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This is not a full report, but because of short time I have only mentioned the most interesting observations according to the book : Carol and Tim Inskipp : A guide to the Birds of Nepal (1985).

P.S.H. and Henny Niebuhr made this trip :

6/2-7/2 : Kathmandu (Gokarna forest)

8/2 : By bus : Kathmandu-Pokhara

9/2 : Pokhara (forests around Phewa Tal, especially near hotel "Fishtail Lodge")

10/2 : Flying: Pokhara-Jomosom. Walking to Kagbeni.

11/2-22/2: Kagbeni-Pokhara (via Birethanti and Suikhet)

22/2-26/2: Pokhara (forests and marshes around Phewa tal, near the town)

27/2 : By bus to the Royal National Park Chitwan at Sauraha.

28/2-1/3: Chitwan National Park

2/3- 6/3: Kathmandu (Gokarna forest, Temple forest, ^{BAGMATI} Rapti River, Phulcoki.

- GADWALL (*Anas strepera*):
29/2 5 Chitwan, 1/3 2 Chitwan
- MALLARD (*Anas platyrhynchos*):
23/2 325 Phewa Tal
- GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE (*Aquila clanga*):
7/2 5-6 Gokarna forest, 26/2 1 Pokhara
- GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
15/2 2 in possibly breeding area near Ghasa
- CRESTED GOSHAWK (*Accipiter trivirgatus*):
20/2 1 Birethanti
- KALIJ PHEASANT (*Lophura leucomelana*)
19/2 1 male just north of Ulleri, (Ssp. leucomelana)
24/2 1 male forest east of Pokhara
- WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*)
24/2 1 near "Fishtail Lodge", Pokhara
- BRONZE-WINGED JACANA (*Metopidius indicus*)
23/2 1 Phewa Tal near Pokhara
- HILL PIGEON (*Columba rupestris*)
11/2 100 Kagbeni
- TAWNY OWL (*Strix aluco*)
13/2 1 Kalo Pani
- GOLDEN-THROATED BARBET (*Megalaima franklinii*):
5/3 2 sing. Phulcoki, Kathmandu
- SPECKLED PICULET (*Picumnus innominatus*):
14/2 1 Ghasa, 21/2 1 between Birethanti and Chandrakot
- LESSER YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER (*Picus chlorolophus*):
28/2 1 Chitwan, 4/3 1 Gokarna forest
- GREATER YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER (*Picus flavinucha*):
24/2 and 25/2 1 near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal.

- DARJEELING PIED WOODPECKER (*Dendrocopos darjellensis*):
18/2 1 female just north of Ghorapani in the forest.
This individual was typical in size, rusty-buffish underparts, heavily streaked breast and underparts, orangy-yellow patch on side of neck, headmarkings etc. but it was completely without white shoulder patches (I have slides of this individual). Can you explain this ?
- BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica gutturalis*)
26/2 1 with lo rustica in Pokhara. The wide black breastband^a was broken by several red spots.
- ASIAN HOUSE-MARTIN (*Delichon dasypus*):
14/2 5 between Kalo Pani and Ghasa.
17/2 20 - Tatopani and Shika
- ROSY PIPIT (*Anthus roseatus*):
23/2 25-30 in marches of Phewa Tal, Pokhara
29/2 3 Chitwan
1/3 2 -
- WHITE WAGTAIL (*Motacilla alba*):
Ssp. *M.a. personata* :
7/2 1 Gokarna Forest
25/2 1 Pokhara
29/2 1 Chitwan
1/3 15 -
6/3 1 Bagmati river, Kathmandu
Ssp. *M.a. baicalensis*
26/2 1 Pokhara
27/2 1 Chitwan
6/3 1 Bagmati river, Kathmandu
Only birds in full breeding plumage mentioned
- SHORT-BILLED MINIVET (*Pericocrotus brevirostris*):
24/2 10-12 Forest near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal, Pokhara
25/2 4 - - - - -
- ASHY BULBUL (*Hypsipetes flavalus*):
24/2 8-10 Forest near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal, Pokhara
- RUFOUS-BACKED (Eversmann's) REDSTART (*Phoenicurus erythronotus*):
13/2 1 male 1-2 km north of Kalo Pani
- CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK-THRUSH (*Monticola rufiventris*):
15/2 1 male above Ghasa, 24/2 and 25/2 1 male Pokhara in forest near "Fishtail Lodge", 5/3 9-10 sing. near the top of Phulcoki, Kathmandu.
- THICK-BILLED WARBLER (*Acrocephalus aedon*):
29/2 1 calling and seen very well (tape-recorded) Chitwan.
- BLACK-FACED WARBLER (*Abroscopus schisticeps*):
18/2 3 between Shika and Ghorapani, 19/2 7 Ghorapani - Ulleri
- WESTERN CROWNED WARBLER (*Phylloscopus occipitalis*):
6/3 2 sing. Temple forest (Gaucher forest), Kathmandu.
Seen very well for a long time, and taperecorded.
(Blyth's Crowned Warbler is much more common everywhere)
- STOLICZKA'S TIT-WARBLER (*Leptopoecile sophiae*):
11/2 3 Kagbeni - Jomosom
4 east of Jomosom
12/2 5 - - -
1 Jomosom - Marpha
13/2 3 Larjung - Kalo Pani
- WHITE-BROWED SCIMITAR-BABBLER (*Pomatorhinus schisticeps*):
24/2 3 calling very loud near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal, Pokhara. (Taperecorded).

- STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR-BABBLER (*Pomatorhinus ruficollis*):
14/2 and 15/2 4-5 Ghasa
- BLACK-THROATED PARROTBILL (*Paradoxornis nipalensis nipalensis*):
16/2 20-25 in one flock just south of Ghasa
- VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH (*Sitta frontalis*):
Breeding-record : 1 pair nest-building just west of
Suikhet 22/2.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLOWERPECKER (*Dicaeum melanoxanthum*):
4/3 2 Gokarna forest, Kathmandu
- LESSER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO (*Dicrurus remifer*):
24/2-25/2 1 in the forest near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal
- SPANGLED DRONGO (*Dicrurus hottentottus*):
24/2-25/2 4 in the forest near "Fishtail Lodge", Phewa Tal
- RED-FRONTED SERIN (*Serinus pusillus*):
12/2 4 just north of Tukuche
- DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH (*Carpodacus nipalensis*):
5/3 1 male Phulcoki, Kathmandu
- SPOT-WINGED ROSEFINCH (*Carpodacus rhodopeplus*):
14/2 3 male + 5 female Ghasa
15/2 1 - + 5 - -
19/2 1 female Ghorapani - Ulleri
- WHITE-BROWED ROSEFINCH (*Carpodacus thura*):
20/2 1 male + 1 female, just south of Ulleri
- CRIMSON-EARED ROSEFINCH (*Carpodacus rubicilloides*):
12/2 7 male + 4 female in the fields east of Jomosom
- RED-HEADED BULLFINCH (*Pyrrhula erythrocephala*):
19/2 1 Ghorapani
- CRESTED BUNTING (*Melophus lathami*):
27/2 2 Chitwan
29/2 4 -
- INTERMEDIATE EGRET (*Egretta intermedia*):
23/2 4 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
26/2 1 - - -
- GREAT EGRET (*Egretta alba*):
22/2 1 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
23/2 3 - - -



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