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Dear Carol,

re: BIRD RECORDS FOR NEPAL

It was nice to meet you at the Oriental Bird Club meeting on Sunday at Blakeney. As I explained, last year I spent several weeks birding in Nepal (15.3.90 - 1.5.90). I've enclosed a complete list of the species I recorded there and hope this information will be useful.

Areas Visited

Kathmandu Valley (K.V.) 15.3.90 - 27.3.90 and 11.4.90 - 15.4.90
Pokhara area 28.3.90 - 2.4.90
Royal Chitwan N.P. 5.4.90 - 11.4.90
Langtang N.P. 16.4.90 - 28.4.90

The species order and names are as Birds of Nepal.
For the abundant/common and widespread species I have simply listed the name.
For those that are common/fairly common, but with a more restricted distribution I've included the location.
For migrants, less common and scarcer species I've listed full details.

Despite visiting well known areas I still recorded 9 species, denoted by an asterisk(*), in new squares (based on the 1st edition maps, Birds of Nepal).

These were: Bar-headed Goose (H5), Eurasian Black Vulture (M5), Common Moorhen (H5), Rufous Woodpecker (H5), Hume's Short-toed Lark (M5), Wire-tailed Swallow (L6), Nepal House Martin (M5), Buff-bellied Pipit (J6), and Western Crowned Warbler (L5).

I would be happy to provide further descriptive/circumstantial details for these (or any other species) if required.

I am very interested in the birds of the Oriental region and so far have visited northern India, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia (Java and Bali). I am keen to visit Nepal and Thailand again and, as I mentioned to you during our chat, I would like to conduct some survey work next time. You mentioned that, in Nepal, work is required in the western wildlife refuges, including Royal Bardia N.P. Can you also make some

recommendations for survey work in Thailand? Please let me know the relevant months. Would this be eligible for an OBC Survey Grant and when would I need to apply - to survey during 1992/to survey during 1993?

I apologise for the myriad questions but I'd like to help the work of the OBC as much as I can!

Finally. I'll also contact the relevant Nepalese and Thai authorities about areas for work and let you know what they say.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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Little Grebe	Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Great Crested Grebe	Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Great Cormorant	1, 28.3.90 in K6 A max. of 14, Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Black-crowned Night Heron	16+, 30.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara c. 15, 8-10.4.90 Meghauri
Indian Pond Heron	
Cattle Egret	
Little Egret	
Intermediate Egret	Max. 9, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara 7-9.4.90 Chitwan
Great Egret	7-10.4.90 Chitwan
Grey Heron	31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Asian Openbill Stork	Chitwan
Woolly-necked Stork	Chitwan
Lesser Adjutant Stork	Chitwan
Red-naped Ibis	Chitwan
*BAR-HEADED GOOSE	2, 31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara H5
Ruddy Shelduck	Phewa Tal, Pokhara Chitwan
Eurasian Wigeon	c.35, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Gadwall	c.20, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Common Teal	28+, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara 2, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Northern Pintail	7, 31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Northern Shoveler	5, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Common Pochard	6, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Ferruginous Duck	1, 30.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Tufted Duck	12+, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Goosander	2, 31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Black Baza	3, 6.4.90 Chitwan
Crested Honey Buzzard	Chitwan
Black-shouldered Kite	Chitwan
Black Kite	
Egyptian Vulture	
Lammergeier	
Oriental White-backed Vulture	
Long-billed Vulture	
Himalayan Griffon Vulture	
Red-headed Vulture	North of Phewa Tal, Pokhara
*EURASIAN BLACK VULTURE	North of Phewa Tal, Pokhara. 1, near Kyangin Gompa at 3800m, 24.4.90 Langtang N.P. M5
Crested Serpent Eagle	
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	1, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Hen Harrier	1, 24.3.90 K.V.
Pied Harrier	5, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Besra	1, 20.4.90 in L5, Langtang N.P.
Northern Sparrowhawk	1, 30.3.90 north of Phewa Tal, Pokhara 1, 26.4.90 Langtang N.P.
Shikra	
White-eyed Buzzard	Chitwan

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Common Buzzard	16-25.3.90 K.V. 27.4.90 near Dunche
Black Eagle	1, 25.3.90 K.V.
Steppe Eagle	
Bonelli's Eagle	1, 24.3.90 Nagarjung, K.V.
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	1, 9-10.4.90 Chitwan
Osprey	Chitwan
Common Kestrel	
Peregrine	K.V. Syabru, Langtang N.P.
Snow Partridge	Above Kyanjin Gompa, Langtang N.P.
Black Francolin	Chitwan
Himalayan Monal	Between Ghore Tabela and Langtang, Langtang N.P.
Red Junglefowl	Chitwan
Kalij Pheasant	Pulchowki, K.V. Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Blue Peafowl	Chitwan
Barred Buttonquail	Chitwan
Ruddy-breasted Crake	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Brown Crake	Chitwan
White-breasted Waterhen	Chitwan
*COMMON MOORHEN	2, 29 & 31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara H5 Chitwan
Common Coot	Max.76, 30-31.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Ibisbill	23-24.4.90 Kyanjin, Langtang N.P.
Black-winged Stilt	5, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Little Pratincole	Chitwan
Little Ringed Plover	K.V. Chitwan
River Plover	Chitwan
Red-wattled Plover	
Temminck's Stint	Small numbers. 26.3.90 Bagmati River, Basant Gaon, K.V. and 7-8 & 10.4.90 Chitwan
Pintail Snipe	1, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Common Redshank	Singles, 7-8.4.90 Chitwan
Common Greenshank	Chitwan
Green Sandpiper	1, 25.3.90 K.V. Up to 4 daily, 7-9.4.90 Chitwan
Common Sandpiper	Highest count was 21+, 26.3.90, Bagmati River, Basant Gaon, K.V.
Rock Pigeon	
Snow Pigeon	
Eurasian Collared Dove	
Red Turtle Dove	8, 17.3.90 K.V. Chitwan
Oriental Turtle Dove	
Emerald Dove	Chitwan
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	Chitwan
Pompadour Green Pigeon	Chitwan
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Chitwan
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	1, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.

Alexandrine Parakeet	Chitwan
Ring-necked Parakeet	Chitwan
Blossom-headed Parakeet	Chitwan
Moustached Parakeet	Chitwan
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	Chitwan
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	1, 27.4.90 near Dunche, Langtang N.P. (L5)
Indian Cuckoo	Chitwan
Common Cuckoo	16 & 27.4.90 Dunche area, Langtang N.P. 1, 24.4.90 at 3800m, Kyanjin, Langtang N.P.
Common Koel	1, 29.3.90 Pokhara
Green-billed Malkoha	1, 30.3.90 near Pokhara Chitwan
Greater Coucal	Chitwan
Lesser Coucal	Chitwan
Brown Fish Owl	2, 6.4.90 Sauraha area, Chitwan
Asian Barred Owlet	Pokhara Chitwan
Large-tailed Nightjar	8-10.4.90 Chitwan
Pacific Swift	4, 13.4.90 K.V. 6+, 17 & 27.4.90 near Dunche, Langtang N.P. 2, 18.4.90 near Syabru, Langtang N.P. 1, 30.3.90 north of Pokhara
Alpine Swift	
Little Swift	
Crested Tree Swift	Chitwan
White-breasted Kingfisher	
Common Kingfisher	Phewa Tal, Pokhara Chitwan
Deep-blue Kingfisher	1, 6.4.90 near the Gaida Wildlife Camp, Chitwan
Pied Kingfisher	Phewa Tal, Pokhara Chitwan
Crested Kingfisher	1 in K6, 28.3.90
Green Bee-eater	Chitwan
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Chitwan
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	
Indian Roller	
Dollarbird	Chitwan
Hoopoe	
Great Barbet	K.V. Pokhara
Lineated Barbet	Chitwan
Blue-throated Barbet	K.V. Pokhara
Coppersmith Barbet	Pokhara Chitwan
Eurasian Wryneck	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
*RUFIOUS WOODPECKER	A female, 29.3.90 Pokhara H5
Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker	25.3.90 & 13.4.90 Gokarna & Pulchowki, K.V. 29.3.90 & 1.4.90 Pokhara Chitwan

Greater Yellow-naped Woodpecker	Pokhara Chitwan	
Grey-headed Woodpecker	Pokhara Chitwan	
Himalayan Golden-backed Woodpecker	Chitwan	
Greater Golden-backed Woodpecker	Chitwan	
Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker	K.V.	
Brown-fronted Pied Woodpecker	Near Syabru, Langtang N.P.	
Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker	K.V. Pokhara Chitwan	
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Chitwan	
Long-tailed Broadbill	1, 29.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara	
Bengal Bush Lark	Chitwan	
Greater Short-toed Lark	6, 17.3.90 K.V.	
*HUME'S SHORT-TOED LARK	2, 24.4.90 Kyanjin, Langtang N.P.	M5
Sandlark	Chitwan	
Oriental Skylark	18, Bagmati River and 31, Manora River 17.3.90 K.V.	
Brown-throated Sand Martin		
Barn Swallow		
*WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW	1, 26.3.90 Basant Gaon, K.V.	L6
Red-rumped Swallow	c. 40, 24.3.90 Nagarjung, K.V. Pokhara	
*NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN	A breeding colony adjacent to the Trisuli Khola, just east of Dunche. (Nests not counted) - 100+ birds in air, 17.4.90. c. 10, 24.4.90 at 3800m, Kyanjin Gompa, Langtang N.P.	M5
Asian House Martin	c. 10, 26.4.90 just west of Kyanjin Gompa, in M5 Langtang N.P.	
Richard's Pipit (<i>A.n.rufulus</i>)		
Olive-backed Pipit		
Rosy Pipit		
*BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT	1, 8.4.90 Rapti River, Meghauri	J6
Upland Pipit	In song, 30.3.90 Sarangkot, near Pokhara	
Citrine Wagtail	Chitwan	
Grey Wagtail		
White Wagtail		
White-browed Wagtail	25 & 26.3.90, K.V. Pokhara Chitwan	
Common Woodshrike	Chitwan	
Large Woodshrike	Chitwan	
Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike		
Black-winged Flycatcher Shrike	Pokhara Chitwan	
Large Cuckoo-Shrike		
Scarlet Minivet		
Short-billed Minivet	A female, 24.3.90 Nagarjung, K.V. A female, 15.4.90 Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V.	
Long-tailed Minivet		

Rosy Minivet	1, 9.4.90 Chitwan
Striated Bulbul	3, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Chitwan
White-cheeked Bulbul	
Red-vented Bulbul	
Mountain Bulbul	K.V.
	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Ashy Bulbul	Pokhara
Black Bulbul	
Common Iora	Chitwan
Orange-bellied Leafbird	1, 24.3.90 Nagarjung, K.V.
	1, 25.3.90 Gokarna Safari Park, K.V.
	2, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.
	3, 29.3.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Brown Dipper	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Northern Wren	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Rufous-breasted Accentor	Langtang N.P. (L5 & M5)
Bluethroat	1, 7.4.90 Chitwan
White-tailed Rubythroat	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Indian Blue Robin	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Orange-flanked Bush Robin	Langtang N.P.
Asian Magpie Robin	
White-rumped Shama	Chitwan
Black Redstart	Chitwan
Hodgson's Redstart	A male, 15.4.90 Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V.
	Langtang N.P. (M5)
Blue-fronted Redstart	
Plumbeous Redstart	
Grandala	A pair above Kyanjin Gomba, 23.4.90
	Langtang N.P. (M5)
Common Stonechat	
White-tailed Stonechat	Chitwan
Pied Bushchat	
Grey Bushchat	
White-capped Redstart	
Blue-capped Rock Thrush	2, 9.4.90 Chitwan
	6-7, 17-18.4.90 between Dunche and Syabru
	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Blue Whistling Thrush	
Scaly Thrush	1, 25.3.90 Gokarna Safari Park, K.V.
	26.4.90 Langtang N.P. (L5)
Pied Ground Thrush	4, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.
	2, 17.4.90 near Dunche and 1, 27.4.90 near Syabru, Langtang N.P.
Orange-headed Ground Thrush	9-10.4.90, Chitwan
Tickell's Thrush	A male, 18.4.90 Syabru Langtang N.P.
White-collared Blackbird	1 in Langtang N.P. (L5)
Grey-winged Blackbird	A male, 15.4.90 Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V.
Dark-throated Thrush	ruficollis: 24.3.90, K.V.
	atrogularis: 9.4.90, Chitwan
Little Forktail	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Spotted Forktail	Langtang N.P. (L5)

Chestnut-headed Tesia	K.V.
Grey-bellied Tesia	Pokhara
	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Spotted Bush Warbler	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Fantail Cisticola	K.V.
	Chitwan
Plain Prinia	Chitwan
Ashy Prinia	Chitwan
Grey-breasted Prinia	Chitwan
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Chitwan
Striated Prinia	
Grey-capped Prinia	Chitwan
Large Grass Warbler	1, 7.4.90 (grassland area adjacent to the Rapti River, Sauraha "end") Chitwan
Common Tailorbird	
Paddyfield Warbler	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Chitwan
Clamorous Reed Warbler	1, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Golden-spectacled Warbler	
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Grey-hooded Warbler	
Black-faced Warbler	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Blyth's Crowned Warbler	
*WESTERN CROWNED WARBLER	1, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V. 2, 19.4.90 at c.2380m around the Lama Lodge, Chongdong. 1, 20.4.90 lower down between Chongdong and Evening View Lodge. 1, 21.4.90 again around Lama Lodge, Chongdong. 1, 21.4.90 and 4 next day, Ghore Tabela. 5, 26.4.90 between Ghore Tabela and lower down at Hotel Bridge View (c.2000m). 1, 27.4.90 Hotel Bridge View and Dunche at 1950m. : all Langtang N.P. L5
Orange-barred Leaf Warbler	
Grey-faced Leaf Warbler	K.V.
	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	
Yellow-browed Warbler (P.i.humei)	
Tickell's Warbler	
Chiffchaff	1, 7.4.90 Chitwan
Small Niltava	A pair, Langtang N.P. (L5)
Rufous-bellied Niltava	Pokhara
	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Pale-chinned Flycatcher	Chitwan
Pale Blue Flycatcher	1, 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Verditer Flycatcher	
Asian Sooty Flycatcher	1, 26.4.90 Langtang N.P. (L5)
Asian Brown Flycatcher	1, 9.4.90 Chitwan
	1, 18.4.90 Langtang N.P. (L5)
Ultramarine Flycatcher	K.V.
	Langtang N.P.
Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher	
Red-breasted Flycatcher	

Grey-headed Flycatcher	
Yellow-bellied Fantail	
White-throated Fantail	Chitwan
Asian Paradise Flycatcher	Chitwan
Black-naped Monarch	Chitwan
Puff-throated Babbler	Chitwan
Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler	near Syabru, Langtang N.P. (L5)
Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler	1, 18.4.90 at c.2100m and 1, 26.4.90 between Chongdong and the Riverside Lodge (2380-2680m) : Langtang N.P. (L5)
Striped Tit-Babbler	Chitwan
Red-capped Babbler	Chitwan
Yellow-eyed Babbler	Chitwan
Striated Babbler	Chitwan
Slender-billed Babbler	Chitwan
Jungle Babbler	Chitwan
White-throated Laughing-Thrush	
White-crested Laughing-Thrush	
Greater Necklaced Laughing-Thrush	1, 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara Chitwan
Striated Laughing-Thrush	6, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V. Langtang N.P. (L5 & M5)
Rufous-necked Laughing-Thrush	Chitwan
Streaked Laughing-Thrush	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Black-faced Laughing-Thrush	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Chestnut-crowned Laughing-Thrush	K.V. Langtang N.P. (L5)
Red-billed Leiothrix	2, 15.4.90 Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V.
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	A female, 15.4.90 Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V. Langtang N.P. (L5)
Green Shrike-Babbler	
Chestnut-tailed Minla	
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	
White-browed Fulvetta	
Nepal Fulvetta	Pulchowki, K.V.
Black-capped Sibia	
Whiskered Yuhina	
Stripe-throated Yuhina	
Rufous-vented Yuhina	
White-bellied Yuhina	K.V. 1, 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara Chitwan
Black-browed Tit	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Black-throated Tit	
Yellow-browed Tit	Sheopuri Wildlife Reserve, K.V. Langtang N.P. (L5)
Rufous-vented Black Tit	
Great Tit	
Green-backed Tit	
Black-lored Tit	
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	1, 25.3.90 Gokarna Safari Park, K.V. 2, 29.3.90 & 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara 5, 9.4.90 Chitwan

White-tailed Nuthatch	
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	1, 21.4.90 Langtang N.P. (L5)
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	A male, 9.4.90 near Tiger Tops, Chitwan
Purple Sunbird	Chitwan
Mrs. Gould's Sunbird	Langtang N.P. (L5)
Green-tailed Sunbird	
Crimson Sunbird	1, 29 & 30.3.90 lakeside area, Pokhara
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	1, 9.4.90 Chitwan
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker	A male, 17.4.90 near Dunche, Langtang N.P.
Plain Flowerpecker	5, 25.3.90 Gokarna Safari Park, K.V.
Buff-bellied Flowerpecker	
Oriental White-eye	
Maroon Oriole	7+, 29.3.90 & 9, 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Black-hooded Oriole	Chitwan
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Chitwan
Long-tailed Shrike	
Grey-backed Shrike	Langtang N.P. (L5 & M5)
Black Drongo	
Ashy Drongo	
White-bellied Drongo	Chitwan
Bronzed Drongo	K.V.
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Spangled Drongo	3, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.
	Phewa Tal, Pokhara
	Chitwan
Ashy Woodswallow	Chitwan
Eurasian Jay	2, 13.4.90 Pulchowki, K.V.
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	
Red-billed Blue Magpie	
Green Magpie	1, 29.3.90 & 9, 1.4.90 Phewa Tal, Pokhara
Rufous Treepie	
Grey Treepie	
Eurasian Nutcracker	
Alpine Chough	
Red-billed Chough	
House Crow	
Jungle Crow	
Common Raven	1, 25.4.90 Kyanjin Gomba, Langtang N.P.
Chestnut-tailed Starling	5, 25.3.90 Gokarna Safari Park & 16+, 26.3.90 Basant Gaon, K.V.
	16+, 28.3.90 lakeside, Pokhara (smaller numbers 29-31.3.90).
	82+, 6.4.90 Chitwan (smaller numbers 7-10.4.90)
Asian Pied Starling	Chitwan
Common Mynah	
Bank Mynah	Chitwan
Jungle Mynah	
House Sparrow	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	

Red Avadavat	Chitwan
Striated Munia	1, 10.4.90 Chitwan
Scaly-breasted Munia	Chitwan
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	
Plain Mountain Finch	
Common Rosefinch	3, 9.4.90 Chitwan
Beautiful Rosefinch	
Little Bunting	1, 30.3.90 north of Pokhara
Yellow-breasted Bunting	
Crested Bunting	Pokhara
	K.V.
	Langtang N.P. (L5)