

Birds seen on Phulchowki, Nepal, in 1985

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I visited Phulchowki on 11 dates between 23 February and 2 June 1985. Most of my time was spent between St Xavier's School and the first switchback, the ravine at this switchback being particularly productive. Only three times did I go well above the level of the workmen's huts, and I never reached the top.

The following list gives the dates on which I noted each species. Their order and English names follow Carol and Tim Inskipp (1985) A Guide to the Birds of Nepal, except where the latter differ from those in use in the W Palearctic. It does not include birds seen at the botanical gardens at Godaveri.

Crested Serpent Eagle	4/4, 11/5
Black Eagle	25/2, 11/5
Mountain Hawk Eagle	25/2
Black Francolin	2/6 (heard)
Common/Rufous-throated Cuckoo Hill Partridge	11/5 (heard)
Kalij Pheasant	12/5
Speckled Woodpigeon	5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 12/5
Rufous Turtle Dove	23/2, 27/2, 11/5, 12/5
Barred Cuckoo-Dove	11/5
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	2/6
Hawk-Cuckoo sp heard on	25/2, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5
Indian Cuckoo	11/5, 12/5, 2/6
Cuckoo	17/4, 2/6
Oriental Cuckoo	5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5,
	2/6
Common Koel	13/5
Collared Owllet	15/5 (heard)
Asian Barred Owllet	23/2
Little Swift	23/2, 15/5, 2/6
White-breasted Kingfisher	13/5
Great Barbet	25/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5,
	15/5, 2/6
Golden-throated Barbet	25/2, 5/4, 16/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5,
	2/6
Speckled Piculet	23/2, 5/4
Greater Yellowthroat	11/5
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	27/2, 16/4
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	11/5
Red-rumped Swallow	25/2 NB 'summer visitor' to Valley.
Olive-backed Pipit	23/2, 25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 17/4
Grey Wagtail	16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 2/6
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	27/2
Long-tailed Minivet	25/2, 11/5, 13/5
Grey-chinned Minivet	27/2
Striated Bulbul	27/2, 5/4, 11/5, 2/6
Black-crested Bulbul	23/2, 27/2 NB a 'lowland species'.
White-cheeked Bulbul	23/2, 12/5, 15/5
Red-vented Bulbul	23/2, 15/5

Black Bulbul	23/2, 25/2, 27/2, 11/5, 2/6
Common Iora	27/2 NB 'summer visitor' to Valley.
Orange-bellied Leafbird	25/2, 27/2, 15/5
Indian Blue Robin	11/5
Red-flanked Bluetail	23/2, 25/2, 27/2
Blue-fronted Redstart	23/2, 27/2
Plumbeous Redstart	25/2
White-tailed Robin	13/5, 15/5, 2/6
Stonechat	23/2
Grey Bushchat	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 11/5, 2/6
White-capped Redstart	23/2, 25/2, 27/2
Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush	11/5
Blue Whistling Thrush	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 15/5, 2/6
Tickell's Thrush	5/4
Grey-winged Blackbird	25/2, 16/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5, 2/6
Dark-throated Thrush	27/2
Spotted Forktail	23/2, 25/2, 5/4, 17/4, 12/5
Chestnut-headed Tesia	5/4, 17/4
Grey-bellied Tesia	5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 2/6
Aberrant Bush Warbler	16/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5
Grey-sided Bush Warbler	11/5
Spotted Prinia	23/2, 12/5, 15/5
Common Tailorbird	27/2
Golden-spectacled Warbler	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 17/4
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	23/2, 25/2, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 2/6
Grey-hooded Warbler	seen on all dates.
Black-faced Warbler	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 11/5
Blyth's Crowned Warbler	23/2, 5/4, 17/4, 11/5, 13/5
Greenish Warbler	17/4
Orange-barrèd Leaf Warbler	25/2, 27/2, 5/4
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	23/2, 27/2
Yellow-browed Warbler	27/2, 4/5, 16/4, 17/4, Large April
	passage, mostly <u>humei</u> .
Large Niltava	13/5
Small Niltava	5/4, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5, 2/6
Rufous-bellied Niltava	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 12/5
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	17/4 *1
Verditer Flycatcher	27/2, 5/4, 17/4, 11/5, 13/5
Asian Sooty Flycatcher	5/4
Rufous-tailed Flycatcher	17/4
Brown Flycatcher	5/4
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	17/4
Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher	23/2, 27/2
Red-breasted Flycatcher	27/2
Grey-headed Flycatcher	23/2, 5/4
Yellow-bellied Fantail	23/2, 27/2
White-throated Fantail	2/6
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	23/2, 11/5, 12/5
Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler	23/2
Greater Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler	23/2, 27/2, 17/4 *2
Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler	16/4, presumed LSBWB heard often in the spring and summer. *2
	23/2, 25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 13/5
	27/2, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5
	27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5,

White-crested Laughing-thrush	15/5, 2/6
Striated Laughing-thrush	25/2, 27/2
Grey-sided Laughing-thrush	seen on all dates.
Chestnut-crowned Laughing-thrush	12/5
Red-billed Leiothrix	23/2, 25/2, 27/2, 11/5, 12/5
Cutia	25/2, 27/2
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	25/2
Blue-winged Minla	25/2, 27/2, 13/5
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	11/5
White-browed Fulvetta	25/2, 11/5
Nepal Fulvetta	25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 2/6
Black-capped Siberia	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5
Whiskered Yuhina	25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5
Stripe-throated Yuhina	13/5
White-bellied Yuhina	27/2, 5/4
Black-throated Tit	23/2, 25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 13/5, 2/6
Yellow-browed Tit	13/5, 2/6
Great Tit	25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 13/5
Golden-backed Tit	5/4
Black-lored Tit	23/2, 27/2, 16/4, 17/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5
White-tailed Nuthatch	23/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 11/5, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5, 2/6
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	25/2, 27/2, 11/5, 13/5, 15/5 *3
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	23/2, 25/2 *3
Green-tailed Sunbird	25/2
Black-throated Sunbird	25/2, 27/2, 11/5, 2/6
Fire-tailed Sunbird	25/2, 27/2, 11/5
Buff-bellied Flowerpecker	23/2, 25/2, 27/2
Oriental White-eye	25/2, 27/2, 5/4, 16/4, 11/5, 13/5, 2/6
Maroon Oriole	25/2
Grey-backed Shrike	25/2, 5/4, 11/5, 13/5, 2/6
Ashy Drongo	17/4
Bronzed Drongo	17/4
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	23/2, 25/2, 16/4, 11/5, 13/5
Jay	5/4, 12/5, 2/6
Grey Treepie	27/2, 5/4, 17/4, 11/5, 13/5*
Tree Sparrow	23/2, 5/4, 12/5, 13/5, 15/5, 2/6
Tibetan Serin	25/2
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	23/2, 27/2
Common Rosefinch	23/2
Gold-naped Finch	5/4, 17/4
Spot-winged Grosbeak	25/2, 27/2
Little Bunting	23/2, 5/4, 16/4, 17/4

Notes

*1 Apparently not on the Valley list. Oddly enough, I had been told that there was a Sapphire Flycatcher in the same place a few hours before, but had dismissed this because the description was wrong. The bird was a male, but I cannot now provide a description as I took no notes, having seen quite a few before in southern India and not being aware of its status in Nepal.

*2 I am not confident of any of these wren-babbler identifications, because none were identified on song and the plumage criteria I used (from King) I no longer consider valid.

*3 I am puzzled as to why I saw no Chestnut-bellied Nuthatches on later dates. Do they occur regularly around St. Xaviers School, or did I make a mistake in the first place ?

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