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- 12th Kathmandu / Gokarna
 13th Pulchowki / Godaveri
 14th Kathmandu → Henja
 15th Henja → Pothana (via Dhampus)
 16th Pothana → Landrung
 17th Landrung → Bhausi Kharaka Forest Camp, nr Ghandrung
 18th B.K. → Deurali Lodge (via Banthanti)
 19th Deurali Lodge → Ghorepani
 20th Ghorepani / Poon Hill
 21st Ghorepani → Tirkhedhunge (via Ulleri)
 22nd Tirkhedhunge → Kaare (via Birethanti, Chandratot)
 23rd Kaare → Sarangkot
 24th Sarangkot → Pokhara
 25th Pokhara / Phewa Tal
 26th Pokhara → Kathmandu
 27th Kathmandu → Machan (Chitwan)
 28th Machan
 29th Machan
 30th Machan → Kathmandu
 31st Kathmandu → Delhi

<u>Little Grebe</u>	45	Phewa Tal	25/3
<u>Great Cormorant</u>	~15	(6 Kat → Pok. 1-3 Phewa Tal, Machan)	
<u>Little Cormorant</u>	4	Delhi	31/3
<u>Indian Pond Heron</u>	50+	(30 Ph. Tal 24/3, 1-6 Kat. Valley, Tirk → Kaare)	
<u>Castle Egret</u>	500+	(200 Kat, 100 Ph Tal, up to 60 various)	
<u>Little Egret</u>	80+	(25 Ph. Tal, also Kat Valley, Chitwan/Machan)	
<u>Intermediate Egret</u>	15	Phewa Tal 25/3	3 Machan 30/3
<u>Great White Egret</u>	3-4	Phewa Tal 25/3	1 Machan 30/3
<u>Grey Heron</u>	1	" "	25/3
<u>Black Stork</u>	1	Machan	30/3
<u>Red naped Ibis</u>	6	" "	30/3
<u>Ruddy Shelduck</u>	4	Phewa Tal	24/3

<u>Wigeon</u>	4	Phewa Tal	25/3
<u>Pintail</u>	c25	over Dhampus	15/3 2 Ph. Tal 25/3
<u>Shoveler</u>	1	Phewa Tal	24/3
<u>Red crested Pochard</u>	1	" "	24/3
<u>Tufted Duck</u>	3	" "	24/3
<u>Goosander</u>	1	Machan	30/3
<u>Black Baza</u>	2	" "	28/3
<u>Crested Honey Buzzard</u>	2+	" "	28 → 30/3
<u>Black-shouldered Kite</u>	singles	28/3 30/3 Machan	(+ Delhi 12/3)
<u>Black Kite</u>	400+	(100 Kat 100 Sarangkot 70 Pok etc)	
<u>Brahminy Kite</u>	1 probably 2	Gokarna	12/3
<u>Egyptian Vulture</u>	35-40	(20 Kaare → Sarangkot, rest mainly Pokhara area)	
<u>Lammergeier</u>	c10	(Dhampus → Deurali, Tirkedhunga → Sarangkot)	
<u>Oriental White backed Vulture</u>	70+	(Kat Valley, Pok, Tirk, Machan)	(200+ Delhi)
<u>Long-billed Vulture</u>	1	Landrung → Ghandrung	17/3
<u>Himalayan Griffon</u>	15-20	(Landrung → Ghorepani → Sarangkot)	
<u>Eurasian Griffon</u>	25	Kat → Pok 14/3 c4 Ghorepani → Pokhara	
<u>Red-headed Vulture</u>	10+	(Pokhara → Ghorepani → Pokhara)	
<u>Eurasian Black Vulture</u>	1	Kat → Pok. 14/3 1 Kaare → Sarangkot	23/3
<u>Crested Serpent Eagle</u>	15+	(Dhampus → Ghorepani → Pokhara, Machan)	
<u>Eurasian Marsh Harrier</u>	3	Phewa Tal	25/3
<u>Hen Harrier</u>	singles	nr Ghandrung 17/3 & Deurali 19/3, Machan 29/3	
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	singles	Pokhara, Landrung, Tirkedhunga	
<u>Northern Sparrowhawk</u>	10	(Kat, Pulchowki, Land → Ghore, Pok, Machan)	
<u>Crested Goshawk</u>	one	Machan	30/3
<u>Shikra</u>	1+ Heija	15/3 2 29/3 + 2 30/3 Machan	
<u>Common Buzzard</u>	c19	(Kat Gok. Pok. → Ghorepani → Pok.)	
<u>Black Eagle</u>	singles	Dhampus 15/3 Pok → Kat. 30/3	
<u>Steppe Eagle</u>	12	Gok. 12/3 10+ Tirk → Pok. 22 → 24/3	
<u>Golden Eagle</u>	probably 1	between Heija & Dhampus	15/3
<u>Booted Eagle</u>	1	nr Ulleri	21/3
<u>Bonelli's Eagle</u>	c6	(Pokhara → Ghandrung, Ulleri → Sarangkot)	
<u>Changeable Hawk Eagle</u>	2	Machan 29/3 probably 1 30/3	
<u>Mountain Hawk Eagle</u>	2	Dhampus 15/3 singles 23+24/3 Kaare → Pokhara	

Osprey singles Pokhara 24/3 = 25/3 + Pok. → Kat. 30/3
Red-thighed Falconet one Machan 29/3
Kestrel c 30 (Pok. → Ghondrung, Ghorepani → Pok.)
Chukar one Kat → Pok. 14/3 (PAC)
Black Francolin one Machan 30/3
Red Jungle Fowl 2 seen also heard Machan
Kalij Pheasant singles Gokarna + Pulchowki
Blue Peafowl 10+ Machan
Brown Crane 3 Machan 29/3
White breasted Waterhen 1 Kat → Chitwan 27/3
Purple Gallinule 7 Phewa Tal 25/3
Coot 18 " " 24 + 25/3
Pheasant tailed Jacana 3 " " 25/3
Painted Snipe pair " " 25/3
[Black winged Stilt 3 Delhi 31/3]
Little Ringed Plover singles Kat → Pok, Henja, Phewa Tal (nest), 3 Machan (nest)
Kentish Plover 2 Machan 30/3
River Plover one Kat → Chitwan 27/3 4 Machan 28 → 30/3
Red wattled Plover c 30 (Kat → Pok, Pok, Machan) + c 10 Delhi
Temminck's stint 6 Phewa Tal 25/3 4 Machan 30/3
Common Snipe 25 " " 25/3 1 " 30/3
Pintail Snipe 4 " " 25/3
Greenshank 3 Machan 27 → 30/3
Green Sandpiper c 10 (Kat. → Pok, Phewa Tal, Machan)
Common Sandpiper 6 Kat → Henja 14/3 + 2 Machan
Black/brown headed Gull 1 distant Phewa Tal 24/3
(Herring Gull probably one Phewa Tal 24/3)
Rock Dove 7 approaching Chitwan 2 Machan
Hill Pigeon 40 Landrung 17/3 (1650 metres)
Woodpigeon 1 Pokhara 24/3
Speckled Woodpigeon 1 Pothana 16/3 (+ see below)
Ashy Woodpigeon 3 Gok. 12/3 150 Pothana 15-16/3 may have included
 some Speckled - of these seen perched ca 10 Ashy & only one Speckled)
 also 3 Dewali 19/3 20 Ashy/Speckled Kase → Sarangkot.

see notes

<u>Oriental Turtle Dove</u>	50+ (20 Pulchowki, 2 Machan, rest Pok → Ghore.)
<u>Spotted Dove</u>	2 Landrung 20+ Pokhara area + Machan
<u>Emerald Dove</u>	~5 Machan
<u>Thick billed Green Pigeon</u>	pair seen perched Machan 29/3
<u>Alexandrine Parakeet</u>	40-50 Machan 27-30/3
<u>Ring necked Parakeet</u>	10+ Machan 10+ Delhi
<u>Slaty headed Parakeet</u>	80 Ghorepani → Pokhara 2 Machan 29/3
<u>Blossom headed Parakeet</u>	20+ Machan
<u>Moustached Parakeet</u>	2 "
<u>Common Hawk Cuckoo</u>	5+ "
<u>Common Cuckoo</u>	4+ Kaare → Pokhara 23 → 25/3
<u>Green-billed Malkoha</u>	1 Machan
<u>Greater Coucal</u>	2+ "
<u>Lesser Coucal</u>	1+ "
<u>Oriental Scops Owl</u>	heard Ghorepani area + Machan ^{↓ with the same}
<u>Mountain Scops Owl</u>	" Henja → Bhaisi Kharka
<u>Brown Fish Owl</u>	2 Machan 28-29/3
<u>Collared Owlet</u>	heard Tirkedhunge 2/3
<u>Jungle Owlet</u>	singles Machan 28 + 29/3
<u>Asian Bared Owlet</u>	" " 28 + 29/3
<u>Brown Hawk Owl</u>	3 " 28/3
<u>Large tailed Nightjar</u>	5+ " 29-30/3
<u>Jungle Nightjar</u>	heard Henja → Bhaisi Kharka, Kaare/Sarangkot
<u>Himalayan Swiftlet</u>	20 Pothana 16/3 6 Tirk. → Kaare 22/3
<u>White-vented Noddytail</u>	2-3 Machan 30/3
<u>Pacific Swift</u>	35 Dewali → Ghore. 19/3, singles Ghore 20/3, Tirk → Kaare 22/3
<u>Alpine Swift</u>	~50 (45 Tirk → Sarangkot 1-2 Damanti, Pothana, Ghore.)
<u>Little Swift</u>	350+ (Kat, Pok → Landrung, Tirk → Pokhara, Machan)
<u>Crested Tree Swift</u>	50+ Machan
<u>White breasted Kingfisher</u>	6+ Henja, 1 nr Birethanti, 10 Pokhara, 20 Chitwan/Mach.
<u>Stork-billed Kingfisher</u>	2 Machan 28-29/3
<u>Common Kingfisher</u>	10 (Kat → Pok, Henja, Tirkedhunge, Pokhara, Machan)
<u>Pied Kingfisher</u>	2 Kat. → Pok, 2+ Phewa Tal
<u>Crested Kingfisher</u>	singles Kat → Pok, Phewa Tal, nr Birethanti

<u>Blue bearded Bee eater</u>	1 Machan	28/3
<u>(Little Green Bee eater</u>	probably seen from bus	Chitwan)
<u>Blue-tailed Bee eater</u>	1 Machan	29/3
<u>Chestnut headed Bee eater</u>	2 Damauli	14/3, 2 Pok. 24/3, 25-30 Machan 27-30/3
<u>Indian Roller</u>	30+	(Kat ↔ Pok, Machan/Chitwan) one Delhi
<u>Hoopoe</u>	singles	Kat → Pok, Pok, 3+ Delhi
<u>Oriental Pied Hornbill</u>	4 Machan	28-29/3
<u>Great-Pied Hornbill</u>	3	" 29/3
<u>Great Barbet</u>	20+	(Gok, Poth. → Chandrung, Kaare → Pokhara)
<u>(Brown-headed (Green) Barbet</u>	one identified by Guide	Machan 28/3)
<u>Lineated Barbet</u>	3 Machan	28-29/3
<u>Golden-throated Barbet</u>	singles	Pokhara + Chandrakot
<u>Blue-throated Barbet</u>	2 Gokarna,	c 14 Sarangkot + Pokhara
<u>[Coppersmith Barbet</u>	one Delhi	31/3 PL GBB]
<u>Speckled Piculet</u>	singles	Pokhara → Landrung + Tirkedhunga
<u>Lesser Yellow rump</u>	1 Machan	28/3
<u>Greater Yellow rump</u>	3	" 28-30/3
<u>Grey headed Woodpecker</u>	5	" 28-30/3
<u>Himalayan Goldenback</u>	1	" 28/3
<u>Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker</u>	1 Pulchowki	2 Pokhara → Chandrung, 3+ Ghore.
<u>Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker</u>	2 Ghorepani	20/3
<u>Fulvous breasted Pied Woodpecker</u>	4 Gokarna,	1 Pokhara, 3+ Machan
<u>Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker</u>	4+	Machan 27-29/3
<u>Bengal Bush Lark</u>	2 Machan	
<u>Sand Lark</u>	2	"
<u>Oriental Skylark</u>	4 Hejja	3 Machan ^{Katmandu} Airfield
<u>Brown Throated Sand Martin</u>	100+	(Gok, Kat → Pok, Pok, Machan)
<u>Crag Martin</u>	10 nr Dhaupus,	2 nr Pokhara 2 Chitwan → Kat.
<u>Barn Swallows</u>	200-300	below 1500 m.
<u>Red rumped Swallow</u>	c 100	" 1500 m (esp Kaare → Sarangkot, Machan)
<u>Nepal House Martin</u>	40 ^{16/3} 30 ^{17/3}	Landrung 25 ^{21/3} Tirk.
<u>Richard's Pipit</u>	30-40	(Pokhara area Gokarna Machan)
<u>Olive backed Pipit</u>	125-150	(Gok, Pok ↔ Ghore Machan)
<u>Rosy Pipit</u>	2 Phewa Tal	25/3 3 Machan 30/3 (? 4 Hejja)

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- [Blue-headed wagtail 2* selli 36/3]
 - Water Pipit one Phewa Tal 27/3
 - Upland Pipit c 15 Nagdana → Pokhara 23-24/3
 - Citrine Wagtail 2 ffs Machan 30/3
 - Grey Wagtail c 20 (Kat → Pok ↔ Ghore, Machan)
 - White Wagtail 40-50 (Gok, Kat ↔ Pok, 20 Phewa Tal, Chitwan → Kat)
 - White-browed Wagtail 10+ (Kat ↔ Pok, Phewa Tal)
 - Large Wood Shrike 4 Machan
 - Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike 2 Gokarna 6+ Machan
 - Black-winged Cuckoo Shrike 2 Machan 29/3
 - Large Cuckoo Shrike 7 Kaare → Pok, c 10 Machan
 - Scarlet Minivet c 35 (Gok, Heija → Pothana, Pok, Machan)
 - Short-billed Minivet 4 Pothana → Landrung 16/3 2 Land → Ghore. 17/3
 - Long-tailed Minivet c 26 (Pothana → Daurali Kaare → Pokhara)
 - Rosy Minivet 2 Machan
 - Black-crested Bulbul 5 "
 - Red-whiskered Bulbul 7 "
 - White-checked Bulbul c 80 (widespread - except Ghorepani)
 - Red-vented Bulbul 80+ (" up to Landrung = 1650 m)
 - Mountain Bulbul 8 lower Pulchowki, 8 Pokh → Landr 5+ Tirk.
 - Black Bulbul 40 Dhampur → Daurali 55 Ulleri → Pokhara
 - Common Iora 1 Machan 28/3 (GBB Pl)
 - Golden-throated Leafbird 3 Machan 28-29/3
 - Orange-bellied Leafbird 1 Pulchowki, 1 nr Pothana, 4 Pokhara
 - Brown Dipper c 10 (Pothana → Daurali Tirk. → Kaare)
 - Northern Wren 4 (Pothana → Ghaurung + Ghorepani)
 - Altai Accentor 6 below Ghorepani village 2/3
 - Alpine Accentor 4 Banthanti → Daurali 18/3 3 Daurali → Ghore. 19/3
 - Red-flanked Blue-tail 5 Pulchowki 13/3 17 Pothana → Ghore 15 → 23/3
 - Asian Magpie Robin 50+ widespread below 1700 m.
 - White-rumped Shama 5 Machan
 - Black Redstart one Machan 29/3 probably one Pothana 15/3
 - Blue-fronted Redstart 25+ (Pothana → Ghorepani → Sarangkot)
 - White-throated Redstart 3 Pulch. Summit 13/3, 6+ 19/3 + 12 20/3 Ghorepani
 - Plumbeous Redstart 3 Pulchowki 20 Land → Ghaur, Tirk → Pokhara

- Grandala 30+ over the Bhaisi Kharka camp 18/3 (nr Ghambung)
- Stonechat 50+ (widespread below 2000 m.)
- Pied Bushchat ~25 (Kat → Pok, Sarangkot → Pok, Machan)
- Grey Bushchat 25-30 (Pothana → Ghorepani → Tirkedhunge)
- White capped Redstart ~15 (Henja → Ghandr, Tirk. → Pok, Pok → Kat)
- Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush 2 Pulchowki 2 Deurali 5 Ghorepani
- Blue Rock Thrush 1 nr Birethanti 22/3
- Blue Whistling Thrush ~50 (Pulchowki, Pok → Ghore → Pok.)
- Long-tailed Mountain Thrush 1-2 Pulchowki 13/3
- White's Thrush singles Gokarna 12/3 Pokhara 25/3
- Long-billed Thrush one in the stream at Bhaisi Kharka camp 17/3
- Orange-headed Ground Thrush one Machan 28/3 (PL)
- White collared Blackbird 2 Pothana, 25+ Banthanti, 2 Ghorepani
- Grey-winged Blackbird 3 Pothana
- Dark-throated Thrush ~170 (Red throated: 1 Gok, 10 Ghore, 2 Khat →
 resr Black-throated inc. 75 Banthanti. (none seen Chitwan) ^{Sarangk.})
- Mistle Thrush 3-4 Ghorepani
- Little Forktail ~13 (Pothana → Deurali + Tirkedhunge)
- Black-backed Forktail 1 Phewa Tal 25/3
- Spotted Forktail 2 Bhaisi Kharka 2 Tirkedhunge
- Chestnut Crowned Bush Warbler 1 Machan 29/3
- Fan-tailed Cisticola 8 Machan 30/3
- Rufous Prinia 3-4 Machan 28/3
- Grey-breasted Prinia 3 Machan 28/3
- Striated Prinia one Chitwan → Kat. 30/3
- Grey-capped Prinia ~10 Machan
- Common Tailorbird ~8 (Kat, Pok, Machan)
- Thick-billed Warbler 1 Pok. 24/3
- Golden Spectacled Warbler 1 Pothana 2 Tirkedhunge 4 nr Ulleri
- Grey-hooded Warbler 30+ (Gok, Pulch, Henja → Ghandr. Tirk → Pok.)
- Black-faced Warbler 5 Pothana → Landrung 5 nr Ulleri
- Blyth's Crowned Warbler singles Henja → Dhampus + Pothana, 2+ Machan
- Greenish Warbler 4 Machan 28-29/3
- Orange banded Leaf Warbler 60 Pulchowki 5 Landrung → Ghorepani

see notes

<u>Grey-faced Leaf Warbler</u>	c 16	(Henja → Ghore. → Tirk.)
<u>Pallas's Leaf Warbler</u>	c 30	(Gok, Pulch, Poth → Ghandr, Tirk → Pok.)
<u>Yellow-browed Warbler</u>	60+	(Gok, Pulch, Henja → Ghand, Tirk → Pok, Machan)
<u>Tickell's Warbler</u>	1	Machan 29/3
<u>Chiffchaff</u>	3	Pokhara 24/3 1 (same) 25/3
<u>Small Niltava</u>	3	Tirkedhunge 21-22/3
<u>Rufous-bellied Niltava</u>	4	Pothana 2 Pokhara
<u>Verditer Flycatcher</u>	17	(Henja → Ghandrung, below Ghore → Pok.)
<u>Ultramarine Flycatcher</u>	1	Machan 28/3
<u>Little Pied Flycatcher</u>	3	above Pothana 16/3, 1 Landrung 17/3 1 below Tirkedhunge 22/3
<u>Snowy-browed Flycatcher</u>	2	Nayathanti 21/3
<u>Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher</u>	14	(Pulch., Poth → Ghore → Kaare)
<u>Red-breasted Flycatcher</u>	5	(Gok, Tirk, Pok, Machan)
<u>Grey-headed Flycatcher</u>	14	(Gok, Poth → Ghandr, Tirk, Machan)
<u>Yellow-bellied Fantail</u>	5	(Gok, Pulch, Ulleri, Tirkedhunge)
<u>White-throated Fantail</u>	5	(Pulch, Poth → Ghand. Machan)
<u>Asian Paradise Flycatcher</u>	♂♂ ♀	Machan 28-29/3
<u>Black-naped Monarch</u>	1	Machan 29/3 (Pl)
<u>Puff-throated Babbler</u>	4	" 28-29/3
<u>Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler</u>	2	Landr → Ghandr. 17/3 (Pl, GBB, PAC)
<u>Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler</u>		singles Tirkedhunge + Kaare
<u>Greater Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler</u>		one " 22/3
<u>Red-capped Babbler</u>	3+	Machan
<u>Yellow-eyed Babbler</u>	2	"
<u>Spiny Babbler</u>	1	near Landrung
<u>Jungle Babbler</u>	35	Machan also Delhi
<u>White-throated Laughing Thrush</u>	15	Poth → Landr. 6 below Ghore.
<u>White-crested Laughing Thrush</u>	6	Landrung
<u>Striated Laughing Thrush</u>	5+	Landrung 2+ Tirkedhunge
<u>Variagated Laughing Thrush</u>	4	Ghorepani
<u>Black-faced Laughing Thrush</u>	6-8	Ghorepani
<u>Chestnut-crowned Laughing Thrush</u>	25	(Pulch, Henja → Ghand, Ghore → Kaare)
<u>White-browed Shrike Babbler</u>	3	Pothana → Landrung

<u>Hoary Barwing</u>	one	18/3	Banphanti → Daurali
<u>Blue-winged Minla</u>	3	Chandrakot	22/3
<u>Chestnut-tailed Minla</u>	12	(8 Pulch. + Pothana → Daurali)	
<u>Rufous-winged Fulvetta</u>	15	Tirkedlungge	
<u>White-browed Fulvetta</u>	c 24	(Pulch. Ghand. → Ghore).	
<u>Black-capped Sibia</u>	a 60+	Pulchowki	20+ Henja → Ghore → Pok.
<u>Whiskered Yuhina</u>	c 60	(" , Poth → Ghore, Pok.)	
<u>Stripe-throated Yuhina</u>	22	(" , Henja → Ghore, Pok.)	
<u>Rufous-vented Yuhina</u>	2+	Poon Hill.	
<u>White-bellied Yuhina</u>	4	Pokhara	
<u>Black-throated Tit</u>	20	(Pulchowki, Pothana → Ghandrung)	
<u>Yellow-browed Tit</u>	15	(" , Henja → Daurali)	
<u>Grey crested Tit</u>	10+	(Daurali → Ghorepani)	
<u>Rufous-naped Black Tit</u>	one	below Ghorepani village	21/3
<u>Rufous-vented Black Tit</u>	30	Daurali / Ghorepani area	
<u>Great Tit</u>	c 20	Sarangkot → Pokhara, Machan	
<u>Green-backed Tit</u>	20+	Henja → Daurali, Ghorepani → Kaare	
<u>Black-lored Tit</u>	c 20	(Gok, Pulch, Henja, Landrung, Tirk. → Pok.)	
<u>Velvet-fronted Nuthatch</u>	11+	(Gok, Pokhara Machan)	
<u>White-tailed Nuthatch</u>	10+	Pokhara → Landrung, probably also Pulchowki.	
<u>Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch</u>	c 24	(Gok, Pulch, Pok, Machan)	
<u>Wallcreeper</u>	2	nr Birethanti	22/3
<u>Rusty-flanked Treecreeper</u>	7	(Pothana → Daurali Ghore → Tirkedlungge)	
<u>Purple Sunbird</u>	6	Machan	
<u>Mrs Gould's Sunbird</u>	1	nr Pothana, probably two Pulchowki	
<u>Green-tailed Sunbird</u>	c 15	(Pulchowki, Daurali → Ghorepani → Tirkedlungge)	
<u>Black-throated Sunbird</u>		two Landrung one Kaare	
<u>Crimson Sunbird</u>	9	(Henja, Tirk. → Sarangkot, Pokhara)	
<u>Fire-tailed Sunbird</u>	1	Landrung	17/3
<u>Buff-bellied Flowerpecker</u>		4 Pothana 1 Chandrakot	
<u>Oriental White eye</u>	17	(Gok, Poth → Ghand. Pok, Machan)	
<u>Maroon Oriole</u>	5+	above head (Pulch, Ghand → Daurali, above Birethanti, Pokhara)	
<u>Black-headed Oriole</u>	15	Machan	
<u>Long-tailed Shrike</u>	35	(Henja → Landrung, Tirk → Sarang., KarVal. Chitwan)	

Grey backed Shrike one Damauti 14/3
Black Drongo 70+ (Kat Valley, Pokhara, Kat ↔ Chitwan)
Ashy Drongo 3 Godaveri, singles Pokhara + Kat ↔ Chitwan.
White-bellied Drongo 2 Machan 28/3
Bronzed Drongo 2 Godaveri 13/3 1 Tirkedhunge → Kaare
Spangled Drongo c 40 (Kat Vall → Pokhara area, Chitwan, 1 nr Kaare 22/3)
Greater Racket tailed Drongo one Machan (PAC)
Ashy Woodswallow 3 Chitwan
Eurasian Jay 8 (Pulchowki, Pothana, Pokhara)
Lanceolated Jay 8 (" , Kaare , "
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie 8+ (Daurali → Ghorepani area)
Red-billed Blue Magpie 8 (Godaveri, Tirkedhunge, Chitwan → Kat.)
Rufous Treepie 8 (Harja Pokhara Machan)
Grey Treepie 13 (Gokarna, Tirk, Kaare, Pokhara)
House Crow common below 1500 m.
Jungle Crow the only species seen every single day!
Chestnut tailed Starling ± 25* (4 Pok 25/3 20-25 Machan)
Asian Pied Starling one nr. Chitwan (8 Delhi)
Common Mynah common below 1700 m.
Jungle Mynah c 40 (Kat, Pok, Machan)
House Sparrow common Kat Valley, Pokhara area → 1600 m
Cinnamon Sparrow 20 (Landrung, Ghore, Tirk → Sarangkot)
Tree Sparrow common Kat Vall, Pok → Landr + below Tirkedhunge)
Baya Weaver 2 glimpsed entering nests by the Kat → Pok. road
Striated Munia 6 Pothana → Landrung 4 Pokhara
Yellow breasted Greenfinch 20 nr Landrung 5 nr Pokhara
Plain Mountain Finch 70 nr Landrung (1650 m) 16/3, ± 300 Ghorepani area
Brandt's Mountain Finch 5 Daurali 18/3 (after heavy snow)
Dark breasted Rosefinch 200-300 Ghorepani
Common Rosefinch 9 nr Landrung 4 nr Kaare → Machan 28/3
Beautiful Rosefinch 8 Ghorepani 20/3
Pink browed Rosefinch one near Landrung 17/3
White browed Rosefinch 4 Poon Hill 20/3
Brown Bullfinch one Banthanti 18/3 8 Daurali → Ghorepani
Common Crossbill 3 Pulchowki 12 19/3 10 20/3 Ghorepani

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<u>Red-headed Bullfinch</u>	29 Banthanti → Ghoevani	18 → 20/3
<u>Collared Grosbeak</u>	♂ - ♀ Dkurali	19/3
<u>Black faced Bunting</u>	one Pokhan	20/3
<u>Rock Bunting</u>	2 below Ghendrung	17/3
<u>Little Bunting</u>	1 Kaare	23/3 3 Sarangkot
<u>Crested Bunting</u>	3 Landung	20 Kat ↔ Pok/Chirwan.

The immature gull circling at some distance over Phewa Tal on 24/3 was considered to be a 2nd winter Herring Gull but in view of the range & similarity to less w. Great Black-headed we decided not to count it as either. We were unable to see a dark mask & PL, who has seen Gt B/n in Australia did not think the wing shape was correct for that species. Also in retrospect we didn't feel the underparts were particularly white. Mantle showed grey. Dark tail band and dark 2° bar.

On 28/3 we were attracted to calls in the vegetation on the floor a few hundred yards from the tented camp at Machan in an area of dry dipterocarp/sal forest. These proved to be coming from a small party of prinias - 3-4, possibly more, birds passing less than 15 yards from us. The main features noted were a grey crown and long white supercilium (sc was reminded of some variants of Blue-headed Wagtail in terms of these features) and some rufous or chestnut tones in the upperparts. The birds did not have a breastband, did not strike us as ~~being~~ exceptionally long-tailed and did not have yellow underparts. We looked at Richard Grimmett's plate in 'Inskipp o Inskipp' and identified them as Rufous Prinias though it wasn't until a day later that we realised the significance of the record in terms of rarity.

We had already seen a number of Grey-capped Prinias, & saw more later. These birds had a much

more striking supercilium + contrasting head pattern. We also saw Gray-breasted Prinia subsequently which were in summer plumage. Unfortunately we did not identify Ashy Prinia which the guide said was quite common at Machan!

Clive Mann told me last week-end that a party of Army Ornithologists have recently identified Rufous Prinias in Brousi and he is worried they might be misidentifying Yellow bellied Prinias which he says are very variable.

I saw Yellow bellied in Brousi and also Gray breasted, Rufous (Rufescens), Tawny-flanked, Brown or Hill Prinias in Thailand in Feb 86 but my recollection of the Rufous Prinias is that although the supercilium was prominent they were not as gray on the crown as the Machan birds - presumably in February they would be less advanced towards summer plumage?

I shall be interested to hear what you feel about this record in due course!