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TRIP TO NEPAL

31st March - 21st April, 1988.

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ITINERARY - 31st March to 21st April, 1988

Thursday 31st March	Arrival Kathmandu via Karachi, evening walk around Baneswar
Friday 1st April	Phulchowki and Godaveri, evening Kathmandu
Saturday 2nd April	Kathmandu - temples, vishnumati river etc.
Sunday 3rd April	Kathmandu - Pokhara (bus), afternoon and evening beside Phewa Tal
Monday 4th April	Pokhara to Begnas Tal (return) by bicycle
Tuesday 5th April	Pokhara
<u>Wednesday 6th April to Saturday 16th April</u>	<u>Jomosom Trek (return 206km)</u>
Wednesday 6th April	Pokhara to Naudanda (via Sarangkot)
Thursday 7th April	Naudanda to Birethanti
Friday 8th April	Birethanti to Ghorepani
Saturday 9th April	Ghorepani to Tatopani (15km)
Sunday 10th April	Tatopani to Ghasa (15km)
Monday 11th April	Ghasa to Tukuche (20km)
Tuesday 12th April	Tukuche to Jomosom (11km)
Wednesday 13th April	Jomosom to Ghasa (31km)
Thursday 14th April	Ghasa to Phalante
Friday 15th April	Phalante to Chandrakot
Saturday 16th April	Chandrakot to Pokhara (via Suikhet)
Sunday 17th April	Pokhara to Tadi Bazar (bus); Tadi Bazar to Sauraha (ox cart)
Monday 18th April	Sauraha/Chitwan National Park
Tuesday 19th April	Sauraha/Chitwan National Park
Wednesday 20th April	Sauraha to Tadi Bazar to Kathmandu (bus)
Thursday 21st April	Kathmandu, afternoon flight home

GENERAL INFORMATION

FLIGHTS:

Cost - £540 London Heathrow - Kathmandu return

Wednesday 30th March 1988	LHR/Karachi	PK782	1645/0740
Thursday 31st March 1988	Karachi/Kathmandu	PK264	1030/1400
Thursday 21st April 1988	Kathmandu/Dakar	PK264	1450/1635
	Dakar/Karachi	PK265	1745/2030
Friday 22nd April 1988	Karachi/LHR	PK709	0800/1620

Hotel accommodation is provided at Karachi, but was of little use to us as we were 8 hours late leaving Kathmandu

WEATHER:

Kathmandu and Pokhara were very warm as were the early stages of the trek until reaching the Kali Gandaki where a refreshing breeze persists throughout the afternoons. Nights were pleasant with the exception of Ghorepani where it was distinctly cold.

Sauraha/Chitwan were very hot especially the afternoons when it was simply too warm to do anything.

TRANSPORT:

For the sadist - use the Nepalese buses! (very sweaty, crowded and dirty).

Kathmandu - Pokhara: 9 hours, 200km for about 75p

Pokhara - Tadi Bazar: 7 hours

Tadi Bazar - Kathmandu: many hours on the supposed quick bus - awful!!
cost 60R (£1-50)

ACCOMMODATION:

Kathmandu - Aurora Guest House \$4 per night - average accommodation

Kathmandu Guest House \$7 expensive by local standards but well recommended for the affluent following an horrendous journey from Tadi Bazar. Has en suite shower and toilet as well as clean bed sheets!

Pokhara - Valley Lodge 40R a night (\$2) - quite good.

Summary of accommodation on the trek:

Naudanda - 4R (10p) a night - basic
Birethanti (New River View Lodge) - 5R a night - basic but has a shower of sorts
Ghorepani (Poon Hill Lodge) - 10R a night - basic but better
Tatopani (Tatopani Rest House) - 85R including food - excellent
Ghasa (Eagle View Lodge) - excellent
Tukuche - Yak Hotel - stay well clear
Jomosom (Thak Kola Lodge) - Jimi Hendrix is supposed to have stopped here -
could well explain why he's dead

Phalante (Phalante Lodge) - 3R a night - overpriced
Chandrakot - 3R a night - slightly better than Phalante
Sauraha (Sauraha Jungle Lodge) - 40R a night - terrible - apparently the
worst Lodge in the whole tourist settlement - give it a miss

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CHITWAN:

Park entrance 65R, enter by wading across Rapti River. Elephant rides 200R,
expensive but an excellent way to feel safe 20 yards from a Rhinoceros!

Guides - everyone claims to be a guide but we went into the park with the
official guide for 125R (including entrance fee) who was excellent value.

You can enter the park by yourself without guides but this is unwise because
the chances of coming across a Rhino very near the track is a strong possibility -
whilst we were with the guide a female Rhino with calf walked out of the grass
50 yards away - I've never moved so fast in my life!

(B) indicates that the species was seen "somewhere" on a bus journey

SYSTEMATIC LIST

1. LITTLE GREBE (*podiceps ruficollis*)

Calling birds on the 18th and 20th at Sauraha

2. NIGHT HERON (*nycticorax nycticorax*)

1 over Kathmandu at dusk on 1st, with 3 adults amongst the Cattle Egret colony, Kantipath area, Kathmandu on the 2nd

3. GREEN HERON (*butorides striatus*)

1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th, and another seen from the bus on the 17th

4. INDIAN POND HERON (*ardeola grayii*)

4 on 1st, Kathmandu. At Pokhara 4 on 3rd, 20 on 4th, several on 5th, 20 on 6th. At Sauraha rather numerous between the 17th and 20th.

5. CATTLE EGRET (*bubulais ibis*)

Breeding colonies observed at Kantipath area, Kathmandu and beside Phewa Tal, Pokhara. 5+ on 1st at Godaveri, 13 to roost on 1st, Kathmandu, 50+ at breeding colony on the 2nd, many between the 3rd and 6th at Pokhara. 45 on 20th April in fields between Sauraha and Tadi Bazar with a "lot" seen from the bus on the same date

6. LITTLE EGRET (*egretta garzetta*)

1 to roost on 1st over Kathmandu. "Few" from 3rd - 6th at Pokhara with "lots" on the 4th at Begnas Tal. None then until 10+ on 16th at Pokhara and a "few" from 17th - 20th at Sauraha, with "many" seen from the bus on the 20th.

7. INTERMEDIATE EGRET (*e. intermedia*)

"Few" on the 3rd at Pokhara, 1 on 4th at Begnas Tal and "several" on the 5th again at Pokhara

8. GREAT WHITE EGRET (*e. alba*)

4 on 3rd at Pokhara, 4+ on 4th at Begnas Tal, 1 on 5th at Pokhara, then one until Sauraha where 5+ were observed daily from 17th - 20th

9. GREY HERON (*ardea cinerea*)

At Begnas Tal 2 on the 4th. At Sauraha 3 on 17th, 1 on 20th

10. ASIAN OPENBILL STORK (*ariastomus oscitars*)

Seen only at Sauraha where 4 on 17th, 6+ on 18th, 1 on 19th

11. WOOLLY NECKED STORK (*ciconia episcopus*)

1 over Sauraha on 19th. On 20th 1 in fields between Sauraha and Tadi Bazar with another soaring over Tadi Bazar with several vulture species and black kites

12. BLACK NECKED STORK (*ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*)

A single sighting of 1 on the 18th wading in the middle of the Rapti River at Sauraha

13. RED NAPPED IBIS (*pseudibis papillosa*)

A single bird on the 17th feeding on the Rapti River at Sauraha

14. RUDDY SHELDUCK (*tadorna ferruginea*)

All sightings from the Rapti River at Sauraha: 3 on 17th, 2 on 18th, 12 on 19th, 13 on 20th

15. PINTAIL (*anas acuta*)

A single male on the 4th at Begnas Tal

16. GARGANEY (*a. querquedula*)

10 on the 20th feeding on the Rapti River at Sauraha were the only sighting

17. SHOVELER (*a. dupeata*)

On the 20th a single male was seen in flight with other ducks at Sauraha

18. POCHARD (*aythya ferina*)

6 on the 4th at Begnas Tal and on the 6th, 3 at Phewa Tal

19. TUFTED DUCK (*a. fuligula*)

A single record of 4 on the 20th at Sauraha

20. CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD (*pernis ptilorhynchus*)

1 over Birethanti on the 7th with all other records from Sauraha: 4+ on 18th, 1 "dark phase" on 19th, 1 on 20th

21. BLACK KITE (*milvus migrans*)

40+ in a thermal at Karachi Airport on the 31st. 5+ on 31st, 5+ on 1st, 63 on 2nd in Kathmandu with 48 perched in trees beside Vishnumati River and 15 sat in Ratna Park. "Many" 3rd - 5th, 5+ on 7th, 3 on 8th, 2 on 9th, 2 on 11th, 1 on 12th, 1 on 13th, 1 on 15th, 3+ on 16th, 5+ on 17th, "many" on 20th (B), "few" on 21st

22. EGYPTIAN VULTURE (*neophar percnopterus*)

2 on 3rd at Mugling, 2 on 3rd, 3 on 4th, 2+ on 5th, 10+ on 6th at Sarangkot, 1 on 7th, 1 on 8th, 2 on 9th, 2 on 13th, 6+ on 16th over Pokhara, 1 on 17th

23. LAMMERGEIR (*gypaetus barbatus*)

3 on 6th at Sarangkot, 2 on 7th between Tirkhedunge and Ulleri, 2 on 9th, (1 at Chitre and 1 at Phalante), 1 on 12th at Jomosom, 2 on 14th at Tatopani, 1 on 15th at Ghorepani, 1 on 16th at Lumle

24. ORIENTAL WHITE BACKED VULTURE (*gyps bengalensis*)

4 on 2nd, 1 on 3rd, 1 on 5th, "few" on 6th at Sarangkot, 1 on 17th
15+ on 18th, 5+ on 19th, 3 on 20th

25. LONG BILLED VULTURE (*g. indicus*)

1 on 3rd (B), 1 on 18th at Sauraha, 15+ on 19th feeding on a carcass within
Chitwan National Park, 1 on 20th over Tadi Bazar

26. HIMALAYAN GRIFFON VULTURE (*g. himalayensis*)

5 on 6th at Sarangkot, 2 on 10th, 2 on 11th, 2 on 12th, 1 on 14th, 2 on 15th

27. EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE (*g. fulvuz*)

10+ on 2nd, 15+ on 5th, "lots" on 6th at Sarangkot, 1 on 7th, 1 on 17th

28. RED HEADED VULTURE (*sarwgyps calvus*)

2 on 3rd, 1 on 6th at Sarangkot, 1 on 7th, 2 on 9th, 2 on 10th, 1 on 14th

29. EURASIAN BLACK VULTURE (*aegyptius monachus*)

Singles on 3rd and 5th at Pokhara, 4 on 6th over Sarangkot, 1 on 9th
at Phalate

30. CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE (*spilornis cheela*)

2 at Mugling on 3rd, 1 at Ulleri on 8th, 1 on 10th at Dana, 1 on 15th at
Ulleri, 1 on 16th at Suikhet, 1 on 17th (B)

31. MARSH HARRIER (*circus aeruginosus*)

1 cream crown on 4th at Begnas Tal, 1 unsexed at Sauraha on 18th

32. HEN HARRIER (*c. cyaneus*)

A single male on 3rd (B)

HARRIER sp (*circus* sp)

A group of 4 flew straight through on 19th at Sauraha. A combination of poor
light and extreme distance made positive id impossible

33. GOSHAWK (*accipiter gentilis*)

A male seen perched at Ulleri on 8th, and on 11th a female over Kalopani.

34. SPARROWHAWK (*a. nisus*)

1 on 1st over Kathamndu and another at Pokhara on 3rd

35. SHIKRA (*a. badius*)

Singles seen on 6 dates:

Kathmandu - 2nd, Pokhara - 5th, Kaski - 6th, Ulleri - 8th, Sauraha -
19th and 20th

36. BUZZARD (*buteo buteo*)

Singles on 1st at Kathmandu and on 9th at Ghorepani

37. STEPPE EAGLE (*aquila rapax nipalensis*)

3 on 6th over Sarngkot

x 38. BOOTED EAGLE (*hieraaetus pennatus*)

Single sighting of a pale phase bird displaying to the north of Ghasa on 11th

39. BONELLI'S EAGLE (*h. fasciatus*)

1 on 9th at Sikha and 2 on 13th to the north of Ghasa

40. OSPREY (*pandion haliaetus*)

Singles seen on 6 dates of probably 3 different birds:

Phewa Tal - 3rd, Begnas Tal - 4th, Phewa Tal - 6th, Rapti River, Sauraha - 18th - 20th

41. KESTREL (*falco tinnunculus*)

1 on 3rd, 1 on 4th, 4 on 6th, 5 on 7th, 3 on 8th, 3 on 9th, 5+ on 10th, 1 on 14th, 1 on 15th, 1 on 16th

42. EASTERN RED LEGGED FALCON (*f. anivrensis*)

A female on 19th at Sauraha flew straight through ahead of a vicious storm

43. CHUKAR (*alectoris chukar*)

5 seen on 12th at Jomosom

44. BLACK FRANCOLIN (*francolinus francolinus*)

All observations from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 2+ "calling" on 18th, 5+ "calling" on 19th. A male seen well "rasping" from a sand bar in the Rapti River on 20th

45. RED JUNGLEFOWL (*fallus gallus*)

All "reliable" observations from Chitwan National Park: 2 males seen and "many" calling on 18th. 1 male seen and "several" calling on 19th

46. COMMON PEAFOWL (*pavo cristatus*)

All observations from Chitwan: 1 female seen on 17th, 1 male seen on 19th, with several birds calling daily between 17th - 19th.

47. WHITE BREASTED WATERHEN (*amaurornis phoenicurus*)

1 on 3rd at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 6 on 18th beside the Rapti River, Sauraha

48. MOORHEN (*gallinula chloropus*)

Only sighting was of 2 on the Rapti River at Sauraha on 18th

49. COOT (*fulica atra*)

Only sighting was a single bird on 4th at Begnas Tal

50. BLACK WINGED STILT (*himantopus himantopus*)

A single bird flew downstream at Sauraha on 17th

51. LITTLE RINGED PLOVER (*choradrius dubius*)

All observations from sandbars in the Rapti River, Sauraha: 10+ on 17th, 5+ on 18th, 2 on 19th, 2 on 20th. (The decrease in numbers due to rising river level)

52. YELLOW WATTLED LAPWING (*vanellus malabaricus*)

Not seen in Nepal but 5 were watched beside the runway at Karachi Airport, Pakistan on 31st.

53. RED WATTLED LAPWING (*v. indicus*)

4 on 4th at Begnas Tal, 1 on 6th at the north end of Phewa Tal. All other sightings from the Rapti River, Sauraha: 2 on 17th, 3 on 18th, 2 on 19th, 5 on 20th

54. TEMMINCK'S STINT (*calidris temminckii*)

All sightings from the Rapti River, Sauraha: 47 on 17th, 40+ on 18th, 8 on 19th, 10+ on 20th. (The large numbers on the first two dates refer to roost flights of birds moving upstream)

SNIPE sp (*gallinago sp*)

1 on 4th at Begnas Tal

55. PINTAIL SNIPE (*gallinago stenura*)

3 singles were seen at Sauraha on 18th

56. CURLEW (*numenius arquata*)

1 was heard calling on 1st whilst descending Phulchowki

57. SPOTTED REDSHANK (*tringa erythropus*)

A summer plumaged bird was seen on 17th and 20th at Sauraha. On both occasions the bird was flying upstream

58. GREENSHANK (*t. nebularia*)

All sightings from the Rapti River, Sauraha: 26 on 17th, 6+ on 18th, 13 on 19th, 5+ on 20th

59. GREEN SANDPIPER (*t. ochropus*)

3 on 3rd at Begnas Tal, 1 at Phewa Tal on 6th, at Sauraha: 1 on 17th, 1 on 18th, 2 on 19th, 2 on 20th

60. COMMON SANDPIPER (*actitis hypoleucos*)

1 on 5th and 6th at Phewa Tal, 1 on the Kali Gandaki north of Kalopani on 11th. At Sauraha: 1 on 17th, 1 on 18th, 2 on 20th

61. GREAT BLACK HEADED GULL (*larus ichthyaetus*)

1 summer plumaged adult, followed by 2 3rd year birds and another single 3rd year bird flew upstream along the Rapti River at Sauraha on the evening of 17th

62. BLACK HEADED GULL (*l. ridibundus*)

1 first winter was seen at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on 3rd and 5th

63. GULL BILLED TERN (*gelochelidon nilotica*)

5 flew downstream along the Rapti River, Sauraha on 19th ahead of an impending storm. The following day a single bird was watched for a couple of hours at the same place.

64. RIVER TERN (*sterna aurantia*)

A single bird was patrolling the Rapti River, Sauraha on the morning of 20th

65. LITTLE TERN (*s. albifrons*)

A single bird on the Rapti River, Sauraha on 20th

66. WHISKERED TERN (*chlidonias hybridus*)

A summer plumaged individual was in the company of the Gull Billed and River Tern on the Rapti River, Sauraha on the morning of 20th

67. ROCK DOVE (*columa livia*)

40+ on 10th at both Tatopani and Kabre. 10+ on 12th and 13th near Jomosom

68. COLLARED DOVE (*streptopelia decaloccto*)

At Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: "few" on 17th, numerous on 18th and 19th, "few" on 20th

69. RED TURTLE DOVE (*s. tranquebarica*)

1 on 9th at Ghara was the only sighting away from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park, where: "numerous" on 17th, 18th and 19th with "few" on 20th

70. RUFUS TURTLE DOVE (*s. orientalis*)

2 on 1st, 2 on 3rd, 1 on 8th, 6+ on 9th, 4 on 14th, 10+ on 15th, 2 on 16th, 2+ on 20th (B)

71. SPOTTED DOVE (*s. chinensis*)

2 on 3rd at Mugling, 1 on 3rd, 2 on 5th, 1 on 6th, 2 on 7th, 2 on 8th, 2 on 10th, 1 on 14th, "many" on 17th, "numerous" on 19th, "few" on 20th

✓ 72. POMPADOUR GREEN PIGEON (*treron pompadora*)

Single sighting of 1 at Sauraha on 17th

73. RING NECKED PARAKEET (*psittacula krameri*)

1 on 1st and 2 on 2nd at Kathmandu. At Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: "abundant" on 17th, 18th, 19th with "many" on 20th

74. SLATY HEADED PARAKEET (*p. himalayana*)

40+ on 8th at Birethanti, 4+ on 9th, 1 male on 14th at Ghasa. A single at Sauraha on 19th

75. LARGE HAWK CUCKOO (*hierococyx sparrowoides*)

2 on 6th, 6+ on 8th, 5+ on 9th, 2+ on 10th, 5+ on 11th, 2+ on 13th, "nuymerous" on 15th, "many" on 18th, "few" on 19th, 1+ on 20th. Most refer to calling birds.

76. COMMON HAWK CUCKOO (*hierococyx varius*)

At Sauraha/Chitwan: "many" on 18th, "few" on 19th and 1+ pm 20th. Mostly refer to calling birds

77. INDIAN CUCKOO (*cuculus micropterus*)

First seen and heard at Sauraha but probably heard on the trek. At Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: "numerous" on 18th, "few" on 19th, 1+ on 20th

78. EURASIAN CUCKOO (*c. canorus*)

1 on 1st, 1 on 4th, 2 on 6th, 5+ on 7th, 6+ on 8th, 10+ on 9th, 1 on 10th, 1 on 11th, 1 on 13th, 3+ on 14th, 10+ on 15th, 1 on 16th

79. ORIENTAL CUCKOO (*c. saturatus*)

All records refer to calling birds: 2+ on 9th, 2 on 10th, 1 on 11th, 1 on 13th, 5+ on 15th

80. COMMON KOEL (*eudynamys scolopacea*)

A single sighting of a male at Sauraha on 18th

81. GREEN BILLED MALKHOA (*phaenicophaeus tristis*)

Two singles between Naudanda and Birethanti on 7th, with another single on 19th at Sauraha

82. GREATER COUCAL (*centropus sinensis*)

All records from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park where: 1 on 17th, 10+ on 18th, "few" on 19th

83. BROWN FISH OWL (*ketupa zeylonensis*)

Excellent views of a single bird within Chitwan National Park on 19th

84. COLLARED OWLET (*glaucidium brodiei*)

1 seen in woodland north of Ghasa on 13th

85. ASIAN BARRED OWLET (*g. cuculoides*)

2 on 5th at Pokhara. Singles thereafter on 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 15th

86. SPOTTED OWLET (*athene brama*)

Singles on 3rd, 5th and 6th at Pokhara

87. BROWN HAWK OWL (*strix leptogrammica*)

A single calling on 1st at Kathmandu

88. LARGE TAILED NIGHTJAR (*caprimulgus macrurus*)

A single bird seen during daylight within Chitwan National Park on 19th

89. HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET (*collocalia brevirostris*)

15+ on 14th over Ghara and 100+ on 15th below Ghorepani

90. SWIFT (*apus apus*)

1 on 31st over Kathmandu with 3 on 13th at Marpha

91. PACIFIC SWIFT (*a. pacificus*)

15+ on 7th, "several" on 9th and 3 on 10th

92. ALPINE SWIFT (*a. melba*)

2 on 6th at Sarangkot, 7 on 7th between Lumle and Birethanti, 2 on 14th, 2 on 17th (B), 2 on 20th (B)

93. LITTLE SWIFT (*a. affinis*)

3+ on 31st at Karachi Airport. 15+ on 1st, 100+ on 1st, "many" on 2nd and 3rd (B), "few" on 3rd at Pokhara. 5+ on 4th, 5+ on 5th, 10+ on 6th, 15+ on 7th, 100+ on 9th at Phalate. 4+ on 10th, 30+ on 13th, "few" on 14th, 2 on 15th, "few" on 16th, "many" on 17th, "many" on 19th, 5+ on 20th, 30+ on 21st

94. WHITE BREASTED KINGFISHER (*halcyon smyrnensis*)

1 on 3rd (B), 1 on 3rd, 5 on 4th, 3+ on 5th, "many" on 6th, 1 on 16th, 1 on 17th (B), "many" on 18th, 2+ on 19th

95. STORK BILLED KINGFISHER (*pelargopsis capensis*)

All records from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 1 on 17th, 5+ on 18th, 2 on 19th, 1 on 20th

96. KINGFISHER (*alcedo atthis*)

Singles on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 2 on 7th, singles on 8th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 3 on 18th, 2 on 19th

97. PIED KINGFISHER (*ceryle rudis*)

A single at Phewa Tal on 5th and another single on the Rapti River at Sauraha on 19th

98. CRESTED KINGFISHER (*c. lugubris*)

A single sighting of a solitary bird on the 8th at Birethanti

99. BLUE BEARDED BEE-EATER (*nyctyornis athertoni*)

A single bird at Sauraha on 17th

100. GREEN BEE-EATER (*merops orientalis*)

1 on 31st at Karachi, 1 on 3rd (B). All other sightings from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 6+ on 17th, 10+ on 18th, 5+ on 19th, 1 on 20th with 2 on 20th (B)

101. BLUE TAILED BEE-EATER (*m. philippinus*)

All sightings at Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 2 on 17th, 7+ on 18th, 5 on 19th

102. CHESTNUT HEADED BEE-EATER (*m. leschenaulti*)

1 on 3rd at Pokhara with 1 on 17th at Sauraha

103. INDIAN ROLLER (*coracias benghalensis*)

1 on 31st at Karachi, 3 on 3rd, 2 on 4th, 1 on 5th, 5+ on 6th, 3 on 17th, 10+ on 18th, 1 on 20th

104. HOOPOE (*upupa epops*)

All at Pokhara: 1 on 3rd, 2 on 5th, 1 on 6th

105. GREAT HIMALAYAN BARBET (*megalaima virens*)

3 on 6th below Sarangkot, 1 on 7th, 1 on 8th, 3 on 16th at Chandrakot

106. BLUE THROATED BARBET (*m. asiatica*)

Singles on 3rd and 4th, "several" on 5th, "many" on 6th, "several" on 7th, "few" on 14th

107. COPPERSMITH BARBET (*m. haemacephala*)

Two sightings at Pokhara: 2 on 3rd, 1 on 6th

YELLOW NAPED WOODPECKER sp (*picus* sp)

1 on 17th at Sauraha, seen in flight across the Rapti River

108. LARGE SCALY-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*picus squamatus*)

2 males seen, both on 15th with one in the rhododendron forest north of Ghorepani, the other at Ulleri

109. THREE TOED GOLDEN BACK (*dinopium shorii*)

At Sauraha single males on the 18th and 19th

110. LESSER GOLDENBACK (*d. benghalense*)

Sightings from Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: "several" on 18th and 5+ on 19th

111. FULVOUS BREASTED WOODPECKER (*d. cathpharius*)

A pair on 18th at Sauraha

112. RUFOUS BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*d. hyperythrus*)

Two sightings: a male on 9th north of Chitre and on 15th another male north of Ghorepani in the rhododendron forest

PYGMY WOODPECKER sp (*d. sp*)

1 on 19th in the Chitwan National Park

113. BENGAL BUSHLARK (*miraфра assamica*)

"several" on 18th at Sauraha

114. SANDLARK (*calandrella raytal*)

5+ on 17th at Sauraha

115. ORIENTAL SKYLARK (*alavda gulgula*)

At Sauraha: 1 on 17th, 3+ on 18th

116. BROWN THROATED SAND MARTIN (*Riparia paludicola*)

10+ on 4th near Pokhara, 5+ on 5th at PhewasTal with 2 on 6th. A single on 14th over fields at Ghasa. "Numerous" between the 17th and 20th on the Rapti River at Sauraha

117. CRAG MARTIN (*ptyonoprogne rupestris*)

Single sighting of 30+ in the Jomosom vicinity on 12th

118. SWALLOW (*hirundo rustica*)

"Numerous" on 31st, "few" on 4th - 6th, "numerous" on 7th, "many" on 16th and 17th, "abundant" on 18th and 19th

119. RED RUMPED SWALLOW (*h. davrica*)

2 on 31st, on 3rd "many" seen from the bus with a single at Pokhara, 5+ on 4th, 25+ on 5th, "few" on 6th, 10+ on 7th, 2 on 9th, 15+ on 14th, 10+ on 16th, "many" seen from the bus on both 17th and 20th

120. ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN (*delichori dasypus*)

A single flock of 100+ on 13th north of Ghasa

HOUSE MARTIN sp (d. sp)

A flock of 50+ near Lete on 11th were probably the flock of Asian House Martins seen nearby on 13th

121. RICHARDS PIPIT (anthus novaeseelandiae)

2 on 3rd at Pokhara 5+ on 4th between Pokhara and Begnas Tal, 10+ on 6th at Sauraha, 1 on 17th, 5+ on 18th and 2 on 20th

122. WATER PIPIT (a. spinoletta)

Seen only at Sauraha where: 1 on 17th, 1 on 18th and 2 on 20th

123. OLIVE BACKED PIPIT (a. hodgsorii)

2 on 1st, 6 on 3rd, 1+ on 4th, 10+ on 5th, "numerous" on 6th and 7th, 10+ on 8th, "many" on 9th, 10+ on 10th, 11th and 14th, "few" on 15th, 20+ on 16th, 1 on 19th

124. CITRINE WAGTAIL (motacilla citreola)

A male at Begnas Tal on 4th was the only sighting

125. GREY WAGTAIL (m. cinerea)

2 on 31st, 1 on 3rd, 6 on 7th, "many" on 8th, "common" on 9th, 10th and 11th, "few" on 12th and 13th, 5+ on 14th, "few" on 15th and 16th, a single on 18th

126. PIED WAGTAIL (m. alba)

m.a. alba: 1 on 31st, 1 on 3rd, 2 on 4th, 1 on 5th, 5+ on 6th
m.a. alboides: seen only on the Kali Gardaki above Kalopani with 10+ on 11th, "several" on 12th, "few" on 13th and 2+ on 14th

127. LARGE PIED WAGTAIL (m. maderaspatensis)

1 on the bus journey on 3rd, otherwise at Sauraha: 2 on 17th, 5+ on 18th, 1 on 19th were seen on banks in the Rapti River

128. BLACK HEADED CUCKOO-SHRIKE (coracina melaroptera)

2 males on 18th at Sauraha

129. DARK CUCKOO-SHRIKE (c. melaschistos)

A single sighting on 8th between Tirkedhunge and Ulleri

130. LARGE CUCKOO-SHRIKE (c. novaehollandiae)

On 6th, 3 at Pokhara and 1 at Sarangkot. Singles on 7th and 9th and 5+ on 18th at Sauraha

131. SCARLET MINIVET (pericrocotus flammeus)

Single sighting of a pair between Naudanda and Kaare on 7th

132. SHORT BILLED MINIVET (p. brevirostris)

On 8th a pair between Tirkedhunge and Ulleri

Unobtainable species

133. LONG TAILED MINIVET (p. ethologus)

On 1st a pair on Phulchowki. A pair at Ghorepani on 9th and a pair north of Ghasa on 13th

134. RED WHISKERED BULBUL (phyconotus jocosus)

Seen only at Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 2 on 17th, 2+ on 18th, 2 on 19th

135. WHITE CHEEKED BULBUL (p. leucogenys)

1 on 31st at Karachi Airport. In Nepal: 1 on 1st, 2 on 3rd, 10+ on 6th, 2 on 7th, 10+ on 8th, "many" on 9th, "abundant" on 10th, "few" on 11th, 15+ on 14th, "several" on 20th

136. RED VENTED BULBUL (p. cafer)

1 on 31st at Karachi Airport. In Nepal: 10+ on 31st, w on 1st, "few" on 2nd and 3rd, "numerous" on 6th and 7th, 2+ on 8th, "numerous" from 17th - 19th with a "few" on 20th

137. GREY BULBUL (hypsipetes madagascariensis)

Seen only on the trek with: 10+ on 8th, "many" on 9th, "numerous" on 10th and 11th, "few" on 13th, 15+ on 14th, "many" on 15th and "few" on 16th

138. COMMON IORA (aegithina tiphia)

Seen only at Sauraha: A male on 18th and 4+ on 19th

139. BROWN DIPPER (cinclus pallasii)

A pair at Birethanti on 8th and 9th

140. RUFIOUS BREASTED ACCENTOR (prunella strophiatea)

A single bird north of Ghasa on 13th

141. BROWN ACCENTOR (p. fulvescens)

On 12th: 2 between Marpha and Jomosom with 1 at Jomosom and 2 on 13th at Marpha

142. ROBIN ACCENTOR (p. rubeculoides)

On 12th: 5 at Marpha with 1 at Jomosom and 1 on 13th at Marpha

143. SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT (luscinia callipe)

A stunning male on 5th at Pokhara was feeding in the orchard as the Two Barred Greenish Warbler

144. ASIAN MAGPIE ROBIN (copsychus saularis)

Rather common in suburbs and villages: 35+ on 31st, 6 on 1st, "few" daily from 2nd to 5th, "many" on 6th and 7th, 1 on 16th, 2 on 17th, "numerous" on 18th with "many" on 19th and 5+ on 20th

145. WHITE RUMPED SHAMA (c. malabaricus)

Seen only within Chitwan National Park: 3 calling on 18th and 5+ on 19th

146. BLACK REDSTART (*phoenicurus ochruros*)

Pair at Jomosom on 12th. Elsewhere seen only at Sauraha where: 1 male 2 females on 1st, pair on 19th and a single male on 20th

147. PLUMBEOUS REDSTART (*rhyacornis fuliginosus*)

2 pairs on 1st at Godaveri, 1 pair on 4th, 10+ on 7th, 2 on 8th, 2+ on 10th, 2 on 13th, 5+ on 14th and "numerous" on 15th

148. STONECHAT (*saxicola torquata*)

2 males 1 female on 6th, 2 males on 7th, 5+ on 9th, 1 on 11th, 5+ on 12th, a pair on 14th, 1 male on 16th and 10+ on 18th and 19th

149. PIED BUSHCHAT (*s. caprata*)

A pair on 31st, "several" seen from the bus and 3 at Pokhara on 3rd, 10+ on 4th, 1 on 5th, "numerous" on 6th, then none until 1 on 16th, "many" seen from the bus on 17th with 1 on 19th and 2+ from the bus on 20th

150. GREY BUSHCHAT (*s. ferrea*)

Majority of birds seen were males: 1 on 1st, 3 on 8th, 10+ on 9th, 2 on 10th, 1 on 11th, 3 on 13th, 5+ on 14th and 15th with a pair on 18th

151. WHITE CAPPED RIVERCHAT (*thamnota leucocephala*)

At Birethant 2 on 7th and a single on 8th. Elsewhere 3 on 10th, and 1 on 14th

152. BLUE HEADED ROCK THRUSH (*monticola cinclorhyncha*)

A female on 7th north of Lumle. A pair between Tirkedhunge and Ulleri on 8th. Single males on 9th between Ghasa and Tatopani and at Kaare on 16th

153. BLUE ROCK THRUSH (*m. solitarius*)

A single sighting of a female near the hot springs at Tatopani on 10th

154. BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH (*myiophoneus caeruleus*)

1 on 3rd and 2 on 5th at Pokhara. 3 on 6th and 7th with "many" daily between 8th and 11th. 5+ on 13th, 15+ on 14th, "numerous" on 15th

155. ORANGE HEADED GROUND THRUSH (*zoothera citrina*)

2 on 19th within Chitwan National Park

156. TICKELL'S THRUSH (*turdus unicolor*)

A female between Naudanda and Kaare on 17th and 2 males, 1 female at Kaare on 16th

157. GREY WINGED BLACKBIRD (*t. boulboul*)

At Kaare a pair on 7th and a single male on 16th

158. LITTLE FORKTAIL (*enicurus scouleri*)

At Birethanti a single bird on both 7th and 8th. Also on 8th one between Banthati and Nayathanti

159. SPOTTED FORKTAIL (*e. machulatus*)

On 7th, 1 between Lumle and Chandrakot and 2 at Birethanti. Thereafter singles at Birethanti on 8th, Chitre on 9th and at Tatopani on 10th

160. ABBERANT BUSH WARBLER (*cettia flavolivacea*)

2 on 5th at Pokhara. Heard almost daily on the early and latter stages of the trek

161. ZITTING CISTICOLA (*cisticola juncidis*)

Within Chitwan National Park: 3+ on 18th and 2+ on 19th

162. HODGSON'S PRINIA (*prinia hodgsonii*)

At Sauraha/Chitwan National Park 10+ on 18th

163. TAILORBIRD (*orthontoruu sutoriis*)

1 on 4th, 3+ on 5th, 4 on 6th, 2 on 16th, "few" on 18th, 5÷ on 19th, 1 on 21st

164. BLYTHS REED WARBLER (*acrocephalus dumetorum*)

On 5th a single at Pokhara

165. YELLOW EYED WARBLER (*seicercus burkii*)

1 in forest between Banthati and Nayathanti

166. CHESTNUT CROWNED WARBLER (*s. castariceps*)

Seen only on 8th when 2 in a mixed warbler, tit babbler and tit group at Banthati

167. CROWNED LEAF WARBLER (*phylloscopus reguloides*)

"numerous" on 11th and "several" on 13th north of Ghasa with a single bird on 15th at Ghorepani

168. LARGE CROWNED LEAF WARBLER (*p. occipitalis*)

Single birds at Phulchowki on 1st and on 15th at Ghorepani

169. GREENISH WARBLER (*p. trochiloides*)

10+ on 5th and 5+ on 6th at Pokhara, 1 on 7th, 5+ on 8th, "few" on 9th, 2 at Jomosom on 12th, "numerous" on 15th

170. TWO BARRED GREENISH WARBLER (*p. plumbeitarsus*)

On 5th a bird was seen in an orchard at Pokhara together with a single Greenish Warbler. First record for Nepal.

171. GREY FACED WARBLER (*p. maculipennis*)

7 on 5th at Ghorepani was the only sighting.

172. PALLAS'S WARBLER (*p. proregulus*)

Sightings were clustered around the Ghorepani vicinity with 15+ on 8th north of Banthati, "many" on 9th and 5+ on 15th down to Ulleri

173. YELLOW BROWED WARBLER (*p. inornatus*)

5+ on 1st at Phulchowki, 1 on 3rd, 10+ on 6th, "numerous" on 7th, "many" on 8th and 9th and a "few" on 15th

174. GREY HOODED WARBLER (*seicercus xanthoschistos*)

4 on 1st, 1 on 7th, 3 on 8th, 10+ on 9th and 10th, "numerous" on 11th and 13th, "many" on 14th with a "few" on both 15th and 16th

175. TICKELL'S WARBLER (*phylloscopus affinis*)

Seen only in Jomosom vicinity: 6+ on 12th and 3+ on 13th

176. CHIFF-CHAFF (*p. collybita*)

2 on 8th, 3+ at Ghasa on 11th and 1 at Jomosom on 12th

177. GOLDCREST (*regulus regulus*)

2+ between Banthati and Ghorepani on 8th

178. SMALL NILTAVA (*niltava macgrigoriae*)

A single male between Tirkedhunge and Ulleri on 8th

179. BEAUTIFUL NILTAVA (*n. sundara*)

A single male on 11th north of Ghasa

180. BLUE THROATED BLUE FLYCATCHER (*cyornis rubeculoides*)

One at Hille on 8th

181. VERDITTER FLYCATCHER (*musciapa thalassina*)

1 on 1st, 7th, 8th, 10+ on 9th, 5+ on 11th, 2 on 13th and 5+ on 15th

182. ULTRAMARINE FLYCATCHER (*ficedula superciliaris*)

Single males on 1st at Phulchowki and 9th at Ghorepani

183. ORANGE GORGETTED FLYCATCHER (*f. strophata*)

A male at Phulchowki on 1st, pairs on 8th at Nayathanti and 9th at Ghorepani with a male at Ghorepani on 15th

184. RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*f. parva*)

Several males on 5th and 2 on 6th at Pokhara with one male at Chitwan on 19th

185. GREY-HEADED FLYCATCHER (*culicicapa ceylonensis*)

2 on 8th, 1 on 10th, 2 on 13th, 15th and 16th

186. YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL (*hipidura hypoxantha*)

2 on Phulchowki on 1st, 1 at Ghorepani on 9th, 1 on 13th north of Ghasa and a single on 14th

187. WHITE THROATED FANTAIL (*r. albicollis*)

1 on 19th at Chitwan National Park

188. ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER (*tersiphone paradisi*)

Seen only at Sauraha/Chitwan National Park where: 5+ males and 3+ females on 18th with 10+ on 19th

189. BLACK NAPED MONARCH (*hypothymis azurea*)

A pair at Sauraha on 18th with a male in Chitwan National Park the following day

190. SPOTTED BABBLER (*pellorneum ruficeps*)

A single bird on 19th within Chitwan National Park

191. YELLOW BREASTED RABBLER (*macronous gularis*)

5+ on 19th with Chitwan National Park

192. JUNGLE BABBLER (*turdoides striatus*)

Seen only at Sauraha/Chitwan National Park: 10+ on 17th, "many" on 18th and 1 on 19th

193. WHITE THROATED LAUGHING THRUSH (*garrulax albogularis*)

4 between Kaare and Lumle on 7th

194. WHITE CRESTED LAUGHING THRUSH (*f. leucolophus*)

1 on 16th near Kaare

195. STREAKED LAUGHING THRUSH (*g. lineatus*)

2 on 8th at Ulleri, 1 on 16th at Kaare and 2 north of Ghasa on 13th

196. RED-BILLED LEOTHRIX (*leothrix lutea*)

On 13th 1 north of Ghasa and 3 at Lumle on 16th

197. BAR THROATED MINLA (*minla strigula*)

198. RUFOUS-WINGED FULVETTA (*alcippe castareiceps*)

Singles on 1st at Phulchowki and at Banthati on 8th

199. WHITE-BROWED FULVETTA (*a. vinipectus*)

Single record of 10+ on 1st on Phulchowki

200. BLACK CAPPED SIBIA (*heterophasia capistrata*)

3 on 1st, then 10+ on 8th, "many" on 9th, a single on 11th, "several" on 13th, 5+ on 14th with a "few" on 15th

201. YELLOW NAPPED YUHINA (*yuhina flavicollis*)

Seen only north of Ghasa with 3 birds in the same area on both 11th and 13th

202. WHITE BELLIED YUHINA (*y. zantholeuca*)

1 on 15th in the rhododendron forest north of Ghorepani

203. FIRE CAPPED TIT (*cephalopyrus flammiceps*)

A pair on 11th alighted on a dead tree beside the track north of Ghasa

204. RED HEADED TIT (*aegithalos concinnus*)

Seen on the trek as follows:- 3 on 7th, 1 on 8th, 10+ on 10th, "few" on 11th, 2 on 13th, "few" on 14th, "many" on 15th

205. SIKKIM BLACK TIT (*parus rubidiventris*)

2 on 15th in the rhododendron forest north of Ghorepani

206. GREY TIT (*p. major*)

2 on 3rd, 4 on 7th, 10+ on 18th and "many" on 19th

207. GREEN BACKED TIT (*p. mariticolus*)

4 on 7th, 1 on 8th, "several" on both 9th and 10th with a "few" on 11th, 1 on 12th, "many" on 13th and 14th, 5+ on 15th and a "few" on 16th

208. YELLOW CHEEKED TIT (*p. xanthogenys*)

1 on 1st, 5+ on 6th, 2 on 7th, "many" on 8th, "few" on 9th, singles on both 14th and 16th

209. VELVET FRONTED NUTHATCH (*sitta frontalis*)

1 on 6th below Sarngkot and 4+ on 19th within Chitwan National Park

210. WHITE TAILED NUTHATCH (*s. himalayensis*)

1 on 15th at Banthati

211. CHESTNUT BELLIED NUTHATCH (*s. castanea*)

2 on 1st at Phulchowki, 2 on 8th between Birethanti and Hille, 1 on 11th to the north of Ghasa, with 2 in the same area on 13th

212. NEPAL TREECREEPER (*certhia nipalensis*)

On 9th the species could be described as "numerous" within the rhododendron forest to the north of Ghorepani

213. PURPLE SUNBIRD (*nectarinia asiatica*)

A male at Mugling on 3rd, on 10th a female at Dana with a pair on 14th at Ghasa, 3 on 18th and 1 pair on 19th at Sauraha

214. MRS. GOULD'S SUNBIRD (*aethopyga gooldiae*)

A pair on Phulchowki on 1st

215. NEPAL SUNBIRD (*a. nipalensis*)

A single male to the north of Ghasa on both 11th and 13th

216. BLACK BREASTED SUNBIRD (*a. saturata*)

A male beside the bridge at Tirkedhunge on 8th

217. SCARLET BREASTED SUNBIRD (*a. siparaja*)

A male at Hille on 8th

218. YELLOW BELLIED FLOWERPECKER (*dicaeum melanoxanthum*)

X A female on 14th to the north of Bholebas

219. FIRE BREASTED FLOWERPECKER (*d. ignipectus*)

A male at Godaveri on 1st

220. WHITEEYE (*zosterops palpebrosa*)

1 on 31st, 2 on 1st, 2nd and 5th, 1 on 6th, 2 on 18th, 5+ on 19th and 1 on 20th

221. BLACK HEADED ORIOLE (*oriolus xanthornus*)

Seen only at Sauraha/Chitwan: 2 males on 17th, 10+ on 18th, 5+ on 19th

222. GOLDEN ORIOLE (*o. oriolus*)

2 on 3rd and 1 on 6th at Pokhara, 3+ on 7th, 2 calling at Dana on 14th. At Sauraha/Chitwan: 5 on 17th, 25+ on 18th, 10+ on 19th

223. BAY BACKED SHRIKE (*lanius bittatus*)

1 at Karachi Airport on 31st

224. BLACK HEADED SHRIKE (*l. schach*)

l.s. tricolor: 3 on 31st, 1 on 3rd, 2 on 6th, 5 on 7th, 10+ on 9th, 1 on 12th, 2 seen on 14th, 17th - 19th

l.s. erythranotus: 1 at Marpha on 12th

225. GREY BACKED SHRIKE (*l. tephranotus*)

1 on 2nd in central Kathmandu with 2 on 12th and 1 on 13th at Marpha

226. BLACK DRONGO (*dicrurus macrocercus*)

12 on 31st, "few" on 3rd, 10+ on 4th, 5+ on 5th, "many" on 6th and 7th

227. ASHY DRONGO (*d. leucophaeus*)

5 seen from the bus on 3rd and a single also on 3rd at Pokhara

228. LITTLE BRONZED DRONGO (*d. aeneus*)

5+ on 8th between Birethanti and Hille

229. HAIR CRESTED DRONGO (*d. hottentottus*)

2 on 6th at Pokhara and 2 on 8th between Birethanti and Hille

230. ASHY WOODSWALLOW (*artamus fuscus*)

1 at Sauraha on 18th

231. YELLOW BILLED BLUE MAGPIE (*urocissa flavirostris*)

3 to the south of Ghorepani on 8th

232. RED BILLED BLUE MAGPIE (*u. erythrorhyncha*)

5 on 1st at Godaveri and 4 between Birethanti and Hille on 8th

233. INDIAN TREEPIE (*dendrocitta vagabunda*)

2 on 5th and 6th at Pokhara. At Sauraha /Chitwan: 2 on 17th, 20+ on 18th, "many" on 19th

234. HIMALAYAN TREEPIE (*d. formosae*)

6+ on 6th, 2 on 7th and 7 on 16th

235. CHOUGH (*pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*)

30+ on 12th at Marpha and 15+ from Jomosom to Tukuche on 13th

236. HOUSE CROW (*corvus splendens*)

10+ on 31st at Karachi. Extremely numerous between 31st and 6th with 250+ at Pokhara on 3rd. None until a "few" on 17th and 18th with 5+ on 20th

237. JUNGLE CROW (*c. macrorhynchos*)

"Few" on 1st, with the species numerous between 3rd and 7th with lesser numbers between 8th and 11th. 10+ on 13th, 5+ on 14th and numerous between 15th and 20th

238. RAVEN (*c. corax*)

On 11th, 2 at Ghasa and 3 between Marpha and Jomosom on 12th

239. CHESTNUT TAILED STARLING (*sturnus malabaricus*)

2 on 2nd, 10+ on 3rd, 2 on 5th, "few" on 6th, 2 on 7th and 9th with 10+ on 17th and "numerous" on 18th and 19th

240. ASIAN PIED STARLING (*s. contra*)

Seen at Sauraha/Chitwan: 20+ on 17th, "numerous" on 18th, 19th with a "few" on 20th

241. COMMON MYNAH (*acridotheres tristis*)

5+ at Karachi on 31st, "numerous" between 31st and 9th, 2 on 10th, 5+ on 14th and 15th. Then "numerous" again from 17th to 21st

242. JUNGLE MYNAH (*a. fuscus*)

"numerous" between 31st and 6th then none until 17th - 20th when again "numerous"

243. HOUSE SPARROW (*passer domesticus*)

Abundant: 31st to 7th and 17th to 20th

244. CINAMMON SPARROW (*p. rutilans*)

A pair on 8th, "several" on 9th, "few" on 11th, a male on 14th and a "few" on 15th

245. TREE SPARROW (*p. montanus*)

5+ on 31st, "abundant" from 3rd to 7th, "few" on 8th, "common" on 9th, "few" on 11th, "abundant" 12th and 13th, then a "few" from 14th to 16th

246. BAYA WEAVER (*ploceus philippinus*)

20+ on 17th at Sauraha

247. RED AVADAVAT (*amandava amandava*)

15+ on 19th within Chitwan

248. SPOTTED MUNIA (*lanchura punctulata*)

Seen Sauraha/Chitwan: 4 on 17th and a male on 18th

249. RED FRONTED SERIN (*serinus pusillus*)

A single flock seen in allotments at Marpha with 19 on 12th and 26 on 13th

250. HIMALAYAN GOLDFINCH (*carduella spinoides*)

100+ on 14th near Ghasa and 2 at Ulleri on 15th

251. RED HEADED BULLFINCH (*pyrrhula erythrocephala*)

4 at Banthati on 8th

252. COMMON ROSEFINCH (*carpodacus erythrinus*)

A female at Pokhara on 5th, 20+ at Ghorepani on 9th, 2 males on 14th at Dana, with "many" at Ghorepani and 15+ at Lumle on 16th

253. BEAUTIFUL ROSEFINCH (*c. pulcherrimus*)

2 females on 11th were beside the Kali Gandaka to the north of Kalopani. On 12th a male and 4 females were feeding in allotments at Marpha and also on 12th a female was at Jomosom

254. BLACK FACED BUNTING (*emberiza spodocephala*)

3 males and 2 females on 5th with 1 male on 6th beside Phewa Tal, Pokhara

255. ROCK BUNTING (*e. cia*)

Seen on the trek from Ghasa onwards with 6+ at Ghasa on 11th and numerous on both 12th and 13th

256. YELLOW BREASTED BUNTING (*e. aureola*)

1 male between Pokhara and Begnas Tal on 4th and 2 males between Pokhara and Sarangkot on 6th

257. CRESTED BUNTING (*melophus lathami*)

Males observed on 3 occasions: 1 on 9th between Chitre and Phalante, 1 on 14th near Ghara and 1 on 20th seen from the bus

TWO BARRED GREENISH WARBLER (*phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*)

Orchards beside Phewa Tal, Pokhara: 0800 - 0845 - 5th April, 1988.

Size, shape and general jizz as Greenish Warbler (*p. trochilloides*). Generally olive grey above and off white below, with yellowish wash around upper breast and throat.

Supercillum long and prominent extending almost onto the nape - broadening behind the eye.

Noticeable double wing bars. The lower wing bar very prominent, the upper wing bar shorter but still prominent and thinner than the lower. Tertiary secondaries noticeably pale edged.

Not seen to respond to nearby singing and calling of Greenish warbler (*p. trochilloides*) by which it was once chased off.

Legs dark

MAMMALS

RHESUS MONKEY 6+ beside the river to the north of Birethanti on 8th
1 at Chitwan on 18th

LANGUR MONKEY 1 in woodland to the north of Ghasa on 11th

FRUIT BAT a colony of 40+ on 2nd near the Royal Palace, Kathmandu

YAK a herd of 50+ feeding on the hills above Kalopani on 13th

RHINO 3 on 18th, 2 plus female and calf on 19th, 2 on 20th all within
Chitwan itself

BARKING DEER 2 on 18th within Chitwan

SPOTTED DEER "few" on 19th within Chitwan

MONGOOSE 2 on 18th near Sauraha

SQUIRREL sp 1 on 18th near Sauraha