

NEPAL 21.12.86 - 2.1.87 INCLUSIVE

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Dear Carol & Tim,

Your request for info. on Birds of Nepal in the O.B.C. Bulletin, No 5, Spring 1987 has stimulated me into correlating our records into some sort of order. Hope you will find something of interest.

We were in Nepal during the above period & enjoyed every minute of it! Saw lots of non-avian delights, also the scenery is certainly awesome - even though we did not trek.

Pauline is a teacher & therefore we were restricted to two weeks which we spent just going to the more usual areas.

We have spent 2 separate periods in Malaysia & have covered most of that country & habitat & are therefore fairly familiar with the birds (families) present in Nepal - if not the species.

I have made reference to the square number in your book & have highlighted when a record is in a square which is a blank at present. I have also made a few notes on one or two species at the end of the systematic list which I have prepared in table form for speed & my convenience. If you want any extra info. please ask. Sorry it is not typed.

We hope the list is of use.

All the best

Peter & Pauline Heathcote

NOTE - we are planning to go back to Nepal Easter 1988 - would you like a record?

21.7.87.

### Areas visited

- A - Kathmandu (square ref. LM 56) 21.12.86
- B - Godavari (square ref. LM 56) 22.12.86
- C - Nagarjun (to Tanasek - 2096m) - (square ref LM 56) 23.12.86
- D - Kathmandu - (KL 56) - Pokhara 24.12.86
- E - " - (JK 45) - " 24.12.86
- F - Pokhara (HJ 45) 24.12.86
- G - Phewa Tal (HJ 45) 25.12.86
- H - Phewa Tal (HJ 45) 26.12.86
- I - Beemas Tal (JK 45) 26.12.86
- J - Phewa Tal (HJ 45) 27.12.86



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- K - Pabhara - (KL 56) - Chitwan (Jungle lodge) 28.12.86  
 L - Jungle lodge (KL 56) 28.12.86  
 M - " " 29.12.86  
 N - " " 30.12.86  
 O - " " 31.12.86  
 P - Chitwan - (KL 56) - Nargargot ( MN 56) 31.12.86  
 Q - Nargargot (MN 56) 1.1.87  
 R - " (MN 56) 2.1.87.

SPECIES	DATE		DECEMBER												JAN		BLANK SQUARE			
	A	B	21	22	23	24	24	24	25	26	26	27	27	28	28	29		30	31	1
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R		
LITTLE GREBE																				
GREY CRESTED GREBE									2											
GREY CORMORANT									2											
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON																				
INDIAN POND HERON																				
CATTLE EGRET	2			3			220		C	C										
LITTLE EGRET	2		10						C	C										
GREY EGRET							12		6	7										
BLACK STORK																				
RED-NAPED IBIS																				
RUDY SHELDUCK																				
COMMON POCHARD																				
GOOSANDER																				
CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD																				
BLACK KITE	50						40	100	100	C										
BRAHMINY KITE																				
EL TERN VULTURE																				
LAMMERLEIER																				
ORIENTAL WHITE-BACKED VULTURE																				
LONG-BILLED VULTURE																				
HIMALAYAN GRIFFON VULTURE																				
EUROSIAN GRIFFON VULTURE																				
RED-HEADED VULTURE																				
EUROSIAN BLACK VULTURE																				
CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE																				
EUROSIAN MARSH HARRIER																				
HEN HARRIER																				
NORTHERN GOSHAWK																				
NORTHERN SPARROWHAWK																				
SHIKRA																				
WHITE-EYED BUZZARD																				
COMMON BUZZARD																				
GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE																				
TAWNY EAGLE (STEPPE EAGLE)	1																			

note

all names refer to main common name in your book. I have left out scientific name to save effort - if you are not sure of species I will supply scientific name. *Peter*

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SPECIES	DECEMBER							JAN										
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2					
ALPH	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R

PLAIN FLOWERPECKER																		
BLACK-HOODED OROLE																		
BROWN SHRIKE	1																	
LONG-TAILED SHRIKE		1	6															
BLACK DRONGO	2	6	3	2		16												
ASHY DRONGO																		
WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO																		
BRONZED DRONGO																		
SPANGLED DRONGO																		
GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO																		
ASHY WOODSWALLOW																		
RED-BILLED BLUE MACPIC																		
RUFOUS TREPPIE	1																	
GREY TREPPIE																		
HOUSE CROW																		
JUNGLE CROW																		
COMMON MYNAH																		
JUNGLE MYNAH																		
HILL MYNAH																		
EURASIAN TREE SPARROW																		
TIBETIAN SERIN																		
YELLOW-BREASTED GREENFINCH																		
COMMON ROSEFINCH																		
BLACK-FACED BUNTING																		
LITTLE BUNTING																		
YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING																		
CRESTED BUNTING																		

Common Pintail (large snipe - 8 snipe were disturbed in marshy area to NE of Phewa Tal. I heard common snipe call, 3 flew high/erratic - white trailing edge to wing etc. 4 flew lower less erratic - no white trailing edge + 1 larger that crashed down ~ 30' into out - unfortunately I could not get any further out.

Grey-headed Plover - good views - familiar with species  
 Red-throated pipit - 1 called - seen quite a few around Egypt  
 Golden Babblers ~ 2000m - small flock moving thro' undergrowth - seen species in Italgia - unmistakable small yellow bubbles, dark in front of eye, yellow chin black speckled head.

Fire-capped Tit ~ 2000m - feeding part in trees on slopes, males with red on head & throat.  
 Black-faced Bunting - skulking in gorges next to hotel - very cautious (dunnock habits)?

Hope this helps.  
 Peter Griffiths