

BIRDING IN NEPAL

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September 17 - October 10, 1992

ITINERARY

September 17 - New York-London via British Air.

September 18 - London-Frankfurt-Dubai-Kathmandu via Royal Nepal Airways.

September 19 - Arrival in Kathmandu; installation in Narayani Hotel, Patan.

September 20 - Morning on the lower slopes of Phulchowki Danda (Phulchowki Hill) at the southern rim of the Kathmandu Valley. Afternoon in the Nagarjun area (Royal family is in residence so we cannot go into the compound proper).

September 21 - Sheopuri (or Shivapuri) Reserve on the northern side of the valley.

September 22 - Morning on the upper slopes of Phulchowki Danda. Afternoon at the Botanical Gardens at the foot of the hill.

September 23 - Flight to Pokhara at the foot of the Annapurna Range; installation at the Tragopan Hotel. Visit to Phewa Tal or Phewa Lake in the evening.

September 24 - Beginning of Annapurna trek. Valley of Seti Kola by Chinese truck. On foot, Birethane to Tirkedhunga.

September 25 - Tirkedhunga-Ulleri-Ghorepani by foot.

September 26 - Poon (or Pun) Hill, Deorali, Ghar Khola valley in rhododendron forests. Night again at Ghorepani.

September 27 - Ghorepani-Banthante-Taadapani by foot.

September 28 - Taadapani-Ghandruk-Landruk-Dhampus (or nearby) by foot in pouring rain.

September 29 - Dhampus-Phedi by foot back to road. Taxi to land-slide area which we have to cross on foot. Taxi back to Pokhara.

September 30 - Phewa, Begnas and RUPPA Tal, all lakes in the Pokhara area.

October 1 - Pokhara-Chitwan by road via the Trisuli Valley. By longboat ferry and Land Rover to Gaida Wildlife Camp.

October 2 - Churia Hill via elephant. Second night at Gaida.

October 3 - Morning at Gaida. Afternoon ride in a 4-wheel drive through sal forest to Narayani Lodge.

October 4 - Across the river (by boat) and into the trees through Chitwan Park (by foot) to the base of the Churia Hill in a deeply forested area. Night at Narayani Hotel.

October 5, 6 - Narayani Hotel-Machan Wildlife Camp by road, ferry and four-wheel truck. Machan area on foot and by vehicle. Both nights at Machan Camp.

October 7 - Machan-Kathmandu via bus. Tour of Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur.

October 8 - Higher parts of Sheopuri (Shivapuri) Reserve (ES); day in Kathmandu/Patan (LS).

October 9 - Kathmandu-London

October 10 - London-New York

Weather was generally excellent except for one overcast day and one rain day in the mountains.

BIRD LIST

The sequence and nomenclature of this list follows Inskipp and Inskipp, "Guide to the Birds of Nepal" and Fleming, et al. "Birds of Nepal."

+ - heard only

? - probable (not well enough seen or not securely identified at the species level due to possible confusion with similar species)

\* - lifer (for E & LS)

(\*) - semi-lifer (introduced species seen elsewhere but native here or possible new species due to split)

\*Oriental Darter (Anhinga melanogaster) - several birds at Bishazari Tal near Chitwan, 10/3/92.

① Yellow Bittern (Ixobrychus sinensis) - on the river near Gaida Camp, 10/3/92 [this species is not illustrated in Fleming; previously seen in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia].

Cinnamon Bittern (I. cinnamomeus) - on the river near Gaida Camp, 10/1,3/92; chased by the preceding species making an easy comparison [this species also previously seen in Kuala Lumpur].

Black-crowned Night Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax) - Roost or colony at the Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92.

Striated or Green-backed Heron (Butorides or Ardeola striatus) - several sightings at Chitwan, 10/2-5/92; [Fleming calls it "Little Green Heron" but striatus and butorides are once again split].

Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis) - common; the universal bird of the tropics.

Little Egret (Egretta garzetta) - common at Chitwan, 10/1-5/92 [no longer considered conspecific with our Snowy].

\*Intermediate Egret (E. intermedia) - Rapti River near Gaida Camp, Chitwan, 10/2/92.

Great Egret (E. alba) - Rapti River near Narayani Lodge and Machan Camp, 10/4,5/92.

\*Asian Openbill Stork (Anastomus oscitans) - the common stork at Chitwan, 10/1-5/92.

✎ \*Black-necked Stork (Ephippiorhynchus or Xenorhynchus asiaticus) - on or near Rapti River, Chitwan, 10/2,4/92.

✓ \*Lesser Adjutant Stork (Laptoptilos javanicus) - Rapti River near Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92.

✓ \*Red-naped (White-shouldered Ibis; Black Ibis) (Pseudibis papillosa) - Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92; Rapti River near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.

\*Lesser Whistling Duck (Dendrocygna javanica) - same localities and dates as preceding.

\*Cotton Pigmy Goose or Cotton Teal - (Nettapus coromandelianus) - Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92; Harda River near Machan, 10/5/92.

\*Oriental Honey-Buzzard (Pernis apivorus or ptilorhynchus) - Rapti River at Gaida Camp, 10/3/92.

Black (Common, Dark or Pariah) Kite (Milvus migrans) - very common in virtually all populated areas.

- Egyptian Vulture (Neophron percnopterus) - Pokhara-Ghorepani trek, 9/23-25/92; seen perched on trail.
- Lammergeier or Bearded Vulture (Gypaetus barbatus) - repeated sightings, flying and perched on trail; Pokhara-Ghorepani trek, 9/24,25/92.
- \*Oriental (Indian) White-backed (or White-rumped) Vulture (Gyps bengalensis) - Rapti River near Gaida camp, 10/1,3/92.
- \*Long-billed Vulture or Indian Griffon (Gyps indicus) - Pokhara, 9/23/92 (in a kettle of vultures).
- \*Himalayan Griffon Vulture (Gyps fulvus) - Annapurna area, 9/25-28/92.
- Eurasian Griffon Vulture (Gyps fulvus) - Chitwan near Gaida Camp, 10/1,2/92.
- \*Red-headed (King, Indian Black) Vulture (Sarcogyps calvus) - Pokhara, 9/23/92 (in a kettle of vultures).
- Crested Serpent Eagle (Spilornis cheela) - Sheopuri (Shivapuri) Reserve near Kathmandu, 9/21/92; Machan Camp, 10/5,7/92.
- Eurasian Marsh Harrier (Circus aeruginosus) - Chitwan near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92.
- Hen Harrier (C. cyaneus) - Chitwan near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92; same species as our Marsh Hawk or Northern Harrier.
- Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis) - Annapurna area, 9/21, 27/92; the common high mountain accipiter.
- \*Besra (A. virgatus) - Ghandruk (Ghandrung) - Landruk (Ghandrung) area, 9/29/92; common in the mid-mountain areas; seen flying through the forest two or three feet from the ground in heavy fog.
- \*Shikra (A. badius) - Chitwan (Narayani Lodge, Machan camp), 10/4,5/92; the common accipiter of the terai.
- \*Long-legged Buzzard (Buteo rufinus) - Rapti River near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92; perched on the river bank and flying.
- Black Eagle (Ictinaetus malayensis) - seen several times at Shivapuri (Sheopuri) Reserve near Kathmandu, 9/21, 10/8/92.
- \*Tawny Eagle (Aquila rapax) - large soaring eagle with distinct white wing spots and reddish coloration, particularly noticeable on the tail, seen at Harda Tal, near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- \*Imperial Eagle (A. heliaca) - flying over the Phewa Tal, Pokhara and perched low as well; 9/30/92; white nape and shoulder patches well seen.
- \*Bonelli's Eagle (Hieraaetus fasciatus) - flying low over forested ravine between Birethante and Ghorepani, 9/24/92.
- \*Changeable Hawk-Eagle (Spizaetus cirrhatus) - Harda Tal near Machan Camp, 10/5/92; ID by default but most likely correct.
- \*Mountain Hawk-Eagle (S. nipalensis) - Sheopuri (Shivapuri) Reserve, 9/21 and 10/8/93.
- \*Collared (Red-thighed, Red-legged) Falconet (Microhierax caerulescens) - Churia Hills, Chitwan, 10/2/92; near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- Common Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus) - Sheopuri, 9/21/91; Annapurna area, 9/25-28/92; common raptor in open mountain ar
- Eurasian Hobby (F. subbuteo) [or Oriental Hobby (F. severus)] - Ruppia Tal near Pokhara; 'large swift' look.
- Peregrine or Shaheen Falcon (F. peregrinus) - over Rapti River near - Gaida camp, 10/2/92; also near Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92.

- (Common) Hill Partridge (Arborophila torqueola) - flushed from damp, mossy area in forest at Taadapani, 9/27/92
- \*Red Junglefowl (Gallus gallus) - fairly common and easy to see at Chitwan (esp near Machan Camp), 10/5,6/92.
- \*Kalij Pheasant (Lophura leucomelana) - the only Himalayan pheasant to reach the lower altitudes; quite common and not hard to see at many locations: Sheopuri Reserve near Kath-mandu, 9/21,10/8/92; Taadapani area, 9/30/92; Begnas Tal nr Pokhara, 9/30/92; Churia Hills near Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92.
- (\*)Blue Peafowl (Pavo cristatus) - common at Chitwan, 10/1-5/92; the wild version of the Peacock.
- White-breasted Waterhen (Amaurornis phaeinurus) - Rapti River near Gaida Camp, 10/1,3/92.
- Common Moorhen (Indian Gallinule) (Gallinula chloropus) - Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92
- \*Bronze-winged Jacana (Metopidius indicus) - near Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92
- \*Ibisbill (Ibidorhyncha struthersii) - flying over river and calling at Gaida Camp, 10/2/92
- Eurasian Thick-Knee or Stone Curlew (Burhinus oedicephalus) - Harda Tal near Machan Camp, 10/6/92.
- Little Ringed Plover (Charadrius dubius) - Chitwan (Rapti River, etc.), 10/2-4/92; common migrant.
- Kentish or Snowy Plover (C. alexandrinus) - Chitwan; on river near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92.
- \*River or Spur-winged Lapwing (Hoplopterus duvaucelii or Vanellus spinosus duvaucelii) - Chitwan, 10/1-6/92, common on river banks and adjacent grassy areas.
- \*Red-wattled Lapwing or Plover (Hoplopterus or Vanellus indicus) - Chitwan: near Gaida and Machan Camps, 10/2,5/92.
- Little Stint (Calidris minuta) - Rapti River near Narayan, 10/4/92; migrant.
- Eurasian Curlew (Numenius arquata) - on the river opp Gaida Camp, 10/2/92; apparently rare as a migrant in the area.
- Common Greenshank (Tringa nebularia) - common at Chitwan, 10/16/92; migrant.
- Wood Sandpiper (T. glareola) - one in a wet backwater near Gaida Camp, 10/1/92; migrant.
- Common Sandpiper (Actitis hypoleucos) - Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 9/23/92; common on river banks at Chitwan, 10/2-5/92.
- Rock Pigeon (Columba livia) - common everywhere; apparently living wild in the deep river gorges.
- Eurasian Collared Dove (Streptopelia decaocto) - very common at Chitwan, 10/3-6/92.
- \*Oriental or Rufous Turtle Dove (S. orientalis) - Kathmandu area, 9/20-22/92; also in forests nr Ghorepani, 9/25/92.
- Spotted Dove (S. chinensis) - very common in many areas, both near habitation and in the forest [introduced in the U.S.; also occurs in Malaysia where we saw it near Pasoh Reserve].

- \*Yellow-footed or Bengal Green Pigeon (Treron phoenicoptera) - Chitwan: opp Narayani Lodge and in forest near Machan Camp; 10/4,5/92.
- \*Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon (T. sphenura) - flying at Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- \*Alexandrine or Large Parakeet (Psittacula eupatria) - common at Chitwan ranging up into the Churia Hills, 10/1-6/92.
- (\*Rose-ringed or Ring-necked Parakeet (P. krameri) - Kathmandu, 9/19/92; common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92 [introduced elsewhere].
- \*Slaty-headed Parakeet (P. himalayana) - Churia Hills, Chitwan, 10/2/92.
- \*Plum- or Blossom-headed Parakeet (P. cyanocephala) - common at Chitwan (Churia Hills, Gaida Camp, Narayani Lodge), 10/1-4/92.
- \*Common Hawk-Cuckoo (Hierococcyx (Cuculus) varius) - Harda Tal near Machan Camp, Chitwan, 10/6/92.
- \*Indian Cuckoo (Cuculus micropterus) - On the grounds of the Narayani Lodge, early morning, 10/4/92.
- \*Lesser or Little Cuckoo (C. poliocephalus) - Phulchowki Hill near Kathmandu, 9/22/92.
- \*Common Koel or Koel Cuckoo (Eudynamis scolopacea) - Gaida Camp, Chitwan, 10/3/92.
- \*Green-billed (or Large Green-billed) Malkoha (Phaenicophaeus or Rhopodytes tristis) - Sheopuri Reserve near Kathmandu 9/21/92; Machan Camp, Chitwan, 10/6/92.
- Lesser Coucal (Centropus bengalensis or toulou) - Machan Camp; grasslands opposite main lodge building; 10/5/92.
- \*Brown Fish Owl (Ketupa or Bubo zeylonensis) - a pair in riverine forest opposite Gaida Camp, 10/1,2/92.
- \*Collared Owlet (Glaucidium brodiei) - Sheopuri Reserve near Kathmandu, 9/21/92, 10/8/92 (heard only).
- \*Jungle Owlet (G. radiatum) - Gaida Camp, Chitwan, 10/1/92; seen in daytime.
- \*Asian Barred (Cuckoo) Owlet (G. cuculoides) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/22/92; base of Churia Hills nr Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92; forest nr Machan Camp, 10/5,6/92; seen and heard in daytime and early evening.
- \*Spotted Owlet (Athene brama) - Kathmandu (next to hotel; outskirts of town, etc.), 9/19-21,10/18/92; also at Naryani Lodge, 10/3,4/92; this owl makes itself known by its animal-like shrieks and cries.
- \*Himalayan or Edible Nest Swiftlet (Collocalia brevirostris) - climbing towards Ghorepani, 9/25/92.
- Alpine Swift (Apus melba) - high gorge en route to Ghorepani, 9/25/92; large swift with white markings could hardly have been anything else.
- House Swift (A. affinis) - seen in town at Pokhara, 9/23/92 but also in forested mountain terrain at Phulchowki,9/20/92, nr Ghorepani, 9/25-27/92, and at Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- \*Crested Tree Swift (Hemiprocne coronata) - flying at Chitwan (base of Churia Hills, 10/4/92; from Machan Camp, 10/6/92).
- White-throated or White-breasted Kingfisher (Halcyon smyrnensis) - the most common kingfisher at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- Stork-billed Kingfisher (Pelargopsis or Halcyon capensis) - fairly common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.

- Common or Eurasian or River Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis) - common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- \* (Small) Pied Kingfisher (Ceryle rudis) - Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 9/23/92; Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92.
- \* (Little) Green Bee-eater (Merops orientalis) - near Narayani Lodge, Chitwan, 10/3/92.
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater (M. leschenaulti) - near Bishazari Tal on the way to Narayani Camp, 10/3/92.
- \* Chestnut- or Bay-headed Bee-eater (M. leschenaulti) - near Bishazari Tal on the way to Narayani Camp, 10/3/92.
- \* Indian Roller or 'Blue Jay' (Coracias benghalensis) - several Chitwan locations, notably near Gaida Camp, 10/1-3/92.
- Dollarbird or Broad-billed Roller or Dark Roller (Eurystomus orientalis) - widespread at Chitwan into Churia Hills, 10/2/92.
- Hoopoe (Upupa epops) - Common along river banks and grassy areas at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- \* Great or Great Himalayan Barbet (Megalaima virens) - barely glimpsed at Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21 and 10/8/92, but heard calling and duetting several times.
- \* Brown-headed or Green Barbet (Megalaima zeylanica) - At the foot of the Churia Hills, 10/4/92 and in forest near Machan Camp, 10/5/92; tentatively separated from Lineated Barbet by less massive bill, spotting rather than streaking on back and wing coverts, more streaking on crown, dark throat and light, unstreaked belly.
- \* Lineated Barbet (M. lineata) - most common and easily observed barbet in Chitwan, 10/2,4/92.
- \* Golden-throated Barbet (M. franklinii) - Sheopuri Reserve near Kathmandu, 10/8/92 (heard only; certainly not golden-throated from a musical point of view).
- \* Blue-throated Barbet (M. asiatica) - common on the Churia Hills, 10/2/92.
- Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker (Picus chlorolophus) - Churia Hills, 10/2, near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- Greater Yellow-naped Woodpecker (P. flavinucha) - Churia Hill, 10/4/92, near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- \* Grey-headed or Black-naped Woodpecker (P. canus) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92; Chitwan (Churia Hills, nr Machan), 10/2-5/92 [ironically ES looked for this species in the Forêt de Fontainebleau last June without success but, found it very common in Chitwan Park].
- \* (Large) Scaly-bellied Woodpecker (P. squamatus) - Pun Hill, Ghorepani, 9/26/92; feeding on the ground in a high meadow.
- \* Himalayan Flameback (3-Toed Golden-backed Woodpecker) (Dinopium shorii) - common at Chitwan in forested areas, 10/1-6/92.
- \* Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker) (D. benghalense) - Churia Hills, Chitwan, 10/3,4/92.
- Greater Flameback (Greater Golden-backed Woodpecker) (Chrysocolaptes lucidus) - Churia Hills, Chitwan, 10/4/92; also forest near Machan Camp, 10/4,5/92.
- \* Darjeeling (or Darjeeling Pied) Woodpecker (Dendrocopos darjellensis) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/2//92; forest between Ghorepani and Taadapani, 9/28,29/92.

- \*Brown-fronted (Pied) Woodpecker (Dendrocopos or Picoides auriceps) - Taadapani, 9/27/92.
- \*Fulvous-breasted (Pied) Woodpecker (D. macei) - fairly common at Chitwan, 10/3-6/92.
- \*Grey-capped (Grey-headed or Grey-crowned) Pigmy Woodpecker (D. canicapillus) - fairly common in forests at Chitwan, 10/3-6/92.
- \*Brown-capped (or Brown-crowned) Pigmy Woodpecker (D. nanus) - in forest near Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- \*Long-tailed Broadbill (Psarisomus dalhousiae) - flock of 12-15 birds in the forest edge next to the Harda Tal, Machan Camp area, 10/6/92.
- \*Rufous-winged Bush Lark (Mirafra assamica) - Chitwan; near Gaida Camp (10/2/92) and nr Machan Camp (10/6/92).
- \*Ashy-crowned Finch Lark (Eremopterix grisea) - Harda Tal near Machan Camp, Chitwan Valley; 10/6/92.
- \*(Indian) Sand Lark (Calandrella raytal) - river near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92.
- \*Oriental or Little Skylark (Alauda gulgula) - near Gaida Camp (10/2/92) and Harda Tal (10/6/92).
- \*Plain Martin (Riparia paludicola) - common on all the Chitwan rivers, 10/1-6/92 [a split from the Sand Martin or Bank Swallow, Riparia riparia].
- Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica) - common almost everywhere, 10/92.
- Red-rumped or Striated Swallow (H. daurica) - common in the Kathmandu area, 9/21/92, 10/5,6/92.
- \*Nepal House Martin (Delichon nipalensis) - seen often in the Ghorepani area, 9/25-27/92.
- (\*)Richard's (or Paddyfield) Pipit (Anthus novaeseelandiae) - [The Paddyfield Pipit, A. rufulus, has been alternately merged with and split back from the more widespread Richard's; a lifer if split.]; Pokhara, 9/92.
- \*Olive-backed or Hodgson's Tree Pipit (A. hodgsoni) - Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21/92 and again on 10/8; also Annapurna area in terraced rice paddies, 9/26 & 9/28/1992.
- \*Citrine or Yellow-headed Wagtail (Motacilla citreola) - immature or winter plumaged bird near Bishazari Tal, 10/3/92.
- Grey Wagtail (M. cinerea) - The common wagtail of the highlands; Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21,22; Ghorepani area, 9/26,27; Pokhara, 9/30/92).
- White or Pied Wagtail (M. alba) - on the balcony of our hotel in Pokhara, 9/30; common on river banks in Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- \*White-browed (Large Pied) Wagtail (M. maderaspatensis) - Bishazari Tal and river near Narayani Lodge, 10/3,4/92.
- \*Common Woodshrike (Tephrodornis pondicerianus) - flocks in the Churia Hills, 10/4/92, and in the forest between Harda Tal and Machan Camp, 10/5,6/92.
- Large Woodshrike (T. gularis or virgatus) - Churia Hills, 10/4/92; [this species and the next previously seen at Taman Negara, Malaysia].
- Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike (Pied Wood-shrike) (Hemipus picatus) - Churia Hills, 10/4/92.

- \*Black-headed Cuckoo-Shrike (Coracina melanoptera) - one seen in the Churia Hills with a flock of Cuckoo-Shrikes which included all the preceding species, 10/4/92.
- \*Black-winged or Dark Cuckoo-Shrike (C. melaschistos) - Churia Hills, Gaida Camp, Machan Camp, 10/2,3,5,6/92.
- (\*)Large or Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (C. macei or novaehollandiae) - Begnas Tal nr Pokhara, 9/30/92; Chitwan 10/2-6/92. [If this Cuckoo-Shrike is a separate species (macei) than it is a life bird; if it is the same as the one in Malaysia, sometimes called javensis), and/or the one in Australia (novaehollandiae), then it is not a life bird.]
- Scarlet Minivet (Pericrocotus flammeus or speciosus) - Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21; Churia Hills, 10/2; Machan Camp, 10/5,6/92 [previously seen at Pasoh, Malaysia].
- \*Long-tailed Minivet (P. ethologus) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20; Ghorepani area, 9/26-28/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- \*Small Minivet (P. cinnamomeus) - Churia Hills, 10/2/92.
- \*Rosy Minivet (P. roseus) - Churia Hills, Machan Camp area, 10/2,5,6/92.
- Black-crested (Black-headed Yellow) Bulbul (Pycnonotus melanicterus) - forest nr Machan Camp, 10/5,6/92.
- (\*)Red-Whiskered Bulbul (P. jocosus) - common in forest edge, Chitwan, 10/3-6/92 [this is another species that has been widely introduced elsewhere].
- \*White-cheeked Bulbul (P. leucogenys) - widespread in Kathmandu area, Annapurna area and Chitwan, 9/21,24,10/4-6/92.
- (\*)Red-vented Bulbul (P. cafer) - widespread in Kathmandu, Annapurna and Chitwan areas, 9/21,28,29/92, 10/1-6/92 [this species has been introduced into Fiji where we saw it in the airport during a brief stop on the flight back from Australia!].
- Mountain or Rufous-bellied Bulbul (Hypsipetes maclellandii or virescens) - Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92 [this and the next species previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- Ashy or Brown Eared Bulbul (H. flavalus or flavala or cinereus) - in cloud forest after Landruk, 9/9/92; Churia Hills, 10/2/92.
- \*Black or Grey Bulbul (H. leucocephalus or madagascariensis) - Begnas Tal near Pokhara, 9/30/92; Sheopuri Reserve 10/8/92.
- Common Iora (Aegithina tiphia) - Common at Chitwan 10/1-5/92.
- \*Golden-fronted Leafbird (Chloropsis aurifrons) - common at Chitwan, 10/2-6/92; a notably late breeder, it was seen feeding young a number of times.
- Orange-bellied Leafbird (C. hardwickii) - common in the highlands of the Kathmandu and Annapurna areas, 9/20,21,25/92; also in the Churia Hills, 10/2/92 [previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- \*Brown Dipper (Cinclus pallasi) - Gorepani-Ghandruk trail, 9/27/92.
- \*White-tailed or Himalayan Rubythroat (Luscinia or Erithacus pectoralis) - a single male of the "Tibetan race" in full breeding plumage singing continuously in the reeds at Harda Tal nr Machan Camp, 10/6/92.
- Asian Magpie-Robin (Copsychus saularis) - common everywhere near habitation.

- White-rumped Shama (C. malabaricus) - common in forest under growth in Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- Black Redstart (Phoenicurus ochruros) - top of Phulchowki Hill and highlands of Kathmandu and Annapurna (9/22-29/92, 10/8/92); also Churia Hills, 10/2/92.
- \*Hodgson's Redstart (P. hodgsoni) - On the eastern side of Sheopuri Reserve on a wire in an open area nr Buddhist monastery, 9/21/92. This species was first collected and identified by Hodgson in the Kathmandu Valley.
- \*Plumbeous Redstart (Rhyacornis fuliginosus) - Botanical Gardens at the foot of Phulchowki Hill, 9/22/92; common on mountain streams in the Annapurna region, 9/24-28/92.
- \*White-tailed (Blue) Robin (Cinclidium leucurum) - Taadapani-Ghandruk, 9/28/92; this bird, normally considered a species of low, dense undergrowth, was flycatching by darting out from the vegetation along the sides of a sheer ravine; shining eyebrow, white shoulder patches and tail pattern could be seen during its darting flights.
- Common Stonechat (Collared Bushchat) (Saxicola torquata) - Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21/92, 10/8/92; common at Chitwan where it is a grasslands species, 10/1-6/92.
- \*White-tailed Stonechat (White-tailed Bushchat) (S. leucura) - Harda Tal near Machan, 10/6/92.
- \*Pied Bushchat (S. caprata) - in reed grasslands at Chitwan, 10/2,4/92.
- \*Grey or Dark-grey Bushchat (S. ferrea) - Sheopuri reserve; on upper forested ridge; 10/8/92.
- \*White-capped Redstart or River Chat (Chaimarrornis leucocephalus or Thamnolaea leucocephala) - on mountain streams between Taadapani and Ghandruk, 9/27,28/92.
- \*Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush (Monticola rufiventris) - Phulchowki, Ghorepani area, 9/22,26/92.
- \*Blue Whistling Thrush (Myiophonus caeruleus) - Botanical Gardens at the foot of Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- ?Plain-backed Mountain Thrush (Zoothera mollissima) - Ghorepani forest, 9/26/92; several birds active in a grassy clearing. [Likely this species but the Long-tailed Mountain Thrush (Zoothera dixonii) is also a possibility].
- (\*)Scaly or White's (or Tiger) Thrush (Z. dauma) - Phulchowki Hill, Ghorepani area, 9/22,26/92; part of a superspecies, a collection in series of very closely related forms, ranging from Siberia and China to Australia.
- \*White-collared Blackbird (Turdus albocinctus) - forest near Ghorepani; feeding near the ground in a grassy clearing; 9/26/92.
- \*Grey-winged Blackbird (T. boulboul) - forest at Taadapani, feeding on the ground with Hill Partridges in a wet, mossy area; 9/27/92.
- \*Chestnut or Grey-headed Thrush (T. rubrocanus) - near top of Pun Hill above Ghorepani, 9/26/92.
- \*Little Forktail (Enicurus scouleri) - streams in deep gorges between Taadapani and Ghandruk, 9/27,28/92.
- \*Spotted Forktail (E. maculatus) - three birds on the lower reaches of Sheopuri reserve, 10/8/92.

- \*Chestnut-headed Ground Warbler or Tesia (Tesia castaneocoronata) - Pulchowki, 9/22/92 (heard only); glimpsed near the Deorali tea house past Ghorepani, 9/28/92.
- \*Grey-sided or Rufous-capped Bush Warbler (Cettia brunnifrons) - forest between Harda Tal and Machan Camp, 10/5,6/92.
- Zitting Cisticola (Cisticola juncidis) - near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92.
- \*Plain Prinia (Prinia inornata or subflava) - foot of Churia Hills (near Narayani Lodge), 10/4/92.
- \*Ashy (Long-tailed) Prinia (P. socialis) - near Bishazari Tal, Narayani, 10/3,4/92.
- \*Grey-crowned Prinia (P. cinereocapilla) - near Gaida Camp, 10/2/92.
- \*Grey-breasted or Hodgson's Prinia (P. hodgsonii) - near Gaida Camp, at Machan Camp, 10/2,5,6/92.
- \*Striated or Brown Hill Prinia (P. criniger) - Sheopuri, Annapurna region, 9/21,24,25,28/92; always in open areas.
- Common Tailorbird (Orthotomus sutorius) - common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- \*Blyth's Reed Warbler (Acrocephalus dumetorum) - in reeds opposite Gaida Camp, 10/1/92. Not well seen. The lack of reed warblers in these riverine grasslands is surprising.
- \*Golden-Spectacled or Yellow-eyed Warbler (Seicercus burkii) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92.
- \*Grey-cheeked Warbler (Seicercus poliogenys) - Annapurna region, 9/25,28/92.
- \*Chestnut-crowned (or Chestnut-headed) Warbler (S. castaniceps) - near Ghorepani, 9/25/92.
- \*Grey-hooded or Grey-headed Warbler (S. xanthoschistos) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; Ghorepani, 9/25,28/92.
- \*Black-faced Warbler (Abroscopus schisticeps) - Phulchowki, 9/20/92; Ghorepani area, 9/25/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- [Phylloscopus warblers proved to be not quite as difficult as anticipated; in fact, they are some of the easiest mountain forest birds to see well! I have tried to list only the reasonably certain identifications with the significant characters that led to the IDs
- \*Blyth's or Crowned Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus reguloides) - Phulchowki, 9/22; near Ghorepani, 9/26/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92 (small, distinctly crowned, wingbars, yellowish underneath).
- \*Greenish or Dull Green Leaf Warbler (P. trochiloides) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; Landruk area, 9/28/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92 (small, brownish green, one wing bar, eyebrow weak or lacking, whitish underneath).
- \*Orange-barred Leaf Warbler (P. pulcher) - upper reaches of Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92 (buff or orangey wing bar bordered in black).
- \*Gray-faced Leaf Warbler (P. maculipennis) - common at Phulchowki, - 9/22/92; Ghorepani area (9/26-29/92) (head and breast gray; headed crowned; yellow belly, wingbar and rump; a common and distinctive bird; very vocal).
- \*Pallas's or Lemon-rumped Leaf Warbler (P. proregulus) - forest near Ghorepani, 9/25/92 (yellow eyebrow, wingbar and rump; white underneath).
- \*Yellow-browed, Plain or Buff-browed Leaf Warbler (P. inornatus or humei) - At Gaida and Machan Camps, Chitwan, 10/3,5/92 (very small, white wingbar, buffy eyebrow, white underneath).
- \*Tickell's Leaf Warbler (P. affinis) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; Birethanti-Ghorepani, 9/24-26/92 (completely yellow underneath with yellow eyebrow like an American warbler).

- Large Niltava (Niltava grandis) - In a tree by a tea house on the outskirts of Ghandruk, 9/28/92
- \*Small Niltava (N. macgrigoriae) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92
- \*Rufous-bellied or Beautiful Niltava (N. sundara) - Phulchowki 9/22/92; forest near Landruk in dwindling rain; perched prominently on a stub, 9/29/92; Chitwan near Machan Camp, 10/5/92
- \*Pale-chinned or Brooks' Flycatcher (Niltava) (Cyornis or Niltava poliogenys) - base of Churia Hills, 10/3/92; forest between Harda Tal & Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- Verditer Flycatcher (Muscicapa thalassina) - widespread from Phulchowki (9/20,22), Annapurna area (9/25-29), Chitwan (10/4,5).
- Asian Sooty (Siberian or Dark-sided) Flycatcher (M. sibirica) - Phulchowki, 9/20, 22/92; forests near Ghorepani, 9/26,28/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- Asian Brown Flycatcher (M. latirostris) - Chitwan; forest near Machan, 10/5,6/92.
- \*Ultramarine or White-browed Blue Flycatcher (Ficedula or Muscicapa superciliaris) - forest near Landruk in rain; 9/29/92.
- Little Pied Flycatcher (Ficedula or Muscicapa westermanni) - fairly common in highlands; Phulchowki, 9/20/92; Annapurna area, 9/25,26,28,29/92.
- \*Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher (Ficedula or Muscicapa strophitata) - fairly common in forests near Ghorepani, 9/26,27/92.
- \*Red-breasted or Red-throated Flycatcher (Ficedula or Muscicapa parva) - relatively common at Chitwan, 10/2-6/92; also Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92; all individuals of this passage migrant/winter visitor in female, immature or non-breeding plumage.
- \*Grey-headed Flycatcher (Culicicapa ceylonensis) - Common and widespread; keystone species in feeding flocks; Kathmandu, Annapurna and Chitwan areas 9/20-10/6/92.
- \*Yellow-bellied Fantail (Rhipidura hypoxantha) - common in highlands; Phulchowki, 9/22/92; forests near Ghorepani, 9/26-28/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92; also Churia Hills, 10/4/92.
- \*White-browed Fantail (R. aureola) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/22/92; Churia Hills, 10/4/92.
- Black-naped Flycatcher or Monarch (Hypothymis or Monarcha azurea) - fairly common in forests at Chitwan, 10/2-6/92.
- \*Puff-throated or Spotted Babbler (Pellorneum ruficeps) - A voice in the forest; calling constantly from the underbrush in riverine forest near Gaida and Machan camps, 10/1-3,4-6); one well seen at Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- \*Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler (Pomatorhinus erythrogeus) - Fairly common around the Kathmandu Valley; Phulchowki & Sheopuri, 9.20-23/92,10/8/92; fairly well seen (perhaps 'well glimpsed' would be more accurate) in underbrush at the lower part of Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21/92.
- \*Streak-breasted or Rufous-necked Scimitar-Babbler (P. ruficollis) - same areas and dates as the preceding species; both of these Scimitar-Babblers are easy to identify by sound but hard to see; this species popped out in the open at Sheopuri for a good look.
- \*Greater Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler (Pnoepyga albiventer) - Several good looks at wren-babblers in the Ghorepani forests all seem (by call) to refer to this species; 9/25,26/92.

- \*Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler (P. pusilla) - A wren-babbler heard and very briefly glimpsed at Phulchowki may have been this species, 9/22/92.
- \*Black-chinned Babbler (Stachyris pyrrhops) - Well seen at Sheopuri Reserve near Kathmandu, 9/21 & 10/8/92.
- Striped or Yellow-breasted Tit Babbler (Macronous gularis) - common, Chitwan forests near Gaida and Machan, 10/3-6/92.
- \*Chestnut-capped or Red-capped Babbler (Timalia pileata) - in riverine reeds opposite Narayani Lodge, 10/5/92; note that this species has a black face mask or lores separated from its red or chestnut cap by a white eyebrow stripe, a feature not illustrated in Fleming (see Plate 43 in "Birds of South-East Asia"; King, Woodcock & Dickinson).
- \*Yellow-eyed Babbler (Chrysomma sinense) - Small party in river reeds at dusk, opposite Machan Camp, 10/5/92.
- \*Black-throated or Nepal Parrotbill (Paradozornis nipalensis) - small party in bamboo midway up Phulchowki, 9/22/92.
- \*Jungle Babbler (Turdoides striatus) - Common at Chitwan (nr Narayani Lodge, Machan, 10/3-6/92); like many babblers occurs in groups.
- \*White-throated Laughing-Thrush (Garrulax alboocularis) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92; forests and in trees near villages, Ghorepani area, 9/25-27/92; invariably in large, noisy flocks.
- \*White-crested Laughing-Thrush (G. leucolophus) - One of the big misses of the trip. Heard at Phulchowki Hill on the first day of the trip, 9/20/92, but never seen or heard afterwards.
- \*Lesser Necklacked Laughing-Thrush (G. monileger) - Several observations of small groups in forest undergrowth at Chitwan (Churia Hills, Machan; 10/2,5,92).
- \*Striated Laughing-Thrush (G. striatus) - Common at Phulchowki, 9/20/92; also at Sheopuri, 9/25 & 10/8/92.
- \*Rufous-chinned Laughing-Thrush (G. rufogularis) - Well seen in scrub underbrush at Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21/92.
- \*Spotted Laughing-Thrush (G. ocellatus) - forest between Ghorepani and Taadapani, 9/27/92.
- \*Streaked Laughing-Thrush (G. lineatus) - in riverine bushes nr houses at the village of Banthante in a deep ravine between Ghorepani and Taadapani, 9/27/92.
- \*Black-faced Laughing-Thrush (G. affinis) - forests near Ghorepani and Taadapani, 9/26,27/92.
- Chestnut-crowned or Red-headed Laughing-Thrush (G. erythrocephalus) - forests near Ghorepani, 9/25,28/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92 [previously seen, Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- Red-billed Leiothrix or Pekin Robin (Leiothrix lutea) - forests near Landruk, 9/29/92; Sheopuri Reserve 9/21/92 & 10/8/92.
- Cutia or Nepal Cutia (Cutia nepalensis) - Pulchowki Hill, 9/22/92 [previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- \*Green Shrike-Babbler (Pteruthius xanthochloris) - With feeding flock in rain in forest nr Landruk, 9/28/92.
- Black-eared (Chestnut-eared or Chestnut-throated) Shrike Babbler (P. melanotis) - nr Ghorepani, 9/25/92 [previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- \*Hoary Barwing (Actinodura nipalensis) - forest near Ghorepani, 9/26/92; seen feeding young (or courtship feeding?).

- \*Chestnut-tailed or Bar-throated Minla (Minla strigula) - widespread in highlands (Phulchowki, 9/22/92; forests nr Ghorepani, 9/26/-29/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92).
- Rufous-winged Fulvetta or Tit-Babbler (Alcippe castaneiceps) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; forests near Ghorepani, 9/27/92) [previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- \*White-browed Fulvetta or Tit-Babbler (A. vinipectus) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; forests in Annapurna region, 9/25-28/92.
- \*Nepal Fulvetta or Nepal Babbler (A. nipalensis) - Common at Sheopuri Reserve, 9/21/92, 10/8/92 [This is a split from the Mountain Fulvetta, A. peracensis, which we saw at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia, and the Grey-cheeked, A. morrisonia, which is in Indochina].
- \*Black-capped Sibia (Heterophasia capistrata) - very common in all high areas nr Kathmandu and Annapurna, 9/20-28/92, 10/8/92.
- \*Whiskered or Yellow-naped Yuhina (Yuhina flavicollis) - near Landruk, 9/29/92.
- \*Stripe-throated Yuhina (Y. gularis) - widespread in high areas, Phulchowki, 9/22/92; near Ghorepani, 9/26,27/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92.
- \*Rufous-vented Yuhina (Y. occipitalis) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92, also near Ghorepani, 9/26/92.
- \*White-bellied or Black-chinned Yuhina (Y. nigrimenta) - Chitwan area including Churia Hills and forests near Machan Camp, 10/2,4,6/92.
- \*Black-throated or Red-headed Tit (Aegithalos concinnus) - widespread near Kathmandu (Phulchowki, 9/20/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 9/25 & 10/8/92) and Landruk (9/28,29/92); invariably in flocks.
- \*Yellow-browed Tit (Sylviparus modestus) - Sheopuri Reserve, upper forested area, 10/8/92.
- \*Rufous-vented Tit (Parus rubidiventris) - higher forests in the Annapurna region, 9/25-27/92.
- Great (Grey) Tit (P. major) - very common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92; also at Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92; this Asian form of the Eurasian Great Tit has no yellow at all.
- \*Green-backed Tit (P. monicolus) - common in highlands around Kathmandu (9/20,22 & 10/8/92) and in the Annapurna area (9/25-29/92).
- \*Black-lored or Yellow-cheeked Tit (P. xanthogenys) - Common around Kathmandu, 9/20-22 & 10/8/92; also nr Pokhara, 9/29/92.
- Sultan Tit (Melanochlora sultanea) - Churia Hills, 10/2/92; considered scarce but apparently regular on the higher reaches of the Churia Hills [previously seen by us at the Pasoh Reserve in Malaysia].
- \*Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (Sitta frontalis) - Fairly common at Chitwan, 10/2-6/92.
- \*White-tailed Nuthatch (S. himalayensis) - The common nuthatch of the highlands (Kathmandu area, 9/20,22 & 10/8/92; Annapurna area, 9/24-29/92).
- \*Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch (S. castanea) - Common in all Chitwan forests, 10/2-6/92.
- \*Rusty-flanked or Nepal Treecreeper (Certhia nipalensis) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; forest near Taadapani, 9/27/92. Brown-throated Treecreeper (Certhia discolor) would be the expected species on Phulchowki but Kazi was confident that the observation, which was at close to 9,000' was nipalensis not discolor (the two are very similar)

- \*Green-tailed or Nepal Sunbird (Aethopyga nipalensis) - Common in highlands from Kathmandu area (9/20-22,10/8/92) to the lower slopes of the Annapurna area (9/25,28/92).
- Black-throated or Black-breasted Sunbird (A. saturata) - Phulchowki, 9/20/92; Annapurna area, 9/25,28/92.
- \*Crimson or Scarlet-breasted Sunbird (A. siparaja) - Churia Hills, 10/2,4/92.
- \*Fire-tailed (Yellow-backed) Sunbird (A. ignicauda) - Phulchowki, 9/22/92; Ghorepani area, 9/25,26/92.
- ?Pale-billed (Tickell's) Flowerpecker or Plain (Plain-colored) Flowerpecker (Dicaeum erythrorhynchos or D. concolor) - base of the Churia Hills, 10/2/92; feeding high in a treetop so that it was impossible to be sure of the bill color, the only morphological trait that can be used to separate these almost identical species when they are silent.
- Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (D. ignipectus) - base of Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92.
- Oriental White-eye (Zosterops palpebrosus) - Common and widespread.
- Black-hooded (Dark-throated or Black-headed) Oriole (Oriolus xanthornus) - By far the most common oriole in the Chitwan forests, 10/2-6/92.
- (\*)Slender-billed or Black-naped Oriole (O. tenuirostris or chinensis) - forest near Machan Camp, 10/5/92 [If the more northerly Slender-billed is a separate species from the Black-naped then we can count this as a life bird].
- Eurasian Golden Oriole (O. oriolus) - forest near Gaida Camp, 10/1/92.
- Brown Shrike (Lanius cristatus) - Harda River area near Machan Camp, 10/5/92 [previously seen in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia].
- \*Long-tailed or Black-headed Shrike (L. schach) - very wide-spread; Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan (9/19-24,30; 10/1-6/92).
- \*Grey-backed or Tibetan Shrike (L. tephronotus) - garden of the Narayani Hotel and near Bishazari Tal en route to Narayani Lodge, 10/3/92.
- \*Black Drongo (Dicrurus macrocercus) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92; common at Chitwan, 10/1-4/92.
- \*Ashy Drongo (D. leucophaeus) - widespread and common in many areas from Kathmandu Valley (9/20-22;10/8/92) to the Pokhara/Annapurna region (9/24-30) to Chitwan (10/2,5).
- \*White-bellied Drongo (D. caerulescens) - fairly common at Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.
- \*Crow-billed Drongo (D. annectans) - Churia Hills and forest near Machan; 10/2,6/92.
- Bronzed or Little Bronze Drongo (D. aeneus) - fairly common in forest at Chitwan, 10/2-6/92 [previously seen at Pasoh Reserve, Malaysia].
- Lesser or Small Racket-tailed Drongo (D. remifer) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92; Churia Hills, 10/2/92 [previously seen at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia].
- \*Spangled or Hair-crested Drongo (D. hottentottus) - forest understory near Gaida & Machan Camps, 10/2,3,5/92.
- Large or Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (D. paradiseus) - Churia Hills, 10/2/92 [previously seen at Pasoh Reserve, Malaysia].
- \*Ashy Woodswallow (Artamus fuscus) - Over Sal forest near Bishazari Tal en route to Narayani Lodge, 10/3/92.

Eurasian Jay (Himalayan Red-crowned Jay) (Garrulus glandarius) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/22/92; Sheopuri Reserve, 10/8/92; the local subspecies has a uniformly pinkish-brown head with a black moustache.

\*Yellow-billed (Golden-billed) Blue Magpie (Urocissa or Cissa flavirostris) - the highland Blue Magpie; quite common on the Ghorepani trek, 9/25-29/92.

\*Red-billed Blue Magpie (Urocissa or Cissa erythrorhyncha) - replaces the preceding species at lower levels; Nagarjung, Chitwan, Sheopuri (9/19, 10/4,8).

Green Magpie (Cissa chinensis) - glimpsed in the forest on the Churia Hills, 10/2/92 [previously seen at Fraser's Hill].

\*Rufous or Indian Treepie (Dendrocitta vagabunda) - Common and widespread at lower elevations; Begnas Tal near Pokhara, 9/30/92; Chitwan, 10/1-6/92.

\*Grey or Himalayan Treepie (D. formosae) - common in the higher areas; Kathmandu Valley (9/20-22, 10/8/92); Annapurna region (9/24-26); also Churia Hills, 10/2/92.

\*Spotted or Eurasian Nutcracker (Nucifraga caryocatactes) - above Ghorepani, 9/28/92.

House Crow (Corvus splendens) - extremely common in all inhabited areas.

Jungle or Large-billed Crow (C. macrorhynchos) - very common near habitation but also in or nr forested areas.

Common Raven (C. corax) - one being chased by a Goshawk above Ghorepani at 10,000', 9/27/92 (larger size clearly apparent; massive beak, low profile and beard also seen when bird was perched; not common on the Himalayan southern slopes).

\*Chestnut-tailed or Grey-headed Myna (Sturnus malabaricus) - Kathmandu Valley (9/19-21,10/8/92), Pokhara (9/23/92), Chitwan (10/1/92).

\*Brahminy Starling or Mynah (S. pagodarum) - small flock in open fields near Ghandruk, 9/29/92 [a little high for this species but not an improbable location].

\*Asian Pied Starling or Myna (S. contra) - Chitwan, near Gaida Camp, 10/1,2/92; river opposite Narayani Lodge, 10/4/92.

Common Mynah (Acridotheres tristis) - everywhere.

Jungle Mynah (A. fuscus) - Phulchowki Hill, 9/20/92.

Hill or Talking Mynah (Gracula religiosa) - Churia Hills, near Machan Camp, 10/2,5/92.

House Sparrow (Passer domesticus) - everywhere in villages and towns.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (P. montanus) - as widespread and almost as abundant as the preceding species.

Baya Weaver (Ploceus philippinus) - common in cultivated areas everywhere except the mountains.

Scaly-breasted or Spotted Munia (Lonchura punctulata) - by the hotel in Kathmandu; common in Chitwan (10/2,3,5/92).

Chestnut or Black-headed Munia (L. malacca) - beginning of trek near Birethane, 9/24/92; also Chitwan, 10/2/92.

\*Yellow-breasted or Himalyan Goldfinch (Greenfinch) (Carduelis spinoides) - Phulchowki Hill, 9.20,22/92; Pun Hill above Ghorepani, 9/26/92.

?Carpodacus female or immature [one of no more than, say, 12 possible species].

- \*Brown Bullfinch (Pyrrhula nipalensis) - forest near Ghorepani, 9/26/92; calling or singing loudly by a stream.  
 \*Crested Bunting (Melophus lathami) - fairly common in river reeds at Chitwan, 10/1-5/92.

### SUMMARY

- 308 species [including 5 species which were heard only and 6 whose identification at the species level was not certain due to possible confusion with similar forms]  
 184 life birds [includes 4 species seen elsewhere as introduced species but native here<sup>1</sup> as well as 3 forms which belong to species complexes seen elsewhere but which may in fact be full species in their own right (\*)]

### OTHER ANIMALS

- Rhesus Macaque (Macaca mulatta)  
 Gray or Common Langur or Leaf Monkey (Presbytis entellus)  
 Golden Jackal (Canis aureus)  
 Indian One-horned Rhinoceros (Rhinoceros unicornis)  
 Wild Boar (Sus scrofa)  
 Indian Spotted Chevrotain or Mouse Deer (Tragulus meminna)  
 Indian Muntjac or Barking Deer (Muntiacus muntjak or muntjac)  
 Chital or Spotted Deer (Cervus axis)  
 Hog Deer (Cervus porcinus)  
 Sambar (Cervus unicolor)  
 Northern Palm Squirrel (Funambulus pennanti)  
 Himalayan Striped Squirrel (Tamiops macclellandii)  
 Orange-bellied Squirrel (Dremomys lokrish)  
 Hispid or Jungle Hare (Caprolagus hispidus)  
 Asiatic Rock Python (Python molurus)  
 several species of bats  
 Leopard (Panthera pardus) tracks  
 traces of Sloth Bear (Melursus ursinus) & Gaur (Bos frontalis)  
 domesticated form of Asian Elephant (Elephas maximus)

<sup>1</sup> Many domesticated, semi-domesticated and introduced species originate in this part of the world including Jungle Fowl (Gallus gallus), Blue Peafowl or Peacock (Pavo cristatus), Rose-ringed or Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri), Red-whiskered and Red-vented Bulbuls (Pycnonotus jocosus and cafer), Rock Dove or Common Pigeon (Columba livia), Ring and Spotted Doves (Strepto-pelia decaocto and chinensis), Common and Hill or Talking Mynas (Gracula religiosa and Acridotheres tristis) as well as House and Tree Sparrows (Passer domesticus & montanus).