Harsher than that of an Oriole.

VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH*

About 10 seen. Rather small Nuthatches with a rather quite notes usku feeding. Upper plumage blue, pale pinkish below with dark mark in front of the eye and a reddish bill.

Sitta frontalis



LINED BARBET*

One seen for certain. Size and shape of Green and of similar plumage but

with hardly any white streaks on the back, the mouth appearing very bright greenish. Bill heavy and pinkish separated from the eye with a by some pale feathers.



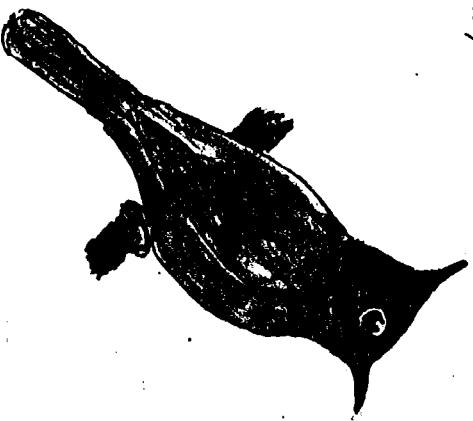
Megalaima lineata

BRONZED DRONGO * (Dicrurus aeneus)

About 10 seen. Very small Drongos with a much less noticeable goit in the tail than Black or Gray Drongos. Plumage uniform dark blackish highly glossed with purple. Bill looked less heavy kept to the jungle, flying from tree to tree.

BLACK-CRESTED YELLOW BULBUL *

One seen. About size of White Streaked and of similar shape. Head and throat black with a noticeable black pointed crest. White eye ring very noticeable and bill black. Whole of under parts bright yellow slightly greener on the back and brown on the wings and tail. Snout was tipped slightly pale (Ripley 1961 Black-Crested Yellow bulbul)



Pycnonotus melanicterus

10 Franklin's Prinia in winter plumage.

Brown above, white below with pale pink legs. Slightly greyer on head. White tips to tail feathers.

10 Olive backed Pipits (Anthus Hodgsoni) seen well

Feeding on ground and flying up into the trees. Seven Bay were disturbed similar to the Portland bird in plumage. Very streaked below, fairly streaked above with noticeable stripes on head. Call a quite 'zeep' in flight.

1 Black naped Flycatcher

6 spotted dove. 30 little Murrelet.

5 Gray tit 1 Large Parakeet

2 White checked Bulbul. 1 Brown Shrike

1♂ Black Hooded Oriole. 15 Common Woodfinch.

2 Yellow breasted Warb. 1 Red b. Fly.

1 Honey Buzzard 5 Palm Swift

1 Rufous Treepie 2 Red-vented Bulbul

5 White eye.

On road to Amlekyang -

5 Red billed Blue Magpies

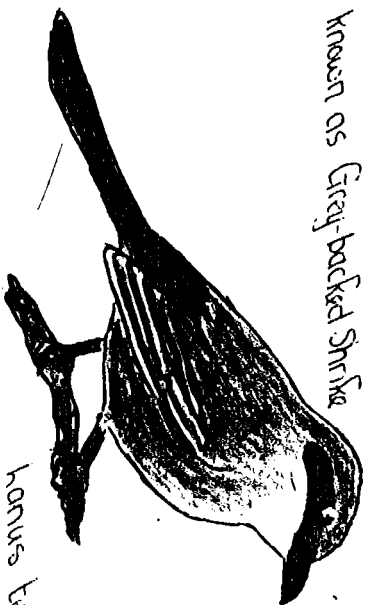
1 Hobby 1♂ Sparrowhawk seen well.

Beyond Amlekyang Near Hitaoura 2,500ft.

TIBETAN SHRIKE * Larus Tephonotus.

One adult seen well. Upper parts dark blue grey with a black mask through the eye. Rump orange rufous but tail missing. Under parts orange especially on the sides and white on the throat. Wings greyish with pale edgings. Later an adult seen with a long, rufous tail. About size of Great grey.

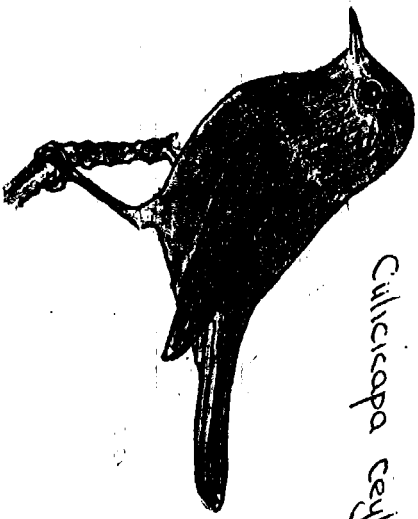
Also known as Grey-backed Shrike



Larus Tephonotus.

GREY-HEADED FLYCATCHER*

One seen well. A small active flycatcher with a very steep forehead.



Callicicapa seylonensis

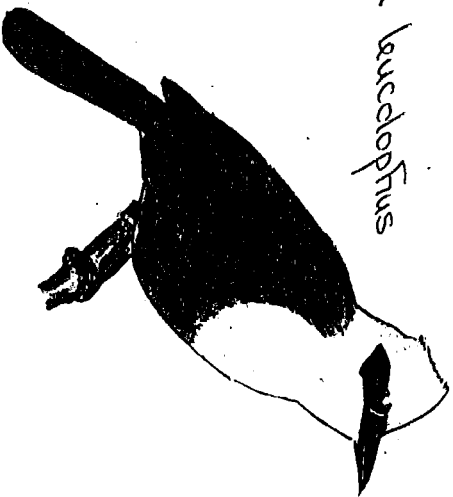
Head, neck and breast greyish. Eye dark with slight pale eye ring. Back greenish yellow as tail which showed some yellow at the base in flight. Under-parts yellow. Legs brownish.

WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHING-THRUSH*

About 15 seen in two parties. A large laughing thrush much larger headed than streaked laughing thrush

Head and breast pure white with a black mask through the eye. Whole of body and tail plumage ruddy brown.

Garrulax leuclophus



1 Barred Jungle Owlet seen well in daylight (*Glaucidium radiatum*)
4 White Streaked Bulbuls.

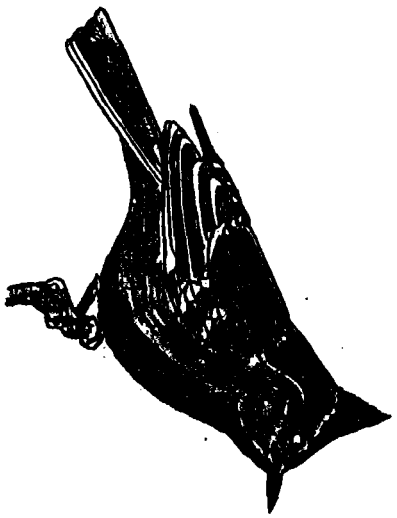
2 Crested Serpent Eagles seen very well and heard calling loudly in a yellow green 'Klee-oo' 'Klee-oo',
1 Blue Rock Thrush 2 Bronzed Drongos

THURSDAY 25th October

Nepal Beyond Amulakaganj. Near Hitauna 2500 ft. 1750 to

YELLOW-CHEEKED TIT*

A typical tit in sing and shape. Yellow supercilium, nape, cheeks and sides. Black crested cap and black mask through eye. Black mark from chin down breast. Back greenish yellow. Wings dark edged pale. Tail dark. Only one seen.



Black-spotted Yellow Tit (*Parus xanthogenus*)

of Ripley 1961.

HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO* (*Dicrurus hottentottus*)
Also known as Spangled Drongo

Only one well. A typical Drongo larger than Bronzed with very glossed plumage. Hair like plumes springing from the back of the head. Tail broad with only a slight ~~fork~~ fork the outer feathers curving backwards. Later another 10 seen

FLAME-COLOURED MINIVET
Already seen in Kaskiatar

Quite a few flocks which must have been *Pericrocotus erythrogus* as Short billed does not occur in this part of Nepal. Females similar to Short billed but with grey instead of yellowish cheeks. Males also similar but showed more red edgings on the secondaries

about 25 seen
BLUE-BERDED BEE EATER* See drawing at back

One seen. A large Bee eater with a long green square edged tail. Upper plumage uniform green, under parts more buffy green. In flight under wing buffish

green. Forehead and beard blue but did not show up very well against the green on the head. Bill long, slender, blackish and decurved.

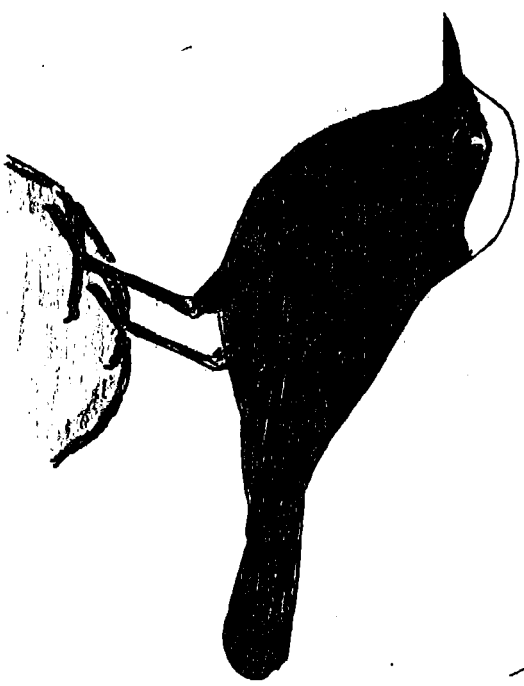
BROAD BILLED ROULETTE* (drawing at back)

Two seen. A very dumpy Roller about size of Jay. Uniform dark purplish-bluish black above perhaps slightly paler below. Head dark making quite a contrast with the broad, short, pale pinkish red bill. In flight showed a transparent patch of bluish white in each wing.

WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART*

Two seen. Excellent birds. Cap shining white contrasting with the black head, breast and back. Wings black. Rump and tail rufous with a black band at the end of the tail. Belly also rufous. A very large Redstart not

seen away from the river.



Charmarornis leucocapillus

Other birds.

- 10 Large Red Wag. 6 Grey wag.
- 2 Kingfisher 4 Whistling Thrush
- 40 Franklins Plover 10 Bronzed Drongos
- 10 White-c. Babbler 4 Tibetan Siskin
- 2 Black h. Siskin (*Lanius schach*) (sides of Rufous backed)
- 2 Hoard White-c. Kingbird Thrush
- 10 Spotted doves 6 Bl. rock Thrush
- 1 Brown Dipper 2 Grey h. Flycatcher

2 R.B. Fly

10 Red v. Bulbul

3 Tailorbird

1 Spur winged Plover

Enicurus immaculatus

1 Common Sandpiper

17 Common Nigra

1 Indian Roller

3 Olive backed Pipit

1 pr. Red bushf. Skat

2 Common Tosa

1 Magpie Robin

1 Grey c. Pigeon

1 Woodpecker

1 Gold f. Hoopbird

6 White eye

1 Yellow backed Sunbird

In the afternoon two different areas were watched in and birds additional to this morning were

this morning were

BLACK-BACKED FORKTAIL *

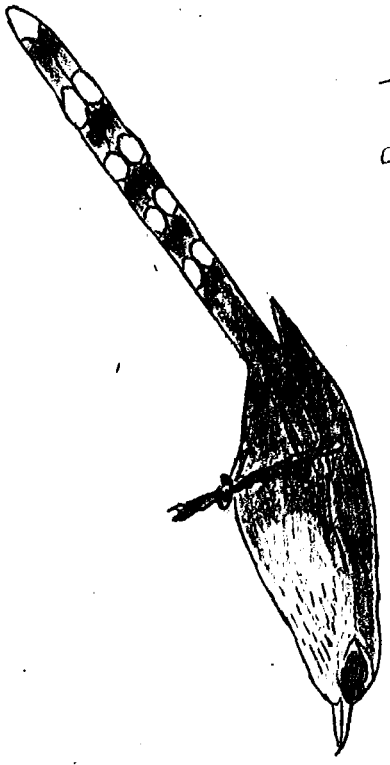
One seen closely on a small stream. An excellent bird and a typical large Forktail in shape. Small white forehead. Under parts and rump white. Back black, wings black and brown some white. Forked tail black and white barred. Noticable white scapular patch. legs pale yellow.



GREATER GREEN-BILLED MALKOHA *

A large long tailed bird nearest to a Treepe in shape. Back and wings dark greyish. Breast pale grey shading darker on the belly. Tail grey with broad dark bars and white bars below. Bill not seen very well ~~and~~ ^{but} thought to be pale and long. Noticable red wattle round eye distinctive. Some pale feathers behind wattle.

Rhopodytes cristis



20 Red rumped Swallow

2 more Broad billed Roller 1 Black Kite

1 Crested-Serpent Eagle seen very well

1 pr Spur winged Plover on river

1 Rusty Cheeked Scimiter Babbler Heard

calling in a loud 'wee-ow' note

Also seen were two species of babbler

both seen well but inadequate

descriptions in all the text books.

~~1) Babbler sp? Yellow Crested Babbler*~~

^{9d picture at back} ~~Placensis quans~~

About 8 seen feeding together. Small, short tailed looking babbler with

small babbler like bills appearing darkish

in colour. Whole of upper parts including

cap greenish brown. Tail short and also

greenish brown in colour. Pale yellowish

white supercilium to behind eye and

dark mark from base of bill to eye.

Cheeks slightly darker than throat.

Chin to belly pale yellow, buffer on

the under tail coverts. Showed some dark

~~2) Babbler sp? RED-BILLED BABBLER*~~

^{See drawing at back} About five seen feeding in company with

the former species. Very small and

short tailed, with small ~~dark~~ very

dark bills. Cap, back and wings uniform

warm brown. Short tail as back

showing white tips to the feathers on

the under tail. Cheeks as cap merging

into yellow of sides of ~~throat~~ ^{from bill} throat.

Dark mark, round eye and small black

bill. Whole of under parts pale green

to under tail coverts. Call 'zit-swur'
rather dry in tone.

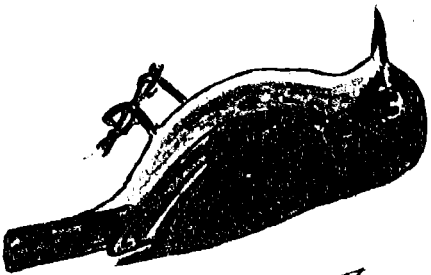
FRIDAY 9th October 1,750 ~~2500ft~~

Nepal Beyond Pimlo Khaganj. Near Hitauna

Walked up a different valley to yesterday

SOOTY FINCHCATCHER*

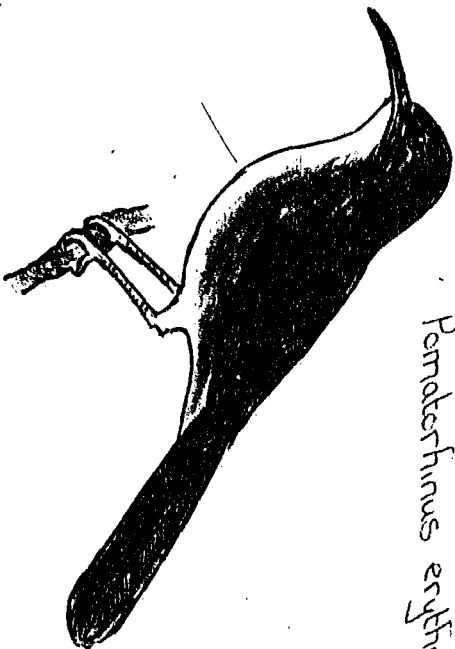
About 6 seen. Size of sparrow but with
a noticeably shorter tail. Upper plumage
very dark brown. Dark streaks with slight
white eye ring. Whole of under parts sooty
brown with a pale stripe down the centre
of the breast. Dusky sides streaked
slightly.



Muscicapa sibirica

RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITER BABBLER*

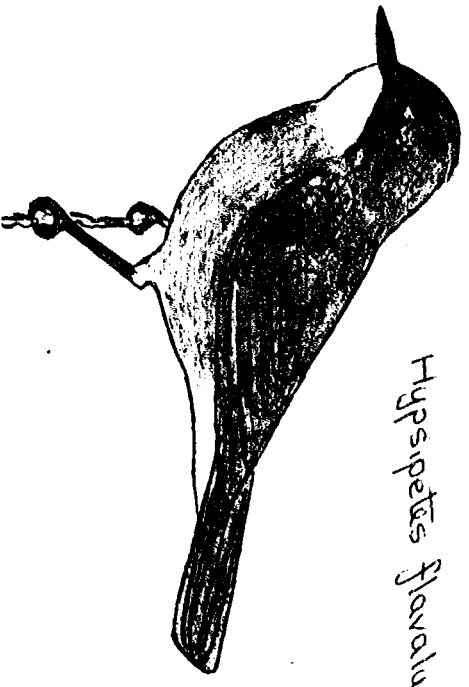
A pair seen well. Bill long and decurved,
medium brownish in colour. Head, sides,
vent and under tail coverts rusty with
a white stripe from the bill to the belly.
Upper parts and long rounded tail
warm brown. Very secretive birds.



Pentaterhinus erythrogastrus

3) GRABBER SP? BROWN-EARED BULBUL *

8 seen well. Size of streaked laughing thrush and of similar shape. Forehead to mid cap dark grey slightly paler towards nape and browner on the back and long tail. Dark grey wings with broad yellow bar along wings. Black mark on lores to half way along ear coverts contrasting with bright white throat. Rest of under parts pale grey, whiter on the under tail coverts. Bill black. Legs black (pale)



Hypsipetes flavulus

BLYTHS CROWNED LEAF WARBLER *

One seen very well. A noticeably smaller bird than Western crowned leaf and much yellower in plumage. Supercilium yellowish white and contrasting with the dark olive sides to head and eye stripe. Noticeable yellow mesial stripe down centre of crown to nape. Upper parts very green ~~of~~ Wings darker showing ^{two} noticeable yellow bars on each wing. Tail dark. Under parts much yellower than Western Crowned leaf. Bill pinkish yellow and dark tipped.



Phylloscopus reguloides

PLAIN FLOWERPECKER*

Four seen. Small size and short tail similar to other flowerpeckers. Upper-parts (crown, mantle, wings and tail) uniform greenish. Pale buffish yellow face and under parts. Bill singsas T. Skells, and equally down curved, but dark brown in colour with a slightly paler base. Eye dark and legs dark brown. Very energetic birds always on the move and constantly uttering an explosive 'chuck-chuck' rather similar to the alarm call of a wren.

Plain-coloured Flower-pecker of Ripley

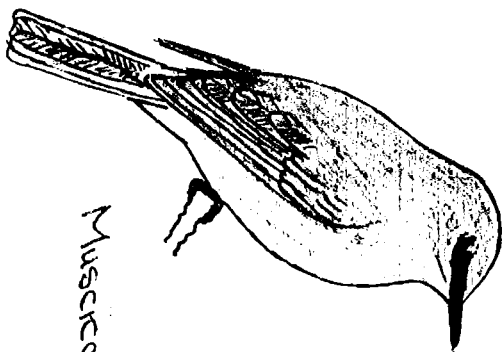
Dicaeum vancouver



- 5 Grey F. Flyc. Wbr. 1 Yellow backed Sunbird
 - 1 Grey F. Flycatcher 2 W. C. Kingfisher. Feared
 - 15 Flame c. Minivet 3 R. B. Fly.
 - 1 Himalayan Tanager 5 Red b. b. Monarch.
 - 5 Chestnut b. Nuthatch. 4 Yellow Sn. Tit.
 - 5 Black Bulbul 10 Whit-eye.
 - 1 Banded Jungle Owl. 1 Tibetan Sparrow.
- Hikaura to Bharsai
- 1 Plumbeous Redstart 1 Brown Sparrow.
- Bharsai to Hamidanda
- Little Swifts and Red c. Swallows.
- 1st Blue F. Rock Sparrow 2 Red bushstart
 - 1 Brood b. Roller 1st Blue rock Sparrow
 - 2 Bronzed Drongo. 1 Raven
- Hamidanda to Mahabur
- 6 Raven 1 Blue F. B. B. B.
 - 10 Flame c. Minivet 6 Velvet fronted Nuthatch
 - 6 Himalayan Tanager 1 Black Bulbul
 - 60 Red rumped Swallow 10 Little Swift
 - 6 Chestnut b. Nuthatch 2 Dark g. Bushstart

VERDITER FLYCATCHER*

Pair seen in the open woods of plumage verditer blue, perhaps greener on the upper parts, bluer on the breast. Black bill with dark mark to eye. About size of spotted and of similar shape. later another two seen.



Muscicapa thalassina

- 4 Yellow Cuckoo Tit
- 2 Grey F. Flycatcher
- 5 White-eye
- 1 Kestrel

- 4 Sooty Flycatcher
- 10 Grey F. Fly. Wbr.
- 1 ♂ Bl. F. rock Thrush
- 1 Grey Wagtail

1 Blue W. Thrush 1 Spotted dove

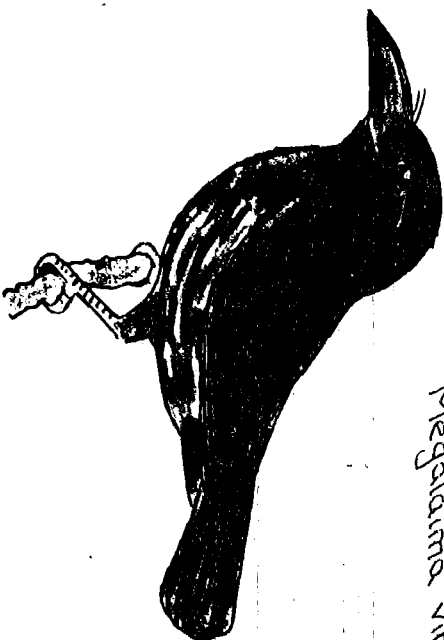
1 Grey-headed Woodpecker 1 Brown Hill Warbler

GREAT HIMALAYAN BARBET*

Excellent. One seen, must be bird of the day. A very large feathery barbet with a massive yellow, dark tipped bill. Whole of head and breast purple. Back, wings and tail green. Under parts streaked brownish green and yellow.

Also known as Great Hill barbet

Megalaima virens



Call a ~~red~~ repeated "kee-errr" similar to a thin Black F. gull's call note

BROWN-FRONTED PIED WOODPECKER*

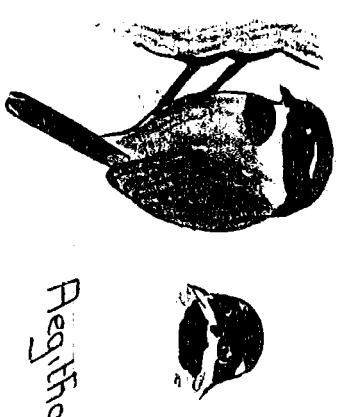
Three seen. Small Woodpeckers about size of Middle Spotted. Upper plumage closely barred black and white. Tail black. ♂ Forehead golden, rest of cap crimson, nape black. ~~was~~ Cheeks dingy white. Dark moustachial stripe. Whole of under parts dingy buffish noticeably streaked with black. Under tail coverts red. ♀ whole of cap golden buff and streaked as ♂ below.



Dendrocopos auriceps

RED-HEADED TIT*

15 of these tiny long tailed tits were seen feeding together. Small stubby black bills noticeable. Broad black mask round eye contrasting with the white supercilium and throat. Uniform reddish crown and oval black spot on upper breast. Rest of under parts buffish. Upper parts grey brown. Irs pale yellow.



Regithalos concinnus

After dark at Mahabir, one Spotted Scops Owl heard calling. Call a double "few-few" somewhat similar in tone to a Common Scops Owl.

SATURDAY 10th October.

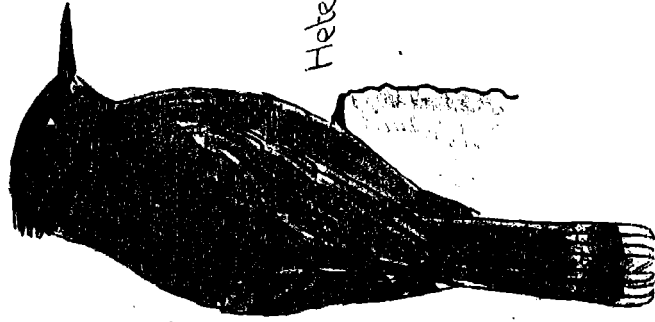
Nepal Mahabir (5,002 ft)

- 5 Dark g. Bushfinch. 4 Himalayan Greenfinch
- 1 Tibetan Thrush 1 Him. Treepie.
- 2 Rufous Turtledove 2 Grey Wagtail
- 5 Olive backed pipit 1 Brown F. Warbler (singing)
- 1 Bronzed Drongo 1 Sooty Flycatcher
- 1 White c. Bulbul 3 Grey F. Flyc. Warbler

Mahabir to Patungfola over Simbrangam

pass (8,165 ft) Around Mahabir 5,500 ft.

BLACK-HEADED SIBIA*



Heterophasia capistrata

Seen well, a very rusty-cheeked looking bird about the size of a white chestnut butbul with a long tail. Black cap to below eye. Wings darker with blue sheen. Tail with black and blue bars at the tip. About 16 seen

WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH* (*Sitta himalayensis*)

One seen. Size and shape of Chestnut bellied but more similar to European Nuthatch in plumage. Upper parts paler blue grey and under parts more buffish with rufous only on the sides. Dark mark through eye. Face and throat much whiter than in Chestnut bellied. The white in the tail was not seen but according to the books this can be hard to see in the field. Call not heard later another seen and white on the sides about 4 seen.

Of the tail was quite prominent in flight.
FIRE-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER*

One seen briefly but closely. A small typical flowerpecker in shape with dark bluish grey upper parts and dirty under parts with a noticeable red patch on the breast. Dark mark below red on breast. Call a sharp clicking note



Dicaeum ignipectus

1 Jay

4 Bronzed Drongo

BLACK EAGLE*

Seen very well. Large eagle with thinner wings than Golden Eagle. Bill and legs yellow. Whole of head, back and upper wings uniform blackish brown with white

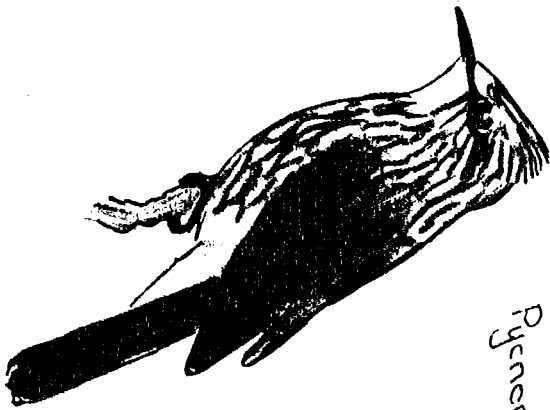
mottlings on the upper tail coverts on one bird and buff mottlings on the other. Tail brown and dark brown barred. Whole of under parts dark brown with some paler barring on the under tail and wing feathers.



Ictinaetus malayensis

STRIPED GREEN BULBUL*

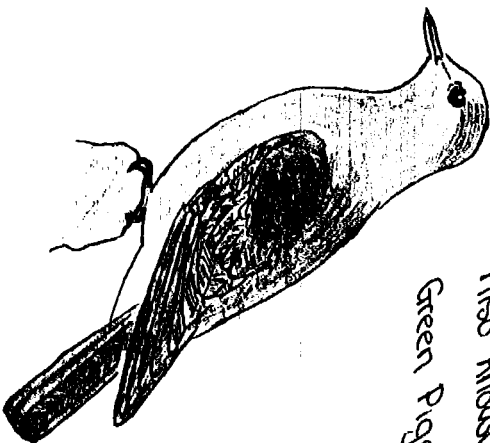
About 5 seen. Larger dark coloured
Bulbuls with notably strong crested
caps. Inside of head and breast dusky
brown streaked notably with white.
Yellow on the breast and under tail
coverts and paler white on the belly
Upper parts greenish yellow, wings and
tail darker. Bill black.



Pycnonotus striatus

GREY-FRONTED GREEN PIGEON*

Good views of a single bird. Larger
and slightly longer tailed than yellow
fronted green Pigeon. Head and under
parts greenish more yellow on the
belly. Back and rump greyish. Shoulder
vinous with a blue grey patch on the
carpal. Wing feathers dusky. Tail grey
green with dark mottlings at the tip.
Iris pink.

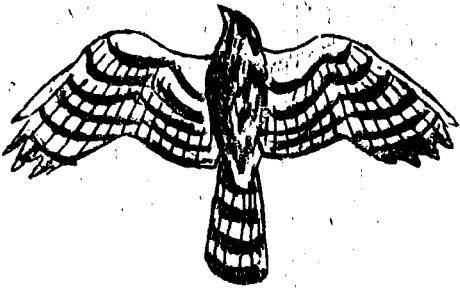


Also known as Pompadour
Green Pigeon

Treson pompadora.

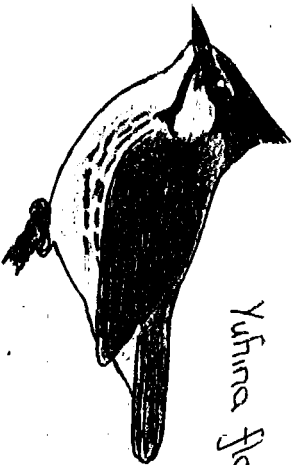
CHANGERABLE HAWK-EAGLE * Mountain?

One seen in overfood flight. A smallish eagle, rather Honey Buzzard like in shape. Head and under parts darkly and closely streaked with blackish brown. Wings and coverts noticeably barred black and pale, contrasting with body. Tail long and broadly barred black and white.



YELLOW-NAPED YUHINA * 5,500ft

About 10 of these small crested babblers were seen in a flock, feeding. Black mark through eye and down side of cheek. Brown cap, greyer throat. Upper parts fulvous brown, the tail being slightly darker. Under parts dirty yellowish white with dark streaks on the sides. Yellowish patch on nose.



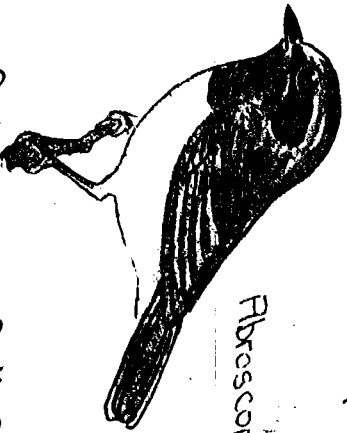
Yuhina flavicollis

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| 2 <u>Green backed tit</u> | 3 Plumbeous Redstart |
| 1 Raven | 4 <u>Gt. Him. Warbler</u> |
| 1 Blue w. Thrush | 2 Verditer Flyc |
| 2 Black bulbul | 4 Grey Wagtail |

5 Yellow Snooded Tit. 3 Himalayan Treepie.*
~~3) BIRD SP. BLACK-FACED EUCYPTICHERA VIRENS~~
~~YELLOW-BELLIED FRANKLIN EUCYPTICHERA~~

About 10 seen. Small with average length tails. Shape in between a tit and a Phylloscopus and about the size of Blue tit. Upper parts greenish with yellow panel on wing. Under-parts yellow. Small, dark bill? and black mask through eye to ear coverts, broadening behind eye. Noticeable broad yellow supercilium and dark green cap.

Pale tip to tail - Tim



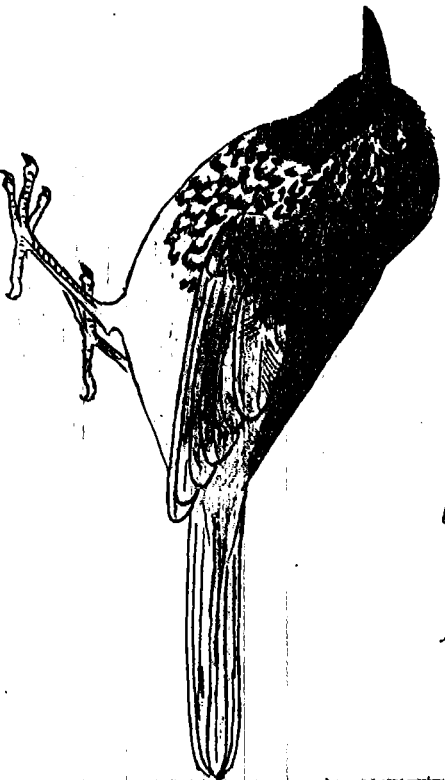
Phrosopus schisticaps

12 seen at Godawari on 20th Oct and were obviously the same species. Showed white sides to tail and white under parts contrasting with yellow upper breast.

RED HEADED LAUGHING THURSH. *

A flock of 4 seen well. Typical laughing Thrush in size, shape and habits. Whole of forehead and face sooty black. Cap reddish chestnut. Back and under parts buffish with brown marks on back and scale marking on breast. Slaty wings showed a long patch of golden yellow. Tail also greyish with noticeable yellow sides.

Garrulax erythrocephalus



- 1 Bluffs Crossed Leaf Warbler 3 Y. B. Leaf Warbler
- 15 Grey F. Flyc. Warbler 1 Grey F. Flyc.
- YELLOW-BROWED TIT *

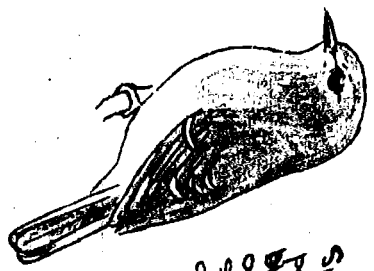
About 8 seen in bird house. Small phyllos. Like tits with very rounded heads and tiny black bills. Upper parts greenish yellow under parts more yellow. Small yellow cross from behind eye and a little mark below. Dark mask (only slight) through eye. One pale yellow wing bar and yellow panel in wing.



Parus modestus

- 1 Blackthorn Jay
- Furthur on — On Pass (8,165 ft.)
- 8 Flame c. Minivet Spotted Flycatcher

- 5 Black F. Sylvia 19 Black Redstart
- 2 Dark g. Bushchat 15 Red Headed Tit
- WHITE-BROWED BLUE FLYCATCHER * 6,000 ft



Size of R. B. Fly. with blue upper parts, buff grey face and dorsum. Blue mark down side of breast. One white wing bar. White bar to secondaries. White patches at sides of tail.

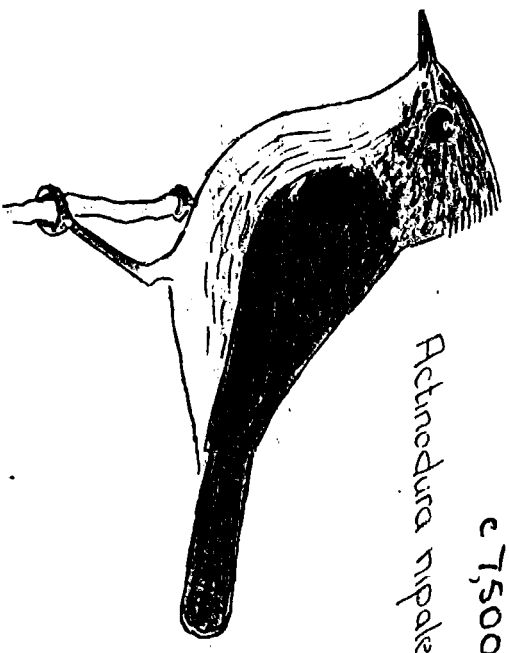
Muscicapa superciliosa

- 4 Streaked Laughing Thrush 7,500 ft

BARWINGS SP — HOARY BARWINGS *

6 seen, ~~in~~ feeding ~~low~~ low in under ~~growth~~ growth. Size of streaked laughing thrush but with a bushy crest and longer tail. Cap and cheeks grey brown with white streaks. Throat whitish with darker moustachial stripe. Under parts dirty greyish streaked dark on sides. Upper parts and rump rusty.

with noticeable back streaks. Rusty patch above slight feathers on closed wing. Wings dark with very fine and close black bars. Tail rufous at base with darker sub-terminal band and small white tips. Tail also finely barred.



Actinodura nipalensis
c 7500ft

BIRD-SP. WHITE-BROWED TIT BABBLER
*
Two small babbler types with shorter tails than most of the family.

Small dark bill, black eye stripe and cheeks. Bright white supercilium, black sides to crown and paler centers. Back, wings and tail rusty brown lacking streaks. Throat white with darker under parts. Seen feeding in WISSETS.



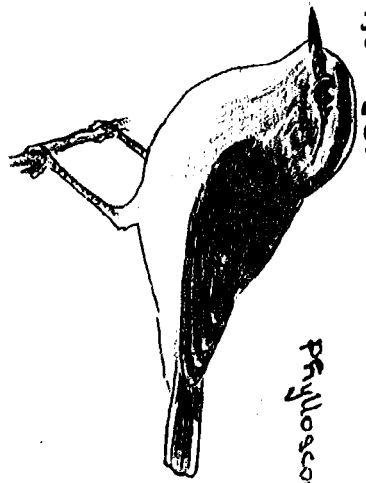
Alcippe virepectus

c 7500ft

ORANGE-BARRED LEAF-WARBLER
*
A small *Phylloscopus* about the size of a Yellow browed and with a similar

shape. Call note very distinctive, a repeated "zit" very harsh and loud. Most noticeable points in the field was the large orange yellow wing bar on each wing (the red probably abraded) and the large amount of white running the whole length of the outer tail feathers. Bill black. Black eye stripe and noticeable yellowish supercilium. Cap dark olive with slight pale nasal streak. Olive green upper parts the rump being paler but these points not seen very well. Primaries darker with paler edgings. Ear coverts dirty washed yellowish. Pale throat, greyish white sides of breast, center clearer. Tail darker brownish green than mantle with noticeable white on outer feathers. An active warbler often hovering and flicking its tail. Legs pale brown.

Seen at 7,500ft.



Phylloscopus pulcher

8 Himalayan Greenfinch. 1 Kestrel
 40 Red-rumped Swallow 10 P. Bated Eagle

SUNDAY 11th October

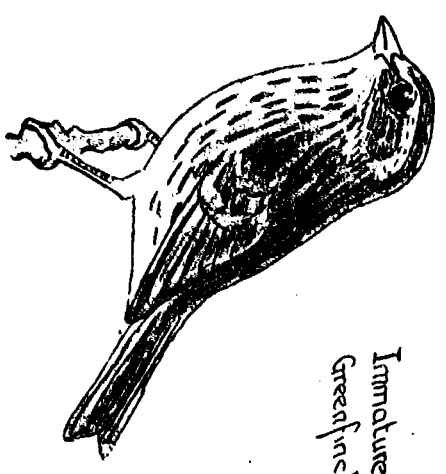
Nepal Simphanjam Pass (8,155ft)

Around Daman (7,520ft)

TIBETAN SISKIN Carduelis tibetana

A flock of 6 seen smaller than Himalayan Greenfinch with more twittering call notes. Whole of under parts pale yellowish white noticeably but mainly streaked dark.

CHACKS and GAP pole and also streaked dark with a slight yellowish white supercilium. Back brown streaked black but rump not seen. Wings dark brown with obsolete yellow edgings on secondaries and two pale whitish yellow bars on the coverts. Tail dark with yellow side patches. Habits similar to Himalayan Greenfinch, sitting on the tops of firs, but not seen to feed.



Immature Black-Headed Greenfinch.

Himalayan Greenfinch (Carduelis spincides)

WHITE-THROATED FRINTAIL FLYCATCHER*

One seen well. A large black looking long tailed flycatcher. The only white being a thin supercilium, a small narrow white patch and white tips to the tail feathers. Rest of plumage sooty black, browner on wings and grey below.

Rhipidura albicollis



- 30 Black F. Siberia
- 4 Green b. tit
- 3 Verditer Flycatcher
- 10 Pin B. Eagle
- 20 Orange b. leaf wbr
- 15 White-eye
- 15 Streaked laughing fr
- 30 Red F. tit
- 15 Sooty Flycatcher
- 15 Yellow b. wbr (all Hume)
- 1 T. Sk. leaf wbr
- 20 Grey F. Fly wbr

20 Dark g. Bushfinch 20 Jungle Crow
50 Himalayan Greenfinch 2 W.T. Nuthatch
20 Olive b. pipit 30 White c. Bulbul
2 Brown h. v. stor. 4 ^{Red b. babbler}
~~Babbler sp. (2)~~
~~Fl. Long legged Buzzard~~ 50 Red v. Swallow
2 Red vented Bulbul 5 Flame c. Minnet

PHYLLOSCOPUS PUTCHER

Even better views than yesterday of these fantastic little birds. Size of inornatus and of similar shape. Feeding habits also as inornatus but opened and flushed tail often displaying the three white outer feathers. Pale yellowish rump seen on at least two birds but nowhere near as bright or deep yellow as in Proregulus. Wings with bright greenish edgings and broad orange bar on the tips of greater coverts. On most birds seen the median coverts wing bar was obscured and did not show but on at least

two birds a second orange bar was just visible. Supercilium long and yellowish. Crown dusky above showing a pale yellowish mesial stripe which ended in a spot on the nape. Rest of upper parts dark olive. Under parts with pale yellowish wash on the face, throat, breast, flanks and under tail coverts. Slight but noticeable grey streaks on sides of breast and flanks. Bill dark and legs pale brown. Call a thrush 'zit' or 'zip' very distinct.

PHYLLOSCOPUS INORNATUS HUMEL

A much darker sub-species than Ph. v. inornatus. The upper plumage being more greyer and the under parts and supercilium whiter. Yellow replaced by dirty greyish buff. Call note very distinct and sometimes sounding like the chirping of a House sparrow, more of the time a double "chir-rip" but occasionally a

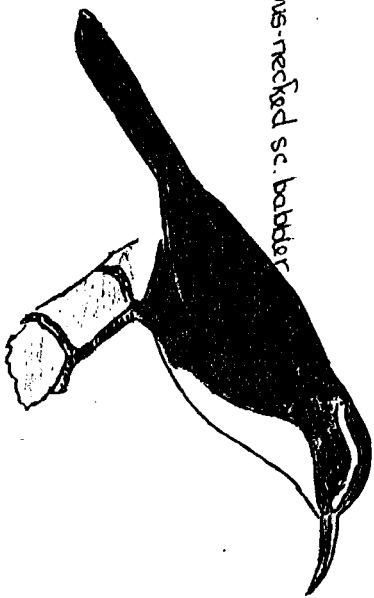
triple the "cher-re-up"

1♀ Kestrel very pale in colouration

1. Spotted Scops Owl heard.

[SLATY-HEADED SCIMITAR BRABLER]

Probably Rufous-necked sc. babbler



One seen well. Smaller than Rusty checked and of similar shape. Most noticeable features were the curved white stripe above the eye and the white throat and breast. Ear coverts and cap dark. Mantle and long tail brown. Rusty on the sides of breast and belly. A very secretive bird in habits. Bill yellow.

ROSEFINCH SP. Scarlet Rosefinch

Size of or just larger than Scarlet and with a similar bill shape. Cap dark grey brown. Dark mark through eye and slight pale supercilium. Face, throat and breast dark, pale pink. Belly white. Back pale grey brown with no contrast with rump in flight. Wings darker.

CUCKOO SP.

Sage of Common Cuckoo. Dark grey brown above very slightly mottled. Tail closely barred black and white. Head dark.

Under parts very whitish possibly unbarred. Under wings white with very noticeable black bars.

Today, at long last we done some mist netting birds caught were —
1 Olive b. Pipit. 1 ♂ D.G. Bushchat
5 Black F. Sylvia.

OLIVE BACKED PIPT. Anthus hodgsoni

Bill—upper mand. blackish, lower mand pinkish. Legs flesh pink. Eye brown

Supercilium olive buffish before eye, whitish behind, darkly streaked towards nose

Ear coverts greyish olive with dark streaks

Had creamy moustachial stripe with a dark streak on each side of the chin

Dark sides to crown. Forehead to crown olive green streaked black. Upper parts fairly uniform olive green with only very slight blackish streaks on mantle

Median coverts blackish edged with olive green and tipped buff. Greater coverts also tipped buff. Secondaries dark edged yellowish buff. Primaries very dark only thinning edged. Rump plain olive green, brighter on upper tail coverts.

1 Buzzard (B. b. burmanicus)

1 Honey Buzzard

15 Rufous Turtledove

Tail feather dark and edged with olive buff the outer feathers being largely white. Throat buff. Belly buff. Feathers streaked black the streaking continuing to the flanks. Belly white.

Wing 86 mm. Emarg. 2nd 3rd + 4th primaries

Tip of 5th primary to tip of wing 2.5 mm.

MONDAY 12th October.

Nepal. Daman (7,620ft)

Green backed tit, trapped. Wing 68 mm

Yellow green mantle. Grey rump. Two white wing bars. Very yellow below

Orange barred leaf warbler

Wing 56.5 mm. Tail 36.5 mm

Tarsus 18.5 mm. Bill (from skull) 11 mm

Emarg. 2nd 6th primary. 1st 10.5 mm from tip
Wing tip 4th and 5th. 6th 1.5 mm shorter
3rd 3 mm shorter 7th 5 mm shorter 8th 7.5 shorter

2nd = 945 primary. 10x5 10mm shorter.

Mantle dark olive green. Rump pale yellow.

Crown ~~light~~ olive grey. Flashed yellow in

centre (very faint but showing as spot on

nape) Supercilium pale yellow extending to

nape. Lores dark olive grey. Eye streak as lores

Ear coverts olive green mottled yellow

Chin pale yellow. Throat and breast pale

grey, greenish at sides, washed with belly

Belly white slight yellow wash. ~~Feathers~~

Under tail coverts pale yellow. Flanks

olive buff. Wings. Band of wing pale

yellow. Lesser coverts dark brown edged

broadly bright olive green. Median coverts

same but lighter olive tip, tere to three

feathers. ~~Primary~~ 1st wing bar. Greater

coverts dark grey brown broadly tipped

yellowish orange on ~~the~~ feathers. Primaries

dark grey brown thinly edged olive yellow

on outer web. Secondaries more ~~primary~~

edged. Tertiaries Tertials same but with
pale yellow to whitish tip.

Tail. Outer three all white on inner web

End of outer web dark brown. Central

feathers dark grey brown edged on

outer web light olive green. ~~Ear~~

Bill upper mandible black. ~~Ear~~ lower

mandible yellowish brown with darker tip

legs pale pinkish brown. Feet ~~are~~ brown olive

yellow on soles. Eye brown.

5 Olive b Pipit 10 Black F. Sylvia.

4 Verditer Flycatcher. 20 Orange b leaf wbr.

10 Yellow browed Woodpecker (Streaked h. Thrush) 4

5 White c. Bulbul 2 Honey Buzzard.

2 Black Kite 2 Green b. tit

10 Jungle Crow 6 Dark g. Bushchat

3 Whiteeye 5 Greyh. Fly. wbr.

5 Red r. Swallow 1 Immop. Bocked Eagle

8 Himalayan Greenfinch 1 King Vulture

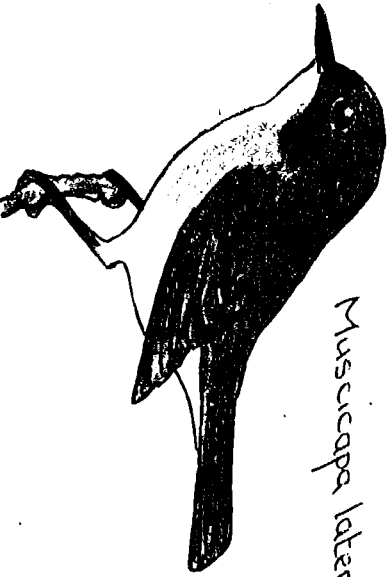
20 Black Bulbul 15 Red F. tit.

BROWN FLYCATCHER*

Size of Red-breasted fly. but slimmer in build, with a longer darker bill. Whole of head and back earth brown as wings when showed some slight pale edgings. Tail dark brown. White eye ring noticeable. Breast washed buff contrasting with the bright white throat and under parts. Feed under heavy cover only occasionally showing itself.



perching



Muscicapa lateralis

A Buzzard seen well which must have been Buteo buteo burmanicus. An obvious

Buzzard more akin to tufinus in plumage. Dark tip and carpal patches on buff under wing. Dark belly patches. Tail buff with dark ~~terminal band~~ ^{a pale buff tip and} and thin bars to base. Some bird as seen yesterday upper-parts pale brown. 1 Sparrowhawk. 1 Thick b. Flowerpecker seen briefly.

Excellent mornings trapping with—

1 Orange-banded leaf war.

1 Green-backed and 2 Red Hooded tits

All birds were Photographed before being released.

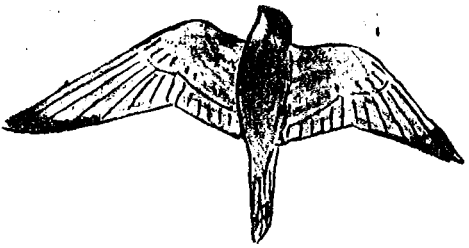
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ORIENTAL HOBBY*

Two seen. Size and shape of Hobby and upper parts similarly dark. Under parts uniform pale rusty and uncrested. Throat whiter. Under-wing pale dusky white

with small dusky black wing tips.

Water and/or seen



Falco severus

back and rump white. Tail white tipped and back and white barred. Under-parts white. legs creamy white.



Enicurus maculatus

50 Red r. Swallows 1 Buzzard

2 Lesser Kestrel 1 Green b. tit

2 Stonechat 50 Tree Sparrow

2 Plumbeous Redstart 2 White c. Redstart

SPOTTED FORKTAIL *

Excellent bird. Slightly bigger than

Black-backed and of similar shape

Forehead, hind neck and scapulars showing

white patches. Back black spotted white

Cap, face and breast black. wings

black with some white tips. Lower

2 Spotted Owlets Katmandu after dark.

TUESDAY 13th October

Nepal Katmandu

1 Black H. Shrike 6 Magpie Robin

2 Pond Heron 1 Cattle Egret

15 House crow Tree sparrows

WEDNESDAY 14th October

Nepal Kathmandu

- 3 Bl. F. Shrike 1 Brown Shrike
- 2 Hoopoe 1 R. R. Swallow
- 1 Immor Bluffcrest 4 Storochnat
- 4 Red bushcrist 2 Cattle Egret
- 6 Magpie Robin 4 Olive b. pipit.

Road to Godavari

GREY-HEADED MYNIA * (Sturnus malabaricus)

Three seen. Rather small starting like Myrias with dark wings, dark tail with a rufous tip and grey upper parts. ~~Upper~~ parts more rufous and head noticeably streaked white. Bill tipped yellow.

- 1 ♂ Storochnat 20 Pond Heron
- 1 Little Egret 5 Little Swift
- Few R. R. Swallow Black Drongos.
- Black Kites 2 White b. Kingfisher

After dark two Sp Scops Owls heard.

THURSDAY 15th October

Nepal Godavari

- 4 Red b. b. Magpie 30 Himalayan Tropic
- 2 White c. laughing Thrush 1 Verditer Flyc.
- 25 Cattle Egret 3 Grey wag
- 1 Spotted Forktail 1 Whistling Thrush
- 1 White b. Kingfisher 1 Rusty c. Sm. babbler
- 30 Grey F. Flyc. w. 15 Grey F. Flycatcher
- 1 Spotted dove 6 Yellow b. Warbler
- 6 Blyth's-c. leaf w. b. 1 Black F. Shrike
- 8 Yellow c. tit 40 Black bullbul
- 2 Babbler sp. (w. b.) 2 Orange b. leaf w. b.

WHITE-THROATED LAUGHING-THRUSH *

A flock of 5 seen. Large. Feary laughing Thrushes with a broad white band at the tip of tail in flight. Dark brown before their eye, warm brown on the head, back and wings. Under parts brown, the under tail coverts brown noticeably pale and warm buff. Flight

heavy. kept more to open then the others of the family. later order for 15 seen.

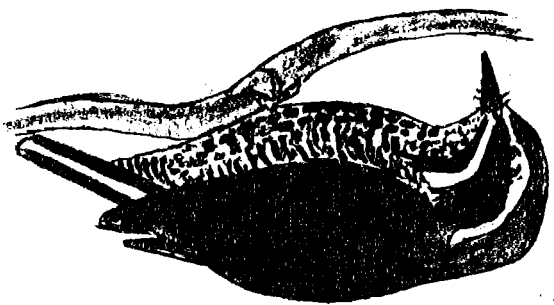


White-throated Kingfisher
Garrulus albogularis

- 2 Crested Serpent Eagle 15 Red N. tit
- 3 Jungle Crow. 11 Indus Tickells Thrush
- 1 Pallas's Leaf Warb 1 Black Eagle.
- 1 White-throated Fantail Flycatcher
- 2 Olive backed Pipit 4 Common Myria
- 2 White c. Bulbul. 15 Red rumped Swallows

SPECKLED PICULET*

An excellent little bird feeding just like a tiny woodpecker on the thinnest of twigs in bushes. Smaller than a Sparrow with a woodpecker shape but with a smaller bill. Cap and nape wholly dark and dull green so making this a female bird. Mantle and back bright olive green, more golden on the wing coverts and darker on the flight feathers. Greys rump and black tail with a white stripe down the center. Curved white stripe over eye and down side of head. Broad dusky stripe through eye and narrower black nuchal streak. Under parts whitish with a yellowish tinge on the breast, spots extending from the throat to the under tail coverts. Sides with more crescent shaped black markings.



Picus inornatus

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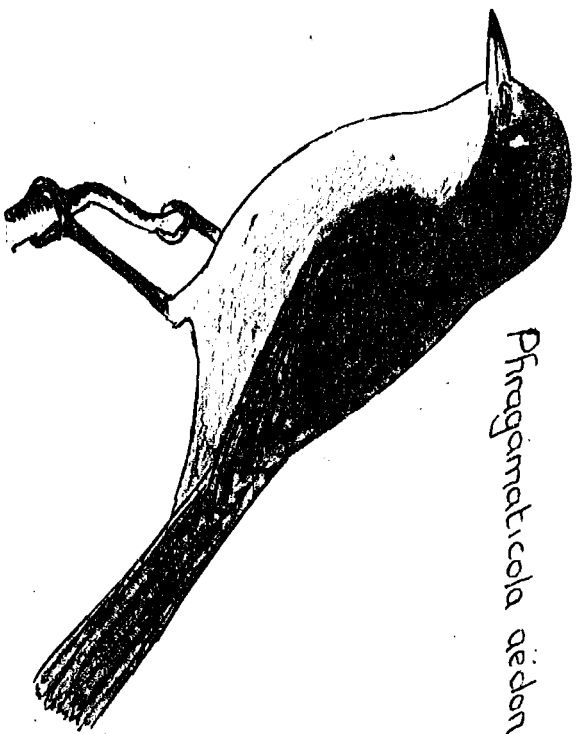
- 1 Little Egret. Few Black Drongos
 - 1 Black h. Shrike.
- After dark 1 Spotted Scops Owl heard.

FRIDAY 16th October Kira (scrub hill) at 5,500ft

Nepal. 5 miles NW of Kathmandu. (on rd to Tripathi) *

BUSH WARDER POSS LARGE THICK-BILLED
WARDER.

About 4 heard in area, but only one seen. Very large c 7-8 inches and heavy



Phraganaticola aedon

in flight. Call a "Farrā chuk-chuk"
Upper-parts grey brown, brighter (more
rufous) on forehead, wings and shaded
tail. No supercilium and very white
throat. Greyer on the under parts and
buff on the under tail coverts. Bill
pink and legs blue grey. In flight
appeared very heavy color like a
Great red Warbler later another 3.

- 13 Yellow-browed Warb 1 Tickell's leaf warb
 2 Rufous turtle dove 5 Magpie Robin
 1 Black Vite 2 King Vulture
 1 Kestrel 10 Red vented Bulbul
 12 Black bulbul 6 White throated Bulbul
 6 Tailorbird 8 Yellow throated tit
 6 Stonechat 18 Red bushchat
 5 R.C. Sm. Robberbird 1 Spotted dove
 4 Hum. Treepie 3 Greyh. Flyc. Warb.
 1 Bronzed Drongo 1 B.L.F. Shrike
 1 Sparrowhawk 1 Bluish-crowned leaf warb
 1 Wall creeper seen well on a rock
 face. It had the white throat of winter
 plumage. 2 Cuckoo

SATURDAY 17th October

Report.

KALIJ PHERSANT * 15th Oct (Kaphura leucomeles) ^(one)
 A flock of 4 seen at Godavari. Four
 largest dark phasants flushed from
 the side of a small stream. Only
 one seen well, a ♂ bird which
 appeared uniform black with a paler,
 greyer rump. Showed some red around
 the head. Very noisy on being
 flushed calling in loud "Kotack-
 Kotack" notes.

BARRED OWLET * Glauucidium cuculoides
 Two seen at Godavari on the evening
 of 14th Oct. Very similar to radiatum
 but upper parts brown barred with
 not rufous. Barred black on wings
 and tail. Call a series of harsh
 squawks.

SATURDAY 17th October

Nepal Shivpuri (N/E) Wooded hill:

5,000ft vale, cultivation, paddy

6,000ft Scrub

6,000-9,000ft Jungle, untouched forest

2 Honey Buzzard 1 Black Kite

2 Sparrowhawk 2 Kestrel

1 MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE * 1 Oriental Hobby

2 Black Eagle 50 Red rumped Scallard

2 Jay 5 Raven

2 Flame c. Minivet 10 White c. Bulbul

40 Black Bulbul 35 Orange b. leaf wbr

15 Yellow b wbr 35 Grey h. Flyc. wbr

2 Talkerbird 5. Scoty Fly.

1 Yellow-Bellied Fantail Flyc. * 1 ♀ Stongachot

1 HODGSON'S REDSTART * [Bl. b. Forktail]

1 Rusty c. Sm. Babbler 3 White b. tit babbler

3 STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA * 10 Red h. tit

3 White t. Nuthatch 6 Fire-breasted Flowerp.

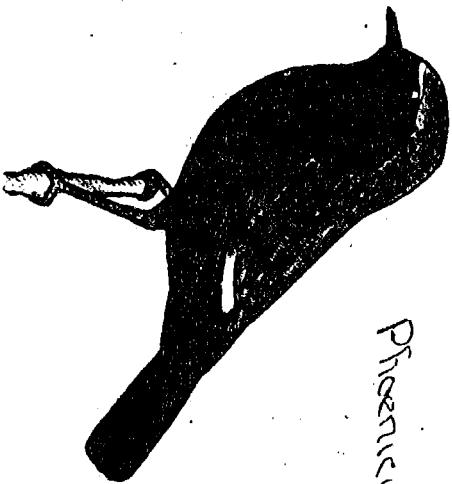
3 Bl. h. Greenfinch 10 HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET *

2 BROWN BULFINCH * 1 ♀ CHESTNUT B. ROCK THRUSH *

1 GREEN-TAILED SUNBIRD * 8 CHESTNUT-T. MINILA *

3 ~~Bulbul~~ sp R. B. Bulbul 50 Black Hooded Sibia

HODGSON'S REDSTART *



Phoenicurus Hodgsoni

Sage and shape of common Redstart
Upper-parts greyish. White forehead
and face black. Small white patch
noticeable on wings. Under parts (and
tail?) reddish orange. This species
has only a limited range in the
Himalayas.

GREEN-TAILED SUNBIRD * (see drawing in book)

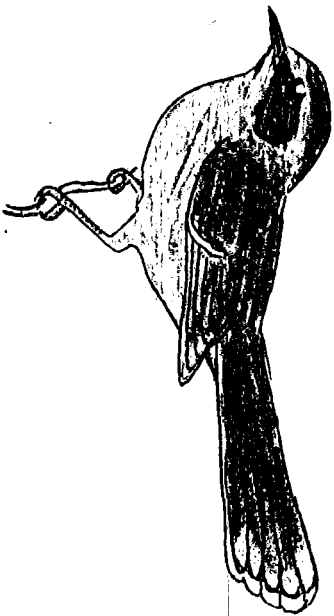
A rather long Sunbird, with a longish, dark decurved bill and a very long blue (light dull at times) tail. Head and breast uniform blackish, glossed blue on breast and green on cap. Under-parts bright yellow. Back greenish brown but not seen well. Call a slightly Blue tit like 'chip-chip'. Yellow rump seen in flight.

Nepal Yellow-bellied Sunbird (*Aethopyga nipalensis*)

YELLOW-BELLIED FRINTAIL FLYCATCHER *

A superb bird, rather similar in shape to the White-throated Fantail but slightly smaller. Upper-parts including cap bright green with a yellowish supercilium dusky black ear coverts and pale throat. Under parts yellow. Wing showed a narrow white bar. Tail broadly formed, all the feathers pointed and showing white spots at the tip.

Rhipidura hypoxantha



BROWN BULLFINCH *

A pair were seen. Size and shape of European Bullfinch and bill heavy and blue grey. Brownish black patch round bill and forehead on ♂, only a little black between bill and eye in ♀. Upper plumage grey brown with black wings and tail and pale scapulars. Under parts pale grey brown, tinged with pink on the breast.

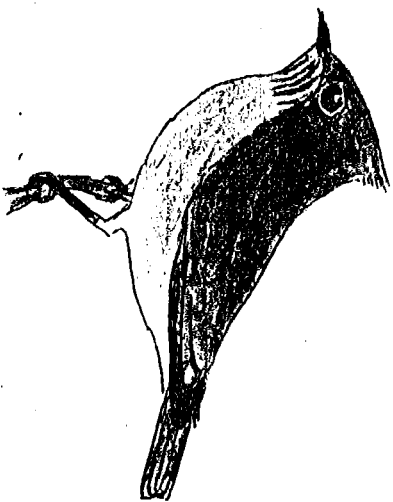


♂



♀

Pyrhula nipalensis



Yuhina gybaris

STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA*

About 3 seen. A large Yuhina with the typical shape of the genus. Crest, sides of head, back and tail uniform brown, darker on the wings with a long yellow patch (on the secondary?) Pale buff ring round eye noticeable. Throat pale buff with fine throatnut stripes. Rest of under parts pale buff.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCKTHRUSH*

Larger than Blue headed and Blue Rockthrushes with a shape similar to the former. Upper parts brown with some bars particularly on the wing coverts. Bill dark. Buff crescent noticeable behind the eye. Under parts buff, whiter on throat with noticeable close black eye edgings to all the feathers producing a scaly effect.

Monticola rufiventris

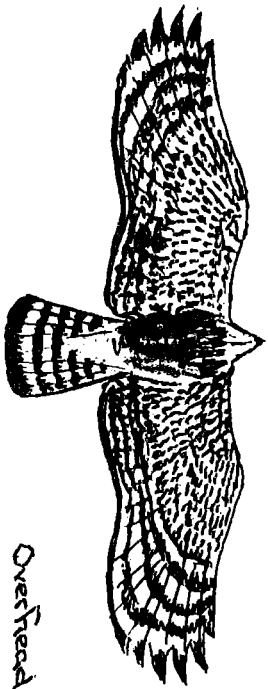


HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET * Also known as Indian
Edible-nest Swiftlet
(*Collocalia brevirostris*)

A rather smaller, dumpy swift with short wings and a stubby tail with no noticeable fork. Whole ♂. plumage uniform dark brown with a buff rump band, pale throat and from the under-side pale buff under tail coverts shading into the pale brown on the belly. Flight fast as in other swifts.

MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE *

Larger and more bulkier than changeable Hawk eagle. Seen very close. Tail pale with broad black band at end and four or five smaller bars along its length. Under wings buffish white with rows of close dark spots forming bars on the coverts. Under primaries slightly paler ground colour than secondaries, both noticeably barred with black. The secondaries showing about four or five dark bars. Breast streaked closely dark and throat paler (with a black streak down the centre?). Upper parts rather uniform dark brown perhaps darker on the flight feathers. The tail showed barring but this was not seen as well as the under tail.



Overhead.

Hodgson's Hawk Eagle of Ripley

Spiraeetus nipalensis

~~BURBURY~~ SP. RUFOUS-BELLIED BULBUL *

3 seen well. About the size and shape of white throated Bulbul but more secretive. Crown and crest brown streaked white. Brown sides of head streaking only slightly. Back olive green with much brighter green wings and tail. Throat white noticeably streaked back. Breast and lower breast buffish streaked with dark

Brown (only very slightly) houses belly white fading to yellow green on the under tail coverts. Slightly decurved. Looking bill dark in colour

One seen at Godawari

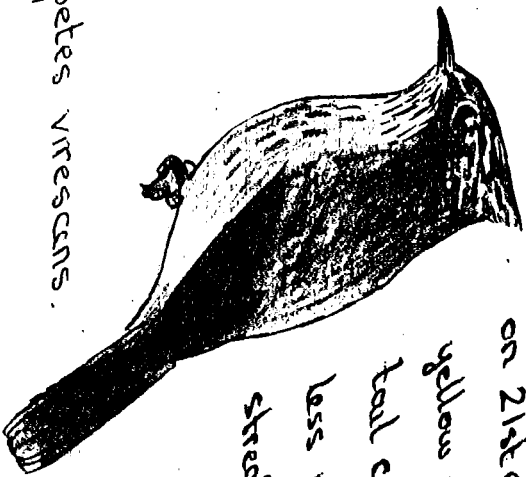
on 21st Oct had less

yellow on the under

tail coverts and

less noticeable

streaking on crest



Hypsipetes virrescens

CHESTNUT-TAILED MINIA *

A medium sized bird with a longish, chestnut tail with a white tip carried in an upright position.

Cap emaciated red slightly streaked
 black. A slight pale supercilium and
 a dark mark through the eye
 and down the cheek. Throat barred
 black and white. Upper parts greenish
 brown with yellower under parts.
 Wings showed quite a lot of chestnut
 and some white tips to the secondaries.
 Energetic little birds keeping well
 hidden in the thick bushes and
 moving around in parties as other
 babblers.

Minla strigula



Ripley 1961 Stripe-throated, or Chestnut-tailed, Siva or Minla

SUNDAY 18th October

Nepal Katmandu.

No birding done but a few thrushes seen
 while stopping. 1 Imm. Cormorant → N. ~~W~~
 was the first record for the valley
 300 House Crows 20 Cattle Egret
 50 Little Swift Few Magpie ~~Robins~~

MONDAY 19th October

Nepal Katmandu

1 ♀ Hen Harrier seen very well.

1 Hoopoe 1 White-b. Kingfisher

10 Starachot. 15 Pond Heron

1 Tailorbird 1 Olive backed Pipit

En Route to Godavari

30 Little Strigula 1 Kestrel

Godavari (just before dusk)

1 Whistling Thrush 1 Sp. Forktail

1 Sp. Scops Owl heard calling.

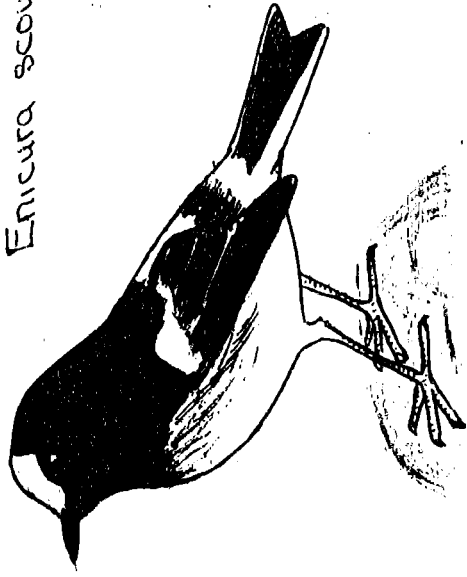
TUESDAY 20th October.

Nepal Godavari

5,500 ft.

LITTLE FORKTAIL *

Enicura scouleri



One trapped. Bill short and black. Legs pale pink. Eye dark. A very small Forktail with only a slight fork in the tail, compared with Spotted High forehead noticeable lower breast showed some dusky streakings. Dusky black band across the rump very noticeable. Tail black with broad white sides. White edgings to secondaries.

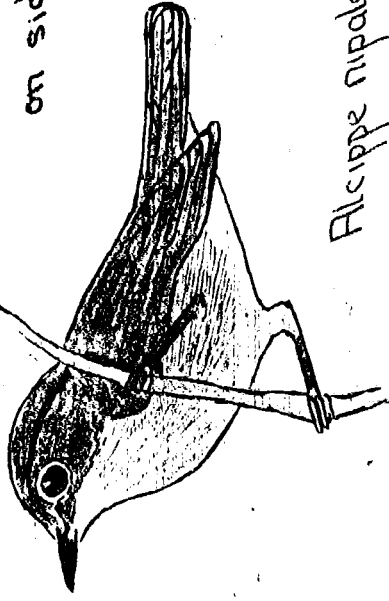
* NEPAL BABBLER

Common in the area about 20 being seen larger and more dumpy than a Yuhina.

Short dark bill. Head grey with noticeable white eye ring. Upper parts brown, tail

short and brown. Whole of lower plumage

buff. Later another 5 were seen. Dark line on side on cap.



Alcippe nipalensis

STRIATED LAUGHING-THRUSH * (*Garrulax striatus*)

A flock of three of these superb birds were seen. A large and heavy laughing thrush with a short, heavy, dark bill.

Large head with shaggy brown crest. The whole of the head, face and mantle

streaked conspicuously with white. Wings and long tail uniform rufous brown as was the ground colour of the rest of the upper parts. Under-parts paler more buffed with narrow white streakings. Later about another 10 seen.

BROWN-THROATED TREECREEPER *

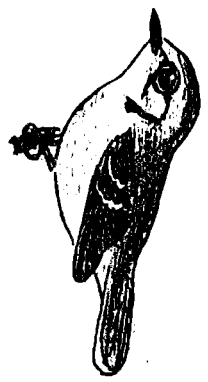
One seen well. A rather large tree creeper with a longish decurved bill. Tail much longer than in Common or Himalayan. Treecreepers ♀ and was rusty brown in colour. Upper-parts rufous-brown with noticeable white streakings on back and also with some black markings. Dark streaked cap. Whole of under-parts uniform dirty brown appearing more rufous on the under tail coverts and flanks. In the field appeared buffish brown below with a noticeably long tail.

Habits as Tree Creeper.

Ripley 1961 Sikkim Tree-creeper (*Certhia discolor*)

CHESTNUT-THROATED SHRIKE-BABBLER *

An excellent little bird. One, probably an Immature ♂ seen among a bird wave. A small, short tailed babbler with a stubby blackish bill. Cap and upper parts greenish tinged slightly grey but quite bright in tone. Wings darker and showing two white bars. Tail edged slightly white (rim). Face grey with black mask round ear coverts. Throat yellowish white. Rest of under-parts yellow. White eye ring.



Pterodroma melanotos

FAUETTINE THRUSH SP. RUFOUS CHINNED L. THR. *

3 seen. A small, slightly built laughing thrush cap (?) and upper-parts brown with some dark markings. Dark wings with blue edging (Red)

Bill black. Noticable whitish spot in front of eye. Dark eye brown (Ron) Pale throat (Ron) Black moustachial streak and dense black marks on sides of breast. Ground colour of under parts buff with rufous/cinnamon under tail coverts and under tail.

Garrulus rufogularis
Field notes.



1 seen on 22nd. Black eye brown, and white spot in front of eye. Rufous chin, not pale as first thought.

WHITES THRUSH * One trapped in the late evening

Forehead, crown and nape feathers golden brown heavily tipped black. lower buffish white with black rectal bristles. Cheeks and ear coverts golden buff mottled black. Back, mantle and coverts olive brown

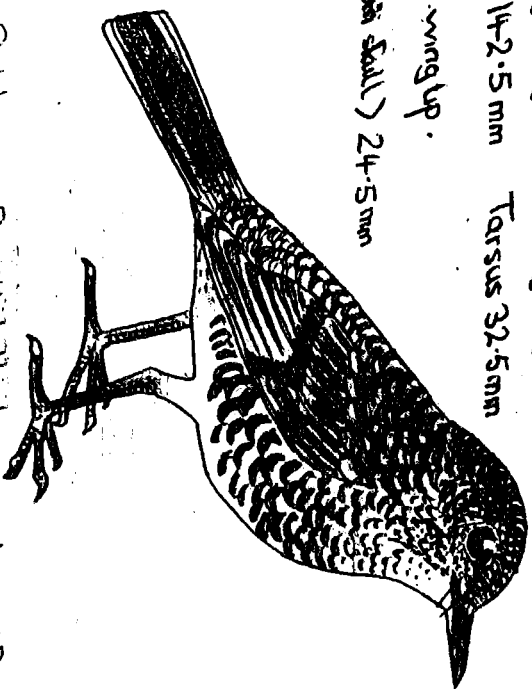
tipped and edged black. Median coverts black tipped golden buff. Greater coverts very dark brown edged and tipped golden. Primaries blackish brown, golden at the bases and edged golden towards the tip. Secondaries as primaries, Tercials olive brown tipped golden. Rump and upper tail coverts golden buff edged dark brown giving a scaly appearance. Tail (In moult) centre feathers olive brown, darker outer feathers. Outer two tail feathers tail brown both tipped white. Under parts, chin white line of dark spots at side of thin white throat and breast golden spotted black becoming scarcely scaled black on breast and upper belly on tips of feathers most narrowly barred on flanks and sides of belly. Belly white. Under tail coverts very pale golden

buff with some dark brown tips and spots to tips of feathers.
 Soft parts: Bill upper mandible dark brown; lower mandible and gape base bright orange yellow shading to dull brown at tip. Legs orange brown. Soles of feet yellow. Eye very dark brown. Under-wing white with a black bar down the centre. Under flight feathers greyer.

Wing 142.5 mm Tarsus 32.5 mm

4th prim. wing up.

Bill (spec. skull) 24.5 mm



Whites, Golden-crowned Small-billed Mountain Thrush

(Zosterora dauma) of Ripley, 1914.

1 SPOTTED SCOPS OWL seen only briefly when it was called up by a tape recording of its own voice.

- 10 Himalayan Treepie
- 100 Black Bulbul
- 4 Orange-b. Kinglet
- 15 Grey S. Flycatcher
- 12 Black S. Flycatcher
- 2 White S. Flycatcher
- 3 Yellow-b. Flycatcher
- 1 Blue Whistling S.
- 10 Black S. Thrush
- 1 Spotted Forktail
- 2 Rusty-c. Sm. babbler
- 5 Yellow-n. Yuhina
- 5 Black S. Sibia
- 4 Yellow Cheeked Tit
- 2 Green-backed Tit
- 3 Plain Flowerpecker
- 2 Fire-b. Flowerpecker
- 1 Black Eagle

Today trapped

1 Spotted Forktail from which

we caught a species of Spot Fly which we will take back to the Nat. His wing to be identified.

- 1 Little Forktail
- 1 Rusty-c. Sm. babbler
- 1 Whites thrush

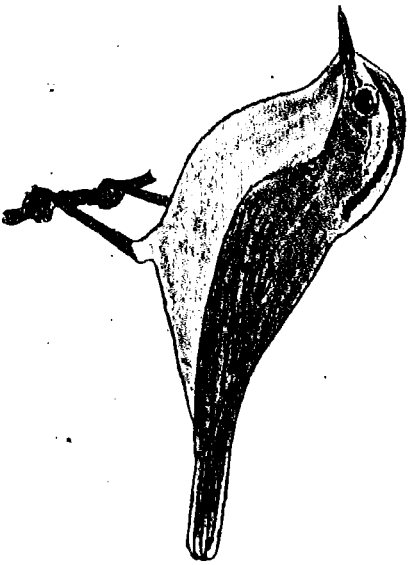
WEDNESDAY 21st October

Nepal Godawari 5,500 ft.

YELLOW-EYED FLYCATCHER-WARBLES *

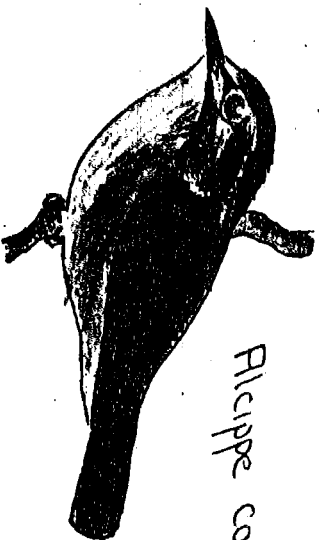
A very secretive Flycatcher warbler about the size of Grey headed. Call a Chaffinch like 'pink' note repeated again and again. Whole of under parts bright yellow, upper parts green. Noticeable yellow eye ring and black bands on sides of head. Crown grey, green on cheeks. Only one seen. (Also known as Black-browed Flycatcher-warbler)

Seiurus burkii



CHESTNUT-HEADED TIT-BREASTLER *

Similar in size and shape to White-browed Greeny above with a Snaggy, streaked back, Chestnut cap, White supercilium and ring round eye. Black line enclosing white mottled grey ear coverts. Black mark at bend of wing. Wings with noticeable rufous edgings. Under parts greeny buff. About 15 seen together.

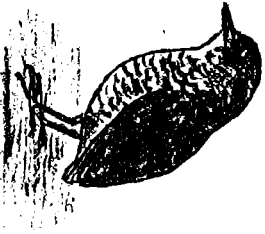


Plicipe castaneiceps

LESSER SCALY-BREASTED WREN BREASTLER *

One seen moving around in dense under growth. A small bird (about 4") without a tail. Upper-parts very

dark brown. Under parts scaled buff and brown. Egg and bill dark. Call a 'twick' note repeated every $\approx 1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.



Micraura pusilla.

Also known as Brown When-Babbler

RUFOUS-NECKED SCIMITAR GRABBER*

One seen quite well. Sing and snare of Slaty headed and with a similar curved yellow bill. Whole of upper parts from cap to tail uniform brown, the rufous collar not being seen. Curved white supercillum and white breast stripe below dark cheeks. Under-parts rusty brown with noticeable dark and fine streakings. Probes skulking babbler.

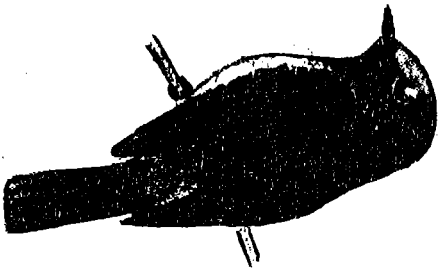
Pomaterfimus ruficollis



One trapped 22nd Oct. Rufous on rump and sides of neck. White streaks on breast. Short decurved bill with dark base to upper mandible. Smaller, with a shorter bill than Slaty headed.

SMALL NILTAVA*

One seen. Call a liquid double whistle. A small flycatcher about the size of a Red-breasted but with a larger headed appearance. Whole of plumage bright bluish black with bright blue patches on the forehead, sides of the neck and rump lower belly shading off white from the blue black of the breast. A very active little flycatcher.



Niltava macrigris

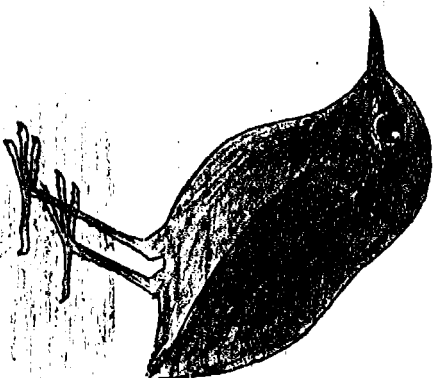
- 15 Yellow c. Tit
- 1 Brown fh. Treecreeper
- 1 Plain Flowerpecker
- 3 Fire b. Flowerpecker
- 30 Nepal babbler

THURSDAY 22nd October.

Nepal Godavari 5,500ft.

DULL SLATY-BELLIED GROUND WARBLER.

Tesia cygniventer



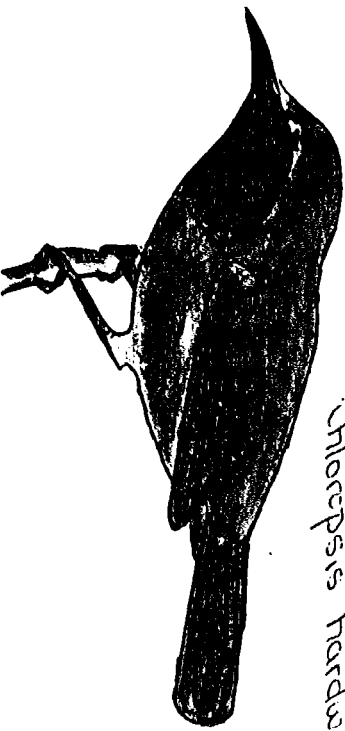
- 1 Mountain Hawk Eagle
- 1 Red Spotted Scops Owl
- 2 Speckled Parrot
- 15 Olive b. pipit
- 20 Himalayan Treepie
- 2 Rufous b. Bulbul
- 20 White c. Bulbul
- 150 Black Bulbul
- 5 Yellow b. Wbr.
- 15 Grey fh. fly Wbr.
- 15 White eye
- 1 Wfh. fh. foot Flycatcher
- 1 Red b. Fly
- 5 Sooty Fly
- 2 Black Redstart
- 1 Blue w. Thrush
- 6 T. Skells Thrush (or trapped late evening)
- 1 Little Forktail
- 10 Wfh. fh. Laughing fh.
- 20 Yellow n. Yuhina
- 25 Bl. c. Sibia

One trapped. This small (4 inches) tail less bird ran into the bottom pond of the net. Whole of upper plumage bright green with a yellow supercilium and black

stripe through eye. Whole of under-parts medium grey with some green on the vent and tarsus feathers. Bill dark horn with orange yellow base. legs pinkish brown, soles of feet yellowish.

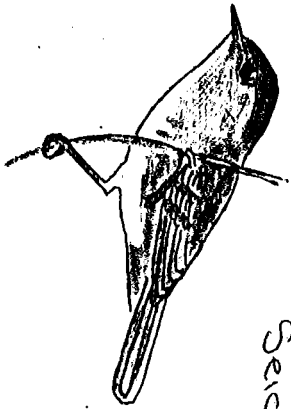
ORANGE-BELLIED LEAF BIRD or CHIROPSIS *

Three seen together, 2 ♀ or Imm and an adult ♂. ♀ green above, slightly more orange green below. ♂ green above with an orange crown. Throat and breast purple black with a blue moustachial streak. Under-parts orange. Tail and wings purple.



Chloropsis hardwickii

CHESTNUT-HEADED FLYCATCHER WARBLER *



Seicercus castaneiceps

One seen. A typical Flycatcher Warbler in size and shape. Crown uniform chestnut. Sides of head and breast grey. White belly and yellow sides and under tail coverts. Two yellow bars on wing. Later two more seen.

BLACK-THROATED SUNBIRD * (*A. saturata*)

One ♂ seen but not very well. A typical *Pethopyga* sunbird in shape and size with long dark central tail feathers. Whole of head, throat and breast blackish purple with some

white streakings on throat. lower belly pale yellow. Back dark. General appearance a very black looking Sunbird with a yellow belly (Black-breasted Sunbird - Ripley 1941)

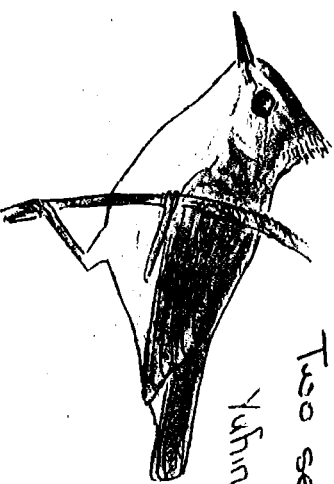
BLACK-THROATED BABBLER*



Stachyris nigricaps

Two trapped. A small olive brown babbler with black streaked grey crest; white eye ring and supercilium. White streaked black throat. Rufous patch on side of neck and below throat patch. Bill dark with pink lower mandible. Black line above pale supercilium.

WHITE-BELLIED YUHINA or HERPORNIS*
 Size and shape of other Yuhinas seen but whole of upper-parts greenish yellow and under-parts white, with yellow on the under tail coverts.



Two seen together.
Yuhina zanthelauca

- 1 Mountain Hawk Eagle. 1 Sp. Scops Owl
- 1 Bronzed Drongo 4 Jay
- 40 Him. Treeps 4 Rufous bellied Bulbul
- 150 Black Bulbul 1 Bluffs crowned leaf
- 5 Y. B. Warb. 20 Grey H. Flyc. Warb.
- 12 Black f. Flyc. Warb. 1 Wh. Wh. Yeat Flyc.
- 6 Tickells Thrush 1 Whites Thrush
- 1 Blue whis. Thrush 1 Little Forktail
- 3 Rufous-necked Sm. babbler (1 trapped)

50 White Th. Thrush. 1 Rufous ~~H~~ Chimred L. Th.

1 White crested L. Th. 10 Striated L. Th.

10 Chestnut h. Tit Bobber (4 trapped)

1 Chestnut Th. Thrush bobber, a Imm. or ♀

10 Yellow n. Yuhina 15 Bl. c. Shiba

15 Red h. Tit 5 Green b. Tit

10 Yellow c. Tit 2 Wh. t. Nuthatch

2 Brown Th. Treecreeper 3 Fire b. Flowerpecker.

2 Plain Flowerpecker 60 Nepal bobber -

one of which was trapped

As last night a Nighthor of some

species was seen in the early

evening. A medium sized Nighthor

with the long rounded wings of

the genus but with a noticeably

long tail giving the bird the

appearance of a Kestrel. As

long-tailed Nighthor is the only

species recorded in the valley it

seems probable that it was this species

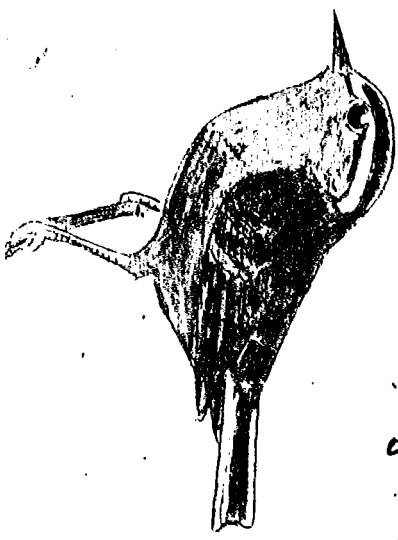
FRIDAY 23rd October

Nepal. Godavari 5,500-7,200ft.

ASHY-THROATED LEAF-WARBLER*

About four seen. Size and shape as Orange
bared. Call a loud 'sip' and occasionally
a 'sip-sip see see'. Yellowish white
supercilium, dusky sides to crown and
yellowish white mesial stripe. Cheeks
mottled green and white. Back olive green
with a noticeable yellow rump. Tail
dark showing noticeable white on the
outer feathers. Chin and throat ashy.
Rest of under-parts bright yellow legs
pale brown.

Phylloscopus maculipennis



BLUE-WINGED MINIA * OF SINA

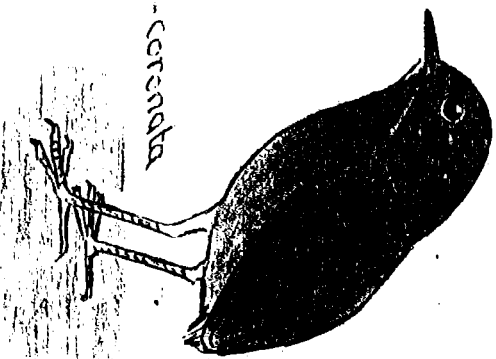
About 15 seen. Size and shape of Chestnut-tailed but very different in plumage. Bill orangy yellow. White eye ring and supercilium. Crown black streaked especially on sides. Back brown. Wings dark blue with white tips to the secondaries. Tail blue tipped white. Whole of face and under parts pale greyish white.



Minia cyanocryptera.

CHESTNUT-HEADED GROUND WARBLER *

Only one seen. Call a 'wheet' note. Size and shape of dull sassy bellied and kept well hidden in thick under growth. Noticeable white eye ring and chestnut cap. Olive back, bright yellow throat and greener under parts.

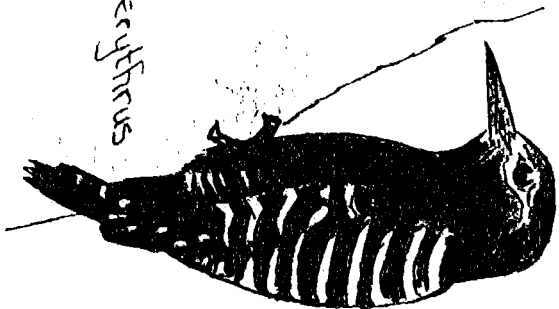


Tesia castaneocoronata

RUFOUS-BELLIED WOODPECKER *

About 6 seen. Slightly larger than Brown fronted Red ^{and} of similar

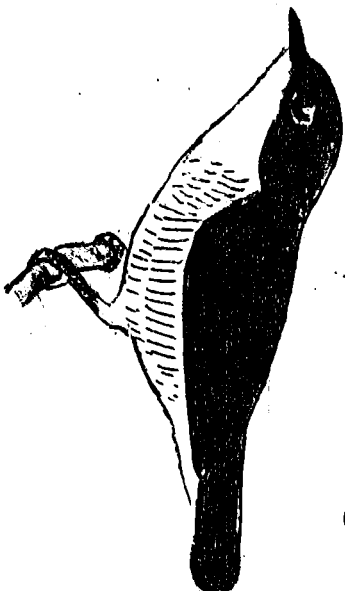
shape. White patch round eye. Cap and nape red. Back sooty black barred white. Tail black, barred white at sides and tipped slightly white. Whole of under parts pale rufous with red under-tail coverts and close black and white barring on the lower flanks.



Hypopicus hyperythrus

CUTIA*

♂ seen. Large, heavy babbler with a short black bill and short rufous tipped black tail. Broad black band through eye and grey crown. Back rufous brown brighter on rump and tail. Dark wings. Under parts white with close, thin black barring. Kept in parties to the tops of the trees and quite easy to see.

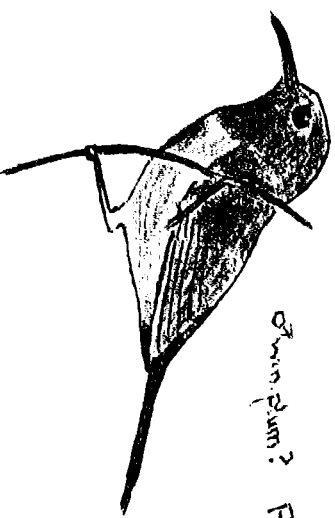


Cutia nipalensis
♂

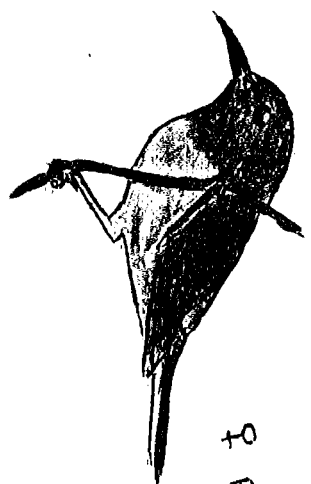
Ripley 1961 refers to this species as *Nepal Cutia*.

FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD*

One, probably a ♂ in eclipse plumage, seen feeding at a tree in blossom. Bill short and black. Eye noticeable and dark. Head, throat and upper-breast very greyish tinged green on the breast. Rest of under-parts greenish yellow with a more orange patch on the belly. Back greenish brown. Tail long and bright red as were the upper tail coverts (Tail slightly darker at tip). Noticeable yellow rump band in flight.



♂ imm. plum? *A. ignicauda*



♀ *A. saturata*



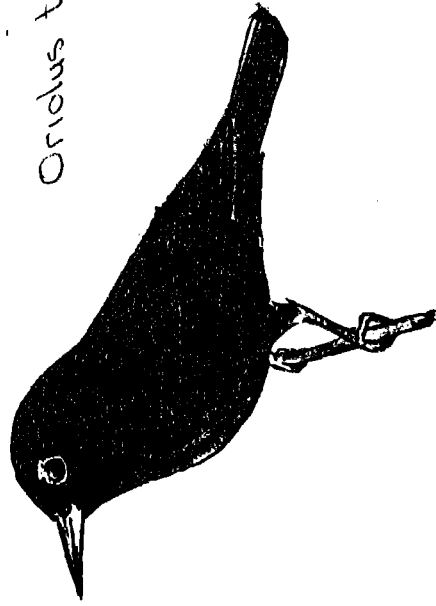
♂ *A. saturata*



♂ *A. nipalensis*

MAROON ORIOLE*

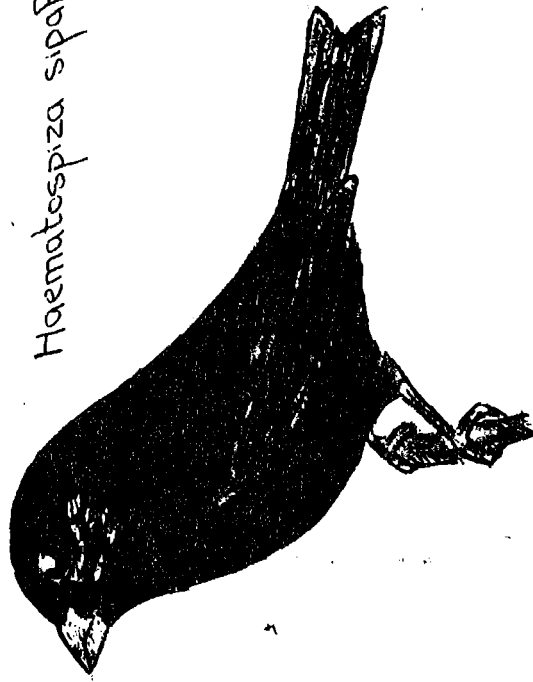
About 5 seen, one an adult male larger than Black-headed and more starling like in shape. Bill greenish grey, long and remarkable pointed. Slight pale ring round eye. Head and wings blackish with the rest of the plumage mainly maroon brightest on the under-tail coverts and tail. Immatures darker above, the whole of the under parts white streaked closely dusky black.



Oriolus traillii

SCARLET FINCH*

One male seen very well. An excellent bird and certainly the best bird of the day. A very large heavy finch about the size of a Starling. Bill very conical and light grey brown? in colour. Wings and ~~the~~ forked tail mainly brownish black. Rest of plumage uniform bright and vivid scarlet with some white streakings on the cheeks.



Haematoospiza sipahi

- 2 Sparrowhawk 1 Spotted dove
 1 Spotted Scops Owl (hand) 1 Cit. Him. Barbell Flyc
 7 Brown f. P. Woodp. 1 Grey F. Woodpecker
 1 Olive b. pipit 3 Jay
 30 Him. Treepia 6 Jungle Crow
 5 Flame c. Minivet 100 Black Bulbul
 3 Rufous b. Bulbul 5 Striated g. Bulbul.
 1 D.S. B. Ground Warb. 500 Orange b. Leaf Warb
 5 Black f. Flyc. Warb. 6 Chestnut f. Flyc. Warb
 50 Grey f. Flyc. Warb. 3 Wh. Th. Forkt. Flyc.
 15 Yellow b. Forkt. Flyc. 1 Rufous t. Flyc.
 3 Sooty Flyc. 100 Wh. browed Blue Flyc
 19 Ch. b. Rock Thrush 2 Bl. Wh. Thrush
 30 Wh. Th. h. Thrush 8 Rufous ch. h. Thrush
 15 Striated h. Thrush 15 Streaked h. Thrush
 4 Red-headed h. Thrush 2 Rufous n. Sm. babbler
 10 Hoary Barwing 25 Chestnut t. Mynla
 15 Yellow n. Yuhina 40 Ch. h. tit babbler
 4 Wh. b. tit babbler 60 Bl. c. Stora
 14. Scaly b wren babbler 30 Nepal babbler.

- 40 Red h. tit. 15 Green b. tit
 10 Yellow ch. tit. 15 Yellow-browed tit
 10 Wh. t. Nuthatch. 1 B. Th. Treecreeper
 3, Fire b Flowerpecker 13 Green t. Sunbird
 29 Bl. th. Sunbird. 3 White-eye.
 6 Bl. h. Babbler 1 Verditer Flycatcher

SATURDAY 24th October

Nepal Godavari
 RUSTY-BREASTED BLUE FLYCATCHER *



Muscicapa hodgsonii

One Immature trapped probably male.

Total length 5" Bill (from skull) 11.5 mm

Wing 70 mm Tail 54 mm

Tarsus 19 mm. Emarg. 3rd to 6th primaries.

4=5th wing tip. 3rd 3.5 mm shorter 2nd-9 mm

1st 3.2 mm shorter 6th 2 mm shorter 7th 8 mm

shorter 8th 11.5 mm shorter.

Upper parts Forehead, cap and nape brown

with long buff streaks. Maxilla rusty olive

with some buff spots on upper back. Rump more

uniform rusty; Upper tail coverts rusty brown

Black tail with white bases to outer feathers.

Wing coverts and primaries blackish brown

with broad rusty edgings. Secondaries brownish

with less rusty on the edgings. Ires and

eye ring buffish white. Cheeks brownish with

some buff streakings.

Under parts. Throat buffish orange with two

brighter orange spots (joined together) on lower

throat / Upper breast. Upper-breast streaked black

and buff. Lower breast, sides and flanks buffish olive. Belly and under tail coverts whiter tinged olive.

Soft Parts. Bill stout, hook and blackish brown in colour. Ires dark brown. Legs pinkish purple. Soles of feet yellowish.

LITTLE BUNTING * *Emberiza pusilla*.

2 seen in grassy area by the river. Small bunting with "putt" call notes in flight.

Most noticeable point was the bright chestnut cheeks completely enclosed

by a black band running round the

ear coverts. Cap chestnut with black

streakings especially a sides. Buffish

eye stripe. Upper parts brownish streaked

black and wings showed two buff

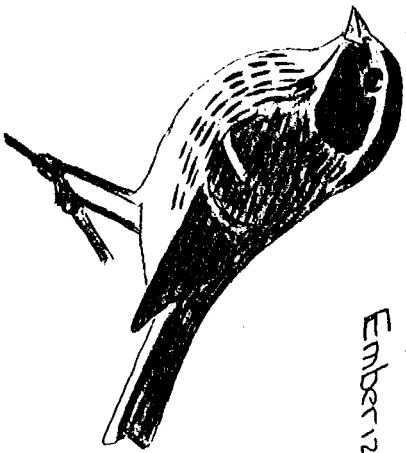
wing bars. Tail showed white sides

in flight but not as noticeable as

in Road bunting. Pale throat with

in Road bunting. Pale throat with

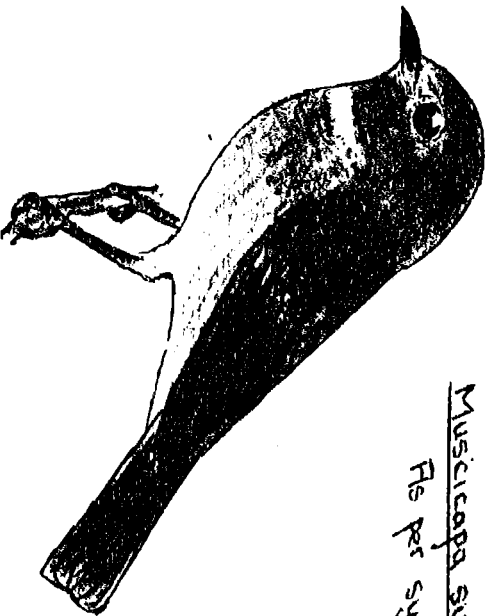
Black moustachial streak. Whole
of under-parts buffish white heavily
streaked black on the ~~back~~ breast
and flanks.



Emberiza pusilla

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Black Kite | 1 <u>European Black Vulture</u> |
| 2 Bl. H. Shrike | 5 Common Nynia |
| 15 Him. Treepie | 5 Jungle Crow |
| 1 House Crow | 1 Spotted Scops Owl (young) |
| 2 Flame c. Minivet | 10 White c. Bulbul |
| 2 Red v. Bulbul | 70 Black Bulbul |
| 5 Yellow n. Yuhina | 15 Black c. Sylvia |

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 4 Sooty Flycatcher | 1 Red b. Flycatcher |
| 3 <u>Small Niltava</u> | 2 Verditer Flycatcher ^(limp) |
| 1 D.S.B. Ground War | 5 Yellow b. War |
| 10 Orange b. leaf War | 1 Ashy-b. leaf War |
| 20 Grey F. Fly. War | 8 Magpie Robin |
| 10 <u>Hodgson's Redstart</u> | 5 Stonechat |
| 3 Dark g. Bushchat | 10 White c. Redstart |
| 3 Tickalls Thrush | 5 Yellow c. Tit. |
| 4 Wh. t. Nuthatch | 10 Olive b. Pipit |
| 2 Grey wagtail | 5 Fire b. Flowerp. |
| 2 Plain Flowerpecker | 5 White-eye |
| 1 ♂ <u>Scarlet Rosefinch</u> | |
| <u>RUFIOUS-BELLIED NILTAVA</u> * | |



Muscivora sundara
As per synopsis

One trapped late afternoon.

Wing 78.5mm Wing tip 5th.

Emagnated 2nd to 5th. Bill (from skull) 13.5

Tarsus 19mm. Tail 55mm.

Description taken 25th Oct.

Upper-parts. Forehead, cap and nape

greenish brown tinged blue. Mantle

and wing coverts green. Primaries

and secondaries dark blackish

brown broadly edged rusty. Rump

bright olive. Tail dull rufous.

Lores, slight supercilium and eye

ring buffish green. Cheeks greenish

Under parts. Chin and throat

uniform buffy green. Slight whitish

buff crescent at base of throat

when the bird lifted its head

up but not visible at rest.

At each end of the crescent a

few bright blue feathers were present.

When the bird stretched its neck
out. Breast and flanks greenish
brown ~~padding~~ shading to white
(tinged buff) on the belly and
under tail coverts.

Soft Parts. Bill short and thick.

dark blackish horn in colour.

Legs purple brown. Eyes large and

dark.

Total number of new birds in book

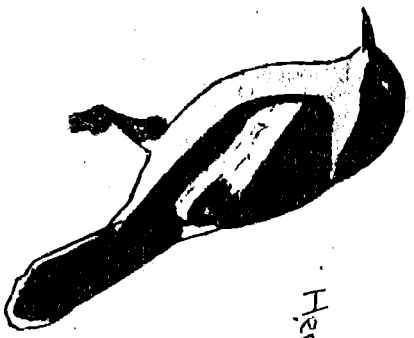
- Slater's sin babbler 136
+ Jungle nightjar 136
- Tibetan Siskin 135

SUNDAY 25th October 1970

Nepal Godawari

BBR-WINGED FLYCATCHER SHRIKE *

A flock of three seen, one an adult male. Small birds keeping together at the very tops of the trees. of back blackish as crown. Tail black with white tip. Under parts greyish, whiter on the cheeks. long white bar in wing. The two ♀ or Imm showed brown instead of black on the cap and back.



Also called Red Flycatcher Shrike
Hemipus picatus.

JUNGLE MYNAH * (*Acridotheres fuscus*)

Quite common about the houses. Size and shape of Common Mynah and with a similar white patch in each wing. Plumage greyer with a blackish head, bright yellow eye, no yellow face wattle and a tuft of blackish feathers just above the bright orange bill. About 30 altogether.



Acridotheres fuscus

- 10 Hodgsons Redstart. 5 Magpie Robin
- 8 Black Rite 2 Bl. F. Shrike
- 3 Common Mynah 50 Him Treepe
- 5 Jungle Crow 1 Flame c. Minivet
- 15 White c. Bulbul 2 Red v. Bulbul
- 100 Black Bulbul 10 Black F. Sibia
- 10 Chestnut-c. Tit babbler 5 Nepal babbler

- 15 ~~Black~~ Green Fly. War 1 Green b. Malkoha
 - 2 Speckled Pheasant 2 Grey F. Woodpecker
 - 2 Large Cuckoo Shrike 8 Sooty Flycatcher
 - 10 Yellow b. War 8 StaroChat
 - 6 Yellow c. Tit 20 Olive b. pipit
 - 2 Grey wagtail 1 ~~Forest b. Woodpecker~~
 - 2 Fire b. Woodpecker 2 Little Bunting
- The ♀ or Imm. Rufous b. Niltava trapped last night was released this morning. A ♂ was seen later in the day. Blue on the upper-parts and throat, brighter on the sides of neck and cap. Under parts rufous. Secretive calling in "shuk" notes.
- Best bird was a Dusky Warbler seen by the stream. Found by Rob last night, this is the first record for the Kathmandu valley. Upper-parts uniform brown appearing grey in certain lights and showing no olive whatsoever.

Noticeable buff supercilium and dark cheek. Under parts buffish white especially on the flanks. Kept low down in bushes. Not showing itself that well. In flight called in sharp "thuck" notes similar to the Durgerness bird.

MONDAY 26th October

Nepal

Godavari

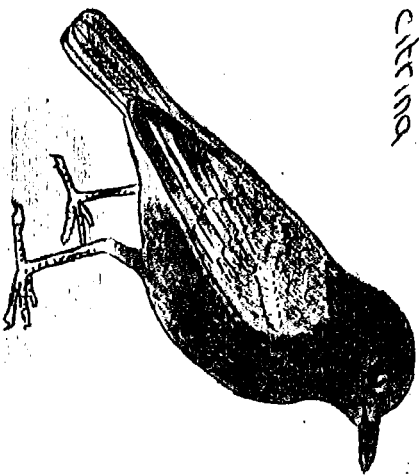
5250 FT.

ORANGE-HEADED GROUND THRUSH *

One ♂ seen well as it flew in and fed under some bushes overlooking a stream. Whole of head and under parts uniform bright orange slightly more dusky on the cap. Back, wings and tail pale grey slightly scaled paler. Conspicuous white bar on shoulder. About size of Rock Thrush but more dumpy and with a

shorter tail. Bill black. Legs pale.

Zoothera citrina



Erithacus pectoralis

One Himalayan Rubythroat trapped.

Upper-parts. Crown and nape lead grey shading brown in centre. Supercilium creamy white meeting on forehead. Ires black. Cheeks and ear-coverts lead grey, blackish round eye. Back, mantle and wing coverts grey tipped broadly brown.

Primaries dark brown edged pale brown.
 Secondaries and Tertiaries darker brown
 edged pale brown. Rump as back. Upper
 tail coverts lead grey with grey brown
 tips. Tail black with white at base of
 outer five feathers. Outer five feathers
 tipped white. Central tail feathers black.
 Under-parts. Chin and throat bright
 scarlet margined with black. lower
 throat and breast black broadly
 tipped grey. Upper belly and flanks light
 grey some feathers on sides tipped
 brown. Belly and under tail coverts
 white with grey at the bases. Feet
 buff feathers round vent.
 Soft parts. Bill black. Eye dark brown.
 Legs black.

Wing 75 mm Bill 12.5 mm
 Tarsus 31 mm Tail 65 mm

Olive backed Pipit. 4 birds trapped

Wing	Tail	Tarsus	Bill	Wingprint
82mm	62mm	19mm	13.5mm	3rd
84mm	61mm	19mm	12.6mm	3rd/4th
83mm	60mm	21.5mm	11.0mm	-
82mm	61mm	18.5mm	13.5mm	3rd/4th

Also trapped.

4 Magpie Robin. 1 ♂ Hodgsons Redstart
 1 Yellow c. Tit 1 White c. Bulbul.

Other birds in area.

6 Black Kite 1 Hobby
 1 Black Eagle 1 Kestrel
 8 Red r. Swallow 1 Bl. F. Shrike
 10 Common Mynah 25 Jungle Mynah
 3 Red b. b. Magpie 3 House Crow
 10 Jungle Crow 1 Large Cuckoo Shrike
 3 Flame c. Minivet 10 White c. Bulbul
 1 Red v. Bulbul 30 Black Bulbul
 5 Sooty Fly. 1 Red b. Fly.

1 Grey F. Fly	15 Yellow breasted Wbr.
1 Dusky Wbr.	10 Grey F. Fly Wbr
10 Magpie Robin	10 Hodgson's Redstart
1 Wb. c. Redstart	3 Stonechat
6 Yellow c. tit	2 Wb. t. Nuthatch
15 Olive b. pipit	1 Grey Wagtail
10 Fire b. Flowerpecker	1 White-eye
8 Spotted Munia	

En route to Kalsimandu.

10 Pond Heron	35 Cattle Egret
1 Black stork	4 Ruddy Shelduck
5 Black Kite	1♀ Hen Harrier
2 Kestrel	2 Little r. plover
1 Green Sandp.	3 Common Sandp.
1 <u>Ternmink's stork</u>	1 Kingfisher
1 Wb. b. Kingfisher	1 B. H. Sand Martin
10 Black Drongo	10 Jungle Myioph.
5 Large P. Wagtail	30 Jungle Crow.

TUESDAY 27th October
Nepal Kalsimandu.
 30 R. R. Swallows 30 White Swifts.

WEDNESDAY 28th October.
Nepal About 10 miles outside Kat on Trisuli Rd
 4 Grey wag. 4 Yellow c. Fly Wbr
 1♂ Rufous b. Nuthatch 30 Horn Treepie.
 1 Wallcreeper seen at roadside. White
 throat contrasting with dark grey
 breast.

THURSDAY 29th October
Nepal. Trisuli Road. NE side of Nagarjung
SCARLET MINIVET*
 Three seen, one ♂, two ♀ or Immatures
 larger than Flame-Coloured and of similar
 shape. ♂ Head, back and centre of tail

~~red~~ black. Bright red under-parts, rump and sides to tail. Wings black with the usual red wing stripe and some more red patches on the secondaries. The ♀ or Imm. also showed more yellow in the wings than in Flame coloured. Throat and under-parts bright yellow large yellow forehead patch. Rest of upper-parts grey.



Pericrocotus flammeus



♀ or Imm

RUFIOUS-CAPPED BUSH WARBLER * *Cettia brunneifrons*

One seen well but rather briefly. Very distinctive 'chink-chink-chink' call note quite loud in tone. A small Bush Warbler about the size of a Dusky Warbler and appearing quite dark in the field. Upper plumage ~~of~~ olive brown, noticeably rufous on the cap. A long and noticeable buffish supercilium. Under-parts greyish especially on the breast and some dark fleckings were noticeable on the sides.



Cettia brunneifrons

~~Two~~ one seen on 11th Dec in the Rapt Valley was thought to have pink legs and slightly paler grey under parts than shown

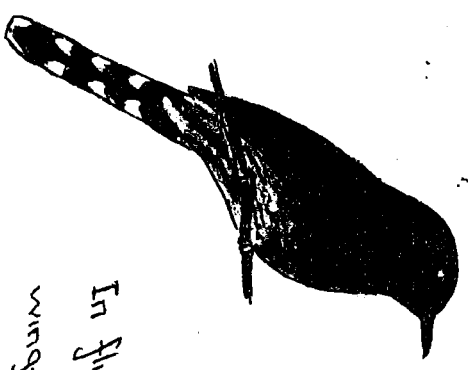
- 1 King Vulture
- 1 Rufous Turtle dove.
- 1 Gt. Yim. Babbler
- 1 Bl. N. Shrike

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| 50 Him. Terepie | 20 Flame c. Minivet |
| 3 White c. Bulbul | 5 Rufous b. Bulbul |
| 200 Black Bulbul | 15 White b. Munia |
| 5 Nepal babbler | 1 Small Munia |
| 1 <u>Ch. b. ground wbr.</u> | 1 Orange b. head wbr. |
| 1 Yellow b. wbr. | 1 Grey f. head wbr. |
| 12 Pallo's head wbr. | 30 Grey f. fly. wbr. |
| 12 Yellow c. fly. wbr. | 2 <u>Thick-billed wbr.</u> |
| 19 Starocheat | 1 ♂ Dark grey bushchat |
| 3 Tickalls Thrush | 1 Green b. tit |
| 20 Yellow sh. tit | 1 Velvet f. Nuthatch |
| 1 Fire b. Flowerpecker | 10 White eye |
| 1 Spotted Munia | 60 Stagy f. Parakeet. |
| 12 Bar w. Fly. Shrike. | |

FRIDAY 30th October

Nepal. Tml. out ~~to~~ Teravali Rd (Other side of Hill from valo)
LESSER CUCKOO SHRIKE * N.E. side of Naggar Jung

About four seen. Smaller but much slimmer and longer tailed than large Cuckoo Shrike. Plumage fairly uniform blackish grey paler on the under tail coverts and belly. Tail long and blackish each feather showing a white bar on the under side in flight and at rest from below.



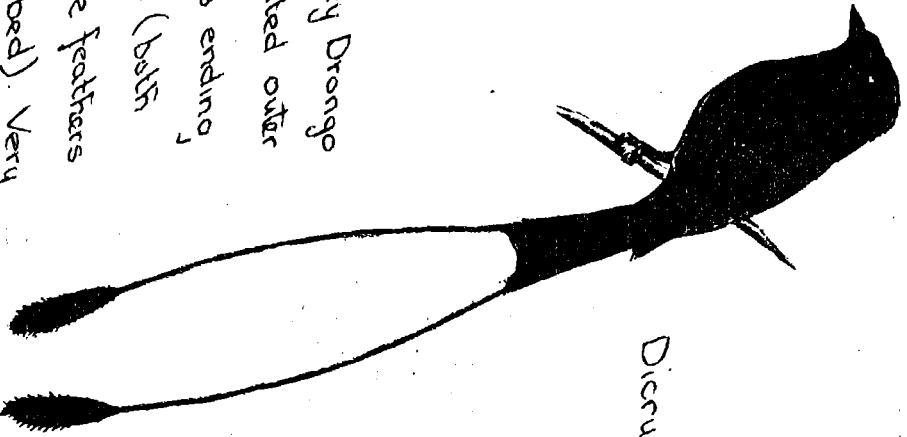
Ceracina melaschistos

In flight appeared short winged and long tailed.

Ripley refers to this species as Smaller grey Cuckoo Shrike.

LESSER RACQUET-TAILED DRONGO*

Two seen in different bird waves.

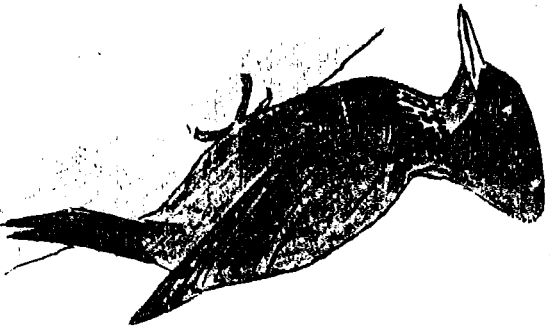


Dicurus remifer

Size of Grey Drongo
with elongated outer
tail feathers ending
in racquets (both
sides of the feathers
equally webbed). Very
varied voice. Plumage
black glossed blue.

LARGE YELLOW NAPPED WOODPECKER*

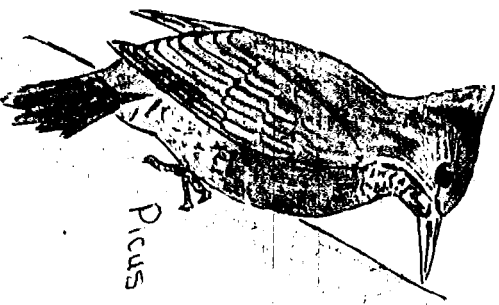
About two seen, a ♂ very well. Dark
greenish grey head with yellow crest at back
of head. Lateral yellow throat with black and
white streaking on the upper breast. Rest of
under parts dark grey. Back deep and bright
yellowish green with reddish brown barred
wings. Tail blackish. About size of Green
Woodp.



Picus flavinucha

LESSER YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER *

About two seen. Noticeably smaller than large yellow naped. Upper parts greenish. Noticeable yellow crest at back of head with some dark crimson between the crest and the green cap. Sides of face showed pale. White moustachial stripe and throat barred white and brown. Breast darker and more uniform. Rest of under parts scaled brown and white.



Picus chlorolophus

Also known as Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker

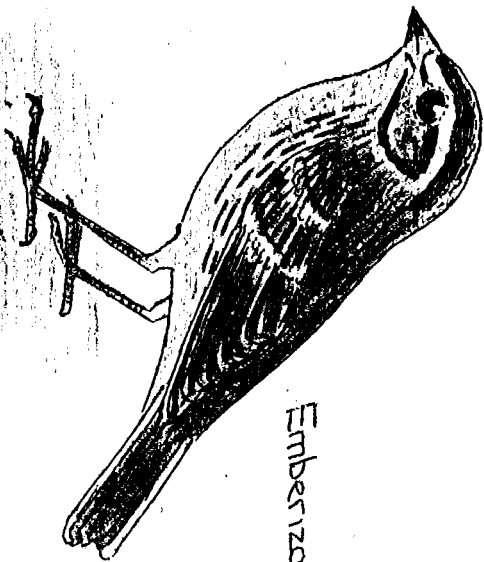
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| 1 Keelred | 15 Little Swift |
| 5 Gt. him. barbet | 4 Blue sh. barbet |
| 3 Brown f. P. Woodp. | 3 Red r. Swallows |
| 1 Fairy Drongo | 2 Bronzed Drongo |
| 50 Him. Tropic | 1 Jungle Cross |
| 4 large Cuckoo Shrike | 15 Scarlet Minivet |
| 5 Flame c. Minivet | 15 Rufous b. Bulbul |
| 100 Black Bulbul | 3(5) Rusty c. Sm. babbler |
| 10 Wh. c. lg Thrush | 5 White b. Yuhina |
| 8 Nepal babbler | 1 Sooty Flycatcher |
| 107 Rufous b. Niltava | 1 White sh. fant. Flyc. |
| 2 Grey f. flyc. | 1 Ch. b. ground. vbr. |
| 15 Pallas's leaf vbr. | 30 Grey f. fly. vbr. |
| 4 Yellow e. fly. vbr. | 1 Little Forktail |
| 1 Spotted Forktail | 1 Whistling Thrush |
| 15 Yellow sh. tit. | 5 Red f. tit |
| 1 Ch. b. Nuthatch | 10 Velvet fr. Nuthatch |
| 2(10) Olive b. pipit | 1 Fire b. Flycatcher |
| 5 White eye | |

SATURDAY 31st October.

Nepal. Trivali Rd. NE side of Nagar Jung

- 3 Gt Him barbet 2 Bronzed Drongo
 - 2 large y.n. Woodp. 1 L.R. Tailed Drongo (Fr)
 - 2 Lesser Cuckoo Shrike 2 large C. Shrike
 - 15 Scarlet Minivet. 3 Flame-c. Minivet
 - 3 Rufous b. Bulbul 50 Bl. bulbul
 - 2 White-c. Bulbul 2 Rusty-c. Sm. babbler
 - 1 Rufous sh. kg Thrush (sh) White-c. kg Thrush
 - 10 White b. Yuhina 4 Nepal babbler.
 - 11 ~~Sooty~~ Sooty Wren babbler 1 Sooty Flyc.
 - 1 Ch. B. Ground Warb. 15 Pallas's kg Flyc. Warb.
 - 30 Grey Fr. Flyc. Warb 1 Whistling Thr. (S)
 - 10 Yellow sh. Thr. 2 Ch. b. Nuthatch
 - 10 Velvet Fr. Nuthatch 5 White eye
 - 1 Spotted Munia 2 Stonechat
 - 30 Him. Tealpie 1 Rufous Turtle dove
- Just outside Kathmandu, paddy by Bagmati river
- YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *
- Flock of about 50 seen in cut rice paddy

Plumage very variable according to age and sex.



Emberiza aureola

♀

♂ Striped head as ♀ but brighter yellow on the under parts with a narrow rusty breast band. Very few streaks on sides. Noticeable white shoulder bar noticeable even in flight.

Imm♂/♀ Paler yellow on the under parts with a lot more streaks on the breast and sides.

♀ brighter yellow below.

Call notes soft, mainly 'tis-seep' with occasional 'tic', 'chick', and 'teup' notes

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER * (*Pluvialis dominica*)

One seen well in overhead flight.

Called five times or so in a whistling

"pee-wee" (~~Prob *Streptopelia* 'Forbesii'~~)

Not much smaller but noticeably narrower

* longer winged than European Golden

Plover. Under wings fairly uniform

smoky grey contrasting with the

white belly. Breast showed some

streaking.

GREY-HEADED LARVING *

A flock of 24 seen, mostly in Immature

plumage. About two seen well were

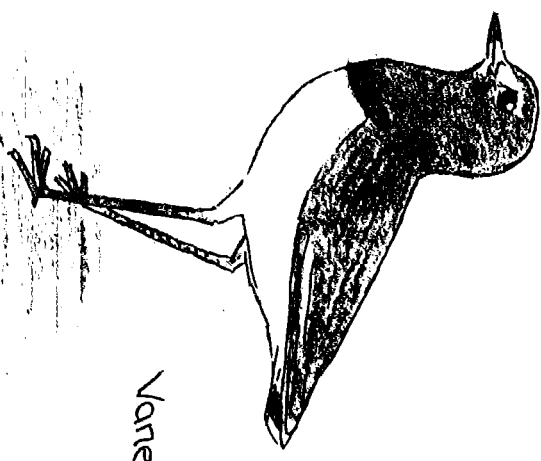
adults but probably more were

present. Head, neck and breast dark

grey ending in a black breast band

sharply contrasting with the white

under parts. Back brown. Immatures had the head pale buffish brown, with the breast the same brown as the upper parts. No black breast band. legs quite long and yellow in colour. In flight primaries black, secondary white and coverts brown as in Spur winged plover. Rump and tail white showing a thin black sub terminal band. Call a single hopping like 'kreet' note repeated in flight.



Adult.

Vanellus cinereus

31 Little Egret	25 Cattle Egret
8 Pond Heron	10 Black Kite
2 Buzzard	1 Kestrel
19 <u>Hen Harrier</u>	3 <u>harping</u>
4 <u>little r. plover</u>	2 <u>Common Sandp</u>
15 Red w. harpung	1 <u>Spur winged Pl</u>
4 <u>Temminck's Stint</u>	10 <u>Spotted dove</u>
1 <u>White b. Kingfisher</u>	100 <u>Little Skylark</u>
30 Red r. Swallow	5 <u>Black Drongo</u>
50 <u>Common Mynah</u>	20 <u>Jungle Mynah</u>
30 <u>House Crow</u>	5 <u>Stonechat</u>
3 <u>Red Bushchat</u>	5 <u>Olive b. pipit</u>
15 <u>Richards pipit</u>	70 <u>Hodgsons Pipit</u>

seen, all in winter plumage with very dark plumage and dark streaked breasts. Calls Meadow pipit like as Kashmir birds.

20 <u>Alba Wagtail</u>	
30 <u>kg. P Wagtail</u>	1 <u>Citrus Wagtail</u>
50 <u>House Sparrow</u>	30 <u>Tree Sparrow</u>
1 <u>Spotted Munia</u>	

SUNDAY 1st November.

Nepal. Katmandu.

3 <u>Black Kite</u>	19 <u>Hen harrier</u>
3 <u>Pond Heron</u>	1 <u>Hoopoe</u>
30 <u>Red r. Swallow</u>	2 <u>Stonechat</u>

Gokarna forest.

30 <u>Pond Heron</u>	40 <u>Cattle Egret</u>
15 <u>Little Egret</u>	7 <u>White n. Stork</u>
1 <u>Black Stork</u>	5 <u>Black kite</u>
29 <u>Hen harrier</u>	1 <u>Collared dove</u>
20 <u>Little Swift</u>	3 <u>White b. Kingfisher</u>
4 <u>Blue th. barbet(h)</u>	30 <u>Little Skylark</u>
50 <u>Br. th. Sand martin</u>	15 <u>R. R. Swallow</u>
1 <u>Bronzed Drongo</u>	15 <u>Black Drongo</u>
18 <u>Rufous b. Niltava</u>	6 <u>Grey F. Flyc</u>
15 <u>Yellow b. Warb.</u>	5 <u>Magnie Robin</u>
19 <u>Plumbeous Redstart</u>	1 <u>Spotted forktail</u>
4 <u>Stonechat</u>	8 <u>Red bushchat</u>
29 <u>Treehills Thrush</u>	15 <u>Yellow Sh. tit</u>
15 <u>Olive b. pipit</u>	1 <u>Grey Wag</u>

1 Steppe Eagle - two white bars on upper wing
 30 Alla wagtail 4 White eye Reddish this species
 1 Spotted Munia 30 Common Nighthawk
 2 Speckled Pheasant 2 Cr. b. Nuthatch

MONDAY 2nd November

Nepal. Shivpuri

~~Two seen~~ SPINY BABBLER *
Turdoides nipalensis
 Two seen. Size of streaked with a

"wee-tall - wee-tall" descending call

White patch from lores extending round eye and onto ear coverts. Cap chestnut brown. Upper plumage brownish. Under parts off white to buff streaked lightly but noticeably grey

20 Steppe Eagle flying W. About

Half were Imm. birds with pale bars on the tips of secondaries and

coverts. 1 hamerogeyes

2 Sparrowshawk 1 Hobby

1 Kingfisher 30 Him Treepe

50 White c. Bulbul 40 Red v. Bulbul
 6 Red b. babbler 4 streaked h. fin.
 3 Sooty fly 5 Asmy fly leaf wbr.
 5 Orange b. leaf wbr 5 Yellow b. wbr.
 30 Grey fr. fly wbr 10 Magpie Robin
 1 White c. Redstart 2 Plumbeous Redstart
 3 Hodgson's Redstart 5 Stonechat
 2 Whistling Thrush 3 Green b. tit.
 10 Yellow c. tit 1 White t. Nuthatch
 3 Olive b. pipit 1 Grey wagtail
 1 Speckled Pheasant (12) Rusty c. sm. babbler

TUESDAY 3rd November

Nepal. Shivpuri

GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN * (Eritacus chrysaeus)

Last night a ♀ or juvenile was seen very well but only briefly as it came out at the side of a bush. A smallish robin with a shorter tail than in Magpie or Indian Robins

Under parts rather bright yellow. Upper parts olive brown. Indistinct pale supercilium but very noticeable yellow orbital ring.

Today another was seen, again only briefly, this time in flight. Very olive brown, the black tail showing bright yellow patches on the outer tail feathers at the bases similar to the red patches of the Bluethroat. Call note a

~~the~~ distinctive low shrill
Spring babbler

Another ~~of the same~~ of the same

species as yesterday. Cap and back rich brown lightly streaked. Tail greyer. White face patch broken by a black spot on the end of the ear coverts, black moustachial streak and possibly a slight dark streak behind the eye.

- 1 Black Eagle
- 20 White Sn. Bulbul
- 4 Red v. Bulbul
- 3 Red b. babbler

- 1 Bluebird
- 10 Sn. tail Bulbul
- 2 Ashy th. leaf wbr
- 10 Orange b. leaf wbr
- 5 Yellow b. leaf wbr
- 2 Yellow b. Fant. Fly
- 1 White c. Redstart
- 2 Plumbeous Redstart
- 3 Hodgson's Redstart
- 5 Stonechat
- 2 Whistling Thrush
- 2 Green b. tit
- 10 Yellow Sn. tit
- 4 Olive b. pipit
- 2 Copper sm. tit
- Kalkinarduta Gedowasi
- 1 Sparrowhawk
- 1 Green Sandpiper
- 18 Black Kite
- 1 Kestrel
- 3 Black Stork
- Few Black Drongos
- Gedowasi (E. Sparrow)
- 3 Pond Heron
- 1 Kingfisher
- 2 White b. Kingfisher
- 150 Black Bulbul
- 10 White th. h. Thrush
- 5 White or h. Th.
- 5 Plumbeous Redstart
- 3 White c. Redstart
- 2 Spotted Forktail
- 1 Yellow Sn. tit
- 10 Olive b. pipit
- 10 Spotted Munia

WEDNESDAY 4th November.

Nepal. Gedawari.

- 5 Pond Heron 3 Cattle Egret
- 1 Kingfisher 1 Wh. b. Kingfisher
- 1 Tibetan Shrike 5 Red b. b. Magpie
- 50 Hm. Tree-pia 10 Jungle Crow
- 10 House Crow 2 Grey h. Woodpecker
- 10 White c. Bulbul 150 Black Bulbul
- 3 Rusty c. Smiler babbler 1 Red b. babbler
- 50 Wh. th. l. Thrush 2 Sooty Flyc
- 19 Rufous b. Niltava 10 Yellow b. viber
- 1 Pallas's leaf viber 1 Yellow eyed flyc viber
- 15 Grey F. Flyc viber 6 Purplebacked Redstart
- 2 White c. Redstart 5 Hodgsons Redstart
- 3 Whistling Thrush 5 Yellow cr. tit
- 10 Olive b. pipit 2 Grey wagst
- 1 Alba wagtail 1 Whiteage
- 2 Little bunting 15 Jungle Myiarch

NOTE: Ripley 1961 considers Stepper Eagle (*Haliaeetus nippalensis*) full species. (Tassony Eagle (*Haliaeetus rapax*))

THURSDAY 5th November

Nepal. Katmandu.

- 1 ♀ Hen Harrier 1 White b. Kingfisher

FRIDAY 6th November

Nepal. Katmandu.

- 2 Spotted Munia 1 White b. Kingfisher

SATURDAY 7th November

Nepal. Daman and Simphangam Pass (8,165ft)

DARJEELING PIED WOODPECKER *

For JW

Picoides darjeelensis

Call a 'kuck' note heard on 14th Nov. Phil Chowski



One seen well. Size of Gr Spotted and with

Rufous Fringed laughing Thrush
 Drawn 6th from skins



Garrulax rufogularis

a similar shape and Pied plumage. Forehead, cap, nape, back, rump and tail uniform black. Slight white scapular patch and white bars in wing. Cheeks dirty ~~dirty~~ white Black moustachial stripe not meeting with nape. Throat dirty white whole of under-parts dirty white with noticeable black streaks.

Spry Babbler 2-3rd Nov.
 Shivpuri as drawn from skins
 6th Nov.



Turdoides nepalensis

Seen c/5,500ft

White face and black spot
 conspicuous in field.

~~else~~ More closely streaked on the sides than the centre of the breast. Under tail coverts red. A very quite Woodpecker rather similar to the Sind Pied Woodpecker in general plumage and habits. Much tamer than most Woodpeckers and seen very closely.

* GREATER SCALY-BREASTED WREN BARBLER

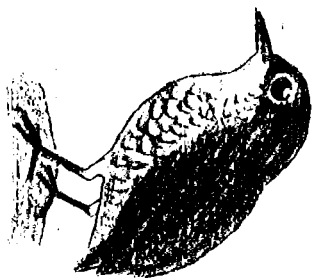
One seen very well as it fed in the open in a lichen covered tree. The bird fed up to 20 ft from the ground and crept down the trunk similar to the Nuthatch.

Notably larger and bulkier than lesser

Scaly-breasted appearing as much as an inch to an inch and a half bigger. The call was also quite distinct. It was much harsher than the alarm call of the lesser.

An explosive "chick" repeated about every two or three seconds. Upper parts very dark brown the bird showing an egg ring as the smaller species. Throat whitish and under parts whitish dirty scaled closely with blackish brown.

The tail was short. The other three when babbler (all lesser) I have seen have ~~all~~ been around 5-6000 ft. This bird was at about 8,000 ft.



Micreura albiventris

Also called Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler (Ripley 1961)

1220 to 1430 hrs water from top of pass.

174 Steppes Eagles \rightarrow S.W. in flocks of two to eight in number. About 3 in ten birds seen were adults.

18 Himalayan Griffon Vultures \rightarrow S.W. with the eagles. Only three certain adults seen.

2 Black Eagle \rightarrow S.W. 1 Hobby \rightarrow S.W.

1 Honey Buzzard \rightarrow S.W. 1 Buzzard in area.

2 Sparrowhawk (only one of which went S.W.)

Other birds seen on pass.

25 Jungle Crow 10 Flame c. Minivet

2 Rufous b. bulbul 10 White c. b. bulbul

c. 200 Orange b. leaf wh. 1 Yellow b. wh. wh.

- 1 Grey h. Fly. wr.
- 2 Stonechat
- 15 Blue f. Redstart
- 3 Blue wh. Thrush
- 5 Streaked laughing th.
- 1 White br tit. babb.
- 50 Black capped Sibia
- 7 Green backed tit
- 3 Wh t. Nuthatch.
- 1 Fire tailed Sunbird
- 4 Bl. f. greenfinch.
- 2 Little bunting
- 1 Plumbeous Redstart
- 3 Wh. c. Redstart

SUNDAY 8th November 1970.

Nepal. Daman.

- 15 Streaked laughing Thrush. 10 Orange b. warbler
- 2 Grey f. Fly. wr. 5 Little bunting

0430 to 1020 hrs

76 Steppe Eagles → SW. 1 Buzzard.

2 Sparrowshawk. 1 Firetailed Sunbird

50 Orange b. warbler. 10 Bl. capped Sibia.

En Route to Hihaura.

1 Blue Rock Thrush. 1 Plumbeous Redstart

Rapti valley Hihaura (Tarai rd W. town)

FULVUS-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER*

One ♀ seen well. Size and shape of Brown fronted Pied but this bird showed less streaked under parts and a black cap.



Dendrocopos macul

♂ seen 9th Nov
showed wholly red cap.

- 1 Cr. Serpent Eagle.
- 1 Black Kite
- 1 Little r. Plover
- 4 Common Sandp.
- 4 (at Indian Parakeet 2 Jungle Owl)
- 8 Indian Roller. 1 Wh t. Kingfisher
- 2 Kinglet Barbets 10 kg. Red Wagtail
- 10 Alba wagtail 1 Grey Wagtail
- 2 Black f. Oriole 30 Hair sc. Drongo
- 5 Spotted winged Storking. Obviously the same species as seen at Simla

Also known as Spotted-winged Starling (*Sarcolissa spiloptera*)

last year. Size and shape of Starling with white patch in each wing. Upper parts scaled grey, under parts

pale rufous orange, darker on head.

30 Common Nighthawk 2 Indian Tropicbird

15 House Crow 20 Jungle Crow

1 Gold Fr. Woodpecker 5 Red v. Bulbul

3 White-c. Bulbul 10 Yellow-br. Warbler

6 Grey Fr. Flycatcher 3 Yellow-eyed Flycatcher

2 Grey Fr. Flycatcher 12 R. Br. Flycatcher

2 Plumbeous Redstart 1 Black-b. For. Tanager

15 Jungle babbler 6 Grey Tit

3 Velvet Fr. Nuthatch 1 Green Shank (young of year)

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *

One, a ♀ or Imm, seen closely as it

stood in the open. Similar to a long

tailed Bluethroat in shape and stance

Cooked tail up over back. Upper

plumage from cap to rump uniform

grey brown. Tail appeared brown

and did not show any noticeable

red or white in the outer feathers.

Whitish supercilium moderately

noticeable, dark cheeks grey brown

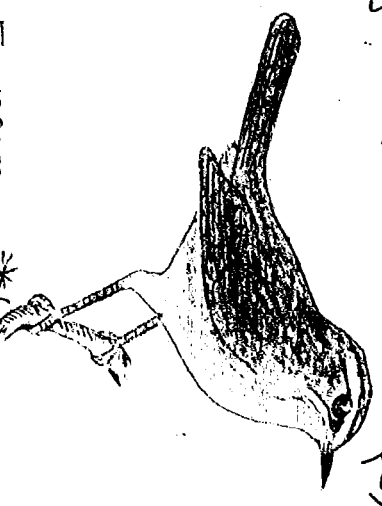
and off white moustachial stripe fairly

prominent. Throat, breast, flanks and

under tail coverts buffish, white

on the belly. legs long.

Rubythroat (*Erithacus collinops*)



BROCK'S FLYCATCHER * (*Muscivora pelagica*)
GREEN FERREOUS-BELLIED FLYCATCHER

2 Flycatcher seen fairly well. (orange-brown

on back, greener head (with pale eye ring),

and rufous tail. Under parts orange buff

with whitish throat (and slight streaks on legs)

MONDAY 9th November

Nepal Hitaoura (Rapti Valley)

GREATER PARQUET-TAILED DRONGO *
(Dicrurus paradiseus)

One seen well. Noticeably heavier than lesser and with a thicker bill. Forehead steep and whole of head showed a shaggy (bushy) black crest. White of plumage glossy black. Tail shorter than lesser (but they were probably not fully grown) with the rackets twisted and only webbed on one side. Habits and flight similar to the smaller species.

EMERALD DOVE *

One seen. A small dove with the size and shape of a Spotted dove seen as it flew into a bush. Sat in the bush for quite a time then dropped to the undergrowth below. White forehead and stripe over eye. Grey cap and nape. Upper parts very dark green tinged grey. The

Shoulders showing a small white patch. Under parts pinkish. Bill reddish.

Chalcophaps indica



- 2 Black Ibis 7 White necked Stork
- 2 Black Kite 1 Crested serpent Eagle
- 2 Kestrel 1 Green-shank (Faad)
- 5 Common Sandpiper 2 Little ringed Plover
- 3 Spur-winged Plover 2 Rufous turtle dove
- 15 Blossom headed Parula 2 Gr Ind Pascarut
- 1 Jungle Owlet 2 Kingfisher
- 5 White br Kingfisher 10 Little green Bee eater
- 2 Large Goldenbacked Woodp 4 Fulvous b. Woodp
- 2 Large Y Naped Woodp 10 Red rumped Swallow
- 2 Olive b. pipit 3 Grey Wagtail

- 4 kg. Pied Wagtail 10 Alba wagtail
 - 2 Black F. Shrike 1 Brown Shrike
 - 1 White bellied Drongo 15 Hair c. Drongo
 - 10 Common Myiagrah 5 Red b. b. Magpie
 - 2 ~~HEB~~ Indian treepie 3 House Crow
 - 15 Jungle Crow 3 large Cuckoo Shrike
 - 4 Scarlet Minivet 2 White CF bulbul
 - 10 Red v. bulbul 15 Yellow breasted leaf
 - 1 Grey F. Fly. Wbr 3 Grey F. Flycatcher
 - 8 R. B. Flycatcher 15 Rufous b. Niltava
 - 2 Dark grey Bushlark 15 Plumbeous Redstart
 - 8 White capped Redstart 1 Magpie Robin
 - 6 Jungle Babbler 1 Ch. b. Nuthatch
 - 3 Velvet ft Nuthatch 3 Indian Roller
 - 3 Black F. Oriole 1 Tailorbird
- 4 miles W of Hiltawa (Rapti valley)

RED-THIGHED FALCONET * (Also known as Red-breasted)

A total of 4 seen, three together perched at the top of a dead tree. Very small

Falcons about sparrow size. Whole of upper parts blackish. Tail short and rounded.

Blackish in colour barred with. Black cap and mark through eye. White face. Under parts pinkish with shading orange red on belly and under tail coverts. In flight very small with rounded wings.



Microhierax caeruleus

- 1 Shrike 1 Rufous-Turtle dove
- 3 Grey wagtail 1 Black F. Shrike
- 1 Brown Shrike 1 Blue wh. Thrush
- 2 White-capped Redstart 2 Ch. b. Nuthatch
- 2 Black F. Oriole 4 Yellow b. Wbr.

TUESDAY 10th November

Nepal 4 miles W of Hitaura (Rapti Valley)

1 ♂ Scarlet Rosefinch 1 Spotted Munia

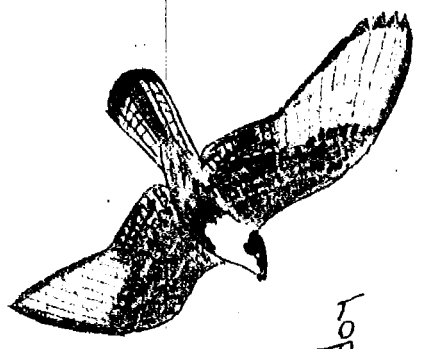
10. Large Pied wagtail 15 Alia Wagtail ^{1 trapped}

1 Blue-bearded Bee-eater 3 White St. bulbul

1 Olive b pipit (trapped) 2 Grey crowned Raven ^{trapped}

RUFOUS-BELLIED HAWK EAGLE *

One seen well in overhead flight. Smaller and similar in shape (but with a smaller head and thinner wings) to Mountain Hawk Eagle but plumage very different.



Lophotriorchis kienerii

Most noticeable points were black crown, white breast and rufous belly band. Dark under wing coverts and secondaries, whiter on the under primaries. Flight very floppy like a Pollia Parus.

One ♂ Siberian Rubythroat trapped. Short white supercilium and white moustachial streak.



Erithacus. calliope

White base to dark bill. Whole of upper parts uniform brown very slightly darker on cap. Tail short and uniform dark brown. Wings with buff adynges. Buffish brown on breast and flanks, paler on the belly.

Olive b. pipit trapped Wing 88. Bill 14 Tarsus 18.5 Tail 59.5

WEDNESDAY 11th November.

Nepal Kathmandu

10 Cattle Egret. Few Black Kite.

THURSDAY 12th November

Nepal Kathmandu

15 Jungle Mynah 10 Black Kite.

FRIDAY 13th November

Nepal Kathmandu

10 Common Mynah 5 Black Kite.

SATURDAY 14th November

Nepal Kathmandu to Bardhise and back again

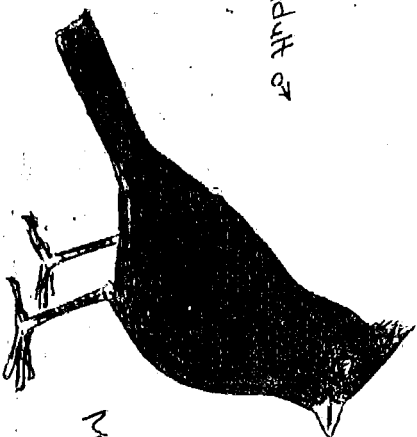
CRESTED BUNTING*

About 15 seen feeding in a rice field, only one an adult ♂. A heavy burting

both sizes showing a pointed crest.

Imm/f generally grey brown, with pale orbital rings and streaked upper and under parts. Showed some streak on wing in flight. ♂ plumage black with streak wings and tail. Call a musical "squat-squat".

Adult ♂

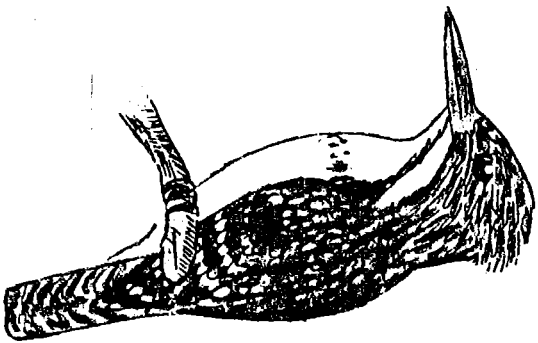


Melophis latrami

GREATER PIED KINGFISHER* (also called Pied Kingfisher)

Three seen along the river below Bardhise. Very large Kingfishers with very loud heavy flight. Upper parts appeared grey from a distance but seen closely were

seen to be speckled black and white
 Head large with a shaggy crest black
 streaked white. Blackish moustachial
 streak and slight breast band. White
 stripe down side of neck. Under parts
 white.



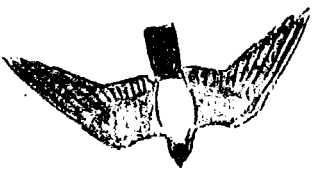
Not a shaggy crest.

Ceryle lugubris.

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN* (*Delichon nipalensis*)
 150 seen over a fall near Barabise
 and another flock of 50 seen further
 down the river. Small, dumpy martins

with square ended tails. Upper parts
 black with noticeable white wing band,
 under parts bright white contrasting
 sharply with black under tail coverts and
 throat. Under-wings dusky.

Overhead.



Delichon nipalensis



Flyng away

- | | |
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| 1 Sparrowhawk | 1 Kestrel |
| 1 Honey Buzzard | 10 Black Kite |
| 1 Stepper-Eagle | 5 Wallceepers |
| 3 White necked stork | 25 Cormorant |
| 1 White b. Kingfisher | 15 Purplebacked Redstart |
| 5 White c. Redstart | 1 Yellowb. Warb. |
| 1 Little Forestall. | 1♂ Blue rock Thrush |
| 5 Blue wh. Thrush | 1♂ Yellow backed Sunbird |

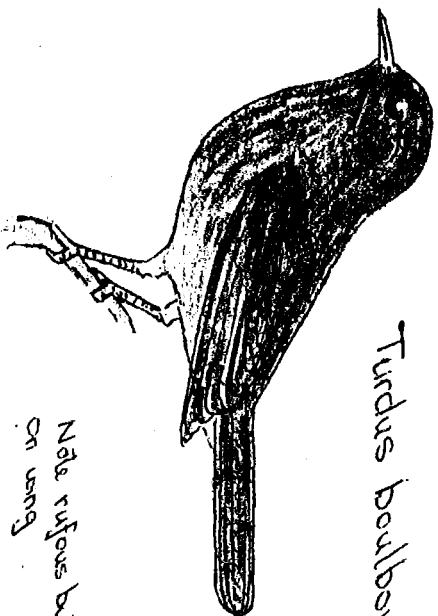
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| 2 White eye | 2 Grey tit |
| 10 Cattle Egret. | 20 Asha Woodpecker |
| 1 Grey Woodpecker | 5 Mg. Red Woodpecker |
| 2 Richards pipit (greyish) | 5 Black Drongo |
| 1 Himalaya Tree pig | 20 Jungle Crow |
| 30 House Crow | 3 White St. Bulbul |
| 1 Velvet fronted Nuthatch | 18 Stonechat |
| 5 Pied Stonechat | 1 Tailorbird. |
| 1 Magpie Robin | 25 Common Nymph. |

SUNDAY 15th November

Nepal. Phil Chowki 5,000 to 8,000ft.

GREY-WINGED BUCKBIRD*

One ♀ seen at c 6,500 ft. elevation. Roughly the same size and shape as our Blackbird but with a darker, rufous and more uniform brown than the ♀ of our species. Bill dull coloured. Most noticeable feature was the long patch of rufous buff on the closed wings.



Turdus bulboul

Note rufous buff patch on wing

RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX*

A party of 6 birds seen at about 6500ft. About size of Nepal babbler and similar in shape. Upper plumage olive grey as belly. Throat bright yellow shading orange on lower breast. Yellowish eye ring and stripe through eye. Wings showed bright orange, red, yellow stripes and tail blackish blue. The feathers curving outwards at the tip. Showed horn selves quite well but were very neatless. Bill orange red.

Leiothrix lutea



- 3 White b. tit-babbler 3 Ch. c. tit-babbler
- 2 Greater scaly b Wren bab. 2 Bar-breasted Wren
- 25 Black-capped Sibia 10 Nepal babbler
- 1 Mountain Hawk Eagle 2 Green t. Sunbird
- 2 Rufous b. Woodpecker 4 Brown F. Red Woodp.
- 6 Yellow Sh. tit 3 Yellowbr. tit
- 10 Green b. tit, 1 ^{Blue fronted} ~~Yellow~~ Redstart
- 40 Orange b. leaf wbr 1 Grey S. leaf wbr
- 3 Flame c. Minivet 40 Black Bullbul
- 10 Wh. ch. bullbul 20 Him. Treaple
- 10 Grey F. Fly wbr 1 Yellow & Fly wbr

- 5 Olive b. pipit 1 Gr. Him. Babbler
- 1 Ch. F. ground wbr 6 Yellow rumped Yuhina
- 3 Fire b. Flowerpecker 2 ~~Orange b. leafbird~~
- 25 Red F. tit 2 Yellow b. Fantail flyc.

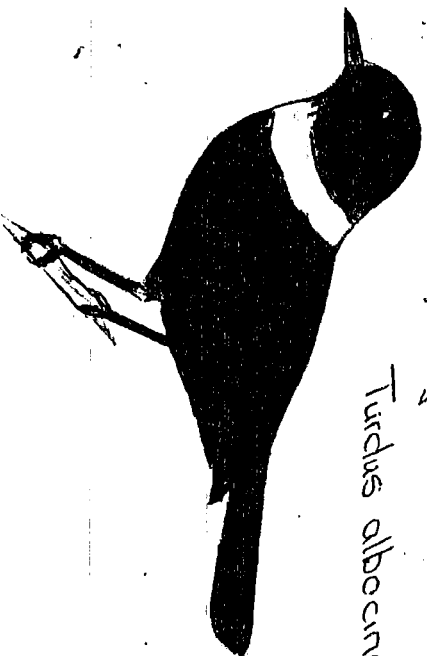
MONDAY 16th November

Nepal Phul Chowk 8,000 to 9,000ft.

WHITE-COLOURED BLACKBIRD *

One ♂ seen at 8,000ft.

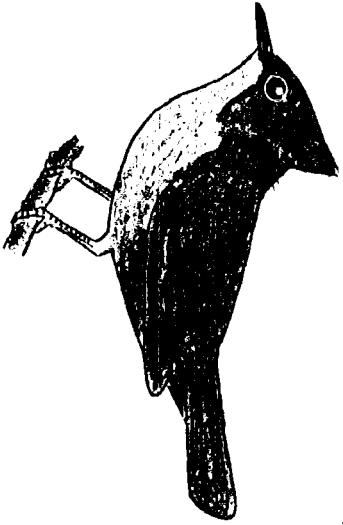
Turdus albocinctus



Size of European Blackbird and similar in general plumage except the broad band of white round the neck.

RUFOUS-VENTED YUHINA*

Yuhina occipitalis



Two of these beautiful Yuhinas were seen at the top of Phul Chowk at c. 9,000ft. ~~Generally~~ Plumage mainly brown with a noticeable rufous orange patch on the nape and on the belly and under tail coverts. Black nuchal stripe and white ring round the eye. Bill dark and legs pinkish flesh. Called in a rather harsh, but short trill. Habits as other Yuhinas.

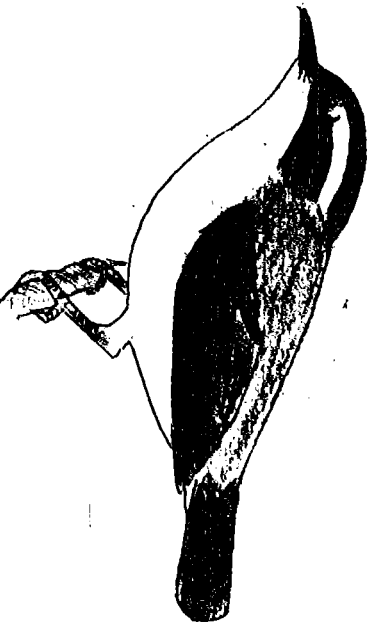
- 3 Rufous b. Woodp.
- 1 Dargelling Red Woodp.
- 4 Brown Sp. Red Woodp.
- 6 Streaked laughing th.
- 20 Bar th. Minla
- 7 White br. tit babbler
- 100 Black capped Sibia
- 300 Orange b. leaf wher
- 8 Blue fronted Redstart
- 19 Ch. b. Rock Thrush
- 3 Green b. tit,
- 8 Yellow breasted tit
- 10 Red F. tit
- 6 White tailed Nuthatches
- 3 Green tailed sunbird

TUESDAY 17th November

Nepal. Phul Chowk 8,000 to 9,000ft.

RED-WINGED SHRIKE BABBLER*

Pteruchius flaviscapis

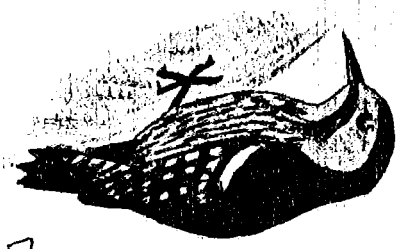


Also known as Greater Shrike-babbler (Ripley 1941)

One adult ♂ seen very well at 8,000ft.
 Size and shape of *Cubia*. Cap, lores
 and cheeks black. Bright white supercilium
 from eye to nose. Upper parts grey. Tail
 and wings blackish. Feathers showing
 a noticeable orange red patch on the
 secondaries. Under parts uniform bright
 white.

CRIMSON-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER*

One ♀ seen very well at 8,000ft amongst
 a bird house. A small Woodpecker noticeably
 smaller than Dargeling Red but with
 similar coloration. Whole of face and
 under parts ^{bright rusty} buffish. The breast and belly
 being noticeably streaked. Noticeable black
 nuchal stripe. Cap and back black.
 The bird showing only small scapular
 patches and a few white bars in the wings.
 Under tail coverts red.



Dendrocoptes catharticus

One seen briefly but closely at 9,000ft.
 A large heavy Hawk-like cuckoo with a
 rapid, sparsely hawk-like flight. Upper parts
 appeared very grey. Under parts showed
 a fair amount of rufous. Under wings
 strongly barred. Tail showed a narrow
 white terminal band.

- 1 Dargeling Red Woodpecker
- 4 Rufous b Woodsp
- 10 Brown Fr. Red Woodsp
- 4 Maroon Oriole

8 Flame c Minivet 8 Black Babbler
 4 Streaked laughing H 12 Red Faced laughing H
 25 Bar H. Minla 12 Rufous vented Yuhina
 20 Ch. h. tit babbler 5 White breasted tit babbler
 200 Black capped Sibia 400 Orange b leaf warbler
 5 Ch. h. fly warbler 5 Blue fly Redstart
 2 (10) Yln. bellied Rockfinch 1 White's Thrush
 2 (10) White c. Blackbird 15 Green b. tit
 10 Yellow breasted tit 4 Red h. tit
 15 White tailed Nuthatch, 3 Olive b pipit
 5 Green t Sunbird

WEDNESDAY 18th November

Nepal Phul Chausi 5500 to 8000 ft.
 3 Rufous b Woodp. 3 Brown fg. Red Woodp.
 20 Moroon Oriole 7 Jay
 30 Him. Treepie 1 Flame c Minivet
 2 Orange b. leafbirds 30 Black Bulbul
 4 Rufous naped Sm bab. 30 White th. l. Thrush

10 Rufous c. h. Flycatcher 15 Red h. h. Thrush
 10 Str. tailed h. Thrush 5 Red b. halcyon
 10 Nepal Cuckoo 1 Red winged Sm bab.
 1 Hoary Parusong 1 Blue w. Minla
 5 Yellow n. Yuhina 10 Ch. h. tit babbler
 20 Nepal babbler. 50 Black c. Sibia
 40 Orange b. leaf warbler 10 Green fly warbler
 2 Yellow eyed Fly warbler 1 Blue Whistling H
 2 Green b. tit 5 Yellow ch. tit
 4 Red h. tit 5 White tailed Nuthatch
 5 Olive b. pipit 5 Fire b. Flowerpecker
 10 Green t. Sunbird 10 White eyed
 1 Sp. Oriole on Rasta to Kathmandu.

THURSDAY 19th November

Nepal Kathmandu
 25 Black Kite 1 Green-throated F. after dark
 3 Pond Heron 15 Magpie Robin.
 1 Soot probably wild on lake in
 Zoological gardens Many Tree sparrows.

FRIDAY 20th November

Nepal

Godavari

c. 5,500ft

ORANGE-GORGETTED FLYCATCHER*

One seen well on three occasions. A large Flycatcher showing ~~some~~ white patches in the sides of the dark tail as in Red breasted Flycatcher. Upper parts brown with brighter more suffused edgings on the flight feathers. Small white patch noticeable on forehead to just above eye. Cap greyish blue, black on throat with a small oval orange patch on the centre of the breast. Dark lower breast shading buffish white on the belly.

Muscicapa streperata



1 ♀ or Imm. Red Flanked Bluetail seen very well

in the Botanical gardens. White throat, with buff moustachial and under parts. Orange patches on flanks. Brown upper parts and bright blue tail constantly depressing and forming

it. 2 ♂ & Bushbird 5 Black Kite

2 Kestrel 1 Buzzard

2 Red b. b. Magpie 5 Him. Terepie

50 Black Bullbul 25 White Cheeked Bullbul

15 Red v Bullbul 2 Red billed Babbler

1 Small Niltava 2 Yellow b Fantail Fly

10 Orange b. leaf wbr 25 ~~Pallas's leaf wbr~~

10 Yellow b wbr. 5 Grey fr Fly wbr.

1 Yellow eyed Fly wbr 10 Magpie Robin

2 Hodgsons Redstart 1 Blue w Thrush

10 Yellow cr. tit 4 Red fr tit

10 Olive b pipit 4 Grey Woodpecker

15 White eye 4 Little bunting

En Route to Kathmandu we stopped at river

1 Little Egret 1 Cattle Egret

15 Black Kite	1 Buzzard
10 L. R. Plover	3 Green Sandp
2 Common Sandp	6 Tamarisks Skirt
2 White b. Kingfisher	15 Little Skink
30 R. R. Swallow	10 Black Drong
15 Hodgsons Pipit	1 Gray Wagtail
4 Varieg. P. Wagtail	10 White Wagtail
5 Himalayan Greenfinch	

SATURDAY 21st November

Nepal En Route to Shimpur

10 Brown Fr. Sand martin Few Tinnies Mynah

Shimpur (lower slopes)

1 Steepe Eagle	15 Little Swifts
15 Him Tropic	20 Red v. Bullbul
25 White fr. bulbul	1 (5) Rusty fr. Sm. babbler
1 Red b. babbler	6 Yellow b. Forked Flycatcher
20 Orange barred Kingfisher	8 Gray fr. Fly. War.
15 Magpie Robin	19 Plumbeous Redstart

12 Hodgsons Redstart	6 Stonechat
1 Whistling Thrush	3 Olive backed Pipit
6 Himalayan Greenfinch	2 Jungle Crow
1 Spotted forktail	3 Tailorbird

SUNDAY 22nd to TUESDAY 24th November

Nepal Kathmandu

Very little seen. Few Cattle Egrets.
Up to 15 little swifts.

WEDNESDAY 25th November

Nepal Kathmandu

A small stream near the Nepal camp proved quite interesting. 1 Dusky Warbler seen well and heard calling. 3 Yellow b. Warbler
1 Tristis Chiffchaff 1 Acrocephalus sp.
1 Green Sandp 4 White b. Kingfisher
15 Olive b. pipit 1 Paddyfield pipit

4 Grey Wagtail 2 Cattle Egret
2 Talonbird 10 Magpie Robin

THURSDAY 26th November

Nepal Kathmandu

In grounds of Indian Embassy
2 Grey Pigeon Woodpecker 3 Grey Tit
15 Pallase's Wood Warbler 2 Red B Fly
20 Cattle Egret 5 Talonbird
8 White eye 25 Olive b. pipit
1 Grey h. Flycatcher 2 Ch. b. Nuthatch

FRIDAY 27th November

Nepal Kathmandu

1 Imm White b Vulture 1 Kestrel

SAT 28th Nov to MON 30th Nov Kathmandu

Nothing of note besides a few little Swifts

TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER

Nepal Kathmandu to Hitaoura

2 Sparrowhawk 1 Stepper Eagle
5 Black Kite 1 Wall Creeper
1 Blue r Thrush 3 Blue wh. Thrush
2 Crag Martin 15 Red rumped Swallow
1 White capped Redstart 1 Hodgson's Redstart
1 Red b blue Magpie 20 Tree sparrow
5 Swallow 1 White b. Kingfisher

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

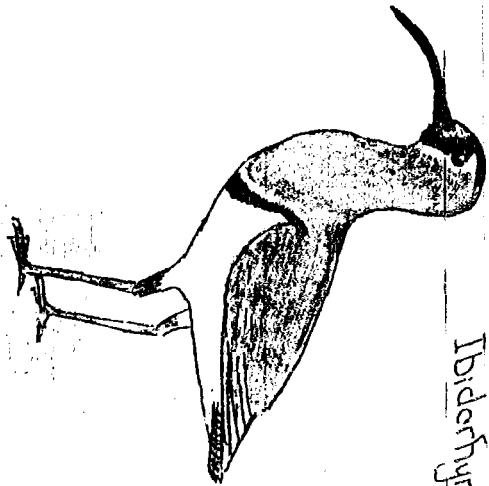
Nepal

IBISBILL *

Hitaoura (2 miles out Pop. River, ~~Chitab~~)
Moved 8-10 miles up Pop. Valley late afternoon

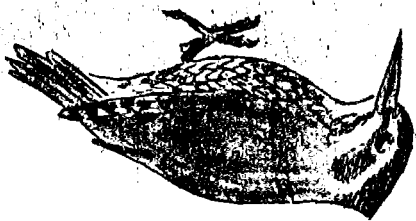
A flock of three seen along the river mainly grey showing a white wing patch at the tip of the wing in flight. Call a quiet, trilling "see-ee-ee-ee" and a shorter "Keemp". Really weird looking birds. Babbed often in a similar way to a Sandpiper.

Ibidorhyncha struthersii



Bill dark red and noticeably decurved
legs grey. Most of plumage grey with a
slightly barred tail and white under parts.
Noticeable black breast band with a
thinner white band above. Back face
and cap with some white behind ears
and forehead to chin greyish white.
Nape slightly brownish and more
mottled.

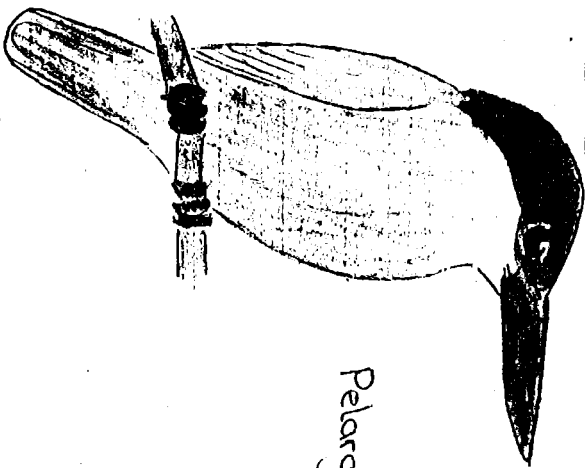
LITTLE SCALY-BELLIED GREEN WOODPECKER *



Picus xanthopygeus

One ♀ seen quite well. A smaller
Woodpecker with a black crown and
moustachial streak and a dusky mark
through the eye. Under parts closely
scaled dark. Back fairly bright green
green the bright yellow rump being
very noticeable in flight and contrasting
with the blackish tail. White stripe
over eye and down cheek.

STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER *



Pelargopsis capensis

One seen well as it perched in a tree and later as it flew off. A very large and heavy red billed Kingfisher with a brownish grey cap contrasting with the pale throat. Under parts orange buff. In flight whis of upper parts and tail bright blue legs and feet reddish.

RED JUNGLE-FOWL

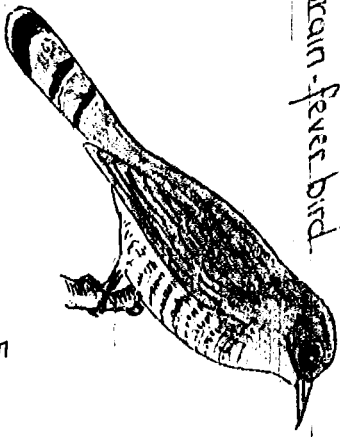
Two males seen very well on the track in front of the car. Very like chickens but smaller and slimmer, with a long drooping blackish blue tail. Small but noticeable. Seta patch at base of tail. Red webbing on head and golden yellow neck. Wings streaked with broad black bar. Drooping golden feathers on rump. Very fast on their feet and were seen out of sight in the thick under growth at the roadside.



Gallus gallus

COMMON HAWK COCKOO * (Cuculus varus)

Also called Brain-fever bird.



Eggs orange yellow
Eggs yellow

One seen, probably a ♀ Uniform grey on the upper parts. Tail showed a broad black subterminal band and a narrow buffish white tip. Rest of tail grey with two dark black bars. Very pale throat. The under parts were barred faintly ^{in grey pink} (pinkish flush) but this was not very noticeable and the under parts appeared quite pale especially in flight. Bill dark and legs and feet yellow. About size of common Cuckoo. Showed a orange yellow ^{egg ring}

20	Pond Heron	12	Black Ibis
1	White n. Stork	1	Imm. Black w. Kite
8	Black Kite	2	Crested s. Eagle
4	Rufous th. Falconet	2	Kestrel
2	Little r. Plover	8	Spur winged Plover
3	Green Sandpiper	3	Green Sandpiper
5	Common Sandpiper	10	Rufous Turtledove
25	Spotted dove	6	kg. Indian Parakeet
2	Jungle Owllet	50	Alpine Swift
10	Indian Roller	5	White b. Kingfisher
5	Kingfisher	2	Lineated Barb
1	Grey F Woodpecker	1	Lesser Golden b. Wood
1	Greater Golden b. Woodp.	4	Grey c. Pigmy Woodp
5	Fulvous br. Red Woodp	60	Br. th. Sand martin
60	Swallows	30	Red rumped Swallow
30	Olive b. pipit	50	Grey wagtail
30	Alba wagtail	20	kg. Red wagtail
2	Brown Shrike	1	Tibetan Shrike
4	Bl. F. Oriole	5	Wh. b. Drongo
1	Bronzed Drongo	4	Greater r. tailed Drongo

60 Common Nymph 1 Red b. b. Magpie

10 Indian Treepie 30 Jungle Crow

10 Red Flyc. Shrike 20 large Cuckoo Shrike

50 Scarlet Minivet 1 Gold Fr. Woodpecker

5 White Cr. Bulbul 10 Red v. Bulbul.

1 Blyth's reed wbr. 2 Chiffchaff

1 Dusky wbr 80 Yellow b. leaf wbr

2 Pallas's leaf wbr 10 Yellow eyed Flyc. wbr

15 Grey Fr. Flyc. wbr 15 Franklins Prinia

15 Grey Fr. Flyc. 20 Red b. Flycatcher

1 Orange gorgetted Flyc. ^{1 Brood's flycatcher} ~~1 Retentive Flyc.~~

1 Verditer Flycatcher 12 D. Grey bushcreeper

1st Blue rock Thrush 12 Cr. b. Red Thrush

30 White c. Redstart 20 Plumbeous Redstart

1st Siberian Rubythroat 1st Himalayan Rubythroat

3 Magpie Robin 1 Black b. Forestail

30 Jungle babbler 20 Grey Tit

10 Cr. b. Nuthatch 5 Velvet Sp. Nuthatch

20h. House sparrow. Total number of

species between us 89.

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER.

Nepal. Rapti Valley, 20 miles N of Pokhara

SHAMA* (Copsychus malabaricus)

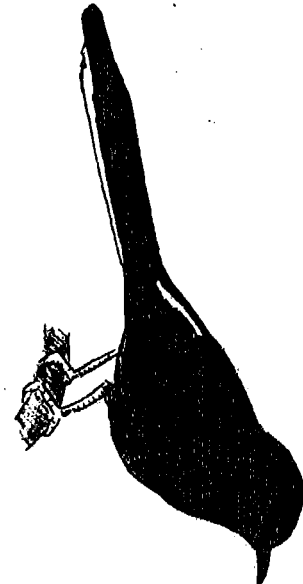
One ♂ seen larger but of similar shape to a

Magpie Robin long tail black edged with white

rump. Rest of upper parts, head and breast

glossy black. Belly bright chestnut legs very

pale flesh.



CRESTED TREE SWIFT* (Hemiprocne longipennis)

Altogether about 80 seen in large swift

with a very long, deeply forked tail held

together in direct flight. Wings long and

slender. The whole appearance of the bird

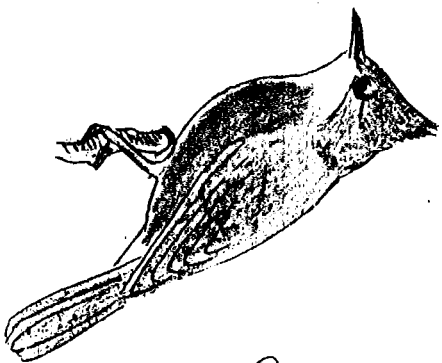
Being akin to a Parakeet. Flight rapid, but feed much the same as Apus' swifts indeed an Alpine Swift was seen feeding among them. Upper plumage uniform ash grey. Breast grey shading to white on the belly and under tail coverts. In some lights the back appeared quite brown.



Overhead flight
Note long tail and wings
giving the impression of
a Parakeet

WHITE-THROATED BULBUL* (Crimiger flavescens)

A single bird seen amongst a bird wave
about size of Black crested Yellow ~~bulbul~~^{bulbul}
but crest more shaggy; less pointed
Head greyish (with some slight white streaks?)
Upper parts quite bright greenish. Throat
white and rest of under parts bright yellow



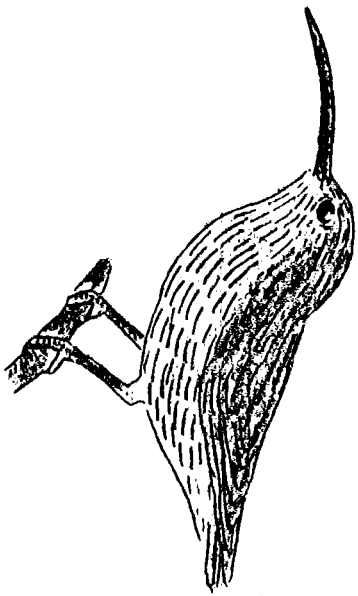
Crimiger flavescens

STREAKED SPIDER-HUNTER*

One seen quite well but briefly up in
dense jungle at about 3,500 ft elevation
larger than a Sunbird and completely
different to anything I have seen before
Bill, long and decurved being blackish
in colour. legs and feet (large) bright
orange. Upper parts greenish streaked
black. Whitish throat shading into
greyish white on the under parts
noticeably streaked with black.

Call a trilling 'tree-ipp' quite audible even from a fair distance.

Arachnothera magna



Tora above river —

- 10 Pond Heron
- 1 Wh. n. Stork
- 6 Black Kite
- 1(h) Crested Sp. Eagle
- 1(h) Red junglefowl
- 1 Temminck's Stint
- 5 Green Sandpiper
- 4 Spotted dove
- 10 Bl. n. parakeet
- 1 Alpine Swift
- 15 Spur winged Plover
- 12 Black Ibis
- 64 Goosander
- 1 Stirke
- 2 Rufous n. Falconet
- 2 Little-ringed plover
- 3 Green Stork
- 3 Common Sandpiper
- 15 hg. Indian Parakeet
- 1 Indian Cuckoo
- 2 Indian Roller

- 1 Gt Red Kingfisher
- 1 Kingfisher
- 2 Kinglet barbet
- 2 Lesser Yellow n. Woodp.
- 5 Grey C. Pigmy Red Woodp.
- 30 Olive b. pipit
- 15 Alba wagtail
- 2 Brown St. Sw.
- 5 Wh. b. Kingfisher
- 2 Blue b. bee-eater
- Grey n. Woodpecker
- 1 Fulvous b. Red Woodp.
- 1 Swallow
- 1 Grey wagtail
- 8 hg. Pied wagtail
- 3 Bl. n. Oriole
- 30 Hair cr. Drong
- 10 Common Myrnat
- 2 Jungle Crow
- 50 Scarlet Minivet
- 1 Bl. c. Yellow bulbul
- 2 Pallas's hoop vbr
- 1 Greenish vbr
- 1 Wh. n. Fant flyc
- 1 Bl. naped flyc
- 2 Wh. capped Redstart
- 1 Black n. thrush
- 10 Grey tit
- 25 Jungle Myrnat
- 40 Red flyc. Stirke
- 1 Orange b. woodpeck
- 10 White ch. bulbul
- 40 Yellow br. vbr
- 10 Grey n. flyc. vbr
- 15 Grey n. flyc
- 20 Red b. flyc.
- 10 Plumbeous Redstart
- 1 Black b. forest tail
- 6 ch. b. Nuthatch

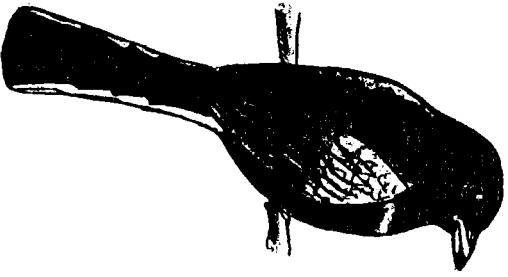
3 Plain-coloured Flowerpecker 10 White-eye
Total number of birds for day 84 between us

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER.

Nepal Rapti valley, ~~Bardia~~ 10 miles W of Hitaung

RED-HEADED TROSCON* (*Harpactes erythrocephalus*)

First a ♂ later a ♀ or Imm. seen



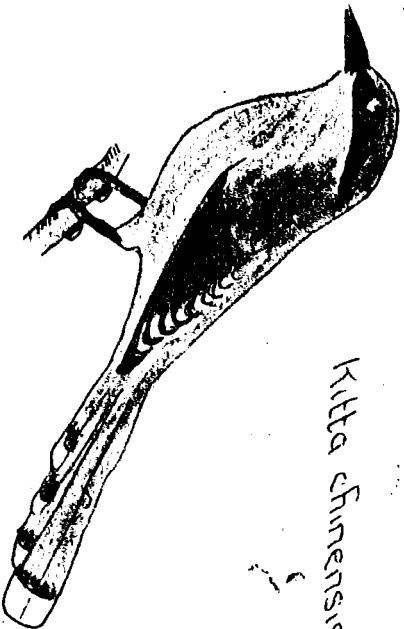
♂

♂ seen well. Head and throat red. Pale crescent on breast. Rest of under parts reddish.

Back and rump orange rufous. Wing coverts blue grey, flight feathers dark grey. Tail orange rufous with white outer tail with some black on the sides and at the tip. The ♀ or Imm. seen briefly later in the day showed a greyer head. Call a quite "kaa" issued on the wing.

GREEN MAGPIE*

A total of about three seen.



Kitta chinensis

Rather small magpies with long white tipped green tails. Whole plumage

yellowish green paler below with reddish chestnut wings all the feathers showing a white spot at the tip. Black band through eye. Bill and legs red. Call a harsh shrill ending in a more moderate 'che-al' note. A shorter Jay like note was also heard. Rather more shrilling than other magpies.

BLACK-GORGETED LAUGHING THRUSH*

A total of about 15 seen in two flocks.



Garrulus pectoralis

About size of Red-headed and a typical laughing thrush in shape, habits and loud call notes. Cap and upper-parts reddish brown perhaps brighter on crown. White supercilium and dark patch streaked slightly black) enclosed by a black line through the eye and round the ear coverts. Black gorget across breast. Throat whitish, breast and belly buffish rufous. Wings edged white and tail tipped dirty white.

NECKLACED LAUGHING THRUSH*

About four of these smaller birds seen feeding with the last species. Only notable difference besides size was the head pattern.

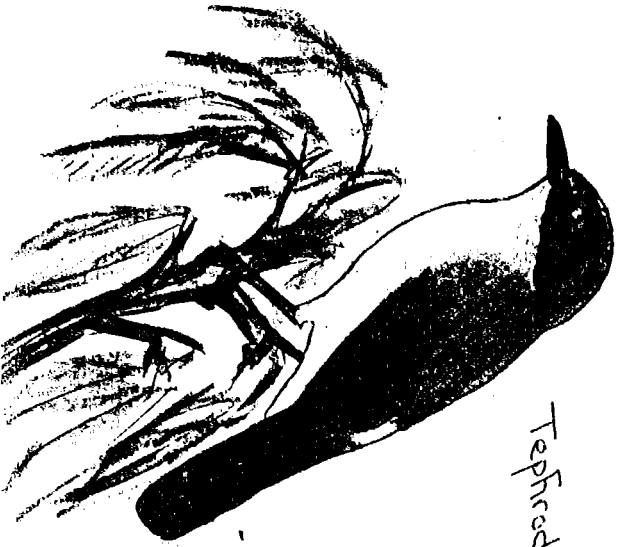


Garrulus moniligerus

LARGE WOOD SHRIKE *

About 3 seen in a loose flock larger and more bulky than Common Wood Shrike and lacking a white supercilium,

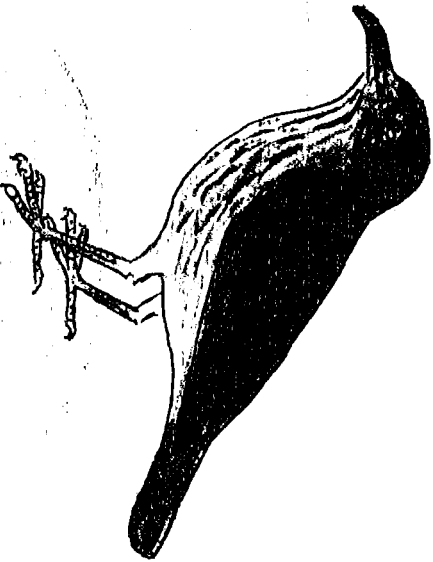
Upper parts grey brown, appearing completely brown in some lights. Tail and wings a darker and richer brown. White rump not seen. A dark mark through eye. Whole of under-parts whitish. Call a harsh chirring 'schach-schach'. Habits as Common Wood Shrike.



Tephrodornis virgatus

LARGE LONG-BILLED GROUND THRUSH *

Zosterora monticola



One seen at about 3500 ft. elevation.

A large (fatter and bigger than Blackbird) fast running, thrush like bird with a rather short tail. First seen in flight which was heavy and thrush like. On a few occasions it was seen in the open running quite fast and perching on the rocks at the stream side, when it looked rather akin to a large, long tailed

Wren babbler Called in flight in a single quite 'krak' or 'karik' note

Upper-plumage very dark and uniform greyish brown Under parts brownish

with some dusky brown streakings
Two dark streaks on throat and o-

charles mark on forehead & two ear-
coverts. Bill very heavily streaked

and the curved at the tip Its colour
was dark brown

- 15 Grassardar 1 Black King
- 1 Rufous H. Falconet 18 Red jungle fowl.
- 5 Spur w. Plover 15) Grassardar
- 15) Green Sandpiper 15) Common Sandpiper
- 1 Rufous dove 2 Spotted dove
- 1 Emerald dove 1 Common Hawk Cuckoo
- 1 Large green b Malkoha 1 Piping Swift
- 60 Crested Tree Swift 3 White b Kingfisher
- 2 Little green Bee-eater 1 Blue b Bee-eater

2 Crested barbet 8 Grey F. Woodpecker

8 Hg. Y naped Woodp 8 Lesser Y naped Woodp

2 Fulvous b Red Woodp 5 Hg. Golden b Woodp

8 Grey or Pigmy Woodp 2 Br. Hk. Sand Martin

15 Olive b Pipit 1 Grey woodfall

10 Blue woodfall 5 Hg. Red woodfall

15) Brown Shrike 12. Elf H. Oriole

2 Black Drongo 2. Ashy Drongo

1 Wh. b. Drongo 5 Brangela Drongo

10 Grey t. Drongo 3 Lesser r. t. Drongo

25 Hair or Drongo. 4 Common Mynah

5 Red b. b. Magpie. 1 Indian Tropic

30 Red Flye Shrike 10 Hg. Cuckoo Shrike.

3 Lesser Cuckoo Shrike 50 Scarlet Minivet

10 Common Iora. 10 Blue or Yellow bulbul.

20 White r. t. bulbul 4 Brown-eyed bulbul

2 Dull s. b. ground War. 1 Dusky War

4 Pallid's s. war. War. 30 Yellow b. War.

5 Yellow eyed Flyc War 5 Green n. Flyc. War.

25) Tailorbird. 8 Yellow b. fant. Flyc.

6 Wsh th Fork Flyc. 15 Grey Fr Flyc
 15 Red b Flyc 1 Orange g. Flycatcher
 2 (1?) Slaty blue Flyc 1 ♂ Rufous b Niltava
 1 Verditer Flyc 1 ♀ Plumbeous Redstart
 3 Bl b Forktail 25 Whist. hanging Fr.
 3 Wsh b Yuhina 4 Lesser sc. bellied Warbler
 5 Grey tit 15 Ch b Niltava
 10 Velvet fr Nuthatch Day total 115 between us

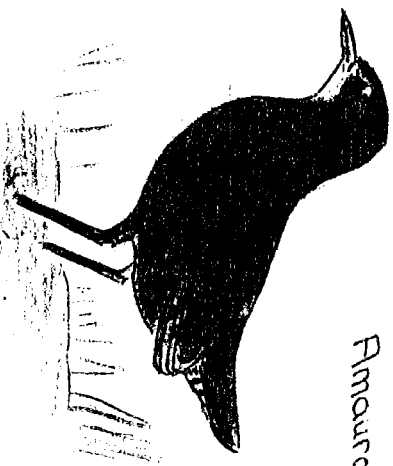
SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

Nepal Rapti valley, Tarai & Terai (w. hills)

* RUDDY CRAKE

A total of about six seen in a flooded paddy field. Head, nape, breast and belly ruddy reddish brown. Throat perhaps paler on some of the birds. Back, wings and tail uniform dark olive brown. Under-tail, barred black and white. Under tail coverts also black and white. Flanks and lower belly dark

brown black. About size of spotted crake.



Amurornis fuscus

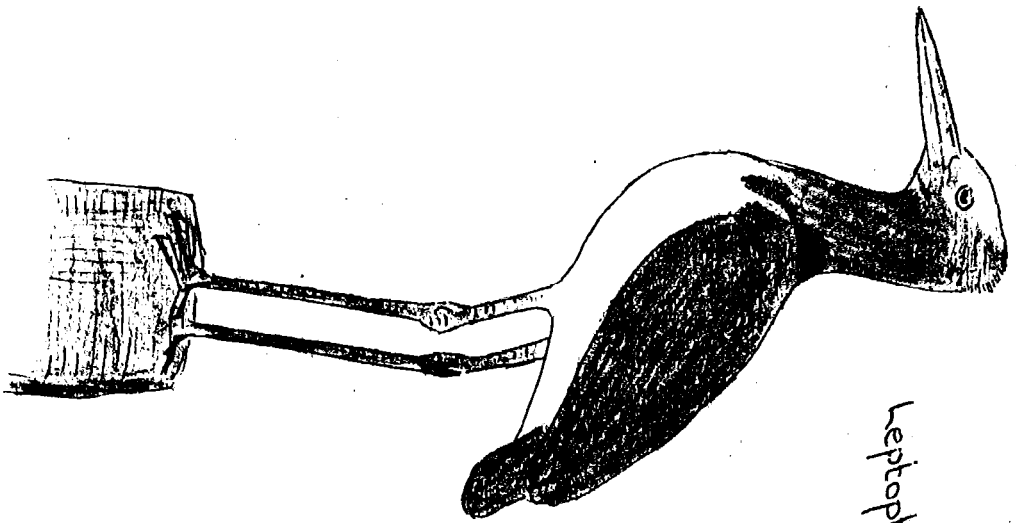
Call a loud, drawn

out, Mochan like 'carr'?

* LESSER ADJUTANT

One seen very well. A large stork about the size of a Black necked stork but with a bare orange yellow neck. Bill heavy and pale. Eye whitish. legs dark green. Forehead bare and whitish. back of head with a patch of loose grey feathers. Upper parts and tail dark blackish grey, underparts white with a dark mark on the breast. Under wing black with some white

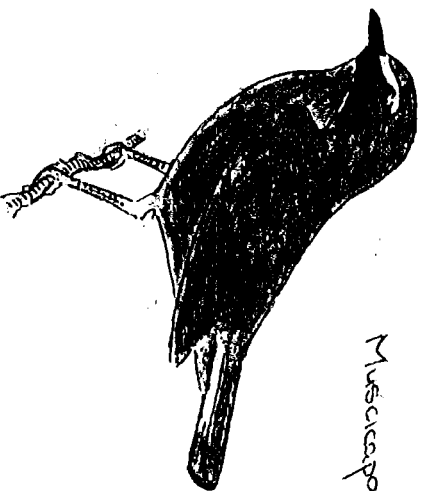
Leptoptilos javanicus



on the coverts by the body. Flight heavy as in other storks

RED-BREASTED BLUE FLYCATCHER*

Muscivora hyperythra

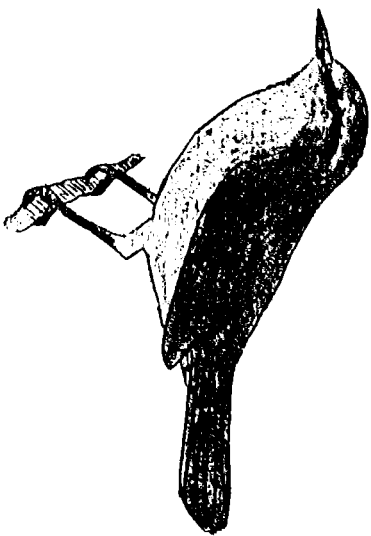


A single adult male seen. A small, dainty Red-breasted fly like bird which was always on the move and flicking its wings and tail. Whole of upper parts bright blue, browner on the wings and with a little white showing at the base of the tail. Short white eye brow to just over eye and black cheeks and chin. Blue just extending onto sides of breast. Whole of underparts from throat to under tail coverts bright rufous orange.

ABERRANT BUSH WARBLER *

One seen late evening in some scrub by the river. Slightly smaller than Rufous capped and of similar shape. Cap, mantle and wing coverts brown with a distinct olive tint, more noticeable on the rump. Roundish tail slightly darker olive brown as were the wings. Noticeable buffish yellow supercilium and a dark mark through the eye. Cheeks slightly greyer than upper parts. Under parts yellowish buff to under tail coverts. Legs darkish brown. Bill orange pink at base (Rob) Flashed wings and made quite churring sounds.

Cettia flavolivacea



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|------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | <u>Cinnamon Bittern</u> | 20 | Pond Heron. |
| 2 | Cattle Egret | 1 | White N. Skink |
| 30 | Goosander | 1 | Black Kite |
| 2 | Kestrel | 2(1♀) | <u>Red jungle Fowl</u> |
| 3 | Little Plover | 10 | Spur-winged Plover |
| 1 | Temminck's Stint | 2 | Green Sparrow |
| 1(h) | Green Sandpiper | 5 | Common Sandpiper |
| 5 | Spotted dove | 6 | <u>Emerald dove</u> |
| 1 | Rufous turtle dove | 40 | Blossom F. Parakeet |
| 1 | Common Hawk Cuckoo | 1 | Little Swift |
| 20 | Alpine Swift | 50 | Cr. tree Swift |
| 2 | Indian Roller | 1 | <u>Great Red Kingfisher</u> |
| 3 | Kingfisher | 5 | <u>White Kingfisher</u> |
| 3 | Kingfisher Barbet | 1 | <u>Blue N. Barbet</u> |
| 8 | <u>Grey Roadside Woodp</u> | 10 | large Y.N. Woodp |
| 4 | h. Y.N. Woodp. | 12 | Grey cr. Pigeon |
| 8 | Large Goldenb. Woodp. | 6 | Br. Hr. Sand martin |
| 20 | Swallow | 25 | Olive b. pipit |
| 1 | Hodgson's pipit | 20 | Alba wagtail |
| 10 | kg. Pied Wagtail | 1 | Black F. Sparrow |

1 Tibetan Shrike	4 Bl. R. Oriole
5 Ashy Drongo	2 White b. Drongo
2 v. R. T. Drongo	7 G. R. T. Drongo
12 Hair-c. Drongo	30 Common Mynah
15 Jungle Mynah	4 Green Magpie
1 Indian Treepie	2 Jungle Crow
40 Pied Fly Shrike	10 Large Wood Shrike
8 Common Woodshrike	3 Lesser Cuckoo Shrike
3 kg Cuckoo Shrike	2 Flame-c. Minivet
35 Scarlet Minivet	8 Common Tera
1 Orange b. Hoopoe	3 Bl. c. Yellow bulbul
6 White sh. bulbul	1 Red vented bulbul
1 Chiffchaff	1 Tickell's Hoopoe
1 Dusky Warb.	8 Pallas's Hoopoe
40 Yellow br. Warb.	1 Greenish Warb.
4 Yellow eyed Fly Warb.	3 Grey R. Fly Warb.
15 Franklins Wren Warbler	3 Tailorbird
2 White th front. Flyc.	6 Grey R. Flyc.
15 Red b. Flyc.	1 Orange-capped Flyc.
1 st Rufous b. Niltawa	1 st Red's Flycatcher
	1st Rufous Flyc.

1 Verditer Flycatcher	18 Stonechat
2 Blue rock Thrush	10 Plumbeous Redstart
1 Him. Rubythroat	18 Bluethroat
3 Magpie Robin	3 Shama
2 Slaty-blue Flycatcher	10 Jungle babbler
3 Hecklaced Hoopoe	15 Bl. gr. Hoopoe
6 White cr. Hoopoe	1 White b. Yuhina
1 Yellow breasted-babbler	10 Grey Tit
20 Ch. b. Nuthatch	8 Velvet fr. Nuthatch

Total number of birds between us 116

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER.

Nepal. Rapti Valley, 10 miles W of Nilawa

RUFIOUS WOODPECKER * Afternoon mixed Tinkles, W

One seen well. A rather small (ca. size of Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker) bird, very quiet in habits, and possibly over looked before. Plumage uniform rufous brown with some slight dark barring on back very slightly

paler on breast. Bill rather shorter and
finer than in most other Woodpeckers



Micropternus brachyurus

later another was seen

SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL *

One seen well. Size and shape of Black
backed but white of crown and back
dark slate. White eye brow and forehead.
Black chin and breast. Wings black
edged and tipped white and with a
small white patch on the side. White
shoulder patch, rump and under-parts

Tail black barred and tipped white
Call louder and more piercing than Black
backed Forktail.



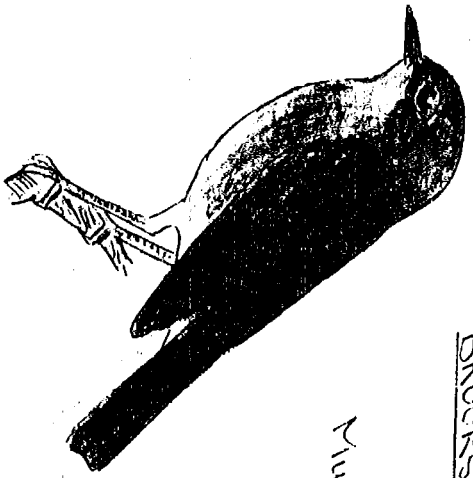
Elicurus schistaceus

HIMALAYAN GREY-HEADED FISHING EAGLE *

One seen well, by the Rapti river. About
size of Pallasi's fishing Eagle but looked
thicker set with a stubbier tail and
broader wings. Upper-parts uniform dark
brown, the primaries being slightly
darker. Tail plain brown as back with
no white band. Head, throat and breast
drear, pale grey, perhaps getting darker

EVERETT'S SPECIES

BROCK'S FLYCATCHER

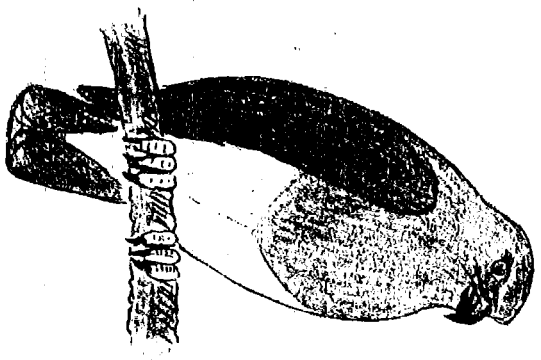


Muscivora pelagica

Seen on several dates before today, but never as good a view. About two possibly three seen, one well. Head grey with a slightly paler ring round eye. Upper parts pale brown more rufous on the tail and to a lesser extent on the wings and rump. Throat buffish, more orange-buff on the breast and sides. Bill dark? legs palish grey. First thought to be Ferruginous but personally I think they fit Brock's Flycatcher more closely. Call a harsh chirp.

FISHING EAGLE CONT

on the lower breast and making a sharp contrast with the white lower belly. Under tail dark. In the rather heavy flight the under wings were seen to be brownish slightly mottled buff.



Icthyophaga nana

Seen perched in dead trees on two occasions.

- 3 Pond Heron
- 1 White n. Shrike
- 6 Black Shrike
- 51 Cassin's Sparrowhawk
- 1 Osprey
- 2 Rufous Th. Falconet
- 2 (H) Red Junco
- 8 Lesser plover
- 2 Red w. heron

6 Spur winged Plover 12 Teammack's Shrike
 5 Greenshank 3 Green Sandp.
 6 Common Sandpiper 3 Rufous-tufted dove
 5 Spotted dove 2 Emerald dove
 4 large Parakeet 60 Blossom f. Parakeet
 1 Common Hawk Cuckoo 1 large g. b Malacca
 2 Jungle Cuckoo 1 Little Swift
 5 Alpine Swift 70 W. Tree Swift
 2 Indian Roller 2 Greater Red Kingfisher
 3 White b. Kingfisher 2 Kingfisher
 3 masked babbler 2 Grey h. Woodp.
 10 hg Y N Woodp. 1 Lesser Y. N. Woodp.
 2 Fulvous b. Red Woodp. 12 Grey c. Rufous Red W.
 8 large Golden b Woodp. 40 Br. Th. Sandpiper
 25 Swallow 15 Dove b. pipit
 3 Hodgson's Pipit 2 Green woodpeck.
 5 Allis woodpeck 5 hg Red woodpeck
 1 Tibetan Shrike 1 Bl. h. Shrike
 5 Bl. h. Oriole 4 Ashy Drongo
 3 Wh. b. Drongo 5 Bronzed Drongo

10 Greater r. t. Drongo 20 Hour c. Drongo
 15 Common Flycatcher 60 Jungle Flycatcher
 5 Green Magpie 1 Red b. b. Magpie
 1 Indian Treepie 25 Red fly. Shrike
 3 hg. Cuckoo Shrike 25 Scarlet Minnet.
 1 Bl. or Yellow bulbul 8 White sh. bulbul
 5 Red v. bulbul 1 Rufous capped bush lbr
 1 Aberneth bush lbr. 1 Dusky wbr.
 1 Pallas's leaf wbr. 15 Yellow br. wbr.
 24) Yellow eyed fly. wbr. 2 Grey r. fly wbr.
 8 Tailorbird 1 Yellow b. fantail
 6 Grey h. flyc 12 Red b. flyc.
 1 Orange g. flyc 20⁺ Slaty blue flyc.
 19 Stonechat 12 Plumbeous Redstart
 2 Magpie Robin 19 Shama
 1 Blue wh. Thrush 1 Bl. b. Fantail
 1 Spotted Fantail 15 Jungle babbler
 6 New Holland l. Th. 10 Bl. eye l. Thrush
 10 White e. l. Thrush 1 Yellow b. babbler
 5 Grey tit 10 Ch. b. Nuthatch

2 Vulture fr. Nuthatch. Total 105 between us

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

Nepal Rapt. Valley Bhaktapur (Himalayas)

- 3 Pond Heron 1 White n. Skoik
- 75 Grassland 3 Black Kite
- 1 Him. Greyh. Eagle 3 Red-jungle fowl
- 6 Mitter Plover 6 Spur winged Fluvial ^{Greenish Flycatcher}
- 12 Tammie's Skirt 2 ~~Spotted Woodpecker~~
- 8 Green Sandpiper 3 Common Sandpiper
- 3 Rufous Turtledove 5 Spotted dove
- 10 hg. Parakeet 40 Blousson n. Parakeet
- 30 Cr. tree swift 2 Greater Red Kingfisher
- 2 White b Kingfisher 3 Kingfisher
- 3 Kinglet Babbler 2 haryar Golden b Woodsp
- 30 Br. n. Sand martin 10 Sacchins
- 15 Olive b pipit 4 Hodgson's pipit
- 2 Chirine woodpeck 2 Grey woodpeck
- 15 Allsa woodpeck 10 hg. Red woodpeck

- 3 Brown Shrike 2 (b) Bl. n. Oriole
- 3 Flying Drongo 4 White b Drongo
- 40 Bronzed Drongo 15 White c. Drongo
- 25 Common Nighth 3 Indian Treep
- 2 Jungle Crow 1 Red Fly-shrike
- 2 Common Woodshrike 4 haryar Cuckoo Shrike
- 5 Scarlet Tanager 5 White sh. babbler
- 4 Red c. babbler 3 Rufous c. bush wbr
- 1 Pallas's leaf wbr 10 Yellow b wbr
- 3 Tailorbird 1 Yellow b. forest flyc.
- 1 White th. forest flyc. 4 Grey n. flyc.
- 10 Red b. flyc. 3 Brooks's Flycatcher
- 1 White c. Redstart 15 Pumbeus Redstart
- 1 Nagpie Robin 1 Black b. flycatcher
- 15 Jungle babbler 5 White sh. babbler
- 2 Red b. babbler 8 Grey tit
- 5 Nuthatch 3 Yellow fr. Nuthatch
- 19 Crested bunting 1 Hoopoe 2 Nighthawk sp
- Alltogether 103 birds seen in day between us

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Nepal

Rapti valley (15 miles E. Pokhara)

CHRISTMAS ISLAND * *Spizaetus (circulatus) lineatus*

One probably an adult seen at very close range on a dead tree at the road side

Perhaps smaller than Himalayan Horn Eagle

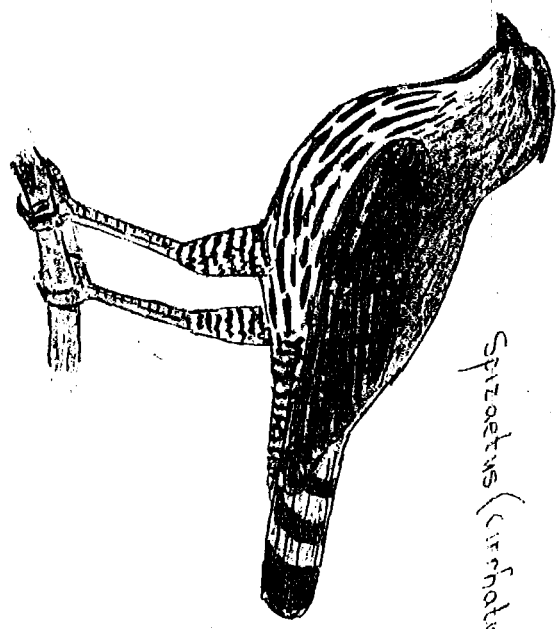
with very long legs and a slight crest at the back of the head. Head and cheeks buff streaked brown grey. Wings grey

slightly brown on wings with bright edgings to the light feathers. Bill throat with dark mesial streak and buffish white under parts finely streaked.

black. Neck under tail coverts and lower wing under parts but barred noticeably brown.

In flight under wing heavily barred blackish brown and the tail showed a broad, dark subterminal and two other smaller dark grey. Bill blue grey.

Eyes orange yellow. Legs yellowish.



Spizaetus (circulatus) lineatus

- 5 Pond Heron
- 8 Temminck's Stint
- 1 Spur winged plover
- 1 Grey wagtail
- 10 Jungle Crow
- 1 Tailorbird
- 1 White b Vulture
- 2 White n. Stork
- 4 Indian Roller
- 5 Black Stork
- 2 Green Sandpiper
- 1 Indian Roller
- 10 Common Nymphalid
- 8 Greosander
- 1 Waldereper
- 1 Stepple Eagle
- 6 Brown Srike
- 1 Blue rock Thrush

Hithaura to Simra.

- 4 White dr. bulbul 30 Crested Tree Swift
 1 Gold-fronted leafbird 3 Indian Tree Swift
 3 Swallows 1 Common Sandp
 1 Pond Heron 2 ~~Little~~ Cattle Egret
 2 White b. Drongo 2 Bl. n. Shrike
 10 Red v. bulbul 10 Bl. n. Parakeet
 1 White b. Kingfisher 2 Jungle Crow
 1st Pied Bushstart 2 Black Drongo
Sumra
 60 kg Parakeet 200 Green Parakeet
 150 Blossom f. Parakeet 25 Cr. Iora Swift
 1 Tibetan Shrike 2 ~~White~~ Babbler
 1 Little sc bellied g. Warb 25 Olive b. pipit
 1 Indian Treepe 10 White dr. bulbul
 5 Red v. bulbul 2 Bl. or Yellow bulbul
 1 Grey f. Flycatcher 2 R. B. Fly
 8 Jungle babbler 10 Franklin's Prinia
 1 Little-green Beeeater

WEDNESDAY 9/12/2005

Nepal

Sumra

- 100 Green Parakeet 40 Blossom f. Parakeet
 1 Tibetan Shrike 15 Common Woodshrike
 4 Grey tit 8 Scarlet Minnet
 2 dr. b. Nuthatch 2 Brownish Drongo
 2 Grey - P. warbler 20 Olive b. pipit
 1 Richard's pipit 1 Indian Treepe
 15 White dr. bulbul 20 Red v. bulbul
 12 House Sparrow 2 House Crow
 1st Black Redstart 3 R. B. Fly
 5 Red capped Swallow 25 Swallow
 10 Br. h. Sand martin 1 Chiffchaff
 1st Pied Shorebird 1st Black f. Oriole
 1 Honey Buzzard 3 Common Iora
India Raxualta ~~Tribees~~
 30 Little Egret 15 Intermediate Egret
 20 Pond Heron 1 Bl. winged kite
 2 Brambling kite 40 Bl. kite
 1 White eyed Buzzard 15 W. b. Vulture

1 Black bellied tern 10 Indian Roller
 20 Green Bee eater 8 Flava weag.
 150 Abba weagall 300 Black Drong

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER.

1 Nepd/Injae. Tribeni to border-lewn Sarawad.

1 Cormorant 250 Pied Heron
 60 Little Egret 2 Intermediate Egret
 30 Black Kite 3 Black w Kite
 1 Marsh harrier 2 Kestrel
 5 Sparus Cirrus 25 Spur w Plover
 15 Red w Wagging 3 Green sandp
 10 Common Sandp 2 L R Plo ves
 1 Stone curlew 4 Greenshank
 1 River tern 2 Bl. b tern
 3 Common tern 2 Him Swallow
 20 Hoopoe 20 Indian Roller
 15 Wh. b Kingfisher 3 Red Kingfisher
 10 Wt green Bee eater 30 Abby = finch var

5 Crested lark 5 Paddyfield pipit
 3 Citrine weag 8 Flava weag
 80 Abba weag 4 kg. Pied weag
 3 B.A.F. Shrike 2 Rufous b Shrike
 3 Gt grey Shrike 100 Black Drong
 1 White b Drong 80 Pied Wren
 1 kg Cuckoo Shrike 5 C.F. b Nuthatch
 2 Purple Sunbird 30 White W. Wren.

WHITE-BROWED FRINTHILL FLYCATCHER*

Two seen About size and shape of white
 Throated but much less nervous in habits.
 Cap dark, white forehead and supercilium,
 and also a nuchal streak. Oes. dark.
 Throat black and showing a lot
 of white. Under parts white. Back and
 wings brown with two rows of white
 spots on the wing. Tail dark, with
 white spots on the tips of all but
 the central tail feathers. A rather
 longer bird than white throated.