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* BIRDS OBSERVATIONS IN NEPAL FROM 11 december 80 TO 2 januar 81 *

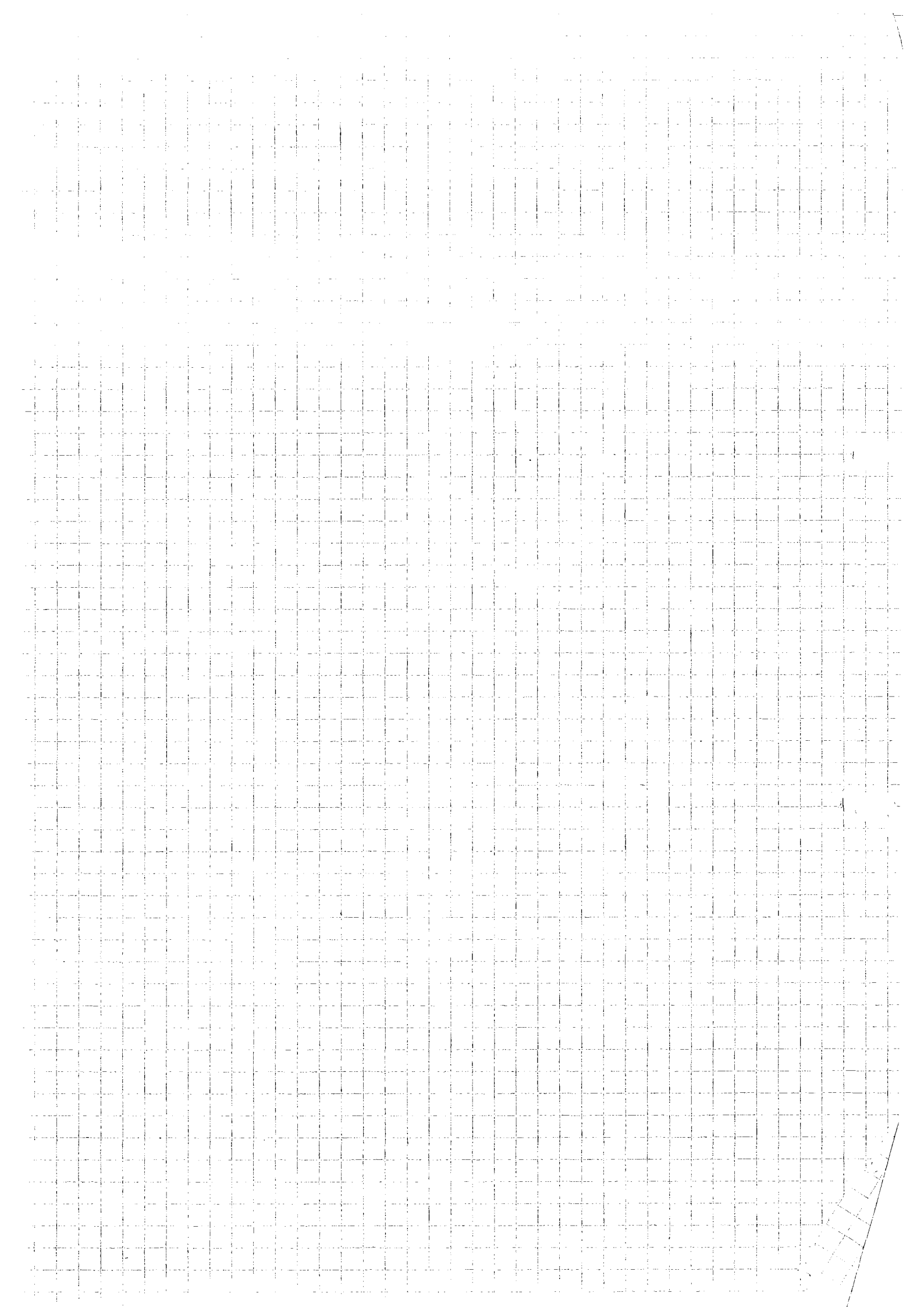
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- From 12 to 14-xii I stayed in Kathmandou with some bird-watching in the town and along the Bagmati river.
- 15-xii, bus trip from Kathmandou to Pokhara.
- 16-xii, beginning of a walk up to Annapurna, today walk from Pokhara to Naudanda
- 17-xii, walk from Naudanda to Lumle (1555 m.) through the villages of Pamdu and Khare.
- 18-xii; walk from Lumle to Hille (1463 m.), through Chandhakot (1563 m.), Buehanti (1037)
- 19-xii, walk from Hille to Ghorapani (2835 m.), through Tikhedhung (1439 m.) and Uleri (2073 m.), after Uleri begin a great forest with a very rich vegetation.
- 20-xii; walk from Ghorapani to Ghandung through the original forest...
- 21-xii, walk from Ghandung to Chumso, through the village of Komung and Kyumnu.
- 22-xii; walk from Chumso to "Himalaya Lodge", the way is enough difficult and I look just a little the birds.
- 23-xii; walk from "Himalaya Lodge" to "Machhapuchare Lodge" near the Base Camp. The mountain is very cloudy and around 12 hours the snow fall too much, to continue...
- 24-xii; walk from "Himalaya Lodge" to Chumso
- 25-xii; walk from Chumso to Landhung through Kyumnu, Komung, Ghandung.
- 26-xii; walk from Landhung to Suikhet, with a rich forest between Landhung and Dhampus.
- 27-xii, walk from Suikhet to Pheva lake / Pokhara
- 28 and 29-xii; observations around Pheva lake
- 30-xii; bus trip from Pokhara to Kathmandou.
- 31-xii; observations in Swagambunath Temple parc in Kathmandou.
- 1st I. 81; bus trip from Kathmandou to Simra (about 30 km. before Birganj)
- 2nd I. 81; walk from Simra to a little village: Paruwani Puar, it was certainly ~~the part~~ the most interesting part for birds watching during this travel

- Except for the 23-xii, the weather was really nice



Podiceps cristatus :- Great Crested Grebe.

28-xii; 3 pairs on the Lake Phewa / Phokhara

Phalacrocorax niger - Little Cormorant.

15-xii; 3 and 2 on Trisuli river a little before the border of Narayani district.

Ardeola grayii - Pond Heron.

~~17-xii~~; ~~30~~ Bagmati river / Kathmandou

~~15-xii~~; enough common on Phewa Lake.

26-xii; about 15 on a sleeping place (a tree) near Suikhet.

28-xii; about 30 on Phewa Lake.

2-I; about 10 (alone) between Simra and Parwani Puar

Bubulcus ibis - Cattle Egret.

13-xii; 30 on Bagmati river / Kathmandou.

15-xii; enough common on Phewa Lake.

28-xii; around 70 on Phewa Lake

31-xii; 60 are sleeping in a tree in Kathmandou city.

2-I-81; 6, 156 and 60 between Simra and Parwani Puar (Tera)

Egretta intermedia - Intermediate Egret

28-xii; around 20 on Phewa Lake.

29-xii; 5 " " " near Fish Trap Lodge.

Egretta garzetta - Little Egret.

15-xii; 5 on along the road from Kathmandou to Pokhara, 130 km. before this last city.

27-xii; 1 on Phewa Lake.

28-xii; 2 " " "

Ciconia episcopus - White-necked Stork.

15-xii; 1 along the road Kathmandou - Pokhara, 120 km. before this city.

2-I; 2 between Simra and Parwani Puar (with 156 Cattle Egret).

Ciconia nigra - Black Stork.

16-xii-80; 11 between Suikhet and Hyangja.

27-xii; 4 and 12 " " " "

Elanus caeruleus - Black-shouldered Kite

2-I-81; 1 adult between Simra and Parwani Puar.

Haliastur indus - Brahminy Kite

2-I-81; 1 between Simra and Parwani Puar.

Milvus migrans - Dark Kite.

13-xii; very common on Kathmandou.

16-xii; enough common between Pokhara and Naudanda.

26-xii; 3 at Suikhet.

27-xii; 3 between Suikhet and Hyangja (the same than yesterday)

28-xii; 20 or 30 on Phewa Lake

2-I-81; 10 or 15 between Simra and Parwani Puar.

Accipiter nisus - Sparrow Hawk.

24-xii; 10 between Kyumna and Chumro

Bubo zeylonensis - Brown Fish Owl.
29.XII; 1 in the forest around Phewa Lake.

Columba livia - Blue Rock Pigeon
16.XII; 3 pairs in the cliffs of the Seti Gandaki river / Pokhara.
28.XII; 5 and 8 along the Phewa Lake.

Columba hodgsonii - Speckled Wood Pigeon.
26.XII; 26 in the forest above Landrung.

Streptopelia orientalis - Rufous Turtle Dove.
18.XII; 2 between Lumle and Chanchakot - common after in the mountains.
19.XII; 2 under Uplei.

Streptopelia decacoto - Indian Ring Dove.
2.I.81; everywhere between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Psittacula krameri - Rose-ringed Parakeet.
1.I.81; very common near Simra.
2.I.81; " " between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Psittacula eupatria - Large Parakeet.
1.I.81; around 20 near Simra.

Psittacula himalayana - Slaty-headed Parakeet.
21.XII; 2 between Kyumnu and Chumro.
25.XII; 2 near Gharchung.
26.XII; 2 and 18 in the forest above Landrung.
2.I.81; 107 in the forest between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Centropus sinensis - Large Coucal.
2.I.81; 1 and 1 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Coracias benghalensis - Indian Roller.
16.XII; enough common between Pokhara and Simra.
27.XII; 1 " Suikhet and Hyangja.
2.I.81; around 30 (alone) between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Upupa epops - Hoopoe.
16.XII; enough common in the plain between Pokhara and Suikhet.
2.I.81; 6 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Ceryle lugubris - Large Pied Kingfisher.
18.XII; 2 pairs on the Bhurungdi khola.

Alcedo atthis - Eurasian Kingfisher.
16.XII; 1 on the river near the Tibetan Camp and near Suikhet.
18.XII; 1 on the Bhurungdi khola.
27.XII; 2 between Suikhet and Hyangja.

Halcyon smyrnensis - White-breasted Kingfisher.
16.XII; 1 on the river near the Tibetan Camp and 1 near Suikhet.
27.XII; 3 between Suikhet and Hyangja on the Yamdi khola.
28.XII; 3 pairs on Phewa Lake (north side).
2.I.81; around 10 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Megalaima vivens - Great Himalayan Barbet
26. XII; 1 in the forest above Landhung.

Megalaima lineata - Lineated Barbet
2. I. 81; 1 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Megalaima franklinii - Golden-throated Barbet
24. XII; 2 between Komzung and Kyumnu.

Megalaima asiatica - Blue-throated Barbet
31. XII; 1 in the park of Swayambunath temple / Kathmandou.

Megalaima haemacephala - Crimson-breasted Barbet
2. I. 81; 1 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Dendrocopos canicapillus - Gray-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker
2. I. 81; 2 between Simra and Paruwani Puar

Picus xanthopygaeus - Small Scaly-bellied Woodpecker.
14. I. 81; 1 ♀ in the forest near Simra

Picus canus - Black-naped Woodpecker
24. XII; 1 ♂ between Kyumnu and Chumro.

Picus flavinucha - Large Yellow-naped Woodpecker
16. XII; 1 ♀ in the forest before Naudanda.
18. XII; 1 near Hille

Dendrocopos dajielensis - Dajeeling Pied Woodpecker
24. XII; 1 between "Himalaya Lodge" and Chumro

Dendrocopos auriceps - Brown-fronted Pied Woodpecker
18. XII; 2 pairs between Lumle and Chandakot.

Micropus brachyurus - Brown Woodpecker
2. I. 81; 1 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Alaudogulgula - Little Skylenk
2. I. 81; common in the fields between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Hemiprocne Pongipennis - Crested Swift.
14. I. 81; 5 on the forest near Simra

Collocalia brevirostris - Edible Nest Swiftlet
16. XII; 2 before Naudanda.

Cypsiurus parvus - Palm Swift.
2. I. 81; 3 and 2 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Riparia paludicola - Sand Martin
15. XII; common around some cliffs along Patani river on Pokhara road.
27. XII; very common between Suikhet and Hyangja.

Hirundo rustica - Barn Swallow
13. XII; very common on Bagmati river / Kathmandou.
16. XII; common between Pokhara and Naudanda.
27. XII; very common between Suikhet and Hyangja.
2. I. 81; fairly common between Simra and Paruwani Puar

Pericrocotus flammeus - Scarlet Minivet.

25. XII; one pair near Pheeva lake

31. XII; 2 pairs in Swayambunath Temple park

2. I. 81; one pair in the forest near Simra

Pericrocotus cinnamomeus - Small Minivet.

2. I. 81; 10 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Aegithina tiphia - Iora

2. I. 81; one pair in the forest near Simra (with some *Parus major*)

Pycnonotus leucogenys - White-cheeked Bulbul

16. XII; 2 before Naudanda

19. XII; common up to 2500m, from Hille to Ghorepani

Pycnonotus cafer - Red vented Bulbul

13. XII; common in Kathmandou (even in cages)

16. XII; common between Pokhara and Naudanda.

2. I. 81; fairly common between Simra and Paruwani

Hypsipetes virescens - Rufous-bellied Bulbul

26. XII; fairly common in the forests between Landhund and Dhampus

Hypsipetes madagascariensis - Gray Bulbul

17. XII; common in wooded places between Naudanda and Lumle

20. XII; some groups in the forests between Ghorepani and Ghandrung.

Pomatorhinus erythrogenys - Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler

21. XII; one pair near Ghandrung

29. XII; one pair near Pheeva lake

Princeps albibenter - Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler.

24. XII; 1 (light phase) between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro

Princeps pusilla - Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler

26. XII; 1 above Ghandrung

Chrysomma sinensis - Yellow-eyed Babbler

2. I. 81; 1 near village between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Paradoxornis fulvifrons - Fulvous-fronted Parrotbill

23. XII; 10 in bamboo place between Himalaya Lodge and Machhapu-

Turdoides striatus - Jungle Babbler

2. I. 81; 6 together in the forest near Simra

Garrulus albogularis - White-throated Laughing Thrush

21. XII; 9 about 50 together in the forest between Komrung and Kyummu.

Garrulus variegatus - Variegated Laughing Thrush

26. XII; common (by little groups) 1 above Landrung.

Garrulus affinis - Black-faced Laughing Thrush

23. XII; common (by little groups) between Himalaya Lodge and Machhapu-

Peruthius melanotis - Chestnut-throated Shrike Babbler

26. XII; 1 under Dhampus.

Chhara Lodge

Actinodura nipalensis - Hoary Barwing
22.XII; 2 between Chumro and Himalaya Lodge.

Minda strigula - Bar-throated Minda
17.XII; 8 (together) between Khare and Lumle
26.XII; 6 above Landhung.

Yuhina flavicollis - Yellow-naped Yuhina
19.XII; around 15 at Ulferi
26.XII; 10 above Landhung.

Yuhina gularis - Stripe-throated Yuhina
24.XII; 12, 6 and 2 between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro.
26.XII; 1 above Landhung.

Yuhina occipitalis - Rufous-vented Yuhina
22.XII; common on the way between Chumro and Himalaya Lodge.
24.XII; 15 and 20 between Himalaya Lodge Chumro.

Alcippe virepectus - White-browed Tit Babbler
20.XII; 6 at Ghorapani

Heterophonia capistrata - Black-capped Sibia
19.XII; common around Ulferi, enough common in forest from Hille to Ghorapani.
24.XII; fairly common between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro.
26.XII; very common between Landhung and Dhampus.

Muscicapa ferruginea - Ferruginous Flycatcher
29.XII; 1 near Phewa Lake. ?

Muscicapa parva - Red-breasted Flycatcher.
31.XII; 1 ♀ in Swayambunath Temple park
2.I.81; 1 ♀ between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Muscicapa atrophiata - Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher
26.XII; 4 ♂ above Landhung.

Muscicapa superciliosa - White-browed Blue Flycatcher
16.XII; 1 ♂ before Naudanda.

Muscicapa leucomelanura - Slaty Blue Flycatcher.
19.XII; 8 before Ghorapani

Rhipidura hypoxantha - Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher
16.XII; enough common between Pokhara and Naudanda.
20.XII; some birds in the bushes between Ghorapani and Ghandung.
31.XII; always so common in Swayambunath Temple park

Rhipidura albicollis - White-throated Fantail Flycatcher.
16.XII; 1 before Naudanda.

Rhipidura aureola - White-breasted Fantail Flycatcher.
2.I.81; 1 and 1 (singer) near Paruwani Puar.

Culicicapa ceylonensis - Gray-headed Flycatcher.
31.XII; 2 in the Swayambunath Temple park.
2.I.81; common (always in forest) between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Enicurus maculatus - Spotted Forktail.

17. XII; one pair on a saucer near khare.

19. XII

21. XII; 1 at Ghandrung

Saxicola torquata - Collared Bush Chat

16. XII; (*indicus* and *przewalskii* ...) common between Pokhara and Suikhet.

27. XII; 1 ♂ between Suikhet and Hyangja.

Saxicola ferrea - Dark-gray Bush Chat

18. XII; 1 between Chandrakot and Binethanti

19. XII; 2 ♂ between Ulteri and the forest.

Saxicola caprata - Pied Bush Chat

16. XII; common between Pokhara and Suikhet.

2. I. 81; 2 ♂ (alone) between Simra and Paruwani Pass.

Zoothera dixonii - Long-tailed Mountain Bush Thrush

26. XII; 1 in the forest between Jandhung and Dhampus.

Zoothera dauma - Speckled Mountain Thrush.

29. XII; 1 near Phewa lake.

19. I. 81; 1 in the forest near Simra.

Turdus Boubou - Gray-winged Blackbird.

19. XII; 1 ♂ at Ulteri

20. XII; 1 between Ghorapani and Ghandrung.

Mniophonus caeruleus - Whistling Thrush.

17. XII; 1 ♂ in the forest between Naudanda and Pamdur.

18. XII; common between Lunle and Hille.

21. XII; common between Ghandrung and Chumro.

Troglodytes troglodytes - Wren

23. XII; 1, 2 and 1 between Himalaya Lodge and Machhapuchare Lodge

Cinclus pallasi - Brown Dipper.

16. XII; one pair on the Seti Gandaki near the Tibetan Camp.

18. XII; common on the streams between Lunle and Hille

22. XII; 1 between Chumro and "Himalaya Lodge"

23. XII; 1 on the Modi Khola between Himalaya Lodge and Machhapuchare Lodge.

Prunella himalayana - Altai Accentor

23. XII; 3 ♂ and 4 (around 3200 and 3700 meters) before Machhapuchare Lodge.

Prunella collaris - Alpine Accentor

20. XII; 1 at Thanti Deorai

23. XII; 4 between Himalaya and Machhapuchare lodges.

Prunella strophiatea - Rufous-breasted Accentor.

21. XII; 2 and 1 between Ghandrung and Komrung.

25. XII; 2 after Ghandrung

Parus major - Gray Tit

18. XII; 2 near Lumle
19. XII; 1 in forest before Ghorapani.
26. XII; 2 under Dhampus.
31. XII; 2 in Swayambunath Temple park
2. I. 81; common in forest between Simra and Paruwani Puar.
16. XII; enough common around Naudanda.

Parus monticolus - Green-backed Tit

19. XII; common between Hille and Ghorapani
31. XII; fairly common in Swayambunath Temple park.

Parus xanthogenys - Yellow-cheeked Tit

16. XII; enough common between Pokhara and Naudanda.
31. XII; 2 in Swayambunath Temple park.
2. I. 81; 2 in forest between Simra and Paruwani Puar.
14. I. 81; 1 ♀ in the forest near Simra.

Parus ater - Coal Tit.

20. XII; enough common between Ghorapani and Ghandung.

Parus rubidiventris - Rufous-breasted Black Tit.

19. XII; enough common in forest before Ghorapani
20. XII; enough common between Ghorapani and Ghandung

Parus dichrous - Crested Brown Tit.

19. XII; enough common in forest before Ghorapani
20. XII; " " between Ghorapani and Ghandung.

Aegithalos concinnus - Red-headed Tit

21. XII; 2 between Komsung and Kyumnu
25. XII; 2 in the forest between Landung and Dhampus.

Aegithalos iouschistos - Rufous-fronted Tit

24. XII; 6 between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro.

Sitta europae - Eurasian Nuthatch

19. XII; 1 near Ghorapani

Sitta castanea - Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch

21. XII; 2 between Komsung and Kyumnu.
29. XII; one pair near Pheva lake.
31. XII; 10[♂] in Swayambunath Temple park
2. I. 81; 2 in forest between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Sitta frontalis - Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

16. XII; 1 before Naudanda.
26. XII; 1 under Dhampus.

Sitta himalayensis - White-tailed Nuthatch

25. XII; one pair between Chumro and Ghandung.

Tichodroma muraria - Wall Creeper

15. XII; 1 along the road Kathmandu-Pokhara near the border of Nawayani district.
16. XII; 3 near the Tibetan Camp.
18. XII; 1 and 1 between Binethanti and Hille

Certhia nipalensis - Nepal Tree Creeper

20. XII; 1 in the forest between Ghorapani and Ghandung.

Certhia discolor - Sikkim Tree Creeper
26-xii; 1 under Dhumpus

Anthus hodgsoni - Hodgson's Tree Pipit
31-xii; 15 or 20 in Swayambunath Temple parc.

Anthus sylvanus - Upland Pipit.
17-xii; 1 singer in Pandur.

Anthus novaeseelandiae - Paddyfield Pipit
16-xii; about 150 between Hyangja and Suikhet.
27-xii; common between Suikhet and Hyangja
28-xii; about 30 on Phewa Lake.
2-I-81; common in the fields between Simra and Parwani Puar

Anthus roseatus - Rose-breasted Pipit
2-I-81; 3 on a dry river bed in the forest near Simra.

Anthus spingetta - Eurasian Tree Pipit.
27-xii; very common between Suikhet and Hyangja.
28-xii; about 100 on Phewa Lake.

Motacilla caspica - Gray Wagtail
13-xii; 10 on Bagmati river / Kathmandu.
16-xii; common between Hyangja and Suikhet.
27-xii; 2 pairs between " " "
2-I-81; common (up to 30 together) between Simra and Parwani

Motacilla citreola - Yellow-headed Wagtail
2-I-81; 1 and 20 between Simra and Parwani Puar.

Motacilla alba - Pied Wagtail.
13-xii; 6 (alboides) and 10 (with grey back) on Bagmati river / Kathmandu.
16-xii; 1 near the Tibetan Camp.
27-xii; 1 (alboides) between Hyangja and Suikhet - *M. a.* species is common
→ 26-xii; 44 (together) near Suikhet.
2-I-81; common (with 2 or 3 sub-species) between Simra and Parwani

Motacilla maderaspatensis - Large Pied Wagtail.
13-xii; 2 on Bagmati river.

Dicaeum ignipectus - Fire-breasted Flowerpecker.
21-xii; 2 between Komung and Kyumnu.
24-xii; 10 between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro.
26-xii; one pair and one ♂ singer between Landhung and Dhumpus.

Aethopyga ignicauda - Fire-tailed Sunbird
19-xii; 5 pairs under Ulleni

Aethopyga gouldiae - Mrs. Gould's Sunbird
19-xii; 10 between Chandakot and Binethanti.
19-xii; 1 pair above Ulleni

Aethopyga nipalensis - Nepal Sunbird.
19-xii; 1 ♂ under Ulleni
26-xii; 7 pairs between Landhung and Dhumpus.

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Aethopyga siparaja - Scarlet-breasted Sunbird
26-XII; 1 pair between Ghandhung and Dhampus.
28-XII; 1♂ near Phewa Lake.

Zosterops palpebrosa - White-eye
24-XII; 10♂ between Himalaya Lodge and Chumro.
31-XII; 1 in Suwayambunath Temple park.

Passer domesticus - House Sparrow.
13-XII; common in Kathmandou.
2-I-81; fairly common between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Passer montanus - Tree Sparrow
13-XII; very common in Kathmandou.
16-XII; very common between Pokhara and Suikhet.
2-I-81; fairly common between Simra and Paruwani
31-XII; fairly common in Suwayambunath Temple park

Passer rutilans - Cinnamon Sparrow
18-XII; 4 near Chandrakot.

Petronia xanthocollis - Yellow-throated Sparrow.
2-I-81; 1♂ singer between Simra and Paruwani

Lonchura punctulata - Spotted Munia
2-I-81; 6 between Simra and Paruwani Puar.

Carduelis spinoides - Himalayan Goldfinch
16-XII; 6♂ and 2♀ near the Tibetan Camp.
26-XII; 6 and 9 near Astam (under Dhampus).

Carpodacus nipalensis - Nepal Rose Finch
20-XII; 2 in forest above Ghorapani.

Carpodacus rhodopeplus - Spot-winged Rose Finch
22-XII; 2 between Chumro and Himalaya Lodge.

Carpodacus Thuna - White-browed Rose Finch
19-XII; one pair at Uleri

Emberiza aureola - Yellow-breasted Bunting.
2-I-81; one pair and 13 birds near Paruwani Puar.

Emberiza pusilla - Little Bunting.
21-XII; 6 between Ghandhung and Komsung.

Melophus pathami - Crested Bunting
18-XII; 2 pairs between Lumle and Chandrakot.

