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SELECTED BIRD LIST, NEPAL, 4-2-86 - 11-3-86, J. N. DYMOND

Great Crested Grebe c10 Phewa Tal 1/3, c10 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Little Grebe few Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Intermediate Egret 10+ Nepalganj 4/2, 2 Phewa Tal 1/3, few Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Great Egret several Phewa Tal 1/3, common in south.

Black Stork 2 Phewa Tal 1/3, 1 Kosi 4/3, 1 Sauraha 9/3.

Oriental White Ibis several Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Spoonbill c70 Kosi 5/3.

Lesser Whistling Duck c150 Nepalganj 4/2, c1000 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Bar-headed Goose 3 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Ruddy Shelduck 3000+ Kosi 5/3.

Cotton Teal 8 Nepalganj 4/2, c10 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Wigeon several Phewa Tal 1/3, 80+ Kosi 4/3, c600 Kosi 5/3.

Gadwall c500 Kosi 4/3, c800 Kosi 5/3, few Sauraha 7/3, 9/3.

Teal 30 Phewa Tal 1/3, c200 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Mallard c60 Phewa Tal 1/3.

Spotbill c200 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Pintail c40 Phewa Tal 1/3, several 1000 Kosi 4/3, 15,000 Kosi 5/3.

Garganey c100 Kosi 4/3, c300 Kosi 5/3.

Shoveler several Phewa Tal 1/3, 400+ Kosi 4/3, 1500+ Kosi 5/3.

Red-crested Pochard c80 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Pochard c100 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Baer's Pochard 1♂ Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Ferruginous Duck c100 Kosi 4/3, c200 Kosi 5/3.

Tufted Duck c50 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.

Pallas's Fish Eagle 1 imm. Kosi 4/3.

White-tailed Eagle 1 imm. Kosi 4/3.

Griffon Vulture c15 Phewa Tal 1/3.

Pallid Harrier 1♂ Kosi 5/3.

Pied Harrier 1♂ Kosi 5/3.

Goshawk 1 near Birethane 11/2, 1 near Ghasa 16/2, 1 near Sirke 22/2, 2 near Lumle 28/2

Common Buzzard 2 Mugling 5/2, 1 near Pokhara 9/2, 10+ Kali Gandaki over 8 days, 1 Sauraha 7/3.

Long-legged Buzzard 1 Nepalganj 4/2.

Black Eagle 1 near Uleri 12/2.

- Greater Spotted Eagle 1 adult Hetaura 6/3.
- Imperial Eagle 2 imms. Kosi 5/3.
- Booted Eagle 1 near Kalo Pani 16/2.
- Bonelli's Eagle 1 south of Ghasa 15/2.
- Peregrine 1 Kosi 5/3.
- Quail several Kosi 5/3.
- Bengal Florican 1st Kosi 5/3 (south of barrage)
- Ibisbill 3 Hetaura 6/3.
- Little Pratincole 600+ Kosi 5/3, small numbers Sauraha 7/3-10/3.
- Temminck's Stint c20 Kosi 5/3, c30 Sauraha 7/3-10/3.
- Common Snipe c10 Phewa Tal 1/3, 2 Hetaura 6/3, 1 Sauraha 8/3.
- Pintail Snipe 1 Phewa Tal 1/3, 2 Kosi 4/3.
- Spotted Redshank 1 Kosi 5/3.
- Marsh Sandpiper 3+ Nepalganj 4/2.
- Wood Sandpiper c10 Phewa Tal 1/3, c20 Kosi 4/3, 5/3.
- Great Black-headed Gull 1 Kosi 4/3, several Sauraha 7/3-10/3.
- Gull-billed Tern 35+ Kosi 5/3.
- River Tern c100 Kosi 5/3.
- Hill Pigeon c200 Kagbeni 18/2.
- Snow Pigeon c80 near Dana 15/2, c100 near Lete 16/2.
- Banded Bay Cuckoo 1 Sauraha 9/3.
- Pacific Swift c30 Tatopani-Sikhe 22/2, c30 Ghorapani 24/2, 50+ Ghorapani 25/2,
several Khare 28/2 : none seen 9/2-14/2 in same areas.
- Alpine Swift c50 Ghorapani 24/2, c10 Khare 28/2.
- Crested Tree Swift 1 east of Simra 6/3.
- Stork-billed Kingfisher 1 Kosi 4/3.
- Crested Kingfisher 1 Birathante 26/2, 1 JB, from bus, 2/3.
- Wryneck 1 Kosi 5/3.
- Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker 1 west of Ghorapani 13/2.
- Nepal House Martin c50 near Hille 26/2, c100 Chandrakot 27/2, 200+ Khare 28/2.
- Asian House Martin c40 between Sikhe-Tatopani 14/2.
- Richard's Pipit A.n.richardi c25 Phewa Tal 1/3, 1 Kosi 5/3.
- Water Pipit 1+ Phewa Tal 1/3.
- Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike 1 Mugling 5/2.

- Long-tailed Minivet none seen north of Tatopani 14/2-21/2, common lower down.
- Scarlet Minivet none seen on trek, Pokhara-Kagbeni-Pokhara 9/2-28/2, common Sauraha.
- Wren numerous between Ghasa-Kagbeni 16/2-20/2, several down to Kabre (1800 m) 15/2 and 21/2.
- Brown Accentor several daily Tukuche-Kagbeni 17/2-19/2.
- Robin Accentor several Kagbeni 18/2.
- Altai Accentor c12 Ghorapani 13/2, 1 near Ghasa 15/2, c100 Lete 16/2, none higher up.
- Alpine Accentor 1 between Kagbeni-Jharkot 18/2.
- Siberian Rubythroat 1 Kosi 4/3, 5/3, 3 Sauraha 8/3, 1 Sauraha 10/3.
- Bluethroat up to 25 Kosi 4/3, 5/3, none others.
- Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin 2 Ghorapani 13/2, not relocated 23/2-25/2.
- Magpie-Robin on trek only seen between Pokhara-Lumle.
- Blue-capped Redstart 1 near Naudanda 10/2, numerous Lumle-Birethane 11/2 but none there 27/2, none Birethane-Tatopani 11/2-14/2 and 22/2-26/2, common Tatopani-Marpha 15/2-21/2, none higher up, 1 Khare 28/2.
- Hodgson's Redstart 1 near Sikhe 14/2, 2 Tatopani-Ghasa 15/2.
- White-throated Redstart c15 Ghorapani 13/2, none there 23/2-25/2, 1 near Dana 15/2, c10 Ghasa-Tukuche 16/2, c60 Tukuche-Jomsom 17/2, several Kagbeni 18/2, 1 Jharkot 18/2, common Jomsom-Ghasa 19/2, 20/2.
- Golden-stadt's Redstart quite common Tukuche upwards 17/2-19/2, none others.
- Hodgson's Bushchat 18 Kosi 5/3 (south of barrage).
- White-capped Redstart recorded up to Kalo Pani, none higher.
- Indian Robin 1 Nepalganj 4/2.
- Blue Rock Thrush 2 Kosi 4/3, 5/3, 1 Hetaura 8/3.
- Plain-backed Mountain-Thrush 1 below Ghorapani 12/2.
- Long-tailed Mountain-Thrush 1 near Ghorapani 23/2, 3+ Ghorapani 25/2, 5 between Ghorapani-Ulleri 26/2.
- Chestnut Thrush 18 Ghorapani 24/2.
- Red-throated Thrush 50+ Ghorapani 13/2, none there 23/2-25/2, several Tukuche-Jomsom 17/2, 1 Tukuche-Kalo Pani 19/2.
- Black-throated Thrush several Ghorapani 13/2, none there 23/2-25/2, several Ghasa-Tukuche 16/2, 1 near Kalo Pani 19/2, 1 Sauraha 9/3.
- Grey-scaled Bush Warbler 2+ below Chandrakot 27/2, 1+ Sauraha 10/3.
- Clamorous Reed Warbler 2+ Kosi 4/3, several Kosi 5/3.

- Thick-billed Warbler 1 Sauraha 7/3.
- Black-faced Warbler 1 between Ghorapani-Ulleri 26/2.
- Greenish Warbler 1 Kopchepani (1850+m) 21/2, quite common low down.
- Dusky Warbler 2+ Lumle 27/2, common Kosi 4/3, 5/3, few Metaura 6/3, several Sauraha 7/3.
- Goldcrest 40+ Ghasa 15/2, several Ghorapani 23/2.
- Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler c10 Tukuche-Jomsom 17/2 & 19/2, c6 Kagbeni 18/2.
- Beautiful Niltawa 1♂ Birethane 11/2, 2 Hille-Ghorapani 12/2, 2 Birethane-Lumle 27/2.
- White-braved Fantail 2 Sauraha 8/3.
- White-throated Fantail 4 Sauraha 10/3.
- Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler 2 below Chandrakot 27/2.
- Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler several west of Ghorapani 13/2, 1 Kalo Pani 20/2.
- Black-throated Parrotbill c10 near Lete 20/2.
- Nepal Fulvetta c10 Lumle 27/2.
- Coal Tit 1 Ghorapani 13/2, several Ghasa 15/2, common higher up.
- Wallcreeper few daily on trail from Ghasa-Kagbeni & back 15/2-20/2, 1 between Hille-Birethane (1200m) 26/2.
- Bar-tailed Treecreeper 1 Ghasa 15/2.
- Rusty-flanked Treecreeper several Ghorapani 13/2, 26/2.
- Common Treecreeper 1 Kalo Pani 20/2, 1 Ghorapani 26/2.
- Purple Sunbird 1♂ Tatopani 14/2, 1♂+♀♀ Kopchepani 21/2, common Sauraha.
- Crimson Sunbird 1♂ Tatopani 14/2.
- Mrs. Gould's Sunbird 1♂ (+♀♀??) Kopchepani 21/2.
- Black-throated Sunbird 1♂ Kopchepani 21/2, 1♂ near Hille 26/2.
- Fire-tailed Sunbird several Birethane 27/2.
- Black Drongo none seen Naudanda-Kagbeni-Suikhet 10/2-28/2, common in south.
- Ashy Drongo several near Suikhet 28/2, few Sauraha 10/3.
- Spangled Drongo common Sauraha 7/3-10/3.
- Eurasian Jay 1 Ghorapani 13/2, 2 near Larjung (H4, 2560m) 16/2.
- Raven several near Jomsom 17/2.
- Spot-winged Stare c50 Sauraha 10/3.
- Hill Myna 2 Sauraha 9/3, many Sauraha 10/3.
- Red Avadavat c15 Kosi 4/3.
- Common Chaffinch 1 Lumle 10/2, 1 Lete 16/2.

- Red-fronted Serin c40 north of Tukuche 17/2, c40 between Kagbeni-Jharkot 18/2.
- Eurasian Goldfinch c15 near Sikhe 22/2.
- Plain Mountain-Finch c60 Ghorapani 13/2 & 23/2, c50 Kagbeni 18/2.
- Dark-breasted Rosefinch 80+ near Chitre 22/2, 1 near Ghorapani 23/2.
- Beautiful Rosefinch 6 between Uleri-Ghorapani 12/2, several Ghorapani 13/2, c20 Lete 16/2, c25 Lete 20/2.
- Pink-browed Rosefinch c6 Kalo Pani 21/2.
- Spot-winged Rosefinch 187 Ghorapani 13/2.
- Crimson-eared Rosefinch 19/imm. near Dhampus 17/2.
- Red-breasted Rosefinch 5 Kagbeni 18/2, 7 below Muktinath 18/2.
- Gold-naped Finch 1 imm ♂ above Uleri 12/2.
- Collared Grosbeak 20+ south of Lete 16/2.
- Black-faced Bunting 1 ♂ Kosi 4/3, 5/3.
- Pine Bunting c20 Kagbeni 18/2.
- Little Bunting 1 near Sikhe 14/2.

Also recorded but not, I think, contributing anything interesting or new in terms of numbers, dates, altitude or distribution, were :-

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| Great Cormorant | White-backed Vulture | White-breasted Waterhen |
| Darter | Long-billed Vulture | Moorhen |
| Pond Heron | Himalayan Griffon | Coot |
| Cattle Egret | Red-headed Vulture | Purple Gallinule |
| Little Egret | Black Vulture | Pheasant-tailed Jacana |
| Grey Heron | Crested Serpent Eagle | Bronze-winged Jacana |
| Purple Heron | Marsh Harrier | Little Ringed Plover |
| Openbill Stork | Hen Harrier | Kentish Plover |
| Woolly-necked Stork | Northern Sparrowhawk | River Plover |
| Lesser Adjutant | Shikra | Red-wattled Lapwing |
| Red-naped Ibis | Steppe Eagle | Curlew |
| Goosander | Osprey | Redshank |
| Black Kite | Kestrel | Greenshank |
| Brahminy Kite | Hobby | Green Sandpiper |
| Egyptian Vulture | Red Junglefowl | Common Sandpiper |
| Lammergeier | Brown Crane | Black-headed Gull |

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| Caspian Tern | Lesser Golden-backed Woodp. | Blue-fronted Redstart |
| Black-bellied Tern | Darjeeling Pied Woodp. | Plumbeous Redstart |
| Little Tern | Brown-fronted Pied Woodp. | Stonechat |
| Rock Pigeon | Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodp. | Pied Bushchat |
| Rufous Turtle Dove | Grey-crowned Pygmy Woodp. | Grey Bushchat |
| Spotted Dove | Bengal Bushlark | Blue Whistling Thrush |
| Collared Dove | Ashy-crowned Finch-lark | White-collared Blackbird |
| Emerald Dove | Sandlark | Little Forktail |
| Bengal Green Pigeon | Oriental Skylark | Slaty-backed Forktail |
| Alexandrine Parakeet | Brown-throated Sand Martin | Spotted Forktail |
| Ring-necked Parakeet | Crag Martin | Chestnut-headed Tesia |
| Slaty-headed Parakeet | Barn Swallow | Pale-footed Bush Warbler |
| Blossom-headed Parakeet | Red-rumped Swallow | Fantail Cisticola |
| Green-billed Malkola | Paddyfield Pipit | Plain Prinia |
| Greater Coucal | Olive-backed Pipit | Graceful Prinia |
| Mountain Scops Owl | Rosy Pipit | Yellow-bellied Prinia |
| Jungle Owlet | Yellow Wagtail | Striated Prinia |
| Asian Banded Owlet | Citrine Wagtail | Grey-capped Prinia |
| Spotted Little Owl | White Wagtail | Tailorbird |
| Little Swift | White-browed Wagtail | Striated Marsh Warbler |
| White-breasted Kingfisher | Common Wood-shrike | Paddyfield Warbler |
| Kingfisher | Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike | Blyth's Reed Warbler |
| Pied Kingfisher | Large Cuckoo-shrike | Clamorous Reed Warbler |
| Green Bee-eater | Small Minivet | Golden-spectacled Warbler |
| Indian Roller | Red-whiskered Bulbul | Grey-hooded Warbler |
| Hoopoe | White-cheeked Bulbul | Blyth's Crowned Warbler |
| Pied Hornbill | Red-vented Bulbul | Orange-banded Leaf Warbler |
| Great Barbet | Black Bulbul | Grey-faced Leaf Warbler |
| Lineated Barbet | Common Iora | Pallas's Leaf Warbler |
| Blue-throated Barbet | Brown Dipper | Yellow-browed Warbler |
| Coppersmith Barbet | Bluethroat | Smoky Warbler |
| Lesser Yellow-naped Woodp. | Orange-flanked Bush-Robin | Tockell's Warbler |
| Grey-headed Woodpecker | White-rumped Shama | Chiffchaff |
| Himalayan Golden-backed Woodp. | Black Redstart | Brook's Flycatcher |

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Slaty-blue Flycatcher
Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher
Red-breasted Flycatcher
Grey-headed Flycatcher
Yellow-bellied Fantail
Black-naped Monarch
Spotted Babbler
Greater Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler
Black-chinned Babbler
Striped Tit-Babbler
Red-capped Babbler
Striated Babbler
Jungle Babbler
White-throated Laughing-thrush
White-crested Laughing-thrush
Variegated Laughing-thrush
Black-faced Laughing-thrush
Chestnut-crowned Laughing-thrush
White-browed Shrike-Babbler
Hoary Bunting
Chestnut-tailed Minla
White-browed Fulvetta
Black-capped Sibia
Yellow-naped Yuhina
Stripe-throated Yuhina
Rufous-vented Yuhina
White-bellied Yuhina
Black-throated Tit
Grey-crested Tit
Rufous-vented Black Tit
Great Tit
Green-backed Tit
Black-lored Tit

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch
White-tailed Nuthatch
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch
Green-tailed Sunbird
Oriental White-eye
Black-hooded Oriole
Brown Shrike
Long-tailed Shrike
Grey-backed Shrike
Ashy Wood Swallow
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie
Red-billed Blue Magpie
Rufous Treepie
Grey Treepie
Eurasian Nuthatch
Red-billed Chough
House Crow
Jungle Crow
Grey-headed Myna
Asian Pied Starling
Common Myna
Bark Myna
Jungle Myna
House Sparrow
Cinnamon Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Baya Weaver
Scaly-breasted Munia
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch
Red-headed Bullfinch
Rock Bunting
Yellow-breasted Bunting
Crested Bunting

Total of 355 species.