

NEPAL 17<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> June 1979.

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- Little Grebe. *Podiceps ruficollis*.  
- common Kosi, 40+ May 23<sup>rd</sup> - very probably breeding
- Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*.  
- 2 birds Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - breeding not yet started
- Large Cormorant. *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
- a few Kosi. as last species
- Little Cormorant. *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
- three Kosi. as last species
- Darter. *Anhinga melanogaster*.  
- one Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> no evidence of breeding
- Grey Heron. *Ardea cinerea*.  
- 2 Kosi May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> as last species
- Purple Heron. *Ardea purpurea*  
- common, Kosi breeding.
- Indian Pond Heron, *Ardeola grayii*  
common, Kosi, Pokhara and Kathmandu. common birds
- Great white Heron, *Egretta alba*  
a few Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. as evidence of breeding  
at all spots. Slightly  
breeding in Kosi area
- Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta*.  
a few Kosi
- Intermediate Egret, *Egretta intermedia*  
common Kosi.
- Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Always a few on Rani Pokhari, Kathmandu.
- Black necked Stork, *Xenorhynchus asiaticus*.  
a few May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Kosi as evidence of breeding
- Painted Stork, *Ibis leucocephalus*  
a few on surrounding marshland and fields, Kosi  
22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> May. as evidence of breeding

Open-billed Stork . *Anastomus oscitans*.  
- as last species on Kosi no evidence of nesting

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*  
- 2 birds over Betrewati April 24<sup>th</sup> - probably breeding.

Lesser Adjutant Stork . *Leptoptilos javanicus*.  
- Kosi - two birds May 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Black-necked Ibis, *Threskiornis melanocoryphala*.  
- several flocks of up to 10 birds on pools  
near Kosi May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Whistling Teal - *Dendrocygna javanica*.  
Kosi. 50+ on Marshland May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pintail, ~~Anas~~ *Anas acuta*.  
Kosi 25 May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Garganey, *Anas querquedula* + 2000 supposed at  
Kosi 8 May 22<sup>nd</sup> numbers of Northern Ducks  
still present at Kosi.  
Godwall, *Anas strepera*  
Kosi 6 May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Wigeon, *Anas penelope*  
2 on dam near Trisuli April 25<sup>th</sup>. 30 on Kosi  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Shoveler . *Anas clypeata*  
Kosi 8 May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pochard . *Anthya ferina*  
~~1~~ 1 on dam near Trisuli April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kosi ; 30 May 21<sup>st</sup>

Tufted Duck . *Anthya fuligula*.  
2 on Rani Pokhari most days.  
Kosi ; 24 May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cotton Teal . *Nettion coromandelianus*.  
common around Kosi 50+ May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, nesting.

Spot-billed Duck . *Anas poecilorhyncha*.  
Kosi - a few. status not known.

Sp Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*  
Immature over KANTI HOSPITAL, KATHMANDU April 18<sup>th</sup>  
with sister.

Himalayan Griffon Vulture, *Gyps himalayensis*  
1 over PHULEHANKI April 21<sup>st</sup>  
2 over SHABRU April 29<sup>th</sup>. Common on Jomoson Trek  
from Birtanti upwards - common breeder.

White-backed Vulture, *Gyps bengalensis* - common

Indian Griffon Vulture, *Gyps indicus* - common  
EGYPTIAN VULTURE - many seen - up to Jomosa.

King Vulture, ~~Sarco~~ *Tergos calvus*  
one ULLERI May 30<sup>th</sup>.

↳ Lammergeier. common on Jomoson Trek, seen daily, down to 3000ft.  
with proportion immatures, common breeder

Marsh Harrier, *Circus aeruginosus*.

4+ Kosi May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. - status not known

Osprey, *Pendion haliaetus*  
Kosi single May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Peregrine, *Falco peregrinus peregrinator*  
♀ near GHASA June 9<sup>th</sup>. - probably breeding  
but was oriental race

Hobby, *Falco subbuteo*  
2 over TOKHA HOSPITAL May 18<sup>th</sup>. 1 Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
status not known

Kestrel - *Falco tinnunculus*.  
many seen, up to 15,000 ft (Langtang) ~~common~~ common  
breeding species.

Tibetan Snowcock, *retragallus tibetanus*  
5 birds above KYANGUIN May 5<sup>th</sup> (14,500ft)  
- breeding

CHUKAR, *Alectoris chukar*  
common from Jomoson to MUCTINATH. - breeding

SATYR TRAGOPAN. *Tragopan satya*.  
3 birds. ♂ ♀♀ at approx 10,000ft in hills between  
GHASA and LETE June 9<sup>th</sup>. probably breeding.

HIMALAYAN MONAL. *Lophophorus impejanus*.  
1 ♂ feeding on steep hillside above LANGTANG  
VILLAGE May 4<sup>th</sup> probably breeding

Red Junglefowl, *Gallus gallus*.  
a few birds seen around Pokharna. ?  
Ankama



Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus caeruleus*  
- Kosi - 2 birds hunting over marshes May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
no evidence of breeding.

Black Baza, *Aviceda leuphotes*.  
1 bird in forest behind Gurka Camp at Dharan  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - ~~was~~ seen by several observers in this area  
would of ~~thought~~ <sup>thought</sup> breeding very probable

Brahminy Kite, *Haliastur Indus*  
1 bird over Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Black Kite, *Milvus migrans*.  
seen all areas visited, as high as HUETINATH.  
common breeding bird.

Goshawk, *Accipiter gentilis*  
a ♀ over SHABRU (mobbid by Jungle Crows)  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, breeding suspected

Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*.  
a ♂ SHABRU ~~the~~ April 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. - status not known

Besra Sparrowhawk *Accipiter viratus*  
Kathmandu, a few seen surrounding hills, NAGARJUNG.  
GODAVERI.  
1 Near Betrawati April 23<sup>rd</sup>. - all probably breeding birds

Sparrowhawk sp. - seen on several dates not specifically  
identified of Besra / Shikra type.

upland Buzzard. *Buteo hemilasius*  
A single bird hunting over valley near  
Langtang Village (12000ft) May 3<sup>rd</sup>. - status not known.

Eurasian Buzzard. *Buteo buteo*.  
1 bird south at GRANG April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
- probably winter visitor

Bonellis Eagle, ~~Hieraaetus~~ *Hieraaetus fasciatus*  
one soaring below CHANDRAKOT May 29<sup>th</sup>.  
one south at TATOPANI 9<sup>th</sup> June. - probably breeding birds

Crested Serpent Eagle, ~~st~~ *Spilornia cheela*.  
often saw this superb bird up to 6000ft  
seen to catch large snake DHARAN. Both tracks.  
all probably breeding birds

Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*  
1 - adult over LARMA LODGES May 1<sup>st</sup> - probably breeding

Snow Partridge, *Lerwa lerwa*.

4 - YALA PEAK, above Kyanguin May 5<sup>th</sup> (15000ft)

Kali Pheasant, *Lophura leucemelana*.

several Nagerjung April 19<sup>th</sup> - and around Kerma lodges  
Kanchung fields very probably breeding

Cheer Pheasant, *Catreus wallichii*

2 birds ♂ ♀ watched feeding in ferns above GHASA ~~May~~ Jun 9<sup>th</sup>  
(9000ft) - breeding

White breasted Waterhen, *Amaurornis phoeniceus*.

sig single Kosi May 23<sup>rd</sup>. breeding

Moorhen: *Gallinule chloropus* - Kosi common breeding

Purple Gallinule, *Porphyrio porphyrio*

16 counted Kosi May 23<sup>rd</sup>. - ~~probably~~ breeding

Demoiselle Crane, *Anthropoides virgo*.

V formations going north TRISULI April 24<sup>th</sup> 150+  
winter visitor

Pheasant-tailed Jacana, *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

20+ Kosi May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. breeding

Bronze Winged Jacana, *Motopidius indicus*.

common Kosi breeding

Red wattleed Lapwing, *Vanellus indicus* - common breeding

Yellow wattleed Lapwing, *Vanellus malabaricus*

single Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup>. - fields nearby status not known

Spur winged Plover, *vanellus duvaucelii*

a few pairs Kosi - breeding

Little ringed Plover, *Charadrius dubius*

single Bagmati April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kosi May 21<sup>st</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 10+ - very likely breeding

Redshank, *Tringa erythropus*

Kosi 2 May 22<sup>nd</sup>. - winter

Greenshank, *Tringa stagnatilis*

8 Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup>. winter

Common Sandpiper. ~~Actitis~~ *Tringa hypoleucos*  
1 near Trisuli April 25<sup>th</sup> and 1 near Kyanguin May 5<sup>th</sup>

Wood Snipe. *Capella nemoricola*.  
1 flushed from tree line near Kyanguin May 6<sup>th</sup>. 13,000 ft.  
~~sites~~ not sure if been local breeding species

Common Snipe: *Capella gallinago*  
20+ in Rice fields near GOKARNA APRIL 22nd.

Pintail Snipe *Capella stenura*.  
1 bird identified as this species, possibly others in  
rice fields near GOKARNA APRIL 22nd.

Ibisbill, *Ibidorhynchus strathersii*  
two pairs on shinge banks below Kyanguin  
two other birds present (6 birds in all) breeding.

Black winged Stilt. *Himantopus himantopus*  
Kosi 10 May 23<sup>rd</sup>. status not known.

Great thick knee. *Esacus magnirostris*  
10+ Kosi, on sand banks May 22nd. probably breeding

Little Pratincole. *Gareola lactea*  
common over Kosi, flocks of 100+ over  
water on an evening. ~~probably~~ breeding

Great black headed Gull, *Larus ichthyæctus*  
Kosi, 3 birds, one adult in full summer  
plumage, 2 birds still in winter plumage. May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Brown headed Gull, *Larus brunnicapillus*  
2 Kosi May 22 - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspie*  
5+ Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Wiskered Tern. *Chlidonias hybridus*.  
20+ Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Gull-billed Tern. *Gelechalidon nilotice*.  
20+ Kosi May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Indian River Tern *Sterna aurantia*.  
10 on Kosi May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

no evidence of  
any of the terns  
breeding. but many  
evidence on Kosi  
ideal for breeding  
tern colonies.



Black bellied Tern, *Sterna acuticauda*.  
common on Kosi 50+ May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*.  
Kosi 15+ May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Indian Skimmer - *Rynchops albicollis*  
a pair on Kosi, seemed to be defending territory  
e.g. chasing away other birds coming too close to  
the area they were sitting. Always one bird sitting on sand bank.

Wedge tailed Green Pigeon - *Treron sphenura*  
4, shabru May 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tatoperni Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Snow Pigeon - *Columba leuconota*.  
100+ around Langtang village May 3<sup>rd</sup>, smaller  
parties seen higher up. common breeding bird Upper Langtang  
Valley

Rock Dove - *Columba livia*  
- some large flocks on Langtang and Jomson Treks.

Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris*  
5 at MUKTINATH (12,000ft) June 6<sup>th</sup>. breeding

Speckled Wood Pigeon. *Columba hodgsonii*  
5 SHABRU April 28<sup>th</sup>. breeding

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*  
Common in valley:

Rufous turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*  
a few at Nagarjung, common on both treks.  
- common between 7,000ft to 11,000ft breeding breeding.

Ring-necked Parakeet. *Psittacula krameri*  
thousands over Kosi early morning. - seen Dharan.

Red-breasted Parakeet, *Psittacula alexandri*  
common in forest DHARAN May 23<sup>rd</sup>. this and next species  
obviously breeding at

Blossom-headed Parakeet, *Psittacula cyanocephalus*.  
as above. Dharan. immature  
birds seen.

Large hawk Cuckoo, *Cuculus sperreroideus*.  
a few Nagarjung. - breeding

Cuckoo, *Cuculus canorus* - common. breeding

Himalayan Cuckoo, *Cuculus saturatus saturatus*.  
common on treks, very difficult to see - breeding.  
common between ~~5000~~ 6500 ft - 11000 ft

Indian Cuckoo, *Cuculus ~~staturatus~~ micropterus*  
Two below TOKHA HOSPITAL May 18<sup>th</sup>.  
1 GODAVERI April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Small Cuckoo, *Cuculus poliocephalus*.  
Two below TOKHA HOSPITAL MAY 18<sup>th</sup>.  
small cuckoo also seen at Ghoraperni probably  
this species.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Carmentis merulinus*.  
3+ Below TOKHA HOSPITAL.

Keol. *Eudynamis scolopacea*. often heard.

Lesser Coucal. *Centropus loulou*.  
Kosi, a few May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - breeding

Large Coucal. *Centropus sinensis*  
Kosi as last species. breeding

Spotted Little Owl. *Athene brama*.  
several seen around Kathmandu Valley - breeding.

Himalayan Jungle Nightjar. *Caprimulgus indicus*  
a pair watched at dusk <sup>breeding</sup> NAGARJUNG April 19<sup>th</sup>  
heard down in valley SHABRU.

Himalayan Swiftlet, *Collocalia brevirostris*  
seen regularly on <sup>Langtang</sup> ~~Jambhoni~~ Trek from BETRAWATI  
upwards. 100+ feeding over river at River  
Lodge May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Alpine Swift. *Apus melba*.  
Seen regularly on both Treks.

White rumped Swift. *Apus pacificus*.  
as last species.

Little Swift. *Apus affinis*  
common about Kathmandu and Pokhara.

White throated Needletail, *Chaetura caudacuta*.  
10+ over GODAVERI April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 over SHABRU May 11<sup>th</sup>.



Common Swift: *Apus Apus*. 100+ hawking over fields near Jomiosori  
June 5<sup>th</sup>; singles seem to fluctuate.

Crested Tree Swift. *Hemiprocne coronata*  
3 over forest at Dharam May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis*  
2 near Trisuli April 25<sup>th</sup>. Kosi common <sup>breeding</sup>

Himalayan Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle lugubris*  
a pair of these spectacular birds at BIRATHANTI June 12<sup>th</sup>  
<sup>breeding</sup>

Kingfisher, *Alcepo atthis*  
TRISULI April 25<sup>th</sup> - <sup>breeding</sup>

White breasted Kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
Widespread <sup>breeding</sup>

Chestnut headed Bee-eater, *Merops leschmaulti*  
a few GOKARNA April 21<sup>st</sup> <sup>breeding</sup>

Blue-tailed Bee-eater. *Merops philippinus*.  
20 around Kosi, on wires May 23<sup>rd</sup> - status not known

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*.  
a few around Kosi area May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> so about

Indian Roller. *Coracias benghalensis*  
Common around Kosi Area. <sup>breeding</sup>

Hoopoe. *Upupa epops*  
Common in valley and elsewhere.

Great Himalayan Barbet. *Megalaima virens*.  
Common at NAGARJUNG, common between RANCHE and GRANG  
Langtang Valley. 1000 ft - 6000 ft

Golden throated Barbet. *Megalaima frankini*.  
10+ GODAVERI, April 21<sup>st</sup>

\* LINEATED BARBET. *Megalaima lineata*. a few between Betrawati & Manigeon

Blue throated Barbet. *Megalaima asiatica*.  
Common in valley and lower areas of other two treks.

Grey headed Woodpecker. *Picus canus*  
a few GOKARNA. - <sup>possibly breeding</sup>

Large Yellow naped Woodpecker. *Picus flarinucha*.  
1 GOKARNA April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Small yellow naped Woodpecker, *Picus chlorophus*  
1 in forest Dheran May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker • *Dendrocopus darjeelensis*  
In forest around RANCHE and DHANCHE, April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>  
and a few around GHORAPANI May 30<sup>th</sup> - around 8000 ft to 9500 ft breeding.

Brown fronted Pied Woodpecker. *Dendrocopus auriceps*  
Common around TOKHA HOSPITAL May 18<sup>th</sup>  
a single at THARE May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Falvous breasted Woodpecker • *Dendrocopus auriceps*  
Several seen in woodland about Kathmandu Valley

Large - Scaly bellied Woodpecker. *Picus squamatus*  
1 ♀ SHABRU May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ghara June 9<sup>th</sup>, a few GHORAPANI

RUFous BELLIED SAPSUCKER • *Dendrocopus Hyperythrus*.  
4 to 5 pairs in woodland around GHORAPANI ~~May~~  
breeding.

Rufous winged Bush lark • *Mirafra assamica*.  
a few pairs around Kosi.

Indian Sand lark. *Calandrella acutirostris*  
5+ seen Kosi May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Small Sky lark ~~Calandrella~~ *Alauda gulgula*  
Common around cultivation between KARBENI  
and MUKTINATH.

Swallow • *Hirundo rustica*.  
- common

Gray Martin. *Hirundo rupestris*  
20 over fields near Jomasoni, June 5<sup>th</sup>. probably breeding

Indian Sand Martin • *Riparia paludicola*.  
up to 20 feeding over fields Kathmandu Valley.

Red-rumped Swallow. *Hirundo daurica*.  
common on both Treks - commonest. 1500 ft to 6500 ft  
breeding

Nepal House Martin. *Delichon nipalensis*.  
often seen on Langtang Trek up to SHABRU.  
up to flocks of 100. breeding

Large Cuckoo Shrike, *Coracina novaehollandiae*  
2 near Dharan May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Long-tailed Minivet. *Pericrocotus ethologus*.  
commonest minivet

Scarlet Minivet. *Pericrocotus flammeus*.  
seen regularly in Kathmandu valley, and a few  
on Langtang Trek, to SHABRU.

Short-billed Minivet. *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
a single ♂ seen at Dharan, not seen ~~for~~ well (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
only probable. Attention was ~~dr~~ taken away by  
sudden appearance of Black Baza.

Black Drongo. *Dicrurus macrocterus*.  
common in open country in lowlands.

Ashy Drongo. *Dicrurus leucophaeus*.  
common around Kathmandu Valley and Langtang  
and Jomson Treks - common ~~at~~ 9,000 ft.

Hair Crested Drongo. *Dicrurus hottentottus*.  
single in forest Dharan May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Maroon Oriole. *Oriolus traillii*  
♂ ♀ Nagarjung April 19<sup>th</sup>. ♂ ♀ below SHABRU May 1<sup>st</sup>  
probably breeding

Golden Oriole. *Oriolus oriolus*  
common

Eurasian Jay. *Garrulus glandarius*  
1 GODAVERI May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Red-billed blue Magpie. *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*  
around edges of Kathmandu Valley  
BIRATHANTI May 30<sup>th</sup>. (Jomson)

Yellow-billed blue Magpie. *Urocissa ~~erythrorhyncha~~ flavirostris*.  
common around SHABRU and from LARMA LODGES  
upwards in the forest. - ~~range~~ upwards in forest  
E 10,600 ft

Indian Treepie. *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
one SURAYANBHAWATH, KATHMANDU April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
one Kosi May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Himalayan Treepie - *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
A few AAGARJUNG April 19<sup>th</sup>. Between POKHORA and BIRATHANTI

Nutcracker - *Neoclypeus canyocrotches*  
Birds moving up valley at SHABRU May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 10+ seen  
many only heard. 7 in conifers near KALOPARNI June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Chough - *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*  
Langtang - common from GHORA TABELA upwards often with  
Alpine Choughs 50+ KYANGUIN May 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Jomoson - 300+ moving over mountains above  
MUKTINATH June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Alpine Chough - *Pyrrhocorax graculus*.  
Very common from Langtang upwards, 100+  
over village on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Langtang Village) = 150  
above KYANGUIN May 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Very common above MUKTINATH JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 500+

House Crow - *Corvus splendens*. - often seen.

Large-billed Crow - *Corvus macrohynchus*  
Common, seen up to 12,000 ft.

Raven - *Corvus corax*.  
a few high up Langtang Trekk.

Coal Tit - *Parus ater*  
In forest in Langtang Valley, common groups  
of 6 or 7 birds. <sup>breeding</sup>

Gray Tit - *Parus major*. - common.

Sikkim Black Tit - *Parus rubidiventris beavani*

Rufous ~~breasted~~ <sup>breasted</sup> Tit - *P. rubidiventris*.  
in forests above Ghasa and  
lete. In forest around River lodge

Brown Crested Tit - *Parus dichrous*  
common in forests of Langtang from River lodge upwards -  
10+ around GHORAPANI. <sup>breeding</sup>

Green backed Tit - *Parus monticolus*.  
common.

Yellow cheaked Tit - *Parus ~~sitta~~ xanthogenys*  
common.

Red-headed Tit . *Aegithalos concinnus* .

- Very common, often in company of other birds Yuhina's, Leaf Warbler and Sunbirds etc. often 30+ in a flock.

Rufous-fronted Tit. *Aegithalos rouschistos*.

- A few in forest around River Lodge. (9 count)

Chestnut bellied Nuthatch . *Sitta castanea* .

- seen in Kathmandu Valley.

White tailed Nuthatch . *Sitta himalayensis* .

- 2 KHITRE May 28<sup>th</sup> .

Velvet fronted Nuthatch . *Sitta frontalis*

- K.V. often seen.

Brown Creeper . *Certhia familiaris* .

- one at KYANGUIN May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12000ft in forest.

Himalayan Treecreeper . *Certhia himalayana*

- one in mixed feeding flock, below GHORAPANI, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2 in trees near KALOPARNI June 2<sup>nd</sup> .

Nepal Treecreeper . *Certhia nipalensis*

- 1 near RIVER LODGE May 7<sup>th</sup> .

Sikkim Treecreeper . *Certhia discolor* .

- 1 SHITRE June 10<sup>th</sup> .

Scaly breasted Wren Babbler . *Proeopyga albiventer*

- 1 near RIVER LODGE May 2<sup>nd</sup> .

Black chinned Babbler . *Sp Stachyris pyrrhops*

- 10+ SHABRU April 30<sup>th</sup>

Striated Babbler . *Turdoides earlei*

- Kosi, a few small parties of 6 to 7 birds.

Jungle Babbler . *Turdoides earlei*

- in forest around Dharan.

White throated Laughing Thrush . *Garrulax albicularis*

- Very common on both treks - in small parties

Striated Laughing Thrush. *Garrulax striatus*  
10+ in forest below Shabru

White spotted laughing Thrush. *Garrulax ocellatus*  
single near RIVER LODGE May 8<sup>th</sup> (10,000 ft)

Streaked Laughing Thrush. *Garrulax lineatus*  
Common on both treks, often around villages  
high up at Langtang

Variegated Laughing Thrush. *Garrulax variegatus*  
A few small parties in forests of ~~Langtang~~ Jomson  
treks

Blue winged laughing Thrush. *Garrulax subunicolor*  
2 in forest below GHORAPARNI.

Plain coloured laughing Thrush. *Garrulax subunicolor*.  
often seen on Langtang Trek in small groups.  
6000ft - 10000ft

Black faced Laughing Thrush. *Garrulax affinis*  
common often seen, high up (13,000ft) Langtang Valley.

Blue winged Minla. *Minla cyanouroptera*.  
2 between GHORAPARNI and CHITRE June 1<sup>st</sup>

Red winged Shrike Babbler. *Pteruthius flavilapis*  
single in forest between RANCHE and DUNCHE April 27<sup>th</sup>

Bar-throated Minla. *Minla strigula*.  
Very common on Langtang trek especially around  
Rhododendrons. Common on Poon Hill above GHORAPARNI  
7000ft - 12000ft.

Black capped Sibia. *Heterophasia ~~pakis~~ capistrata*.  
common on both treks

Yellow naped Yuhina. *Yuhina flavicollis*  
common between Ranche and Dunche, and  
around Shabru

\* HOARY BARWING - 2 below River Lodge 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Stripe throated Yuhina. *Yuhina gularis*  
Common from Karma Lodges upwards, usually  
in flocks, up to 20. Common around GHORAPARNI.  
8000ft to 20000ft

Rufous vented Yuhina. *Yuhina occipitalis*.  
same as last species.



White bellied Yuhina, *Yuhina zatholeuca*  
One NAGARJUNG April 19<sup>th</sup>.

White browed Tit Babbler. *Alcippe virepectus*  
a few around Ghorapani

Red vented Bulbul. *Pycnomotus cafer*  
common

Straited Bulbul. *Pycnomotus striatus*  
2, NAGARJUNG. April 19<sup>th</sup>.

White checked Bulbul. *Pycnomotus leucogenys* - common

Rufous bellied Bulbul. ~~*Pycnomotus*~~ *Hypsipetes virescens*  
3+ GODAVERI April 21<sup>st</sup>. 3 RANCHE May 5<sup>th</sup>

Black Bulbul. *Hypsipetes madagascariensis*  
common on both Treks and and hills around Kathmandu

Orange bellied leafbird. *Chloropsis hardwickii*  
NAGARJUNG and GODAVERI.

Brown Dipper. *Cinclus pallasii*.  
Common on Langtang trek, ~~Pirait~~ BETREWATI upwards.  
On streams around GHORAPANI

Wren. *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
a few above treeline upper Langtang Valley.

Red flanked Bluetail. *Tarsiger cyaneus*.  
3 pairs in forest below KANGUIN. 2700 ft approx

Golden Bush Robin. *Tarsiger chrysaeus*  
single SHABRU April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Blue Chat. *Erithacus bannensis*.  
Common around River Lodge, Langtang Valley,  
in forest (4 seen) between GHORAPANI and CHITRE  
- common between 8500ft to 11,000ft breeding

Magpie Robin. *Copsychus saularis* - common

Black Redstart. *Phoenicurus ochruros*  
common from TUKECHE upwards. ~~breeding~~

Blue fronted Redstart. *Phoenicurus ochruros*  
Common upper Langtang Valley. 1 Swift up to 15000ft  
breeding.

Plumbeous Redstart, *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*  
Common on both treks. 1 Swift upwards

Grandala. *Grandala coelicolor*  
2 over Yala Peak 16,000ft.

Little Forktail. *Enicurus scouleri*.  
2 on stream between River lodge and Karma lodges May 8<sup>th</sup>  
2 ~~to~~ on stream SHIKHA June 1<sup>st</sup>  
2 on stream between GHORAPANI and ULLERI June 12<sup>th</sup>  
all probably breeding.

Slaty-backed Forktail. *Enicurus scouleri*  
a few on river near Birathanti June 12<sup>th</sup>

Spotted Forktail. *Enicurus maculatus*  
2 pairs on stream GHORAPANI  
1 bird between GHORAPANI and CHITRI

Stonechat. *Saxicola torquata*  
Common on treks.

Grey Bushchat. *Saxicola ferrea*  
Common on treks

Pied Bushchat. *Saxicola caprata*  
common, low elevations

White capped Redstart. *Thamnota leucocephalus*.  
common on treks 1 Swift upwards common  
upper Langtang valley

Blue headed Rock Thrush. *Monticola cinclorhynchus*  
common, Kathmandu Valley and on Langtang Trek  
up to 6000ft.

Chestnut headed Rock Thrush. *Monticola rufiventris*  
♂/♀ Shabru May 10<sup>th</sup>  
2 Ghorapani June 6<sup>th</sup> breeding

+) Tickell's leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus affinis*.  
-r) a single at NAGARJUNG April 18<sup>th</sup>. a few SHABRU April 28<sup>th</sup>  
-r) Very common upper Langtang Valley, often at high elevations, 15000ft  
-r) 2 birds with characteristics of the eastern race. Ph. a.  
-r) subaffinis, at SHABRU May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.  
-r) A few seen from TUKUCHE upwards. Jomsom - breeding

-r) Orange-  
-r) red leaf Warbler

Tekalis Leaf Warbler.

Orange barred Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus pulcher*  
Two KANGWIN May 6<sup>th</sup>. - breeding very likely

Yellow browed Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Common in Valley April 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> maximum of 50+  
SURAYANBWATH April 20<sup>th</sup>. A few birds seen from SHABRU  
to RIVER LODGE, often in mixed feeding flocks.  
status not known.

Pallas's Warbler. *Phylloscopus proregulus*  
a single NAGARJUNG April 18<sup>th</sup>. Seen from SHABRU upwards  
often in mixed feeding flocks, and in high numbers.  
A common Leaf Warbler in upper Langtang Valley. breeding

Ashy throated Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus naclipennis*  
5 around River lodge area May 8<sup>th</sup>  
common around GHORAPANI May 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>  
breeding

Large billed Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus magnirostris*  
often seen and heard from SHABRU upwards of  
Langtang Trek. Very common. breeding. 8000ft to 12000ft  
Jomoson, Common on trek, even a few in-song in trees near  
MUKTINATH. breeding

Greenish Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
6 SURAYANBWATH, April 20<sup>th</sup>. A few in ~~the~~ forest  
Upper Langtang Valley. 3 SHABRU May 10<sup>th</sup>  
status not known.

Blyths crowned Leaf Warbler. *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
Common phyllosc on both treks, often in  
large mixed feeding flocks. - very numerous between  
6500ft and 11500ft breeding

Blyths Reed Warbler. *Acrocephalus dumetorum*.  
single April 18<sup>th</sup>, near British Embassy

Striated Marsh Warbler. *Megalurus palustris*  
in reeds Kosi breeding

Common Tailorbird. *Ortholomus sutorius*. - often seen, low elevations



out of order. should have followed Chestnut headed  
Rock Thrush.

Blue Rock Thrush. *Monicola solitarius*

Jomson. common from KALOPANI upwards

Blue whistling Thrush. *Myophonus caeruleus*. - very common

Red Ground Thrush. *Zosterops lateralis*

a male in song near RANCHE April 24<sup>th</sup> - probably breeding  
2 males seen - MUNGA MAY 12<sup>th</sup>. 5 Swift - breeding

Whites Thrush. *Zosterops lateralis*

A pair near GHORAPANI May 30<sup>th</sup> breeding

Large Long billed Thrush. *Zosterops lateralis*.

A pair of these excellent birds between  
River Lodge and Karma Lodges May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> breeding

White collared Blackbird. *Turdus albocinctus*

common in woodland glades around Ghorapani - breeding

Grey-winged Blackbird. *Turdus boulboul*

common around SHABRU. Very common between GHORAPANI  
and CHITRE. breeding.

Tickell's Thrush. *Turdus unicolor*

2 seen in forest near NAUDANDA June 13<sup>th</sup>. ?

Black throated Thrush. *Turdus unicolor*

female at SURAYANBAWATH April 20<sup>th</sup>. winter

Goldcrest. *Regulus regulus*

2 NAGARJUNG April 4<sup>th</sup> ?

~~Golden speck~~ Black browed flycatcher Warbler. *Seicercus burkii*  
common from SHABRU upwards. - many about Ghorapani  
7000ft to 11,000ft. breeding.

Grey headed flycatcher Warbler. *Seicercus xanthoschistos*

- common - 4000ft to 7500ft common breeder

Chestnut-crowned flycatcher Warbler. *Seicercus castaniceps*

- a few in forests below Karma lodges May 5<sup>th</sup>.  
5000ft breeding

Ashy Prinia. *Prinia socialis*  
A few in Kosi area - probably breeding

Brown Hill Prinia. *Prinia criniger*  
common around fields on trekks.

Plain Prinia. *Prinia subflava*  
common Kosi.

Zitting Cisticola. *Cisticola juncidis*  
common Kosi. - breeding

Chestnut headed Ground Warbler. *Tesia castaneo-coronata*.  
common in forest from Larma Lodges upwards.  
- 3500ft to 11000ft breeding

Grey headed Flycatcher. *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
4 GOKARNA April 4<sup>th</sup>. common on trekks.

Sooty Flycatcher. *Muscicapa sibirica*.  
- often seen both trekks, above 8000ft. - breeding

Rufous tailed Flycatcher. *Muscicapa ruficauda*  
- one near KALOPARNI June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Brown Flycatcher. *Muscicapa latirostris*  
single near BIRATHANTI May 29<sup>th</sup>. ♂ status not known

Red breasted Flycatcher. *Muscicapa parva*  
4 SURAYANGHWATH April 20<sup>th</sup>

Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher. *Muscicapa strophiate*  
common above 8000ft on boths trekks - seen up  
to 13,000ft on Langtang trek. breeding

White breasted blue Flycatcher. *Muscicapa superciliaris*  
Between Ranchi and Dunche and Between GHORAPARNI and MILLERI  
breeding

Rufous bellied Niltava. *Niltava sudara*  
In forest between SHABRU and LARMA LODGES around 5000ft  
In forest between ~~MARPA~~ LETE and GHASA.

Yellow bellied Fantailed Flycatcher. *Rhipidura hypoxantha*  
Common in forest from Larma lodges upwards 9000ft to 13500ft  
Common around GHORAPARNI. breeding



Rufous breasted Accentor. *Prunella strophiate*  
single at SHABRU April 28<sup>th</sup>  
common upper Langtang Valley, up to 16,000 ft  
breeding

Pied Wagtail. *Motacilla flava*  
Seen on both treks. Ones on the  
Langtang Trek were *M. a. albaides*, especially  
common around Kyanguin area breeding

Large Pied Wagtail. *Motacilla maderaspatensis*.  
a few Kosi breeding

Grey Wagtail. *Motacilla cinerea*. - common breeding

Citrine Wagtail. *Motacilla citreola*.  
1 at edge of flooded field near GODAVERI April 21<sup>st</sup>

Paddyfield Pipit. *Anthus novaezeelandiae rufus*.  
common on Jomson trek, around cultivation  
up to 4000 ft. A few Kosi breeding

Olive backed Pipit. *Anthus hodgsoni*  
common in suitable habitat around Kathmandu  
mid-April, 10+ SURAYANBHATH April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Common in Upper Langtang Valley, and  
around Ghorapani.

Lupland Pipit. *Anthus sylvanus*  
common on stony ground between 3000 ft  
and 6000 ft on both treks. breeding

Rose breasted Pipit. *Anthus roseatus*  
Common in Upper Langtang Valley, flocks  
around pools and damp areas, up to  
15000 ft. Some flocks 50+ breeding

Black headed Shrike. *Lanius schach*  
common around Kathmandu. Seen on Jomson  
trek many times.

Tibetan Grey backed Shrike. *Lanius tephronotus*  
~~*Scolecophaga spiloptera*~~  
common in Langtang Valley - breeding  
Common from KAGBENI upwards (Jomson) breeding



Fire breasted Flowerpecker. *Dicaeum ignipectus*  
- often seen.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow. *Passer montanus*  
- Took place of House Sparrow around  
habitation in mountain villages.

Cinnamon Sparrow. *Passer rutilans*  
- Common in clearings between GHORAPANI and CHITRE.

House Sparrow. *Passer domesticus* - common

Spotted Munia. *Lonchura punctulata*  
common some large flocks in field of Kathmandu Valley

Red fronted Serin. *Serinus pusillus*  
Seen from Tukche upward, large flock near  
Jomoson 100+

Brown Bullfinch. *Pyrrhula nipalensis*  
in forest around GHORAPANI

Red headed Bullfinch. *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*.  
single near Gorha Tabela May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dark Nepal Rosefinch. *Carpodacus nipalensis*  
Large flocks Poon Hill, GHORAPANI 150+ May 31-

Common Rosefinch. *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
a few Kathmandu mid-April  
Many in ~~gr~~ crops between Tukche to Jomoson ~~100+~~

Pink browed Rosefinch. *Carpodacus rhodochrous*  
~~at~~ ~~for~~ 3 near GHORA TABELA. 20, about GHORAPANI  
and POON HILL May 31<sup>st</sup>. probably breeding

Edwards Rosefinch. *Carpodacus edwardi*  
A pair Poon Hill, GHORAPANI May 31<sup>st</sup>.

White browed Rosefinch. *Carpodacus thura*  
A pair in forest below Kyomquin May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.  
breeding.

Spot-winged Stare. *Soraglossa spiloptera*.  
3+ BETREWATI May 13<sup>th</sup> - probably breeding

Grey headed Starling. *Sturnus malabicus*  
A few in GOKARNA  
3 BETREWATI April 25<sup>th</sup>  
In forest at Dheran breeding

Brahminy Myna. *Sturnus pagodarum*  
a few in fields near Dheran.

Jungle Myna. *Sturnus fuscus*  
seen many times Kathmandu Valley

Common Myna. *Sturnus tristis* - common

Purple Sunbird. *Nectarinia asiatica*  
Common between Trisuli and Betrewati. breeding

Mrs Goulds Sunbird. *Aethopyga gouldiae*.  
often with mixed feeding flocks, seemed to  
prefer slightly lower altitudes than Nepal  
Sunbird. Seen regularly between SHABRU  
LARMA LODGES (a few higher up).  
A few in forest between Lete and Ghasa

Nepal Sunbird. *Aethopyga nipalensis*  
Common around LARMA LODGES upwards,  
always many around Rhododendrons.  
Common, Ghorapani.

Scarlet breasted Sunbird. *Aethopyga siparaja*  
Common around POKHARA.

Fire tailed Sunbird. *Aethopyga ignicauda*  
3 at Ghorapani June 11<sup>th</sup>

Whiteeye. *Zosterops palpebrosa* - common

Plain coloured Flowerpecker. *Dicaeum concolor*  
- common about Kathmandu and a few on Langtang  
Trek (low elevations)

Beautiful Rosefinch. *Carpodacus pulcherrimus*  
- small parties Upper Langtang Valley.

Juniper Finch. *Pinicola subhimachala*  
3 ♂♀ SHABRU May 9<sup>th</sup>

Hodgson's Mountain Finch. *Leurosticte nemoricola*  
50 MUKTINATH June 6<sup>th</sup>

European Goldfinch. *Carduelis carduelis*  
30 in crops HARPITA June 5<sup>th</sup>

Himalayan Goldfinch. *Carduelis spinoides*.  
flocks of up to 30 seen on both tithles, and  
at SURANGHWATH April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rock Bunting. *Emberiza cia*  
Common from KARBENI upwards. (Jomson) breeding

Little Bunting. *Emberiza pusilla*  
single at SURAYANHWATH April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Crested Bunting. *Melophus lathamii*  
common around cultivation low down on both tithles.  
breeding

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I took many descriptions of many of the species  
which I saw in Nepal. If required I would happily  
supply any you require.

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Itinerary in Nepal

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| Date     | Location / Activity                                   | Altitude / Notes |
|----------|---|------------------|
| April 17 | Kathmandu   |                  |
| 18       | Swayambhwa (monkey Temple)                            |                  |
| 19       | "   |                  |
| 20       | Nagarjung   |                  |
| 21       | Godaveri  | Swayambhwa       |
| 22       | Gokarna   |                  |
| 23       |   |                  |
| 24       | To Trisuli  |                  |
| 25       | Trisuli to Betrawati                                  | 2050ft           |
| 26       | Betrawati to Ranche                                   | 5500             |
| 27       | Ranche to Dunche                                      | 6500             |
| 28       | Dunche to Shabru                                      | 7500             |
| 29       | Shabru  |                  |
| 30       | "   |                  |
| May 1    | Shabru to Lorma lodges                                | 8200ft           |
| 2        | Lorma lodges to <del>Kangrin</del> <sup>Kangrin</sup> | 11500ft          |
| 3        | <del>Kangrin</del> <sup>Kangrin</sup> to Kangrin      | 12700ft          |
| 4        | Kangrin   |                  |
| 5        | Kangrin   |                  |
| 6        | " - to River lodge                                    | 9000ft (approx)  |
| 7        | River lodge   |                  |
| 8        | " - Shabru  |                  |
| 9        | Shabru  |                  |
| 10       | "   |                  |
| 11       | " to Ranche   |                  |
| 12       | Ranche to Trisuli                                     |                  |
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| 18       | Tokha Hospital  |                  |
| 19       |   |                  |
| 20       |   |                  |
| 21       | Kosi Barrage  |                  |
| 22       | " Barrage   |                  |
| 23       | " " than Dharan                                       |                  |
| 24       | Dharan  |                  |
| 25       |   |                  |
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Langtang Trek

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819m Polkhera to Birathanti 1073m  
 Birathanti to Ghorepani 2835m  
 Ghorepani  
 - " - To Tatopani 1189m  
 Tatopani to Kalopani 2560m  
 Kalopani  
 - " - to Marpha 2670m  
 Marpha to Kagbeni 3000m  
 Kagbeni to Mactinath 3627m  
 Mactinath to Marpha  
 Marpha to Ghast 2010  
 Ghast to Tatopani  
 Tatopani to Ghorepani  
 Ghorepani  
 - " - to Birathanti  
 Birathanti to Polkhera.

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 Trek