

~~10.219.~~ Curry Lindahl. Confirmation of records

Mergus albellus. 2 females, 1 male in Rapti River, 1/12 1979.

Leptoptilos dubius. 1 ind. besides a puddle on the northern shore meadow of Rapti River. 29/11 1979.

Pluvialis squatarola. 1 ind. seen and heard Rapti River. 29/11 1979.

Calidris alba. Several ind. with C. minuta on a sand bank in Rapti River. 30/11 1979.

Demetia hyperythra. 5-7 ind. in grassland-forest mosaic south of Rapti River 20/11 1979. I am not familiar with this species. Determined with the help of "Birds of Nepal".

Abroscopus hodgsoni. 1 ind in dense vegetation in forest clearing, Chitwan National Park, 21/11 1979. I only saw glimpses of this bird when it moved around in the scrub. It uttered a discreet sit-sit. Determined with the help of "Birds of the eastern Himalaya". Though the colouration of this bird is characteristic, it is wisest to exclude it.

Strix aluco. Jiri, which perhaps is in sq. 54. I have no map available for the moment.

Corvus corax. Are familiar with both species. I did not take any notes of this record except of listing it in the evening. I heard it and saw it several times close to the Tibet border 27/11 1979.

Hieraeetus kienerii. Observed perching and flying in Chitwan National Park 29/11 1979. At least adults are unmistakable! I had previously seen this species in India and Sri Lanka.

Francolinus gularis. The bird flew up in front of our elephant in Chitwan National Park 19/11 1979. The habitat corresponds exactly to what "Birds of Nepal" mentions as typical. The call was francolin-like.

Glaucidium brodiei. Your query is well-motivated. I based the determination on "Birds of Nepal" and "Birds of the eastern Himalayas". I observed the owl at close distance with a torch. It is very characteristic when seen from behind with its half-collar and black spots. It is probably this species I have seen before at higher elevation in Kashmir. The locality was an island in Narayani River in Chitwan National Park 20/11 1979.

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Turdoides striatus. It was very common in Chitwan, where I saw and heard much of it. Which similar babbler does occur in sq. 52?

Sturnus pagodarum. Vicinity of Kathmandu 24/11 1979.

Pycnonotus jocosus. No detailed notes but listed at the end of the day after excursions in sq. 52 and 53.