

SELECTED BIRD RECORDS FOR NEPAL

WARWICK (1985) 28 APRIL - 22 MAY 1985

(The order follows that of Inskipp "Birds of Nepal", 1985)

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

21 May - Pair observed feeding in waterside vegetation on Phewa Tal lake.

YELLOW BITTERN *Ixobrychus sinensis*

6 May - Two birds observed in flight over a jheel to the west of Tiger Tops, Chitwan.

LESSER WHISTLING TEAL *Dendrocygna javanica*

21 May - Four birds observed in reeds at the edge of Phewa Tal.

COTTON TEAL *Nettapus coromandelianus*

20 May - Two pairs observed flying over lily pads at Begnas Tal.

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

19 May - Three birds observed at the western end of Phewa Tal.

SNOW PARTRIDGE *Lerwa lerwa*

15 May - Birds calling between Pipar and Namrung (c13,000')

KOKLASS *Pucrasia macrolopha*

14 May - Female observed with chicks (photographed by R. Howard) at Pipar.

KALIJ *Lophura leucomelana*

10 May - A bird observed by guides in forest slopes below Pipar (c7,000').

COOT *Fulica atra*

21 May - One bird observed in company of small Pochard flock on Phewa Tal.

PHEASANT TAILED JACANA *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

21 May - Pair observed feeding amongst flooded paddyfields at the western end of Phewa Tal.

BRONZE WINGED JACANA *Metopidius indicus*

21 May - Two birds observed feeding with the Pheasant tailed Jacanas at Phewa Tal.

PAINTED SNIPE *Rostratula benghalensis*

21 May - One bird observed feeding with the Jacanas at the western end of Phewa Tal.

[5 May - Elephant flushed a single bird feeding alongside the river near Tiger Tops, Chitwan.]

LESSER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius mongolus*

21 May - Flock of c43 observed on ploughed paddyfields at the western end of Phewa Tal. Photographs taken and sent to Tim and Carol Inskipp for verification.

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

5 May - Two birds observed at the riverside near Meghauri, Chitwan.

~~WOOD SNIPE~~ *Gallinago ~~nemoricola~~ solitaria*

11 May - 16 May - Two birds calling every morning at approx. 4 am till dawn, at Pipar. Very distinctive "swooshing" call.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

20 May - A bird, disturbed by our presence, behaved as though it had chicks - Begnas Tal.

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

21 May - One bird observed with the Sandplovers at Phewa Tal.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

21 May - One bird observed with the Sandplovers at Phewa Tal.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

21 May - Flock of 10 feeding over Phewa Tal.

BROWN WOOD OWL *Strix leptogrammica*

1 May - An extremely obliging bird observed at Gorkana (in the thick forest of the hunting park).

INDIAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus asiaticus*

5 May - Bird calling at night at Tiger Tops (song recorded and identified the following day).

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon nipalensis*

1 May - A single bird observed in the suburbs of Kathmandu.

UPLAND PIPIT *Anthus sylvanus*

14 May - Nest containing four eggs discovered and photographed above Pipar.

[STRIATED GREEN BULBUL *Pycnonotus striatus*

17 May - A single bird observed by Dr. N. Picozzi on the descent from Pipar]

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

13 May - A single bird calling and later observed at Pipar.

WHITE BROWED BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger indicus*

12 May - A female caught in mist nets (weight - 14.5 gms).

BLACK THROATED THRUSH *Turdus ruficollis*

15 May - A female observed in the trees at the lake edge at Pipar.

CROWNED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus reguloides*

11 May - One bird observed nest building on the wooded slopes up to Pipar at c8,000 feet.

GREENISH WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:

Weight - 8 gms Length - 12 cm Wing length - 63 mm

Emargination on 4, 5, 6

- 1 shorter than 2 by 19 mm
- 2 shorter than 3 by 8 mm
- 3 shorter than 4 by 2 mm
- 4 shorter than 5 by 1 mm
- 5 longer than 6 by 1 mm
- 6 longer than 7 by 3 mm
- 7 longer than 8 by 2 mm
- 8 equal to 9
- 9 longer than 10 by 1 mm

ORANGE BARRED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus pulcher*

12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:

Weight - 6.5 gms Wing length - 53 mm

YELLOW BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:

Weight - 6 gms Wing length - 54 mm

Emargination on 3, 4, 5, 6

- 1 shorter than 2 by 22 mm
- 2 shorter than 3 by 9 mm
- 3 shorter than 4 by 1 mm
- 4 shorter than 5 by 5 mm
- 5 longer than 6 by 5 mm
- 6 longer than 7 by 3 mm
- 7 longer than 8 by 1 mm
- 8 longer than 9 by 1 mm
- 9 longer than 10 by 1 mm

LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula westermanni*

17 May - Two pairs observed at Thulokobang on descent from Pipar, one bird carrying food.

RED BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva*

1 May - One bird observed at Gokarna Hunting Park

GOLDEN HEADED BABBLER *Stachyris chrysaea*

16 May - A bird observed in the forest near Thulokobang on descent from Pipar.

BROWN PARROTBILL *Paradoxornis unicolor*

11 May - One bird observed in bamboo thicket below Pipar summit.

SPINY BABBLER *Turdoides nipalensis*

4 May - A singing bird was heard and later observed at the Botanical Gardens, Godaveri (on scrubby hillside).

NEPAL CUTIA *Cutia nipalensis*

30 April - One bird observed briefly on Pulchowki

16 May - A pair observed in the light forest near Thulokobang.

RED TAILED MINLA *Minla ignotincta*

11 May - One bird observed in a mixed flock of Minlas below Pipar summit at c8,000 feet.

CRESTED BROWN TIT *Parus dichrous*

14 May - Pair of birds observed bringing food for young in nest hole in dead tree at Pipar.

MRS. GOULD'S SUNBIRD *Aethopyga gouldiae*

10 May - One bird observed at c7,500 feet below Pipar summit.

HAIR CRESTED DRONGO *Dicrurus hottentottus*

21 May - Male singing in woods behind Fishtail Lodge at Phewa Tal (pair later observed).

HODGSON'S MOUNTAIN FINCH *Leucosticte nemoricola*

15 May - Flock of c50 birds observed between Pipar and Kalki Danda.

SPOT WINGED ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus rhodopeplus*

12 - 15 May - Several seen every day between these dates at Pipar.

SCARLET FINCH *Haematospiza sipahi*

10 May - A pair observed at c6,000' below Pipar in a wooded clearing.