

"A Note on the Black-headed Munia (Lonchura malacca) in West Nepal" J. Cox, JR. (1985)

On 03 Nov. 1985 I observed a flock of munias in a long, narrow patch of tall grasses and scattered woodland trees amongst fields in the open terai of Bardiya district. About 12-15 juvenile Spotted Munias (Lonchura punctulata) were feeding with a ~~small flock~~ (≥ 5) Black-headed Munias (Lonchura malacca). Colouration of the latter species agrees with the description of Ali and Ripley (1974) for subspecies L.m. rubroniger and atricapilla (apparently indistinguishable in the field), while the plate and description in Fleming (1976) (ostensibly refers to L.m. malacca, in which the ^{ventral} ~~ventral~~ ^{chestnut} ~~underparts~~ colouration of L.m. rubroniger and atricapilla is substituted by white. L.m. malacca should not appear in Nepal as its ~~range is known~~ ^{its known} northern limit of range ~~is approximately 800 (?) kms to the S of the Nepalese border,~~ ^{border with} ~~and with~~ ^{where} L.m. rubroniger and atricapilla ~~the~~ (cf Fleming & Traylor, 1964: 551 and 1968: 188) are (resident) (present) in eastern (and central?) Nepal. With the herein ^{known} ~~described~~ ^{the Black-headed Munia} sighting there now exists a record for ⁱⁿ West Nest. The previous ^{known} western limit ~~was~~ ^{was} --- kms to the east in the central terai of --- (Inskipp and Inskipp, 1985).

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✓ Need: Fleming, R.L., & M.A. Traylor (1964) 'Further notes on Nepal Birds' Fieldiana: Zoology 35: 495-558

(1968) 'Distrib. notes on Nepal birds'

Fieldiana: Zoology 53: 147-203.

EDIBLE NEST SWIFTLET - Collocalia brevirostris

Lamosangu 40+ 3/1/79

Pokhara 20+ 11/1/79

LITTLE SWIFT - Apus affinis

Common around Kathmandu and all terai towns and some road bridges.

ALPINE SWIFT - Apus melba

25km. W. of Hetauda 6+ 13/11/78 15 8/12/78

10km. S. of Chatra 3 23/12/78

LARGE PIED KINGFISHER - Ceryle lugubris

Lamosangu 2 3/1/79

Kathmandu-Pokhara road 1 12/1/79

PIED KINGFISHER - Ceryle rudis

Seen around most terai rivers but not numerous.

WHITE-BREADED KINGFISHER - Halcyon smyrnensis

Common and widespread throughout terai, K.V., and Pokhara.

KINGFISHER - Alcedo atthis

R. Kosi between Chatra and barrage. Several records in Jan 79.

Lamosangu 1 3/1/79

Several scattered records from pools and rivers in E. terai.

CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATER - Merops leschenaulti.

67km. S. of Ilam 4+ 23/11/78

LITTLE GREEN BEE-EATER - Merops orientalis

Common in the terai, seen at ten localities. Not seen at higher altitudes.

INDIAN ROLLER - Coracias benghalensis

Widespread and common throughout the terai in cultivated areas.

HOOPOE - Upupa epops

Scattered singles and pairs seen in the terai.

GRAY HORNBILL - Tockus birostris

5km. W. of Damak 1 16/12/78

Fatepur 1 18/1/79

GIANT HORNBILL - Buceros bicornis

R. Kankai, 10km. N. of E-W highway. 2 flew
across river in evening. 27/11/78

BLUE-THROATED BARBET - Megalaima asiatica

Nagarjun Ban Royal Forest, Kathmandu 2 8/11/78

GOLDEN-THROATED BARBET - Megalaima franklinii

90km. N. of Biranj along Tribhuvan Raj Path. 1 13/11/78

LINEATED BARBET - Megalaima lineata

Saura 2 19/11/78

67km. S. of Ilam 1 23/11/78

Trijuga valley, 10km. N. of Fatepur 1 20/12/78

GREEN BARBET - Megalaima zeylanica

30km. E. of Hetauda 2 9/12/78

WRYNECK - Jynx torquilla

Kosi barrage, W. side. 1 24/1/79

BLACK-NAPED WOODPECKER - Picus canus

5km. S. of Hetauda 1 8/12/78

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's School. 1 29/1/79

SMALL YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER - Picus chloropopus

Saura, Chitwan 1 15/11/78

LARGE YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER - Picus flavinucha

Godaveri, behind St. Xaviers school 1 8/1/79

LESSER GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER - Dinopium benghalense

The most numerous Golden-backed Woodpecker, seen at six different sites in the terai forests.

THREE-TOED GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER - Dinopium shorii

Saura, Chitwan 1 16/11/78

BROWN-FRONTED PIED WOODPECKER - Dendrocopus auriceps

90km. N. of Birginj along Tribhuvan Raj Path. 1 13/11/78

GRAY-CROWNED PIGMY WOODPECKER - Dendrocopus canicapillus

Saura, Chitwan 1 16/11/78

67km. S. of Ilam 1 23/11/78

FULVOUS-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER - Dendrocopos macei

Saura, Chitwan 1 18/11/78

50km. E. of Hetauda 1 9/12/78

Fatepur 2 18/1/79

Chakrapur 6 20/1/79

LARGE GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER - Chrysocolaptes lucidus

5km. S. of Dharan 1 24/12/78

Fatepur 1 21/1/79

BUSH LARK - Mirafra assamica

A few in cultivated and grassland areas in terai localities.

ASHY-CROWNED FINCH-LARK - Eremopterix grisea

Numerous along dry river courses in terai, more in E. terai.

SAND LARK - Calandrella raytal

R. Kankai, 10km. N. of E-W highway 10 27/11/78

Chatra 6 23/12/78, 8 22/12/78

Kosi barrage 10 24/1/79

INDIAN SAND MARTIN - Riparia paludicola

Seen along major rivers such as the Rapti and Kosi. Also seen near Damak and Pokhara. Entering nests at Saura, Chitwan on 15/11/78.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW - Hirundo daurica

Fairly common in some areas such as Birganj, Kathmandu, Fatepur and a few seen at other terai localities.

CRAG MARTIN - Hirundo rupestris

Pokhara 5 11/1/79

SWALLOW - Hirundo rustica

Widespread and common. Seen at 8000' at Daman 14/1/79

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN - Delichon nipalensis

Kathmandu-Kodari road up to 60 3/1/79

Pokhara 3 11/1/79

PIED WAGTAIL - Motacilla alba

Recorded at nine localities near water in the terai.

GREY WAGTAIL - Motacilla cinerea

Seen at nine localities, mainly in foothills and between Kathmandu and Pokhara. Also seen at Saura, Chitwan, Chobar Gorge, K.V., R. Kankai, R. Kosi, Chatra and from Tribhuvan Raj Path.

CITRINE WAGTAIL - Motacilla citreola

Saura, Chitwan 1 14/11/78

10km. W. of Damak 1 14/12/78

Trijuga Valley, 10km.N. of Fatepur 1 20/12/78

LARGE PIED WAGTAIL - Motacilla maderaspatensis

Scattered individuals seen in K.V., Pokhara and terai areas. (Thirteen localities altogether) always near water.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT - Anthus hodgsoni

Seen in K.V. terai forests and found roosting in grass land 5km. W. of Damak.

PADDYFIELD PIPIT (RICHARD'S PIPIT) - Anthus nomeseelandiae

5 km. W. of Damak 2 16/12/78

8 km. W. of Damak 3+ 18/12/78

10km. S. of Chatra	2	23/12/78
Kosi barrage	1	17/1/79
R. Kosi nr. Fatepur	2	21/1/79
DARK CUCKOO-SHRIKE - <u>Coracina melaschistos</u>		
Fatepur	1	18/1/79
LARGE CUCKOO-SHRIKE - <u>Coracina novaehollandiae</u>		
Seen at seven localities in Eastern terai. Usually pairs but four together 5km. W. of Damak on 14/12/78.		
SHORT-BILLED MINIVET - <u>Pericrocotus brevirostris</u>		
Chakrapur	2	21/1/79
LONG-TAILED MINIVET - <u>Pericrocotus ethologus</u>		
Swayambhu, K.V.	1	7/11/78
90km. N. of Birganj along Tribhuvan Raj Path.	3	13/11/78
67km. S. of Ilam	3	23/11/78
Chakrapur	2	21/1/79
SMALL MINIVET - <u>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</u>		
3km. N. of E-W highway up R. Kankai	20	25/11/78
10km. N. of Fatepur	30	20/12/78
SCARLET MINIVET - <u>Pericrocotus flammeus</u>		
Seen in terai and foothill forests and at Chatra, Chakrapur, Tribhuvan Raj Path and 60km. S. of Ilam.		
PIED WOOD-SHRIKE - <u>Hemipus picatus</u>		
Fairly common in terai and foothill forests.		
LESSER WOOD-SHRIKE - <u>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</u>		
Fatepur	2	18/1/79
RED-VENTED BULBUL - <u>Pycnonotus cafer</u>		
Common in most areas, particularly cultivated & thatchland areas of the terai.		

RED-WHISKERED BULBUL - Pycnonotus jocosus

Seen at Saura, Chitwan; 67km. S. of Ilam; 5km. W. of Damak
and 50km. W. of Hetauda.

WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL - Pycnonotus leucogenys

Common in K.V. and between Hetauda and Biratnager along
E-W highway. Also noted from Kathmandu-Kodari road; at
Saura, Chitwan and along R. Kankai.

BLACK-HEADED YELLOW BULBUL - Pycnonotus melanicterus

10km. N. of E-W highway at R. Kankai	2	27/11/78
5km. S. of Dharan	4	25/12/78
Fatepur	2	18/1/79

GREY BULBUL - Hypsipetes madagascariensis

Nagarjun Ban Royal Forest, Kathmandu	20+	8/11/78
Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school	30+	8/1/79

IORA - Aegithina tiphia

Saura and Tiger Tops, Chitwan.	Several in forest	16-18/11/78
R. Kankai 2km. N. of E-W highway	2	25/11/78
Lamosangu	3	3/1/79
Fatepur	4	18/1/79
Chakrapur	2+	20/1/79

GOLDEN-FRONTED LEAF BIRD - Chloropsis aurifrons

10km. N. of Fatepur	2	20/12/78
5km. S. of Dharan	common	25/12/78
Fatepur	2+	21/1/79

BROWN SHRIKE - Lanius cristatus

Scattered singles in the terai and K.V.

BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE - Lanius nigriceps

The most common shrike, seen in eleven localities. Common in K.V. and most cultivated terai areas. The Rufous backed race was less numerous, only noted at three of the localities.

GREY-BACKED SHRIKE - Lanius nigriceps

5km. W. of Damak	1	14-17/12/78
10km. S. of Chatra	1	23/12/78
5km. S. of Dharan	1	13/1/79
Kathmandu	1	13/1/79

BAY-BACKED SHRIKE - Lanius vittatus

20km. W. of Kosi barrage	1	16/1/79
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BROWN DIPPER - Cinclus pallasii

Kathmandu-Kodari road	common	3-4/1/79
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SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT - Luscinia calliope

Karanga	1	8/12/78
5km. W. of Damak	1	16/12/78

BLUETHROAT - Luscinia svecica

5km. W. of Damak - roosting in tall grass	10	16/12/78
4km. N.E. of Fatepur	1	21/1/79
Kosi barrage	3	24/1/79

SHAMA - Copsychus malabaricus

Saura, Chitwan	2+	18/11/78
67km. S. of Ilam	2+	23/11/78
5km. S. of Dharan	3	25/12/78
Chakrapur	1	21/1/79
1km. N. of Fatepur	2	23/1/79

MAGPIE-ROBIN - Copsychus saularis

Common in K.V. and at Pokhara. Also seen in cultivated terai areas.

HODGESON'S REDSTART - Phoenicurus hodgsoni

Chobar gorge, K.V. 1 pair 5/12/78

Lamosangu 1 3/1/79

PLUMBEOUS REDSTART - Rhyacornis fuliginosa

Fairly common along rivers in K.V.; Pokhara; Daman, Kosi
Chitwan and other terai areas.

BLACK -BACKED FORKTAIL - Enicurus immaculatus

Nr. R. Kankai c.10km. N. of E-W highway 1 27/11/78

2km. N. of Chatra 2+ 27/12/78

Fatepur 2+ 18/1/79

SPOTTED FORKTAIL - Enicurus maculatus

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school 2 9/1/79

Kathmandu - Pokhara road 3+ 10/1/79

LITTLE FORKTAIL - Enicurus scouleri

12km. S. of Kodari along Kathmandu-Kodari road.

several c.6 3/1/79

PIED BUSH-CHAT - Saxicola caprata

Found in similar areas to the stonechat (S. torquata)
but generally less common.

STONECHAT - Saxicola torquata

Common in cultivated areas throughout Nepal.

WHITE-CAPPED RIVER CHAT - Chaimarrornis leucocephalus

Similar comments to plumbeous redstart (R. fuliginosa).

Seen at eight localities.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH - Mouticola solitaria

Chatra 1 24/12/78

Chakrapur 1 20/1/79

Kosi barrage 1 24/1/79

WHISTLING THRUSH - Myiophonus caeruleus

Tribhuvan Raj Path	always a few seen.	
Kathmandu-Kodari road	common	3/1/79
Terai forests and river beds, scattered singles.		
Kathmandu-Pokhara road	common	11/1/79

WHITE'S THRUSH - Zoothera dauma

Swayambhu	2	7/11/78
Fatepur	2	18/1/79

TICKELL'S THRUSH Turdus

5 km. S. of Dharan (1000')	1	25/12/78
Caught & photographed, considered by Brit. Museum to be this species.		

SPOTTED BABBLER - Pellorneum ruficeps

Saura, Chitwan	1	16/11/78
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YELLOW BREASTED BABBLER - Macronous gularis

5km. S. of Dharan	3	25/12/78
Fatepur	c.4	21/1/79

STRIATED BABBLER - Turdoides earlei

10km. N.W. of Kosi barrage	4	30/12/78
5km. N.E. of Fatepur	4	23/1/79

JUNGLE BABBLER - Turdoides striatus

Saura, Chitwan	6	15/11/78
67km. S. of Ilam	c.4	23/11/78
5km. W. of Damak	4+	15/12/78
10km. N. of Fatepur	2	20/12/78
Chatra	c.5	22/12/78

WHITE-THROATED LAUGHING-THRUSH - Garrulax albogularis

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school	30+	8/1/79
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WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHING-THRUSH - <u>Garrulax leucolophus</u>		
Nagarjun Ban Royal Forest, K.V.	4	8/11/78
Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school	1	8/1/79
RUFIOUS-CHINNED LAUGHING-THRUSH - <u>Garrulax rufogularis</u>		
Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school	5	8/1/79
BLUE-WINGED LAUGHING-THRUSH - <u>Garrulax squamatus</u>		
90km. N. of Birganj along Tribhuvan Raj Path, (5000')	1	13/11/78
BLACK-CAPPED SIBIA - <u>Heterophasia capistrata</u>		
Daman (8000')	3	30/12/78
Kodari	common	3/1/79
PADDYFIELD WARBLER - <u>Acrocephalus agricola</u>		
5km. N.E. of Fatepur	2	23/1/79
Kosi barrage	1	24/1/79
LESSER WHITETHROAT - <u>Sylvia curruca</u>		
Saura, Chitwan (900')	1	19/11/78
YELLOW-THROATED LEAF WARBLER - <u>Phylloscopus cantator</u>		
5km. S. of Dharan (1000')	1	25/12/78
CHIFFCHAFF - <u>Phylloscopus collybita</u>		
Seen at Saura, Chitwan; Chatra and Damak.		
DUSKY WARBLER - <u>Phylloscopus fuscatus</u>		
Saura, Chitwan	1	14/11/78
YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER - <u>Phylloscopus inornatus</u>		
The common leaf-warbler in terai forests, seen in the K.V.;		
Dharan; Chatra; Fatepur and Saura, Chitwan areas.		
GREY-FACED LEAF-WARBLER - <u>Phylloscopus maculipennis</u>		
Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school	2	8/1/79
PALLAS'S LEAF WARBLER - <u>Phylloscopus proregulus</u>		
Only seen in K.V. at Swayambhu, K.V.		

ORANGE-BARRED LEAF WARBLER - Phylloscopus pulcher
 Daman 2 14/1/79

CROWNED LEAF WARBLER - Phylloscopus reguloides
 Swayambhu, K.V., several in mixed flock 6/11/78

GREENISH WARBLER - Phylloscopus trochiloides
 Saura, Chitwan 2+15-16/11/78
 5km. S. of Dharan several 24/12/78

YELLOW-EYED FLYCATCHER-WARBLER - Seicercus barkii
 Seen at several localities in foothill forests, less numerous
 than grey-headed flycatcher-warbler - S. xanthoschistos.

GREY-HEADED FLYCATCHER-WARBLER - Seicercus xanthoschistos
 Common in forests of foothills.

GREY-CAPPED PRINIA - Prinia cinereocapilla
 Karanga in tall vegetation by R. Rapti 4+ 8/12/78
 Kosi, Fatepur 3+ 21/1/79

YELLOW BELLIED PRINIA - Prinia flaviventris
 W. side of Kosi barrage 2 24/1/79

FULVOUS-STREAKED PRINIA - Prinia gracilis
 E. side of Kosi barrage 1 24/1/79

HODGSON'S PRINIA - Prinia hodgsonii
 Saura, Chitwan 5+ 18/11/78

ASHY PRINIA - Prinia socialis
 5km. W. of Damak in thatch 6+ 13/12/78

JUNGLE PRINIA - Prinia sylvatica
 5km. N.E. of Fatepur in grassland 10+22-23/1/79

GOLDEN-HEADED CISTICOLA - Cisticola exilis
 5km. W. of Damak in grassland 4+14-17/12/78

FAN-TAILED WARBLER - Cisticola juncidis
 Seen along both sides of R. Kosi in rice fields & grassland.

TAILORBIRD - Orthotomus sutorius

Fairly common in terai forests. Also noted around cultivation and in thatchland.

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER - Ficedula parva

Fairly common throughout.

ORANGE-GORGETTED FLYCATCHER - Ficedula strophinata

5km. N. of Kalitar (male) 1 15/1/79

BROOK'S FLYCATCHER - Niltava poliogenys

67km. S. of Ilam 1 23/11/78

5km. S. of Dharan 2 24/12/78

RUFIOUS-BREASTED BLUE-FLYCATCHER - Muscicapa hyperythra

5km. S. of Dharan (male) 1 24/12/78

VERDITER FLYCATCHER - Muscicapa thalassina

Chatra 1 22/12/78

5km. S. of Dharan 2 24/12/78

Fatepur 1 18/1/79

GREY-HEADED FLYCATCHER - Culicicapa ceylonensis

Common throughout terai & foothill forests and in K.V.

WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL FLYCATCHER - Rhipidura albicollis

Fairly common in terai forests.

Max. of 6 together at Fatepur 18/1/79

YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL FLYCATCHER - Rhipidura hypoxantha

Between Kathmandu and Kodari 2 3/1/79

Between Kathmandu and Pokhara 2 12/1/79

5km. N. of Kalitar 1 15/1/79

RED-HEADED TIT - Aegithalos concinnus

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school 7+ 8/1/79

GREY TIT - Parus major

Fairly common in all woodland areas. Seen at thirteen localities.

GREEN-BACKED TIT - Parus monticolus

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school.	4+	9/1/79
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YELLOW-CHEEKED TIT - Parus xanthogenys

Nagarjun Ban Royal Forest, K.V.	2	8/11/78
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Tribhuvan Raj Path, singles on several dates.

Godaveri	3+	9/1/79
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Kathmandu - Pokhara road	2	12/1/78
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CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH - Sitta castanea

67km. S. of Ilam	2	24/11/78
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2km. N. of Chatra	2	27/12/78
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Fatepur	18/1/79 and	2+	21/1/79
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Chakrapur	several		20/1/79
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VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH - Sitta frontalis

Saura, Chitwan	2	15/11/78
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R. Kankai, 5km. N. of E-W highway.	1	26/11/78
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Chakrapur	2+	20/1/79
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WALLCREEPER - Tichodroma muraria

R. Kankai 4km. N. of E-W highway (1000')	1	26/11/78
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Lamosangu	1	3/1/79
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Kathmandu-Pokhara road	2	10/1/79
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10km. S. of Daman	1	14/1/79
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HIMALAYAN TREE CREEPER - Certhia himalayana

Godaveri, behind St. Xavier's school (4500')	1	9/1/79
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THICK-BILLED FLOWERPECKER - Dicaeum agile

20km. W. of Kosi barrage	3	15/1/79
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PURPLE SUNBIRD - Nectarinia asiatica

10km. N. of Fatepur	1	20/12/78
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20km. W. of Kosi barrage	2	16/1/79
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NEPAL SUNBIRD - Aethopyga nipalensis

Godaveri. 2+ 9/1/79

SCARLET-BREASTED SUNBIRD - Aethopyga siparaja

Chitwan National Park several 16-18/11/78

5km. N. of Kalitar 1 14/1/79

STREAKED SPIDERHUNTER - Arachnothera magna

5km. S. of Dharan common 24-26/12/78

Chakrapur 2+ 20/1/79

WHITE-EYE - Zosterops palpebrosa

Swayambhu, K.V. Seen in Nov. Dec. '78 and Jan '79.

30km. S. of Dharan 30+ 8/12/78

5km. N. of Kalitar 5 15/1/79

Fatepur 10+ 18/1/79

CRESTED BUNTING - Melophus lathami

Saura, Chitwan 10+ 14/11/78

5km. W. of Damak 20-30 14-17/12/78

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING - Emberiza aureola

W. side of Kosi barrage 100+ 24/1/79

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING - Emberiza melanocephala

5km. W. of Damak. 15-20 roosting in grassland. 15/12/78

HIMALAYAN GOLDFINCH - Carduelis spinoides

90km. N. of Birganj along Tribhuvan Raj Path.

Some juveniles being fed by parents. 60 13/11/78

SPOTTED MUNIA - Lonchura punctulata

5km. W. of Damak 20-30 14-17/12/78

Kosi barrage 1 pair 24/1/79

HOUSE SPARROW - Passer domesticus

Common around habitation, particularly Kathmandu, Hetauda and Biratnagar.

TREE SPARROW - Passer montanus

Common in K.V. and around Pokhara. Not seen in the terai.

PIED MYNA - Sternus contra.

Common in terai, particularly so in Biratnager area.

GREY-HEADED MYNA - Sternus malabaricus

Damak by R. Ratuwa 1 13/12/78

BRAHMINY MYNA - Sternus pagodarum

Saura, Chitwan 2 14/11/78

STARLING - Sternus vulgaris

Pokhara 1 11/1/79

JUNGLE MYNA - Acridotheres fuscus

Saura, Chitwan. On rhino's back. 4 14/11/78

10km. W. of Damak 40 14/12/78

Pokhara 6 11/1/79

Kathmandu 4 13/1/79

BANK MYNA - Acridotheres ginginianus

A few scattered parties of up to 70 in the Eastern terai.

COMMON MYNA - Acridotheres tristis

Common and numerous throughout K.V. and terai in cultivated areas.

TALKING MYNA - Gracula religiosa

67 km. S. of Ilam 1 23/11/78

10 km. W. of Damak 1 14/12/78

BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE - Oriolus xanthornus

Common throughout terai forests.

BLACK DRONGO - Dicrurus adsimilis

Common in terai and other cultivated areas.

LITTLE-BRONZED DRONGO - Dicrurus aeneus

Godaveri	4	9/1/79
5km. N. of Kalitar	6	15/1/79
Chakrapur	3	20/1/79

CROW-BILLED DRONGO - Dicrurus annectens

Saura, Chitwan	10	15/11/78
5km. S. of Dharan	2	24/12/78

WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO - Dicrurus caerulescens

Saura, Chitwan	1	15/11/78
10km. N. of Fatepur	1	20/12/78
5km. S. of Dharan	1	24/12/78
Fatepur	2	18/1/79
"	1	21/1/79

HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO - Dicrurus hottentottus

67km. S. of Ilam	1	23/11/78
50km. E. of Hetanda	1	9/12/78
10km. N. of Fatepur	10	20/12/78

ASHY DRONGO - Dicrurus leucophaeus

Seen in 8 terai localities. Much less common than
black drongo (D. adsimilis)

GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO - Dicrurus paradiseus

Chakrapur	1	20/1/79
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JAY - Garrulus glandarius

Godaveri	2	9/1/79
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RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE - Cissa erythrorhyncha

5km. E. of Hetanda	2	8/12/78
36km. S. of Daman along Tribhuvan Raj Path.	2	30/12/78
Godaveri	3	8/1/79
Kathmandu-Pokhara road	4	12/1/79
5km. N. of Kalitar	3	15/1/79
Fatepur	2	18/1/79

HIMALAYAN TREE PIE - Dendrocitta formosae

Nagarjun Ban Royal Forest, Kathmandu. Common 6/11/78

Godaveri 25+ 8/1/79

INDIAN TREE PIE - Dendrocitta vagabunda

Singles and pairs seen at eleven terai localities.

JUNGLE CROW - Corvus macrorhynchos

Common around cultivation and habitation.

HOUSE CROW - Corvus splendens

Common around all habitation.

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NEPAL

Order of records follows Mitchell (1975). For localities consult Map 1,4. All times are local. Small mammals trapped are not included - see main report. For primates 'troop' signifies a group of uncertain size, though seen to be larger than one. All records from Royal Chitwan N.P. are excluded.

Pteropodidae (True fruit bats)

All presumed, on account of large size, to be INDIAN FLYING FOX -

Pteropus giganteus.

Kathmandu, large numbers flying at dusk, 11/11/78, 30/11/78, 2/12/78,
3/12/78, 1/1/79.

Biratnagar, large numbers flying at dusk, 27/11/78, 19/12/78, 28/12/78,
29/12/78, 24/1/79.

Biratnagar, large numbers roosting in trees in bazaar, 28/12/78,
29/12/78, 25/1/79.

RHESUS MACAQUE - Macaca mulatta

Hetauda, dun forest,	1	19/11/78
Bagmati R., E-W Highway, terai forest,	5	20/11/78
Damak,	1	22/11/78
Bhiwa, terai forest	30	28/11/78
Damak, terai forest	troop	12/12/78
Belbani	troop	18/12/78
Dharan, terai forest	troop	21/12/78
Dharan, terai forest	70	26/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	troop	30/12/78
Kodari, cultivated terraces	4,500'	troop 3/1/79
Femire	troop	10/1/79

Pathalaya, terai forest	5	16/1/79
Pathalaya, terai forest	1	16/1/79
Chakrapur, terai forest	troop	22/1/79

COMMON LANGUR - Presbytis entellus

Hetauda, roadside ditch, terai forest	6	19/11/78
Bagmati R., E-W Highway, terai forest	troop	20/11/78
Thakle, Kankai R., foothill forest	1	27/11/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	troop	8/12/78
		9/12/78
Chandranigahpur, dead on road	1	9/12/78
Chandranigahpur, terai forest	troop	9/12/78
Itahari, terai forest	troop	21/12/78
Chatra, isolated copse on bank of R. Kosi	troop	22/12/78
Dharan, dry stony river bed	troop	24/12/78
Dharan, terai forest	11	26/12/78
Dharan, terai forest	troop	27/12/78
Chandranigahpur, terai forest	troop	30/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	1	30/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	troop	30/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	troop	30/12/78
Chandranigahpur, terai forest	20	16/1/79
Chandranigahpur, terai forest	1	16/1/79
Chakrapur, terai forest	four troops	22/1/79

PANGOLIN - Manis pentadactyla

Dhankuta, one reportedly seen by aid worker		1/79
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INDIAN HARE (RUFIOUS FAILED) Lepus nigricollis rugicaudatus

Chatra, cut and grazed riverain grassland on banks of R. Kosi	4	23/12/78
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HOARY BELLIED HIMALAYAN SQUIRREL Callosciurus pygerythrus

Lobrang, bank of R. Trisuli, 1000' in scrub	1	11/1/79
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FIVE STRIPED PALM SQUIRREL Funambulus pennati

Saurah, paddy fields	2	15/11/78
Lahan, village outskirts	1	20/12/78
Fatepur, paddy fields	3	21/12/78
Fatepur, cultivated terai	1	19/1/79

ASIATIC JACKAL Canis aureus indicus

Naubise	1	28/11/78
Thankot	1	29/11/78
Kirtipur	2	29/11/78
Swayambu, K.V.	1	3/12/78
Daman	1	5/12/78
Biratnagar, calling at night		11/12/78, 12/12/78
Damak, calling at night,		14/12/78, 15/12/78, 16/12/78, 17/12/78
Biratnagar, calling at night		18/12/78
Chatra, calling at night		22/12/78
Dharan, calling at night		25/12/78, 26/12/78
Dharan, terai forest	1	26/12/78
Biratnagar, calling at night		28/12/78
Chandranigahpur, terai forest, drinking at pool 11.00hrs.	1	30/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	1	30/12/78
Kathmandu, calling at night		5/1/79, 6/1/79
Lobrang	1	10/1/79
Pathalaya	1	16/1/79
Fatepur, dun forest	1	18/1/79
Chakrapur, calling at night		22/1/79
Biratnagar, calling at night, 25/1/79, 26/1/79, 27/1/79, and		28/1/79
Baksalia, calling at night		29/1/79

INDIAN FOX Vulpes bengalensis

Jitpur, paddy fields	1	31/10/78
Inaruwa, cultivated terai	3	27/11/78
Damak, river bed	1	18/12/78
Fatepur, dun forest/grazed thatchland	2	20/12/78
Fatepur, grazed thatchland	2	21/12/78
Chatra, vegetable plot	2	22/12/78
Chatra, riverain grassland	1	23/12/78
Kosi Barrage, cultivated terai, dead on road	1	29/12/78
Bharda, cultivated terai	2	29/1/79

SLOTH BEAR Melursus ursinus or

HIMALAYAN BLACK BEAR Selenaribos thibetanus

Chakrapur. Tracks of a bear of one of these species found in dried out mud pool in grazed and cut riverain grassland on west bank of R. Kosi on edge of terai forest. On account of altitude (475') probably M. ursinus 22/1/79

RED PANDA Ailurus fulgens

Dharan, skin for sale in bazaar 1 24/12/78

YELLOW THROATED MARTEN Martes flavigula

Daman, hill forest, 7,500' 2 1/11/78

Dharan, skin for sale in bazaar 1 24/12/78

Lutrinae Otter sp.

Kodari, spraint and tracks on bank of Bhote Kosi R. 4,500'

Eurasian otter - Lutra lutra ? 4/1/79

Chakrapur, bank of R. Kosi, Indian smooth coated otter

L. perspicillata or Asian short clawed otter - Aonyx cinerea? 22/1/79

SMALL INDIAN MONGOOSE Herpestes auropurctatus

Chatra, cultivated terai	1	23/12/78
Chatra, cultivated terai	1	23/12/78
Pathalaya, terai forest	1	30/12/78

COMMON INDIAN MONGOOSE Herpestes edwarsi

Kosi Barrage, cultivated terai	1	19/12/78
Chatra, cultivated terai	1	22/12/78

JUNGLE CAT Felis chaus

Janakpur, dead on road	1	20/11/78
Chobar Gorge, K.V.	1	5/12/79
Chandranigahpur, terai forest	1	9/12/78
Baksalia, cultivated terai	1	30/1/79

TIGER Panthera tigris

Chakrapur, tigress and cubs reported living in terai forest by educated Nepali		22/1/79
Chatra, reported seen at dusk cross terai forest road by British engineer	1	11/79

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FULMAR Fulmaris glacialis

A few seen north of 46°N in Bay of Biscay and
in English Channel

10-11/4/79

CORY'S SHEARWATER Puffinus diomedea

18°E 34°N (N of Libya)

2 3/4/79

S of Sicily, N of Malta

25+ some fishing 4/4/79

9°50'E 37°50'N of Tunisia

5 5/4/79

N of Algeria

3 5/4/79

Straits of Gibraltar

4 7/4/79

10°W 38°40'N off Lisbon, Portugal

3 8/4/79

WEDGE-TAILED SHEARWATER Puffinus pacificus

First seen in ones and twos at 70°E 18.5°N becoming more
numerous further west in the Arabian Sea. Max. 80 on morning
of 27/3/79 moving South at Straits of Bab el Mandeb (Red Sea)
Not seen after 27/3/79.

MANX SHEARWATER Puffinus puffinus

S. of Sicily, N. of Malta. 6 fishing with Cory's shearwaters
(P. diomedea). These were Levantine shearwaters (Puffinus p.
yelkouan).

4/4/79

3°E 37°30'N of Algiers, Algeria. (Puffinus p. puffinus) 1

6/4/79

STORM PETREL Hydrobates pelagicus

0°45'W 37°N of Oran, Algeria.

1 following ship 6/4/79

RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD Phaethon aethereus

Between 71°E 18.5°N and 55°E 15.5°N (Arabian Sea),
mainly singles. Max. of 24 on

24/3/79

Generally more numerous further west in Arabian Sea.

DALMATIAN PELICAN Pelicanus crispus

Red Sea (42°E 17°N) 1 adult, 2 immatures flying southwards. 27/3/79

GANNET Sula bassana

First seen 13°30'E, 36°30'N, S. of Sicily.	Adult	4/4/79
9°50'E, 37°50'N, N. of Tunisia	Immature	5/4/79
Numerous in Atlantic, moving north.		
Max. 70 west of Portugal		8/4/79

MASKED BOOBY Sula dactylatra

58°E, 16°N in Arabian Sea	6	24/3/79
54°E, 15°N in Arabian Sea	1	25/3/79

BROWN BOOBY Sula leucogaster

Straits of Bab el Mandeb, and around Hanish		
Isles (Red Sea)	44	27/3/79
W. of Jedda, Red Sea	1	28/3/79
S. entrance to Gulf of Suez	1	29/3/79

WHITE STORK Ciconia ciconia

22°E, 34°N (S. of Greece). 1 flew NE high and fast		2/4/79
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EIDER Somateria mollissima

0°20'W, 49°45'N, S. of Brighton, English Channel		
flying E. 35		11/4/79

HONEY BUZZARD Pernis apivorus

Suez, Egypt.	flying NE 10+	31/3/79
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SHORT TOED EAGLE Circaetus gallicus

Suez, Egypt.	flying NE 9	31/3/79
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BUZZARD Buteo buteo

Suez, Egypt	flying NE 15+	31/3/79
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LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE Aquila pomarina

Suez to Bitter Lake, Egypt	flying NE 12+	31/3/79
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BOOTED EAGLE Hieraaetus pennatus

Suez, Egypt. (24 dark phase, 1 light phase)		
	flying NE 25+	31/3/79

LESSER KESTREL Falco naumanni

Entrance to Gulf of Suez. flying NE. 1 30/3/79
Great Bitter Lake, Egypt. flying NE. 1 31/3/79

KESTREL Falco tinnunculus

N. of Egypt 28°E 32°N, 2 hunting on deck, 1/4/79
still present on 2/4/79. One seen catching exhausted
swallow (H. rustica).

RAPTOR SP.

Many more raptors were seen flying over the Suez Canal in
Egypt than were positively identified due to the birds being
too distant. Only one observer could keep watch continuously
as we were asked to help cater for additional crew members.

QUAIL Coturnix coturnix

22°E, 34°N (S. of Crete). 1 flew NE fast pursued by kestrel
(F. tinnunculus) and herringgulls (L. argentatus) 2/4/79

MOORHEN Gallinula chloropus

22°E, 34°N (S. of Crete). 1 landed on deck 1800 hrs. 2/4/79

GREAT SKUA Stercorarius skua

10°E 37°20' N. N. of western Tunisia immature 1 5/4/79
Straits of Gibraltar 4 7/4/79
W. of Portugal 10 8/4/79

HERRING GULL Larus argentatus

Seen throughout Mediterranean, Atlantic and English Channel.

BROWN-HEADED GULL Larus brunnicephalus

Bombay docks 10+ 21/3/79

COMMON GULL Larus canus

Seen only in English Channel.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus fuscus

First seen E. of S. Yemen 26/3/79. In small numbers throughout
the Red Sea, becoming more numerous in Mediterranean & Atlantic.

SOOTY GULL	<u>Larus hemprichii</u>			28/3/79
	Seen throughout the Red Sea, max. of c.50			
WHITE-EYED GULL	<u>Larus leucophthalmus</u>			
	Great Bitter Lake, Egypt.	1		31/3/79
BLACK-HEADED GULL	<u>Larus ridibundus</u>			
	Suez, Egypt, c.100 flying NW along canal			31/3/79
	Also seen in Bombay, India, and in Western Europe.			
KITTIWAKE	<u>Larus tridactylus</u>			
	Bay of Biscay	3		9/4/79
	Brittany coast, France.	common		10/4/79
BRIDLED TERN	<u>Sterna anathetus</u>			
	Straits of Bab el Mandeb, Red Sea.	16		27/3/79
RAZORBILL	<u>Alca torda</u>			
	10°W 38°40'N (W. of Lisbon, Portugal)	1		8/4/79
	Brittany coast, France.	3		10/4/79
GUILLEMOT	<u>Uria aalge</u>			
	Brittany coast, France	15+		10/4/79
PUFFIN	<u>Fratercula arctica</u>			
	Straits of Gibraltar	flying W. 43		7/4/79
BEE EATER	<u>Merops apiaster</u>			
	Straits of Gibraltar	on deck 1		7/4/79
SAND MARTIN	<u>Riparia riparia</u>			
	25°E 33°N (S. of Crete)	3		2/4/79
RED-RUMPED SWALLOW	<u>Hirundo daurica</u>			
	25°E 33°N (S. of Crete), with swallows (<u>H. rustica</u>)	5+		2/4/79
SWALLOW	<u>Hirundo rustica</u>			

Several groups of up to 35 using ship as gathering point before moving N. on 2/4/79 S. of Crete. Seen daily in smaller numbers in W. Mediterranean and Atlantic.

HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbica

Bay of Biscay flying around ship 1 9/4/79

WHITE WAGTAIL Motacilla alba

Gulf of Suez flying NE. 2 30/3/79

Suez, Egypt 3+ 31/3/79

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava

Singles seen throughout Mediterranean, of undiscerned race, often using ship as resting point. All moving N. except one on 2/4/79 which flew off southwards.

REED WARBLER Acrocephalus scirpaceus

30°E 32°30'N., North of Alexandria, Egypt. One landed on deck exhausted 1/4/79.

Other species recorded from M.V. Marlene 'S' but not listed are as follows:- grey heron; mallard; greenshank; avocet; palm dove; hoopoe; crested lark; house sparrow; starling; jackdaw; hooded crow.

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The following cetacean records were obtained during the return journey from Bombay to Rotterdam on the M.V. "Marlene - S".

Dr. P.G.H. Evans gave invaluable advice on the identification of the sightings.

Delphinidae

One hundred and twenty dolphins were sighted during the voyage. However, only those schools in which at least one individual was speciated have been included here.

RED SEA BOTTLE NOSED DOLPHIN Tursiops uduncus

1. Arabian Sea, N.E. of Sokotra Island, 57°43'E 15°57'N
school 24/3/79
2. Arabian Sea, N. of Sokotra Island, 52°05'E 14°55'N -3- 25/3/79
3. Red Sea, Quoin Islands, 42°50'E 13°50'N - 15 - 27/3/79
4. Red Sea, Gulf of Suez, 33°E 29°N - schools of 12, 6, 3, 1 -30/3/79.

COMMON DOLPHIN Delphinus delphis

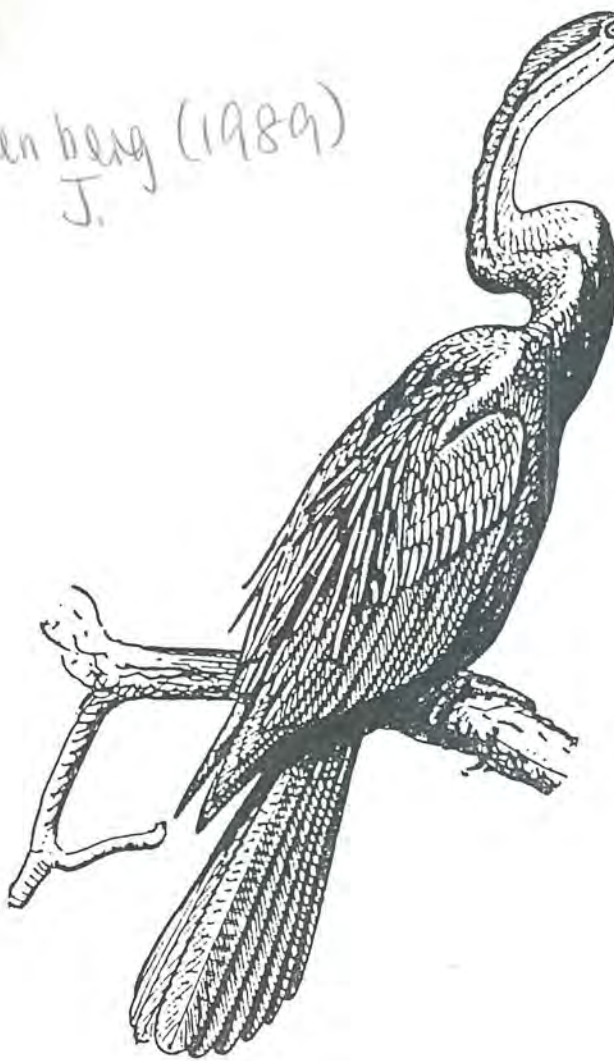
1. Arabian Sea, 63°N 23/3/79
2. Mediterranean, twenty miles N. of Agliers - school - 6/4/79.
3. Atlantic Ocean, off Cape Carvoeiro in Portugal - school of 10
observed at dusk swimming ahead of the bows of the "Marlene-S".
Speed of vessel 13.5 knots, dolphins remained for fifteen minutes.
8/4/79.

HUMPBACK AND RORQUAL WHALES Balaenopteridae

During the three days of passage through the Arabian Sea, eighteen whales were seen:-

1. Arabian Sea, 63°21'E 16°59'N, 1300 hrs observed spouting, upending surfacing and leaping out of the water - 3 - 23/3/79.

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