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There, proceed to Periyar, stay there a couple of days, and then come on up to the Nilgiris, do a week's trek, and maybe a day in the lowlands somewhere. Then to Madamalai for a night, morning visit to Bandipur, and then Mysore and Bangalore. And Bangalore to Delhi or perhaps a visit to Kanha or Bombay.

The best time for trekking would be January through May, with rain during the last two months, and a little colder during the first two. Which leaves March as probably the best time. Apparently there are some Rhododendrons in bloom in January. No doubt the trip should be scheduled earlier in the year so that the portions in the lowlands would not be uncomfortably hot.

Birds - Muktimath Trek - Apr 78

4 Apr 78	Hyenija - Kare	
	White-breasted kingfisher	not spotted
	Jungle Crow	"
	Striated swallow	"
	Collared bushchat	"
	Blue-throated barbet	"
	Common rosefinch	"
	Gray-headed myna	"
	Robin dayal	"
	Crimson-throated barbet	"
	Str & Bearded v vulture	"
	Common hawk cuckoo	"
	Yellow-checked t.t.	"
	Crowned leaf warbler	"
	Gray-headed warbler	"
	Dark kite	"
	Himalayan tree pie	"
	Black vulture	"
	Black drongo	"
	Ashy drongo	"
	Gray bulbul	"
	Dark cuckoo shrike	"
	Rufous turtle dove	"
	Green-backed t.t.	"
	Eurasian cuckoo (heard)	"

5 Apr 78 Kara - Tirkebunga
white checked bulbul ^{not spotted}
white-throated laughing thrush
Spotted fork tail
Whistling thrush
Green magpie
Indian cuckoo (heard)
Long-tailed minivet
House crow
Himalayan griffon
Golden throated barbet
Rusty-checked scimitar babbler
?? Yellow-throated leaf warbler
Plumbeous redstart
Eurasian kingfisher
Gray wagtail

6 Apr 78 Tirkebunga - Gorepani
Crested serpent-eagle
Venditor flycatcher
Cinnamon sparrow
Spotted dove
Himalayan goldfinch
Nepal house martin
Stripe-throated yuhina

7 Apr 78 Gorepani - Tetopani
Yellow-bellied Fantail flycatcher
?? Short-billed minivet
Crested bunting

8 Apr 78 Tetopani - Gasa
?? Hodgson's prinia
Gray wagtail
Eurasian kestrel
Scarlet breasted sunbird
Large cuckoo shrike
Gray-headed flycatcher

9 Apr Gasa - Tikeche

10 Apr 78 Tikeche - Janson
White-capped river chat
~~Red~~-billed chough

11 Apr 78 Janson - Muktinath
Ruddy sheldrake

12 Apr 78 Muktinath - Marpha
Hoopoe
Yellow-billed chough
Rock bunting

13 Apr 78 Morpha ~~to~~ Leta

Ashy wood swallow

14 Apr - Leta - Tatapani

15 Apr 78 Tatapani - Chitre

Spotted bush warbler.

Purple sunbird

Barred orlet

Great himalayan barbet

Black partridge (heard)

Blue-headed rock thrush

Brown fronted pied woodpecker

16 Apr 78 Chitre - Thanka

Himalayan monal (heard)

Black-capped sibia

White-tailed nuthatch

Orange gargotted flycatcher

Nepal sunbird

Bar-throated minia

Yellow-eyed warbler

2) Chestnut headed yuhina

Rufous ~~to~~ vented yuhina

Golden breasted tit babbler

Large hawk cuckoo

Little for kta")

17 Apr 78 Thanka - Gyandung

Black faced laughing thrush.

Chestnut headed ground warbler

Beautiful niltava.

18 Apr 78 Gyandung - Dhampus

Yellow-naped yuhina

Pied wood strike

Red-headed laughing thrush

Maroon oriole

White-browed blue flycatcher

Plain leaf warbler

Large yellow naped woodpecker

Mountain hawk eagle

Hoary barwing

Black breasted sunbird

Striated bulbul

Red-winged strike babbler

19 Apr 78.

Dhampus - Peldara

Red billed blue magpie

Koel cuckoo

Little egret

99 species total