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Notes on birds recorded in Nepal 1987.

DARTER (Anahinga melanogaster): 3 at Kosi Barrage 19 May

Little Cormorant (Phalacrocorax niger): 1 at Kosi Barrage 19 May

direct size comparison with Pochards

Spot-billed Pelican (Pelecanus philippensis): 2 at Kosi Barrage 19 May

Cinnamon Bittern (Ixobrychus cinnamomeus): 1 at Chitwan 1 km SW of Saraha 23 May

CATTLE EGRET (Bubulcus ibis): 100 NESTING IN COLONY AT ROYAL GROUNDS AT PHEWA TAL

LITTLE EGRET (Egretta garzetta): 30 NESTING WITH CATTLE EGRETS AT PHEWA TAL

LESSER ADJUTANT STORK (Leptoptilos javanicus): 4 AT DHARAN FOREST 17 MAY

RED-NAPED IBIS (Pseudibis papillosa): 2 AT KOSI BARRAGE 18 MAY

ORIENTAL WHITE IBIS (Threskiornis melanoleucus): 15 at Kosi Barrage 18 MAY

LESSER WHISTLING ~~REAL~~ DUCK (Dendrocygna javanica): up to 30 at Kosi Barrage 18-19 May

BAR-headed GOOSE (Anser indicus): 3 along Rapti River - 10 km E of TADI BAZAAR (EAST OF CHITWAN) 21 MAY

COTTON PYGMY GOOSE (Nettion coromandelianus): 4 AT KOSI BARRAGE 19 MAY

DUCKS AT KOSI BARRAGE MAY 18-19:

EUR. WILSON 2, GADWALL 7, COM. POCHARD 5, TUFTED DUCK 1

BRAHMINY KITE (Haliastur indus): 1 at Kosi BARRAGE 18 MAY

EUR. MARSH HARRIER (Circus aeruginosus): 1 at Kosi BARRAGE 18 MAY

* HIMALAYAN GRIFFON (Gyps himalayensis): NEST N. OF TAL 12 APRIL (MARSYANGDI KHULA)

N. GOSHAWK (Accipiter gentilis): 1 near SYABRU (LANGTANG) 26 MARCH

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD (Buteo rufinus): 1 above MARPHA (KALI GANDAKI) 23 APRIL

* BLACK EAGLE (Ictinaetus malayensis): 1 near Mure (ARUN KHULA) 11 MAY

* GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos): A pair attending a well formed nest about 50m up a S. facing cliff. Neither was bringing food or nest-material. With eggs? Nest was about 3 hrs beyond Kyajin (LANGTANG) ABOVE YAK herders huts, named nbama on trekker's map, 31 MARCH.

CHANGABLE HAWK-EAGLE (Spiraeetus circhatus): 1 at Chitwan Dun, 8 km W. of Saraha 23 May

EURASIAN HUBBY (Falco subbuteo): 1 chasing Gray Martins above Manangy (ANNA PURNA TREK); AD. ♂; 17 APRIL

TIBETAN SNOW COCK (Tetraogallus tibetanus): 2 above Gyaru (Marsyangdi Khula) 16 APRIL
10-20 calling on Thorung La (Annapurna Trek) 19 APRIL

Common Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus): 4 at Kosi Barrage, 19 MAY.

PURPLE GALLINULE (Porphyrio porphyrio): 8 at Kosi Barrage, 19 MAY

X WATERCOCK (GALLICREX cinerea): 2 at Kosi Barrage, 19 MAY

BENJAL FLORICAN (Haubartopsis bengalensis): 1 flew overhead near Sauraha; 20 MAY
Unmistakable, viewed from 40m.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana (Icthyophaga chirurgus): up to 12 at Kosi Barrage 18-19 MAY

Painted Snipe (Rostratula benghalensis): 3 (1 ♂, 2 ♀s) Chitwan (3 km W of Sauraha) 23 MAY

Ibisbill (Ibidorhynchos struthersii): 17 paired & territorial on Langjung Khola, above Kyajin
29-31 March

Com. Greenshank (Tringa nebulosa): 4 at Kosi Barrage; 18 MAY (HARDLY ANY SHOREBIRDS AT KOSI!!)

Com. SANDPIPER (Actitis hypoleucos): 1 along Arun Khola below Tumlingtar; 15 MAY

LITTLE TERN (Sterna albifrons): 25 at KOSI BARRAGE 19 MAY

X WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN (CHILODUNIAS leucopterus): 4 summer plumaged
adults at Kosi Barrage; 19 MAY. Unmistakable!

X WEDGE-TAILED GREEN PHEON (TRETON sphenura): 2 near SYANGHE (MARSYANGDI Khola)
12 APRIL

GREY-BELLIED PLAINIVE CUCKOO (CACOMANTIS passerius): 1 at TUMLINGTAR, ARUN
Khola 8 MAY. HEARD AND SEEN WELL.

LESSER COULAL (CENTROPUS BENGALENSIS): 1 at visitors center Chitwan (Sauraha)
seen well, 20 MAY.

X White-vented NEEDLETAIL (Hirundapus cochinchinensis): 4 seen extremely well, 8 10 km
West of Sauraha, Chitwan Park, on road to HQ. 23 MAY

Crested tree Swift (Hemiprocne coronata): 10 at Dharan Forest, 17 MAY

STORK-billed Kingfisher (Pelargopsis capensis): 1 at Sauraha, Chitwan 23 MAY

X Common Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis): 1 along Kali Gandaki near Kalopani, 23 APRIL

X CRESTED KINGFISHER (Ceryle lugubris): 1 at Khudi, along Marsyangdi Khola, 11 APRIL

X GREAT-PIED HORNBILL (Buceros bicornis): 1 seen extremely well in Dharan Forest,
flying just above treetops, 17 MAY.

GOLDEN-throated BARBET (Megalaima franklinii): 2 indivs along Marsyangdi Khola
South of TAL (12 APRIL); 2 indiv. W. of Langjung above Modi Khola, 1 MAY.

SCALY ^{bellied} ~~BREASTED~~ GREEN WOODPECKER (Picus squamatus): 3 near Ghorapani, 28 APRIL

HIMALAYAN Golden-backed Woodpecker (Dinopium shorii): 5 at Dharan Forest 17 MAY

X GREY-crowned Pygmy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos canicapillus): 2 North of Hile, Arun Trek 16 MAY

Oriental Skylark (Alauda gulgula) 15 between Muktimath and Kaybeni, singing & territorial

Annapurna Trek 21 APRIL

- X Striped Swallow (Hirundo daurica): Nesting in houses at Tumlingtar, Arun Khola 9 MAY
- X ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN (Delichon dasypus): 15 in large flock of Nepal House Martins, near

Ghosa on Kali Gandaki, 25 APRIL

Richard's Pipit 2 near Sauraha, Chitwan DUN 20 MAY (Anthus novaeseelandiae)

Citrine Wagtail (Motacilla citreola) 1 at Kosi Barrage 18 MAY

- XX Short-billed Minivet (Pericrocotus brevirostris): 1 studied a ♂+♀ together from 7-10m, near Landrung above Modi Khola, 2 MAY.

Robin Accentor (Prunella rubeculoides): 4 above Kyajin, Langtang Khola, 31 March

Rufous-browed Bush-Robin (Tarsiger hyperythrus) 1 ♀ North of Tal along Marsyangdi Khola, 13 APRIL.

- X Rufous-backed Reostict (Phoenicurus erythronotus) 1 ♀ seen well near Tuktche, Kali Gandaki, 25 APRIL

White-throated Reostict (Phoenicurus schisticeps): 10 were seen with ♂s singing, between Pising & Ghyaru (Marsyangdi Khola); saw one ♀ bringing nest material to partially constructed nest at base of small leafless spiny shrub. 16 APRIL

- X Desert Wreater (Oenanthe deserti): 1 ♀ seen up to 3m close, just south of Kobang on Kali Gandaki, 25 APRIL

Long-billed Thrush (Zoothera monticola) 1 near Syabu, Langtang Trek, 27 MARCH.

Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus tuficollis): 100 in flowering Rhodod. above

Ghorepani 27 APRIL, on 29 APRIL only 5 were left.

- X Dusky Thrush (Turdus naumanni) 1 seen very well in above flock of Dark-throated Thrushes above Ghorepani, 27 APRIL.

- X Grey-bellied Tesia (Tesia cyaniventer): 1 near Lama Hotel (Langtang Khola) 1 APRIL at least 8 singing on ridge in wet sites between Kandbari and Mure, above the Arun Khola 11-12, MAY

Yellow-bellied Prinia (Prinia flaviventris): 3 at Kosi Barrage, MAY 18

Striated Marsh Warbler (Megalurus palustris): 7 singing birds at Kosi Barrage, 16-19 MAY.

LAMOROUS REED WARBLER (Acrocephalus stentoreus): 2 at Kosi Barrage 18 MAY

Chestnut-crowned Warbler (Seiurus castaneiceps): 5 near Lama Hotel, Langtang 27 March

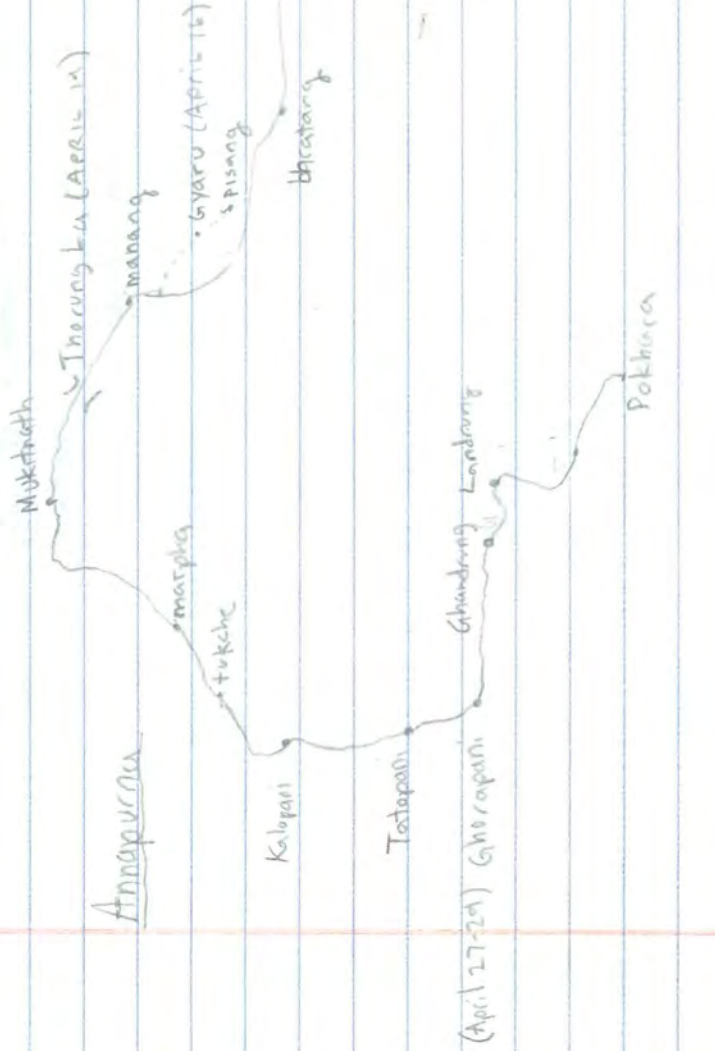
1 near Ghomdrony above Modi Khola 1 MAY; 3 near Mure, Arun Khola 12 MAY

- X Smoky Warbler (Phylloscopus fulviventris): 1 near Ghyaru, above Marsyangdi Khola (3670m) 17 APRIL

- Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*): 1 above Ghorepani 28 APRIL
- * Large Niltava (*Niltava grandis*): 1 near Syabru, Langtang Trek 27 MARCH
- Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*): 5 above Marpha, Kali Gandaki 23 APRIL
- STOLICZKA'S TIT-WARBLE (*Leptopoeile sophiae*): fairly common near Gyaru above Marsyangji Khola (saw @ 20 total 16-17 APRIL)
- Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher (*Cyanis rubeculoides*) 1 at Phewa Tal 8 APRIL
- LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHER (*Ficedula westermanni*): About 11 birds seen between Kandbari and more above Arun Khola, 9-13 MAY
- BLACK-NAPED MONARCH (*Hypothymis azurea*): 2 at Dhuran Forest, 17 MAY, Common (@ 10/day) Chitwan DUN near Savraha 22-23 MAY.
- * Greater Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler (*Praepyga albiventer*): 6 singing between Tal and Dhurapani on Marsyangji Khola (saw 1 tan phase) 13 APRIL
- STRIATED BAEBLER (*Turdoides earlei*) 2 AT KOSI BARRAGE 19 MAY
- * Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrush (*Luscinax rufogularis*): 2 near Chamje, Marsyangji Khola 11 APRIL
- White bellied Yuhina (*Yuhina zanthopygia*): 4 between Kandbari and more, Arun Khola, 10-12 MAY
- Rufous ~~vented~~ Black tit (*Parus rubidiventris*): Nest above Ghorepani 28 APRIL
- * Black-browed tit (*Aegithales iouschistos*): flock of 5 near Ghora Tabela, Langtang Khola, 1 APRIL
- Rufous naped Black tit (*Parus rufonuchalis*): 2 above Marpha, Kali Gandaki, 22 APRIL
- Walkreeper (*Tichodroma muraria*): 3 above Manang, Marsyangji Khola, 17 APRIL
- MRS. GOWDS SUNBIRD (*Aethopyga gouldiae*) 1 near Lamaheta, Langtang Khola 27 MARCH AND 1 APRIL
- PLAIN Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum concolor*): 1 at Gorkarna Forest, KTM valley, 6 APRIL
- MAROON ORIOLE (*Oriolus traillii*): 2 between Dunche & Syabru, Langtang Trek 26 MARCH
- GOLDEN ORIOLE (*Oriolus oriolus*): 1 at Phewa Tal 7, APRIL; 1 at Dhuran Forest 17 MAY
- GRAY-BACKED SHRIKE (*Lanius tephronotus*) @ 16 between Muktimath and Tuckche, Kali Gandaki Many singing, 20-23 APRIL
- Ashy-wood swallow (*Artamus fuscus*) 10 about 8 km W of Savraha, Chitwan DUN 23 MAY
- Spot-winged sturc (*Saroglossa spiloptera*) 20 ^{between} Tumlingtar ^{and} Leyva, Arun Khola 15 MAY, 25 S. of Leyva, Arun Khola 16 MAY; 1 at Dhuran Forest 17 MAY.
- Brahminy Starling (*Sturnus pagodarum*) 1 at Tumlingtar, Arun Khola, 9 MAY
- Hill MYNA (*Gracula religiosa*) 1 at Dhuran Forest 17 MAY
- BAYA weaver (*Ploceus philippinus*): Colony near Savraha, Chitwan DUN 20 MAY
- STRIATED MUNIA (*Lunchora striata*): 1 at Pokhara, 3 MAY; 1 NEAR DANA, KALI GANDAKI 26 APRIL.

X RED-FRONTED SERIN (SE RINUS PUSILLUS): FLOCK of 10 seen very well near Syabru (Langtang Trek). Unmistakable. 27 MARCH.

X RED-BREASTED ROSEFINCH (CARPOLAUS PUNICEUS): FLOCK of 4 between MANANK AND PHEDI, MARSYANDI KHOLA (approx 4000m) 18 APRIL.
BROWN BULFINCH (PYRRAHVA NIPALENSIS): 3 indivs seen below Bagarachap on Marsyangdi Khola, 13 APRIL.



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Tumlingtar (May 9, May 14)

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