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Records from Nepal

The following typed section summarises the more interesting records from a visit to Nepal between 25.11.84. and 1.2.85. by Andy Collins and Richard Thomas. A total of 408 species were recorded in Nepal by myself. Common names follow those used by Inskipp & Inskipp in "A Guide to the Birds of Nepal". This book was used to gain an indication of status for the scarcer species. The following is an approximate itinerary for the Nepal section of the trip.

25.11.84	India to Kathmandu
26.11.84 - 30.11.84	Kathmandu Valley: Nagarjun, Gokharna, Godaveri, Pulchowki.
1.12.84 - 3.12.84	Kosi Barrage
4.12.84	Kosi Barrage to Chitwan
5.12.84 - 9.12.84	Saurah, Chitwan
10.12.84 - 14.12.84	Meghauri / Tiger Tops, Chitwan
15.12.84	Chitwan to Kathmandu
16.12.84 - 22.12.84	Kathmandu Valley (Localities as above)
23.12.84 - 25.12.84	Pokhara
26.12.84 - 22. 1.85	Pokhara - Jomosom - Muktinath Trek. Outward via Naudanda / Birethanti / Ghorepani. Return via Ghorepani / Gandrung / Dhampus.
23. 1.85 - 1. 2.85	Kathmandu Valley (Localities as above plus Chovar Gorge).

Records from a subsequent visit to Bharatpur in India are not included in the typed summary.

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Black Stork

(1) Kosi Barrage 3.12.84., (1) Meghauli, Chitwan 13.12.84.

Red-Naped Ibis

The largest count was (41) Meghauli on 14.12.84.

Northern Goshawk

(1) near Dhampus on 21.1.85.

Crested Goshawk

(2) displaying at Saurah, Chitwan 9.12.84.

Changeable Hawk Eagle

Maximum (2) Saurah 9.12.84.

White-Tailed Eagle

(1) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.; (1) Meghauli 12.12.84., (2) there on 13.12.84.; (1) Chovar Gorge, Kathmandu Valley 26.1.85.

Grey Headed Fishing Eagle

(2) Meghauli / Tiger Tops 13.12.84.

Eurasian Black Vulture

(1) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.; (1) between Marpha and Kagbeni on the Jomosom Trek 8.1.85.

Pied Harrier

Maximum (2+) at Kosi Barrage 3.12.84.

Short-Toed Eagle

(1) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Osprey

Seen in the lowlands at Chitwan and Kosi Barrage, also (1) between Gandrung and Dhampus on 21.1.85.

Purple Gallinule

(250+) counted at Kosi Barrage 2.12.84.

Bengal Florican

(1) Male at Kosi Barrage 3.12.84.

Pheasant-Tailed Jacana

(1) Kosi Barrage 2.12.84.

Painted Snipe

(2) Meghauli 10.12.84.

Pied Avocet

(1) Meghauli / Tiger Tops 11.12.84.

River Plover

Apart from Chitwan, (2) Pokhara area 26.12.84., (3) Chovar Gorge 26.1.85.

Long-Billed Plover

(6) North West of Pokhara (towards Naudanda) 26.12.84., (4) Chovar Gorge area 26.1.85.

Spotted Redshank

(1) Saurah 5.12.84.

Redshank

Apart from (1-2) at Chitwan c.(25) Chovar Gorge 26.1.85.

Greenshank

C.(10) Kosi Barrage 1/2.12.84.; c.(10) Saurah 5/6.12.84.; c(30) Meghauli 11.12.84.; c.(90) Chovar Gorge 26.1.85.

Green Sandpiper

Apart from small numbers elsewhere well over (100) were present in the Chovar Gorge area on 26.1.85.

Solitary Snipe

On the Jomosom Trek, (2) Muktinath 9.1.85., (1) between Marpha and Kalopani 13.1.85.

Little Stint

(2) at Saurah between 6/9.12.84.

Dunlin

(2) Saurah 7.12.84.

Herring-Type Gulls

(1 or 2) at Saurah 6.12.84.

Brown-Headed Gull

(25+) at Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Whiskered Tern

(2) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Indian Skimmer

(1) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Wedge-Tailed Green Pigeon

(1) Pokhara 24.12.84.

Speckled Wood Pigeon

A huge flock of at least (1000) near Dhampus 21.1.85.

Banded Bay Cuckoo

(1) Meghauri / Tiger Tops 12.12.84.

Green-Billed Malkoha

(1) Meghauri, (1) between Gandrung and Dhampus 21.1.85.

Northern Little Owl

(1) Marpha 12.1.85.

Brown Wood Owl

(1) Gokharna , Kathmandu Valley 31.1.85.

Nightjar Sp.

(1) Gokharna 28.11.84. Species uncertain, certainly not Jungle or Large-Tailed which were seen well subsequently in India.

Great Pied Hornbill

(2) Meghauri / Tiger Tops 11.12.84.

Golden-Throated Barbet

(1-2) Pulchowki 17.12.84. and (1) 22.12.84., (1) between Gandrung and Dhampus 21.1.85.

Long-Tailed Broadbill

(5+) Pokhara (Forest behind Fish-Tail Lodge) 24.12.84.

Lesser Racket-Tailed Drongo

(4+) Pokhara 24.12.84.

Chestnut-Tailed Starling

c.(20) Saurah 9.12.84. Also recorded at Meghauri after this date.

Eurasian Jay

c.(11) Pulchowki 17.12.84., (5) Gokharna 18.12.84.

Lanceolated Jay

(5+) Gokharna 18.12.84., with Jays.

Green Magpie

(3) Pokhara 24.12.84., (1) between Naudanda and Birethanti 27.12.84., (1) between Gandrung and Dhampus 21.1.85.

Black-Crested Bulbul

(2) Saurah 5.12.84., Maximum (3+) Meghauli 11.12.84., maximum  
c. (10) Godaveri 19.12.84.

Striated Bulbul

(10+) Pulchowki 17.12.84.

Ashy Bulbul

Maximum (8) Pokhara 24.12.84.

White-Browed Scimitar Babbler

Maximum (4+) Pokhara 25.12.84.

Necklaced Laughing Thrush Sp.

(10+) probably a mixed flock, Pokhara 24.12.84.

Rufous-Chinned Laughing Thrush

(10+) Pulchowki 22.12.84., c.(4) Pokhara 25.12.84.

Grey-Sided Laughing Thrush

Maximum c.(10) Godaveri / Pulchowki 29.11.84.

Rufous-Necked Laughing Thrush

(10+) Meghauli / Tiger Tops 12.12.84.

Cutia

Maximum (4) Pulchowki 22.12.84.

Black-Eared Shrike Babbler

(2) between Birethanti and Ghorepani 29.12.84.

Spal Fulvetta

Maximum c. (40) Godaveri / Pulchowki 19.12.84., (1+) Nagarjun 30.1.85.

Snowy-Browed Flycatcher

Maximum (3) Gokharna 18.12.84., Maximum (2) Pokhara 24.12.84.

Large Niltava

Singles Godaveri / Pulchowki 29.11.84. & 22.12.84.

Grey-Bellied Tesia

(4+) Pokhara 24.12.84.

Aberrant Bush Warbler

Apart from records in the Kathmandu Valley and on the trek, (1)  
recorded Meghauli / Tiger Tops 13.12.84.

Large Grass Warbler

Singles Meghauli 12/13.12.84.

Clamorous Reed Warbler

(1) Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Smoky Warbler

(1) Meghauli 12.12.84., (1) Chovar Gorge 26.1.85.

Siberian Ruby-Throat

(2) Saurah 6.12.84., (1) Meghauli 14.12.84.

Golden Bush Robin

(1) Birethanti 28.12.84.

Slaty-Backed Forktail

Singles Birethanti 28/29.12.84.

Grey Bush Chat

Apart from records on the trek and at Godaveri a single bird at  
Meghauli / Tiger Tops on 11/12.12.84.

Plain-Backed Mountain Thrush

c. (8) Ghorepani area 31.12.84., Maximum (4+) Ghasa 2.1.85.

Long-Tailed Mountain Thrush

Singles Ghorepani area 31.12.84. and 19.1.85.

Chestnut Thrush

(1) Ghasa 3.1.85., with Dark-Throated Thrushes.

Mistle Thrush

(1) Kalopani 6.1.85., (3) Ghorepani 18.1.85.

Long-Billed Thrush

(1) Ghorepani 18.1.85.

Yellow-Bellied Flower-Pecker

Singles Pulchowki 22.12.84., Godaveri Botanical Gardens 28.1.85.

Red Avadavat

(6) Kosi Barrage 2.12.84., (1+) Meghauri 12.12.84.

Common Chaffinch

(4) Kalopani 6.1.85.

Tibetan Serin

c. (100) Godaveri Botanical Gardens 22.12.84.

Twite

(3) near Kagbeni 8.1.85.

Spot-Winged Rose Finch

Maximum (2+) Ghorepani 18.1.85., (1) between Ghasa and Kalopani 5.1.85., (2) Kalopani 6.1.85.

Cinnamon-Eared Rose Finch

c. (15) between Marpha and Kagbeni 8.1.85., (10+) between Kagbeni and Muktinath 9.1.85., (15+) Muktinath 11.1.85., (1) between Jharkot and Marpha 12.1.85., (2) between Marpha and Kalopani 13.1.85.

Crossbill

(10+) Kalopani 13.1.85.

Crimson-Browed Finch

Maximum (4) Ghorepani area 30.12.84.

Pine Bunting

(30+) between Ghasa and Kalopani 5.1.85., (1) Kalopani 6.1.85., maximum (30+) between Kalopani and Marpha 7.1.85., c. (8) between Marpha and Kagbeni 8.1.85.

Black-Headed Bunting

(2) female types with Yellow-Breasted Buntings, Kosi Barrage 1.12.84.

Yellowhammer

(1) between Ghasa and Kalopani 5.1.85. and (1) between Kalopani and Marpha 7.1.85., both with Pine Buntings.

T 298/ Slaty-Backed Forktail  
 299/ Spotted Forktail.  
 K 300/ Chestnut-Headed Tesia.  
 P 301/ Grey-Bellied Tesia.  
 T 302/ Brown-Flanked Bush Warbler.  
 303/ Aberrant Bush Warbler.  
 304/ Grey-Sided Bush Warbler.  
 ▲ 305/ Fantail Cisticola.  
 306/ Plain Prinia  
 307/ Ashy Prinia.  
 ▲ 308/ Yellow-Bellied Prinia.  
 T 309/ Striated Prinia.  
 C 310/ Grey-Capped Prinia.  
 C. 311/ Large Grass Warbler.  
 312/ Common Tailorbird  
 Δ 313/ Striated Marsh Warbler  
 \* 314/ Paddyfield Warbler  
 315/ Blyth's Reed Warbler  
 316/ Clamorous Reed Warbler  
 \* 317/ Orphean Warbler  
 \* 318/ Lesser Whitethroat  
 319/ Golden-Spectacled Warbler.  
 320/ Chestnut-Crowned Warbler  
 321/ Grey-Hooded Warbler.  
 K 322/ Black-Faced Warbler.  
 323/ Blyth's Crowned Warbler  
 \* 324/ Western Crowned Warbler.  
 \* 325/ Green Warbler  
 326/ Greenish Warbler  
 327/ Orange-Barred Leaf Warbler  
 328/ Grey-Faced Leaf Warbler  
 329/ Pallas's Leaf Warbler  
 330/ Yellow-Browed Warbler.

331/ Dusky Warbler  
 332/ Smoky Warbler  
 333/ Tickell's Warbler  
 334/ Chiff-chaff  
 T 335/ Goldcrest.  
 T 336/ Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler  
 K 337/ Large Niltava  
 338/ Small Niltava  
 339/ Rufous-Bellied Niltava  
 C. 340/ Pale-Chinned Flycatcher  
 T 341/ Slaty-Blue Flycatcher  
 342/ Snavy-Browed Flycatcher  
 343/ Orange-Gorgetted Fly.  
 344/ Red-Breasted Flycatcher  
 345/ Grey-Headed Flycatcher  
 346/ Yellow-Bellied Fantail  
 347/ White-Throated Fantail  
 \* 348/ White-Browed Fantail  
 C. 349/ Puff-Throated Babbler.  
 350/ Rusty-Cheeked Scin. Babb.  
 P 351/ White-Browed Scin. Babb.  
 K 352/ Streak-Breasted Scin. Babb.  
 353/ Great. Scaly-Breasted Wren-Babb.  
 354/ Black-Chinned Babbler  
 C. 355/ Striped Tit-Babbler.  
 C. 356/ Red-Capped Babbler  
 \* 357/ Yellow-Eyed Babbler.  
 \* 358/ Common Babbler  
 C. 359/ Striated Babbler.  
 \* 360/ Large Grey Babbler  
 361/ Jungle Babbler  
 362/ White-Throated Laughing Th.  
 363/ White-Crested Laugh. Thrush

P 364/ Necklaced Laughing Th.  
 365/ Striated Laughing Thrush  
 T 366/ Variegated L. Thrush  
 367/ Rufous-Chinned L. Thrush  
 T 368/ Spotted Laughing Thrush  
 K 369/ Grey-Sided Laughing Th.  
 C. 370/ Rufous-Necked L. T.  
 T 371/ Striated Laughing Th.  
 T 372/ Black-Faced Laugh. T.  
 373/ Chestnut-Crowned L. T.  
 374/ Red-Billed Leiothrix  
 K 375/ Cuckoo  
 T 376/ White-Browed Shrike-Bull  
 T 377/ Green Shrike Babbler  
 T 378/ Black-Faced Shrike Bull  
 379/ Hoary Barwing  
 T 380/ Blue-Winged Minla  
 381/ Chestnut-Tailed Minla  
 382/ Rufous-Winged Fulwren  
 383/ White-Browed Fulwren  
 K 384/ Nepal Fulwren.  
 385/ Black-Capped Sibia  
 386/ Whiskered Yuhina  
 387/ Stripe-Throated Yuhina.  
 388/ Rufous-Vented Yuhina  
 389/ White-Bellied Yuhina  
 T 390/ Black-Browed Tit.  
 391/ Black-Throated Tit  
 392/ Yellow-Browed Tit  
 T 393/ Grey-Crested Tit  
 T 394/ Rufous-Vented Black Tit  
 T 395/ Coal Tit  
 396/ Great Tit.

T 463/Turk  
 T 464/Common Cassin  
 T 465/Plain Mantain-Fin  
 T 466/Dark-Breasted Forest  
 T 467/Common Forest  
 T 468/Beautiful Forest  
 T 469/Link-Breasted Forest  
 T 470/Spt-Winged Forest  
 T 471/Cinnamon-Faced Forest  
 T 472/Cinnamon-Breasted Forest  
 T 473/Red-Headed Bluff  
 T 474/White-Winged Creeper  
 T 475/Rice Bunting  
 T 476/Yellow-Breasted Bunting  
 T 477/White-Capped Bunting  
 T 478/Red-Breasted Bunting  
 T 479/Little Bunting  
 T 480/Yellow-Breasted Bunting  
 T 481/Black-Headed Bunting  
 T 482/Crested Bunting  
 T 483/India only.  
 T 484/Seen only at Kosi Bannay.  
 T 485/Seen only in Chitwan.  
 T 486/Seen only in Chitwan & Kosi.  
 T 487/Seen only in Kathmandu Valley.  
 T 488/Seen only in Pokhara area.  
 T 489/Seen only in Pokhara on the T.  
 T 490/Seen only on the T.  
 T 491/Asian Pied Starling  
 T 492/Jungle Mynah  
 T 493/Back Mynah  
 T 494/Asian Pied Starling  
 T 495/Back Mynah  
 T 496/Jungle Mynah  
 T 497/Asian Pied Starling  
 T 498/Back Mynah  
 T 499/Jungle Mynah  
 T 500/House Sparrow  
 T 501/Cinnamon Sparrow  
 T 502/Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
 T 503/Yellow-Throated Sparrow  
 T 504/Black-Breasted Wren  
 T 505/Bays Wren  
 T 506/Red Arrears  
 T 507/Indian Silverbill  
 T 508/Strated Min  
 T 509/Scaly-Breasted Min  
 T 510/Common Chaffin  
 T 511/Red-Faced Sen  
 T 512/Tibetan Sen

KEY

\* Seen in India only.  
 T Seen only at Kosi Bannay.  
 C Seen only in Chitwan.  
 K Seen only in Kathmandu Valley.  
 P Seen only in Pokhara area.  
 O Seen only in Pokhara on the T.  
 T Seen only on the T.

397/Green-Backed Tit  
 398/Black-Lared Tit  
 399/Violet-Franted Nuthatch  
 400/White-Tailed Nuthatch  
 401/Chestnut-Bellied Nuthatch  
 T 402/Walkers  
 \* 403/Spotted Creeper  
 404/Brown-Throated Treecreeper  
 T 405/Bar-Tailed Treecreeper  
 T 406/Rufous-Faced Treecreeper  
 T 407/Common Treecreeper  
 408/Purple Sunbird  
 409/Green-Tailed Sunbird  
 T 410/Black-Throated Sunbird  
 C 411/Cinnamon Sunbird  
 412/Red-Tailed Sunbird  
 K 413/Yellow-Bellied Flowerpecker  
 414/Red-Bellied Flowerpecker  
 415/Chestnut White-Eye  
 416/Horn Oriole  
 C 417/Black-Headed Oriole  
 418/Brown Shrike  
 \* 419/Isabelline Shrike  
 \* 420/Bay-Backed Shrike  
 421/Long-Tailed Shrike  
 422/Grey-Backed Shrike  
 \* 423/Great-Grey Shrike  
 424/Black Bunting  
 425/Ashy Bunting  
 C 426/White-Bellied Bunting  
 O 427/Scaly-Breasted Bunting  
 P 428/Leucophaea Bunting  
 C 429/Spangled Bunting