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PARTIAL CHECKLIST OF BIRDS RECORDED WITHIN RARA LAKE NATIONAL PARK

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- 1. Green-backed Tit - Parus monticolus. In Rara lakeside bushes ~10,000' 12 May '85.
- 2. Variegated Laughing Thrush - Garrulax variegatum. Several parties ca. lake fringe 12-14 May '85.
new breeding season
- 3. Himalayan Tree Creeper - Certhia himalayana. One with white-cheeked Nuthatch & Spot-winged Black Tits above & in back of H.G. ~10,200' 16/5/85.
new br. seen
- 4. Gray-backed Shrike - Lanius tephronotus. In bushes near the lake fringe 13, 14 May '85 ~10,000'.
new s.
- 5. Brown Dipper - Cinclus pallasii. Along stream which flows W into lake. 13 May '85 ~10,000'.
- 6. Pariah (Black) Kite - Milvus migrans. Around Lake fringe 14 May '85. ~10,000'.
- 7. Impeyan Pheasant - Lophophorus impejanus. At least 7 in small groups as we descended Ghurchi lagna down to Rara (i.e. S→N) 12 May '85 ~12,500-11,500'.
new br. seen
- 8. ~~Little Pied Flycatcher~~ Saxicola ferrea. In bushes near the fringe. 13, 14, 15 May '85 ~10,000'.
new br. seen
- 9. Jungle Crow - Corvus macrorhynchos. Several on each outing near fringe & settlement. 13-15 May '85. ~10,000-10,500'.
- 10. Red-headed Bullfinch - Pyrrhula erythrocephala. Several sightings of ♂♂. 12-13 May '85 10,000'-10,500'. along fringe, also in adjacent stream ravine.
- 11. Great Crested Grebe - Podiceps cristatus. Noted on each of the morning circumambulatory lakeside walks. Up to 7 in one group, and showing summer (breeding?) plumage: black frills/rufous neck patch. 13-15 May '85 ~10,000'.
new br. seen

Cresteds but not obviously in association with them. Also, this bird in summer (breeding?) plumage. From afar: neck appeared to have black back + rufous front. Face greyish. Rufous flanks sometimes noticeable in water.
14-15 May '85 ~10,000'.

13. Brown-headed Gull - Larus brunnicapillus. An adult flying around lake margin, early morning 13 May '85. Also going opposite direction on 14 May. On 15/5, 5 young seen sitting on the lake. One came ashore for a while to sit. ~10,000'.
new sp.
14. Yellow-billed Pied Magpie - Cissa flavirostris. A pair in lake-side conifers 13 May '85. ~10,000'.
15. Slaty-blue Flycatcher - Seen several times in bushes, forest undergrowth lakeside, usually in ♂-♀ pairs. 13-15 May '85. ~10,000' - 10,500'.
16. Sooty Flycatcher - Muscicapa sibirica. Single bird in treetops near fringe. 15 May '85. ~10,000'.
new sp.
17. Orange-banded Leaf Warbler - Phylloscopus pulcher. Amongst flowering rhododendron understory of birch forest, Ghurchi Lagna, 12 May '85. ~12,000'.
18. White-browed Blue Flycatcher - Muscicapa supercilialis. A ♂ in bushes along lakeside with eyebrow 12 May '85 ~10,000'.
19. Winter Wren - Troglodytes troglodytes. Single bird in rotting logs descending Ghurchi Lagna ~11,500' 12 May '85.
new br. seen
20. Brown Accentor - Prunella fulvescens. Single bird in late afternoon atop Ghurchi Lagna - only a few feet inside park boundary. ~13,000'. Habitat: grassy lek! 11 May '85.
new sp.
21. Rufous-breasted Accentor - Prunella strophilata. In squamate rhododendron just at birch tree line on Ghurchi Lagna above Bhulbule. ~13,000 - 13,500'. 11 May '85.
new br. seen
22. Rufous Turtle Dove - Streptopelia orientalis. Several small flocks near park H.Q. 13, 14 May '85 ~10,000'.
23. Blue-fronted Redstart - Phoenicurus frontalis. A pair atop Ghurchi Lagna, 12 May '85. In prostrate rhodo near tree line ~13,000'.
new br. seen

36. Yellow Wagtail - Motacilla Flava. A pair in summer plumage 14, 15 May 1985 along marshy SE fringe but in sand + pebbles + dead reed bases most of the time. Photographed ~10,000'.
- Y new sp
37. Red-throated Pipit - Anthus cervinus. Single bird in same area as #35/36. Beautiful views of brick throat wash. Lower breast somewhat streaked. After checking specimens at Tring I have no doubt whatsoever regarding this species. 14 May 1985. ~10,000'. Seen w/#38 also.
- Y new sp
38. Lesser Sand Plover - Charadrius mongolus. In summer plumage along littoral (SE) 14, 15 May 1985. Not very shy. 18 color photos w/ 200mm taken. ~10,000'.
- X ✓
new sp
39. Little Skylark - Alauda gulgula. Race ilhamarum with rich tan/tawny face patch; feeding in small flock in swampy meadow grass - SE fringe L. Rara 14, 15 May '85 ~10,000'.
- new sp
40. White-browed Tit Babbler - Alcippe vinipectus. In trailside bushes along N fringe of lake 14 May '85. ~10,000'.
41. Tufted Pochard - Aythya fuligula. Single bird with Great Crested Grebes on the lake 14, 15 May '85. ~10,000'.
42. Coot - Fulica atra. At least 8 in early morning L. Rara 14 May '85; ~10,000'.
43. Red-headed Laughing Thrush - Garrulax erythrocephalus. A small party (4-5) in trailside bushes, lakeside N. 14 May '85 ~10,000'.
- new sp. See
44. Himalayan Pied Woodpecker - Dendrocopos himalayensis. Above Bhulbule 11 May '85 ~ 10,500'.
- new sp. See
45. Kalij Pheasant - Lophura leucomelana. ♂ above old Rara gau: ~10,400' 16 May '85. Good views of 'dirty white crest'.
- new sp. See
46. White-throated Tit - Aegithalos niveogularis. Just down from #45 site ~10,200', with Spot-winged Black Tits + #47. 16 May '85.
- new sp. See
47. White-cheeked Nuthatch - Sitta leucopsis. Nice bird!, tapping halfway up a fir in thick forest above H.Q. offices.
- new sp. See
48. Whistling Thrush - Myiophonus caeruleus. F/Common ca. stream flowing into L. Rara. Seen several times along lake fringe + bordering forests as well. 13-15 May '85 ~10,000'.

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24. Orange-flanked Bush Robin - Erithacus cyanurus. Around lakeside bushes in conifer forest. 14 May '85 ~10,000'.
25. Himalayan Griffon - Gyps himalayensis. Circling overhead high ~ 12,000'. 13 May '85. More or less over lake
26. Hammergeier - Gypaetus barbatus. Over Ghurchi Lagna ~13-14,000' on 11 May '85.
27. Speckled Mt. Thrush - Zoothera dauma. In birch/fir forest ravine. S edge of lake ~10,500' 13 May '85.
28. Long-tailed Mt. Thrush - Zoothera dixonii. A pair in fir forest (some birch also) descending Ghurchi Lagna ~11,000'. 12 May 1985.
29. Long-tailed Minivet - Pericrocotus ethologus. Presence noted within park, but forget where/when....
30. Rock Bunting - Emberiza cia. Noted several times in bushes near lakeside - old fields. ~10,000' 13-15/5/85
31. Nutcracker - Nucifraga caryocatactes. Above + in back of park H.Q. ~10,500' 16 May '85. Descending from Ghurchi Lagna 12 May '85 ~11,500-12,000'.
32. Common Redshank - Tringa totanus. Single bird with Wood Sandpiper + Temminck's Stint along SE marshy fringe, but on stoney littoral. 15 May 1985 ~10,000'
33. Temminck's Stint - Calidris temminckii. With #s 32 & 34 on 15 May '85. Several other small groups along shore 13, 14 May '85. ~10,000'. At least 6 or more sighted
34. Wood Sandpiper - Tringa glareola. With # 32/33s. (Also w/#33 on 14 May '85). 15 May '85 ~10,000'. Appeared to be closely associated with #32.
35. Yellow-headed Wagtail - Motacilla citreola. Photographed w/ M. flava along marshy SE fringe. 15 May '85. ~10,000'. At least a pair present.

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49. ~~Black~~ ^{White}-capped River Chat - Chaimarrornis leucocapillus.
12.10.85/282 Along stream flowing into Rara from SE on 14 May
1985. ~10,000 - 10,200'.
50. Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher - Rhipidura hypoxantha.
At least a pair above + in back of old Rara gau:
on 16 May 1985 ~10,300 - 10,500'. In thick forest
of conifers + undergrowth.
51. (HEARD) Long-billed Leaf Warbler - along ravine stream
flowing into lake Rara from SE on 14 May '85
~10,000 - 10,500'.

Also, either Sand Martin or Collared Sand Martin
along lake fringe on 14, 15 May 1985. However, breast
band not observed closely enough (!) ∴ unsure.....
as well as rump lightly coloured or not..... although
one perched < 10m away in bush at one pt. Almost decided
to take a photo!