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ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRD SPECIES SEEN IN THE ANNAPURNA CONSERVATION AREA

(Lumle-Ghandruk-Tadapani-Kuldi Ghar) 3rd - 12th January 1988

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Introduction

The following list is a result of casual observations made whilst undertaking other business in the area. No systematic searches were made. Only species identified without doubt are included. Many others were seen and not positively identified. Thus this is not intended to be a comprehensive list of the region's avifauna.

Black Kite Milvus migrans Common throughout the area.

Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos Single adult near Ghandruk 3.1.88

Steppe Eagle

A. nipalensis

Single adult between Chhomrong and Ghandruk 10.1.88

Eurasian Griffon Gypus fulvus Single adult between Chnomrong and Ghandruk 10.1.88

Himalayan Griffon G. himalayensis

Apparantly quite abundant throughout the area. Seen each day. Maximum of 12 seen together at feeding site north of Chhomrong 8.1.88

Lammergeier

Gypaetus barbatus

Between one and four sightings daily of adults and immatures between Lumle and Kuldi Ghar.

Black Vulture Torgus calvus Single bird near Ghandruk 10.1.88

Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus Small numbers (maximum of four per day) between Lumle and Ghandruk.

Lesser Kestrel Falco naumanni

Single males seen on 3.1.88 at Chandrakot, 10.1.88 at Ghandruk and 12.1.88 at Chandrakot.

Kestrel F. tinnunculus

Small number seen between Lumle and Ghandruk.

Snow Pigeon Columba leuconota One seen feeding in field near Chhomrong 10.1.88

Speckled Wood Pigeon C. hodgsonii

One at Chhomrong 7.1.88

Slaty-headed Parakeet Psittacula himalayana

Great Himalayan Barbet Megalaima virens

Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker Dendrocopos darjellensis

Common Myna Acridotheres tristis

Black-throated Jay Garrulus glandarius

Cissa flavirostris

Raven Corvus corax

Pericrocotus ethologus

White-cheeked Bulbul Pycnonotus jocosus

Grey Bulbul Hypsipetes madagascariensis

White-throated Laughing Thrush Garrulax albogularis

Nepal Cutia Cutia nipalensis

Hoary Barwing Actinodura nipalensis

Bar-throated Minla Minla strigula

Stripe-throated Yuhina Yuhina gularis

Rufous-vented Yuhina Y. occipitalis

Two large flocks; one of 60-80 2km south of Ghandruk 4.1.88 and one of 40-50 1km north of Chhomrong 7.1.88.

One seen in rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Two or three in mixed species flock in rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Seen around villages and farms.

Quite abundant in oak forests around Lumle.

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie At least three in degraded oakrhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Abundant throughout the whole area.

Flock of c30 in highly degraded oak forest south of Ghandruk 4.1.88.

A few between Lumle and Ghandruk.

Two large flocks of 60-80 seen at the edge of rhododendron forest near Tadapani on 10 and 11.1.88. Probably the same flock on both days.

Two separate flocks each of c20 in degraded rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

3-5 in mixed species flock 1km south of Kuldi Ghar 9.1.88.

Several seen in mixed flocks in rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Several seen in mixed species flocks between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Small flock of eight feeding on berries in mixed forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Three flocks in Kuldi Ghar area 9-10.1.88.

White-bo	cowed	Tit	Babbler
Alcippe vinipectus			

Black-capped Sibia <u>Heterophasia</u> capistrata

Brown Hill Prinia Prinia criniger

White-browed Bush Robin Erithacus indicus

Orange-flanked Bush Robin
E. cyanurus

White-capped River Chat Chaimarrornis leucocephalus

Plumbeous Redstart Rhyacornis fuliginosus

Little Forktail
Enicurus scouleri

Black-backed Forktail

E. immaculatus

Spotted Forktail

E. maculatus

White-collared Blackbird
Turdus albocinctus

Whistling Thrush
Myiophoneus caeruleus

Black/Red-throated Thrush
Turdus rubrocanus

Brown Dipper Cinclus pallasii

Coal Tit
Parus ater

White-tailed Nuthatch Sitta himalayensis

Nepal Treecreeper Certhia nipalensis

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker Dicaeum melanozanthum

Flock seen fedding in bamboo north of Kuldi Ghar 9.1.88.

Common throughout the entire area.

Seen around Ghandruk.

Single male between Kuldi Ghar and Chhomrong 9.1.88.

Several seen in rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Seen commonly on boulders at river Modi Khola at Landruk.

Beside river Modi Khola at Landruk 3.1.88.

One seen 500m south of Kuldi Ghar 7.1.88.

One at edge of river 1km south of Landruk 12.1.88.

Seen three times between Lumle and Kuldi Ghar.

Large flock with other species in oak-rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Seen throughout the area.

Several seen between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Common on river Modi Khola at Landruk.

Several in mixed flock between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

One in mixed flock between Tadapani And Ghandruk 11.1.88.

One in mixed flock between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

One male and two females in degraded rhododendron forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker Dicaeum ignipectus

One male in degraded oak-rhododendrom forest between Tadapani and Ghandruk 11.1.88.

Tree Sparrow
Passer montanus

Seen throughout the area.

Beautiful Rose Finch Carpodacus pulcherrimus

One male at Chhomrong 9.1.88.

Scarlet Finch
Haematospiza sipahi

Flock of 40-50 fedding on seed heads of low bushes in a small clearing in a forest c2km south of Kuldi Ghar 9.1.88.

Rose-headed Bullfinch
Pyrrthula erythrocephala

One pair by side of track immediately south of Kuldi Ghar 9.1.88.