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NOTES ON BIRDS RECORDED IN NEPAL, DECEMBER 1991 AND JANUARY 1992

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ITINERARY

- 18 Dec: Kathmandu to Besishar (2700ft, 830m) - cultivation.
19 Dec: Besishar to Bahundanda (4300ft, 1311m) - cultivation, subtropical groves and river (Marsyangdi Khola).
20 Dec: Bahundanda to Tal (5600ft, 1707m) - cultivation, groves, scrub, some mixed forest with bamboo.
21 Dec: Tal to Bagarchap (7100ft, 2164m) - some mixed broadleaved forest.
22 Dec: Bagarchap to Chame (8900ft, 2713m) - mixed oak forest ascending to pine and spruce forest.
23 Dec: Chame to Pisang (10450ft, 3185m) - coniferous forest.
24 Dec: Pisang to Tengri (11950ft, 3642m) - pine, juniper and birch forest ascending to alpine meadow and scrub.
25 Dec: Tengri to Gunsang (12700ft, 3871m) - alpine meadow and scrub - a very happy, white and peaceful Christmas.
26 Dec: Tengri to Bhratang (9575ft, 2919m)
27 Dec: Bhratang to Bagarchap
28 Dec: Bagarchap to Jogat (4400ft, 1341m)
29 Dec: Jagat to Besishar
30 Dec: Besishar to Baglung Pani (5413ft, 1650m) - cultivation, subtropical groves and mixed broadleaved forest. Excellent mixed subtropical broadleaved forest on north and west facing slopes below Baglung Pani.
31 Dec: Baglung Pani
1 Jan: Baglung Pani to Bhujung (5249ft, 1600m) - cultivation, scrub and groves.
2 Jan: Bhujung to Forest Camp (c6,500ft, c2000m) - cultivation, subtropical groves, river (Midim Khola) ascending on west side of valley to excellent Quercus lamellosa forest. Camped in cattle hut in forest clearing.
3 Jan: Forest Camp - large area (upper slopes of Midim Khola valley) of relatively undisturbed forest with few trails and some localised summer grazing.
4 Jan: Forest Camp - unsuccessful attempt to reach Dharmshala on ridge due to deep snow. Ascended through oak-rhododendron forest to c2500m and returned to camp.
5 Jan: Forest Camp to Bagnecha (Rudi Khola) (c3000ft, c900m) - oak forest descending to subtropical groves and cultivation.
6 Jan: Bagnecha to Pokhara via Thunsikot and Begnas Tal - subtropical groves and forest in Madi Khola valley, river.
7-8 Jan: Pokhara - Phewa Tal, lake and cultivation.
9-15 Jan: Thakurdwara, headquarters of Royal Bardia National Park - sal and riverine forest, Karnali river, grassland (Baghora and Lamkoili phantas) and cultivation.
16-18 Jan: Chisapani (East), Bardia N.P. - hill sal forest, riverine forest and Babai river west of Chepang, cultivation.
19-21 Jan: Pokhara - subtropical forest by Phewa Tal, lake and cultivation.
23 Jan: Kathmandu Valley - Tau Daha Tal.

BIRD SPECIES LIST

- Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis
Common on Phewa Tal (Pokhara); 4+ Tau Daha (Kathmandu Valley).
- Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus
Two Phewa Tal.
- Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo
Fairly common Karnali River.
- Little Cormorant Phalacrocorax niger
Fairly common Karnali River.
- Oriental Darter Anhinga melanogaster
Single Karnali River.
- Striated Heron Butorides striatus
Single Karnali River.
- Indian Pond Heron Ardeola grayii
Common in fields below 900m throughout.
- Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis
Common in fields in Pokhara and Bardia.
- Little Egret Egretta garzetta
Fairly common in fields and wetlands Pokhara and Bardia.
- Intermediate Egret Egretta intermedia
Fairly common Phewa Tal, 1 Babai river.
- Great Egret Egretta alba
Occasional Phewa Tal, Babai and Karnali rivers.
- Grey Heron Ardea cinerea
Occasional Karnali river.
- Black Stork Ciconia nigra
Up to seven Karnali river.
- Woolly-necked Stork Ciconia episcopus
Single Thakurdwara.
- Red-naped Ibis Pseudibis papillosa
Up to eight by Karnali river.
- Ruddy Shelduck Tadorna ferruginea
Common on Karnali river.
- Gadwall Anas strepera
c50 Tau Daha Tal.

Common Teal Anas crecca
c200 Tau Daha Tal.

Mallard Anas platyrhynchos
Common Phewa Tal.

Red-crested Pochard Netta rufina
Single male Tau Daha Tal.

Goosander Mergus merganser
Fairly common Karnali river with a flock of 30 males on 13 January.
Single male on Babai river.

Oriental Honey Buzzard Pernis ptilorhynchus
Single Karnali river.

Black-shouldered Kite Elanus caeruleus
Single over fields near Thakurdwara

Black Kite Milvus migrans
Common in Pokhara, Kathmandu, fairly common in the vicinity of
villages in Terai and Besishar.

Pallas's Fish Eagle Haliaeetus leucoryphus
Pair Karnali river.

White-tailed Eagle Haliaeetus albicilla
Single adult over Karnali river.

Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus
Fairly common Pokhara and single Karnali river.

Lammergeier Gypaetus barbatus
Adult and immature Manang, adult Ngadi (Marsyangdi River, 3050ft,
930m), pair Baglung Pani, pair Bagnecha.

Oriental White-backed Vulture Gyps bengalensis
Common at Pokhara, pairs breeding in trees near Thakurdwara.

Long-billed Vulture Gyps indicus
Fairly common Pokhara and Thakurdwara.

Himalayan Griffon Vulture Gyps himalayensis
Common Marsyangdi valley and Baglung Pani to Pokhara.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture Gyps fulvus
Several over Pokhara.

Red-headed Vulture Sarcogyps calvus
Two Karnali river.

Cinereous Vulture Aegyptius monachus
Singles at Besishar, Baglung Pani and two over Pokhara.

- Crested Serpent Eagle Spilornis cheela
Singles regularly recorded in Bardia National Park.
- Eurasian Marsh harrier Circus aeruginosus
Male and female Phewa Tal, two females Tau Daha Tal and single female Thakurdwara.
- Hen Harrier Circus cyaneus
Male and female above Tengri, single males and 'ringtails' at Bagarchap, and Baglung Pani, single males and 'ringtails' Karnali river and Lamkoilli phanta (Bardia N.P.) and 'ringtail' Tau Daha tal.
- Northern Goshawk Accipiter gentilis
Two Bahundanda, single male hunting Manang village.
- Eurasian Sparrowhawk Accipiter nisus
Single females at Bagarchap, Bhujung forest and a record of a single bird by Karnali river.
- Shikra Accipiter badius
Records of single males at Karnali river and Chisapani East (Bardia N.P.).
- Common Buzzard Buteo buteo
Singles and pairs Marsyangdi valley (Bahundanda to Bhrtang), and single Pokhara.
- Black Eagle Ictinaetus malayensis
Pair displaying Baglung Pani, single above Forest Camp.
- Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis
Singles, Baglung Pani and Pokhara, 2 Tau Daha tal.
- Tawny Eagle Aquila rapax
Single Babai river valley (Bardia N.P.).
- Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos
Single adults Bhrtang, Tengri and Bagarchap.
- Bonelli's Eagle Hieraetus fasciatus
Pair Thunsikot (Madi Kholi valley)
- Changeable Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus cirrhatus
Single Babai river valley (Bardia N.P.).
- Mountain Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus nipalensis
Singles on forested ridges east and west of Baglung Pani (one attacking chicken) and at Forest Camp.
- Osprey Pandion haliaetus
Single occasionally on Karnali river.

- Common Kestrel Falco tinnunculus
Fairly common Besishar to Bagarchap and Besishar to Pokhara,
singles Phewa Tal, Tau Daha tal and Babai river valley (Bardia N.P).
- Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus
Two Bagarchap and single Baglung Pani.
- Chukar Partridge Alectoris chukar
Small flocks (20+) above Tengri.
- Hill Partridge Arborophila torqueola
Single Forest Camp (Quercus lamellosa forest).
- Satyr Tragopan Tragopan satyra
Male and four females in forest clearing (c2500m) above Forest Camp
in oak-rhododendron forest.
- Red Junglefowl Gallus gallus
Fairly common in riverine forest near Karnali river and one in sal
forest near Chisapani (east) in Bardia N.P.
- Kalij Pheasant Lophura leucomelana
Two + Baglung Pani.
- Blue Peafowl Pavo cristatus
Common in riverine vegetation in vicinity of Karnali river and open
sal forest near Thakurdwara. Six Babai river valley.
- Common Moorhen Gallinula chloropus
Several at Tau Daha lake.
- Eurasian Coot Fulica atra
Common Phewa Tal and Tau Daha lake (50+).
- Bronze-winged Jacana Metopidius indicus
Two Phewa Tal.
- Eurasian Thick-Knee Burhinus oedicephalus
Flock of seven Karnali river.
- Great Stone-Plover Esacus recurvirostris
Flock of nine Karnali river.
- Little Pratincole Glareola lactea
Huge flock (c2000?) Karnali River (flock of 300+ counted).
- Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius
Two Karnali River.
- River Lapwing Hoplopterus duvaucellii
Fairly common Karnali River, Two Babai River.

- Red-wattled Lapwing Hoplopterus indicus
Single Madi Khola (Thunsikot), fairly common in fields near
Thakurdwara and in vicinity of Karnali River.
- Temminck's Stint Calidris temminckii
Singles by Karnali River.
- Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago
Common Phewa Tal and Tau Daha lake.
- Common Redshank Tringa totanus
Six Tau Daha lake.
- Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia
Fairly common Karnali River and tributary streams, 56 Tau Daha lake.
- Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus
Singles occasionally on small rivers near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.),
16 Tau Daha lake.
- Common Sandpiper Tringa hypoleucos
Two Karnali River and single Babai River.
- Great Black-headed Gull Larus ichthyaetus
Singles Karnali River.
- Herring Gull Larus argentatus
Single adult Karnali River.
- Black-bellied Tern Sterna acuticauda
Fairly common Karnali River.
- Rock Pigeon Columba livia
Two Babai River valley (Bardia N.P.).
- Snow Pigeon Columba leuconota
Several large flocks Pisang, Braga (11,500ft, 3505m), Bhratang.
- Ashy Woodpigeon Columba pulchricollis
Two Forest Camp.
- Eurasian Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto
Eight Tau Daha lake, 1 Thakurdwara.
- Oriental Turtle Dove Streptopelia orientalis
Two Midim Khola, fairly common edge of Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara.
- Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis
Common in riverine forest and edge of Bardia N.P. at
Thakurdwara.
- Yellow-footed Green Pigeon Treron phoenicoptera
Fairly common in riverine forest by Karnali River.

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon Treron sphenura

Occasional (one to three birds) at Forest Camp in Quercus lamellosa forest.

Alexandrine Parakeet Psittacula eupatria

Common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Rose-ringed Parakeet Psittacula krameri

Common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Slaty-headed Parakeet Psittacula himalayana

Flocks at Bahundanda (30+), Baglung Pani, Midim Khola (20+) and subtropical forest by Phewa Tal (20+).

Plum-headed Parakeet Psittacula cyanocephala

Fairly common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Greater Coucal Centropus sinensis

Singles in riverine vegetation by Karnali and Babai Rivers.

Lesser Coucal Centropus bengalensis

Single in riverine vegetation near Thakurdwara.

Barn Owl Tyto alba

Single near DNPWC in Kathmandu evening of 23 January, the last bird record of the trip!

Eurasian Eagle Owl Bubo bubo

Single at dusk below Besishar.

Jungle Owlet Glaucidium radiatum

Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Asian Barred Owlet Glaucidium cuculoides

Single near Begnas Tal.

Large-tailed Nightjar Caprimulgus macrurus

One or two regularly at dusk at Thakurdwara (Bardia H.Q.).

Fork-tailed Swift Apus pacificus

Single in river gorge, Pokhara.

Alpine Swift Apus melba

Two Midim Khola, 2 Karnali River.

House Swift Apus affinis

Four Midim Khola, common in Pokhara and Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Crested Tree Swift Hemiprocne coronata

Two Thakurdwara, six Chisapani (East) and six Babai River valley.

Stork-billed Kingfisher Pelargopsis capensis

Occasional on small rivers Thakurdwara.

Eurasian Kingfisher Alcedo atthis

Fairly common Karnali, Babai and small rivers in Bardia N.P.,
single at Tau Daha lake.

Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis

Two Phewa Tal and small numbers occasionally on Karnali River.

Crested Kingfisher Ceryle lugubris

Two Madi Knola near Thunsikot and single on Babai river.

White-throated Kingfisher Halcyon smyrnensis

Fairly common Phewa Tal, cultivated areas at Pokhara, fields and
rivers at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and one at Tau Daha lake.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater Nyctyornis athertoni

Single in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Green Bee-eater Merops orientalis

Three in fields at Thakurdwara.

Indian Roller Coracias benghalensis

Occasional at forest edge and fields at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and
Pokhara.

Hoopoe Upapa epops

Four Thakurdwara.

Indian Grey Hornbill Tockus birostris

Occasional in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Oriental Pied Hornbill Anthracoceros albirostris

Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and
Chisapani.

Great Barbet Megalaima virens

Single at Baglung Pani, several at Forest Camp and two in forest
by Phewa Tal.

Brown-headed Barbet Megalaima zeylanica

Fairly common in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Golden-throated Barbet Megalaima franklinii

Two Baglung Pani, several at Forest Camp.

Blue-throated Barbet Megalaima asiatica

Several in subtropical groves near Beshishar and Madi Khola valley.

Speckled Piculet Picumnus innominatus

Single near Bagarchap.

- Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker Picus chlorolophus
Single in forest by Phewa Tal.
- Grey-headed Woodpecker Picus canus
Single female in oak forest (Forest Camp), two in forest by Phewa Tal.
- Streak-throated Woodpecker Picus xanthopygaeus
Occasional in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- Himalayan Flameback Dinopium shorii
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani; Single in Babai River valley.
- Greater Flameback Chrysocolaptes lucidus
Two in subtropical groves near Madi Khola (c600m), single in riverine forest near Karnali River.
- White-naped Woodpecker Chrysocolaptes festivus
Occasional in riverine forest near Karnali River.
- Great Slaty Woodpecker Mulleripicus pulverulentus
Singles on two occasions in sal forest near Thakurdwara.
- Darjeeling Woodpecker Dendrocopos darjellensis
Male and female in oak forest at Forest Camp.
- Yellow-crowned Woodpecker Dendrocopos maharattensis
Single female in mixed tropical forest at Chisapani (East).
- Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Dendrocopos canicapillus
Pair in subtropical grove near Bagnecha (c900m).
- Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Dendrocopos nanus
Fairly common in riverine forest at Thakurdwara and single in sal forest at Chisapani (East).
- Long-tailed Broadbill Psarisomus dalhousiae
Two in riverine forest near Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).
- Ashy-crowned Finch Lark Eremopterix grisea
Flock on edge of Bardia N.P. near Thakurdwara.
- Sand Lark Calandrella raytal
Small flocks by Karnali River.
- Oriental Skylark Alauda gulgula
Three in fields at Manang (3351m)
- Plain Martin Riparia paludicola
Common at Phewa Tal, Karnali River and several at Babai River.
- Northern Crag Martin Hirundo rupestris
Small numbers in valleys of Khudi Khola, Midim Khola and Baglung Pani.

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

Common Besishar, Pokhara, vicinity of Karnali River and Thakurdwara and several at Babai River.

Red-rumped Swallow Hirundo daurica

Small numbers Besishar, Pokhara, Karnali River and Phewa tal.

Nepal House Martin Delichon nipalensis

Large flocks (100+) near Besishar and 10+ near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Asian House Martin Delichon dasypus

Small flocks (30+) Midim Khola valley.

Richard's Pipit Anthus novaeseelandiae rufulus

Several at Phewa Tal, and Thakurdwara (edge of Bardia N.P.).

Olive-backed Pipit Anthus hodgsoni

Flocks in lower Marsyangdi valley (below Bagarchap) and west of Baglung Pani in cultivated areas, flocks in light forest at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and by Phewa Tal.

Citrine Wagtail Motacilla citreola

Two Karnali River.

Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea

Singles in streams near Besishar, Midim Khola, Pokhara, Phewa Tal and fairly common on Karnali and small rivers at Thakurdwara.

White Wagtail Motacilla alba

Common in vicinity of Karnali River and several at Phewa Tal.

White-browed Wagtail Motacilla maderaspatensis

Common on Karnali and Babai rivers and several at Phewa Tal.

Common Woodshrike Tephrodornis pondicerianus

Flocks in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

Large Woodshrike Tephrodornis gularis

Flocks in hill sal forest near Babai River.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike Hemipus picatus

Small flocks in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike Coracina melaschistos

Singles occasionally in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Large Cuckoo-Shrike Coracina macei

Single at Thakurdwara and small flock in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

Scarlet Minivet Pericrocotus flammeus

Flocks in subtropical groves near Besishar, Baglung Pani, Madi Khola valley, and occasional flocks in riverine and mixed tropical forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

Long-tailed Minivet Pericrocotus ethologus

Flocks in subtropical grove above Bahundanda and occasional flocks in tropical forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

Rosy Minivet Pericrocotus roseus

Flock in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Striated Bulbul Pycnonotus striatus

Small flocks in Quercus lamellosa forest (Forest Camp).

Black-crested Bulbul Pycnonotus melanicterus

Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara and Babai River. Single in subtropical forest near Begnas Tal (c900m)..

Red-whiskered Bulbul Pycnonotus jocosus

Common in scrub and open forest at Thakurdwara.

White-cheeked Bulbul Pycnonotus leucogenys

Common in scrub in cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley, west of Besishar but uncommon in Bardia N.P. (two near Thakurdwara was the only record).

Red-vented Bulbul Pycnonotus cafer

Small numbers near Besishar, common in Pokhara, Thakurdwara and Babai river in scrub.

Mountain Bulbul Hypsipetes maclellandii

Flock in subtropical forest near Baglung Pani and single in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Ashy Bulbul Hypsipetes flavalis

Small flocks at Baglung Pani, in oak forest (c1800m) above Midim Khola, in subtropical forest near Begnas Tal and Pokhara and tropical hill and sal forest in Babai River valley (Bardia N.P.).

Black Bulbul Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Common at Baglung Pani and in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Common Iora Aegithina tiphia

Fairly common at Thakurdwara.

Golden-fronted Leafbird Chloropsis aurifrons

Single at Thakurdwara and pair in mixed tropical forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Orange-bellied Leafbird Chloropsis hardwickii

Pair at Baglung Pani and fairly common in oak forest at Forest Camp.

Brown Dipper Cinclus pallasii

Small numbers on lower Marsyangdi River, Midim Khola and Madi Khola.

Northern Wren Troglodytes troglodytes

Singles occasionally in upper Marsyangdi valley.

- Brown Accentor Prunella fulvescens
Fairly common at Manang and Tengri.
- Robin Accentor Prunella rubeculoides
Four above Tengri.
- Altai Accentor Prunella himalayana
Flocks in lower Marsyangdi valley (c1300m) and Baglung Pani.
- Alpine Accentor Prunella collaris
Small numbers near Dharapani (c1900m) in lower Marsyangdi valley, and above Chame (c3000m).
- Rufous-breasted Accentor Prunella strophlata
Single near Manang.
- White-tailed Rubythroat Luscinia pectoralis
Small numbers in scrub and grassland at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).
- Orange-flanked Bush-Robin Tarsiger cyanurus
Singles near Bagarchap, several near Baglung Pani and fairly common in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Golden Bush-Robin Tarsiger chrysaeus
Single near Bagarchap.
- White-browed Bush-Robin Tarsiger indicus
Single female west of Baglung Pani (c2000m).
- Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin Tarsiger hyperythrus
Single males near Bagarchap.
- Asian Magpie-Robin Copsychus saularis
Singles near Besishar, Pokhara and Thakurdwara.
- White-rumped Shama Copsychus malabaricus
Fairly common at Thakurdwara and occasional at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).
- Blue-capped Redstart Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus
Several upper Marsyangdi near Chame and Bagarchap, and single male at Baglung Pani.
- Black Redstart Phoenicurus ochruros
Several near Besishar and single male at Tau Daha Tal (Kathmandu Valley).
- Hodgson's Redstart Phoenicurus hodgsoni
Single male near Bagarchap, female Madi Khola valley.
- Blue-fronted Redstart Phoenicurus frontalis
Several lower Marsyangdi Valley, common Baglung Pani and in oak forest above Midim Khola (Forest Camp).

- White-throated Redstart Phoenicurus schisticeps
Several upper marsyangdi valley (Bagarchap to Teng), pair
above Teng (3800m).
- Güldenstadt's Redstart Phoenicurus erythrogaster
Several above Pisang (3200 to 3800m).
- Plumbeous Redstart Rhyacornis fuliginosus
Common in lower Marsyangdi, Midim Khola, Madi Khola, Karnali River
Babai River and a pair below dam in Pokhara.
- Common Stonechat Saxicola torquata
Common near Besishar, several in cultivated areas Bagnecha to Pokhara
and common at Thakurdwara and Babai River.
- Pied Bushchat Saxicola caprata
Several near Besishar, singles in Pokhara and Thakurdwara.
- Grey Bushchat Saxicola ferrea
Occasional in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River
and single lower Marsyangdi valley.
- White-capped Redstart Chaimarrornis leucocephalus
Common on Marsyangdi River from Besishar to Bhratang, several Midim
Khola and Madi Khola, single Karnali River and 3 Babai River
(Bardia N.P.) and single below dam in Pokhara.
- Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush Monticola rufiventris
Two males at Baglung Pani, single male near Forest Camp and single
female near Begnas tal.
- Blue Whistling Thrush Myiophonus caeruleus
Common lower Marsyangdi valley, fairly common west of Besishar,
occasional in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani, common in hill
forest near Babai River, single in forest by Phewa tal.
- Plain-backed Mountain Thrush Zoothera mollissima
Fairly common at Forest Camp.
- Long-tailed Mountain Thrush Zoothera dixonii
Two Baglung Pani, fairly common at Forest Camp.
- Scaly Thrush Zoothera dauma
Two in vicinity of Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).
- Orange-headed Ground Thrush Zoothera citrina
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara.
- Tickell's Thrush Turdus unicolor
Small flock in open sal forest near Thakurdwara and single at
Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).
- White-collared Blackbird Turdus albocinctus
Pairs in oak forest above Midim Khola.

- Grey-winged Blackbird Turdus bouboul
Common in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Chestnut Thrush Turdus rubrocanus
Pair at Forest Camp in Quercus lamellosa forest.
- Black-throated Thrush Turdus ruficollis atrogularis
Red-throated Thrush T. r. ruficollis
Fairly common (T.r.a., T.r.r.) Bhratang to Tengri, small flock
'T.r.a.) west of Baglung Pani, single (T.r.a.) near Karnali River
(Bardia N.P.).
- Mistle Thrush Turdus viscivorus
Single below Manang (3322m).
- Little Forktail Enicurus scouleri
Singles on streams near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi valley and Madi
Khola.
- Black-backed Forktail Enicurus immaculatus
Three tributary streams of Babai River (Bardia N.P.).
- Spotted Forktail Enicurus maculatus
Singles on streams near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi valley and
Midim Khola.
- Chestnut-headed Tesia Tesia castaneocoronata
Single in subtropical forest in Madi Khola valley.
- Grey-bellied Tesia Tesia cyaniventer
Single in subtropical forest in Madi Khola valley (with
T. castaneocoronata).
- Grey-sided Bush Warbler Cettia brunnifrons
Single in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- Zitting Cisticola Cisticola juncidis
Several in grassland in Bardia N.P. (Baghora and Lamkoili phantas).
- Plain Prinia Prinia inornata
Common in grassland at Bardia N.P. (Thakurdwara and Babai River).
- Ashy Prinia Prinia socialis
Small numbers in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- Grey-breasted Prinia Prinia hodgsonii
Flock near Besishar and occasionally in grassland by Karnali River
(Bardia N.P.).
- Yellow-bellied Prinia Prinia flaviventris
Singles occasionally in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- Common Tailorbird Orthotomus sutorius
Single near Besishar and occasionally at Thakurdwara.

Golden-spectacled Warbler Seicercus burkii

Common in subtropical groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, several at Baglung Pani, Midim Khola valley and forest by Phewa Tal.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler Seicercus castaniceps

Singles at Baglung Pani, in tropical mixed forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and forest by Phewa Tal.

Grey-hooded Warbler Seicercus xanthoschistos

Small numbers in subtropical groves Besishar to Pokhara and lower Marsyangdi valley, fairly common near Thakurdwara and Chisapani in riverine and mixed sal forest, and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus reguloides

Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Greenish Warbler Phylloscopus trochiloides

Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara.

Orange-barred Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus pulcher

Fairly common in oak forest (Forest Camp).

Grey-faced Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus maculipennis

Small numbers in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani and oak forest at Forest Camp.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus proregulus

Common in subtropical groves and forest in lower Marsyangdi valley and between Besishar and Pokhara, occasional at Thakurdwara and Chisapani, and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Yellow-browed Warbler Phylloscopus inornatus

Singles occasionally in lower Marsyangdi valley and Thakurdwara, and fairly common in forest by Phewa Tal.

Tickell's Warbler Phylloscopus affinis

Single in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita

Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara, and singles at forest edge by Phewa Tal.

Goldcrest Regulus regulus

Fairly common in coniferous forest, Chame to Pisang.

Small Niltava Niltava macgrigoriae

Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi and single male in forest by Phewa Tal.

Rufous-bellied Niltava Niltava sundara

Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi and west of Besishar, pair in tropical forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and two males in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher Cyornis tickelliae

One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara including one in H.Q. garden, and single in open forest at Babai River.

Pygmy Blue Flycatcher Muscicapella hodgsoni

Single male in deep forested ravine in Madi Khola valley near Thunsikot.

Verditer Flycatcher Muscicapa thalassima

One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara and single at forest edge at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Little Pied Flycatcher Ficedula westermanni

One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Slaty-Blue Flycatcher Ficedula tricolor

Single male near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Snowy-browed Flycatcher Ficedula hyperythra

Single male in forest by Phewa Tal.

Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher Ficedula strophliata

Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani, in oak forest at Forest Camp, and in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

Red-breasted Flycatcher Ficedula parva

Small numbers at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and on forest edge near Phewa Tal.

Grey-headed Flycatcher Culicicapa ceylonensis

Singles west of Besishar in groves, common at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Yellow-bellied Fantail Rhipidura hypoxantha

Common in groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, singles occasionally Besishar to Pokhara, in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

White-throated Fantail Rhipidura albicollis

Singles at Baglung Pani, occasionally at Thakurdwara, Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and in forest by Phewa Tal.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler Pomatorhinus erythrogenys

Two near Bagarchap, 2+ west of Baglung Pani, single in Midim Khola valley.

Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler Xiphirhynchus superciliaris

Single in bamboo understorey of Quercus lamellosa forest near Forest Camp.

Greater Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler Pnoepyga albiventer

Single in scrub near Bagarchap.

- Black-chinned Babbler Stachyris pyrrhops
Flocks near Bagarchap, Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.
- Striped Tit-Babbler Macronous gularis
Small flocks near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- Chestnut-capped Babbler Timalia pileata
Small flocks occasionally in grassland near Thakurdwara.
- Tawny-bellied Babbler Dumetia hyperythra
Flocks in grassland on two occasions near Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).
- Yellow-eyed Babbler Chrysomma sinense
Flock in grassland by Karnali River.
- Black-throated Parrotbill Paradoxornis nipalensis
Flock near Bagarchap.
- Jungle Babbler Turdoides striatus
Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.
- White-throated Laughing-Thrush Garrulax albogularis
Large flocks of up to 120+ in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- White-crested Laughing-Thrush Gurrulax leucolophus
Common at Baglung Pani, Madi Khola valley and in scrub by Phewa Tal.
- Striated Laughing-Thrush Gurrulax striatus
Small flocks at Forest Camp.
- Variegated Laughing-Thrush Garrulax variegatus
Small flocks near Manang.
- Streaked Laughing-Thrush Gurrulax lineatus
Flocks in scrub near Bagarchap and lower Marsyangdi valley.
- Scaly Laughing-Thrush Garrulax subunicolor
Flocks at Forest Camp.
- Black-faced Laughing-Thrush Gurrulax affinis
Flock above Bagarchap.
- Chestnut-crowned Laughing-Thrush Garrulax erythrocephalus
Flocks above Bagarchap and in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Red-billed Leiothrix Leiothrix lutea
Small flocks near Forest Camp.
- White-browed Shrike-Babbler Pteruthius flaviscapis
Pairs at Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.

- Black-eared Shrike-Babbler Pteruthius melanotis
Two in subtropical grove above Bahundanda, singles at Forest Camp and Madi Khola valley.
- Hoary Barwing Actinodura nipalensis
Only one record of a single near Forest Camp.
- Blue-winged Minla Minla cyanouroptera
Flocks at forest edge above Midim Khola and Baglung Pani.
- Chestnut-tailed Minla Minla strigula
Flocks near Bagarchap, Baglung Pani, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Red-tailed Minla Minla ignotincta
Flock in oak forest below Forest Camp.
- Rufous-winged Fulvetta Alcippe castaneiceps
Flocks in oak forest above Midim Khola and single in subtropical grove north of Besishar.
- White-browed Fulvetta Alcippe vinipectus
Flocks in upper Marsyangdi valley.
- Black-capped Sibia Heterophasia capistrata
Flocks near Bagarchap, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Yellow-naped Yuhina Yuhina flavicollis
Flocks near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi, Baglung Pani, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Stripe-throated Yuhina Yuhina gularis
Flocks near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi, common in oak forest on upper slopes above Forest Camp.
- White-bellied Yuhina Yuhina zantholeuca
Singles in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani and Phewa Tal.
- Black-browed Tit Aegithalos iouschistos
Flock above Bagarchap.
- Black-throated Tit Aegithalos concinnus
Flock below Forest Camp.
- Yellow-browed tit Sylviparus modestus
Two in oak forest near Forest Camp.
- Grey-crested Tit Parus dichrous
Flock above Chame.
- Coal Tit Parus ater
Common Chame to Manang.

Great Tit Parus major

Small numbers in subtropical groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, at Baglung Pani, common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Babai River.

Green-backed Tit Parus monticolus

Fairly common in Marsyangdi valley, Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.

Black-lored Tit Parus xanthogenys

Flocks in lower Marsyangdi, Baglung Pani, Forest Camp, Madi Khola valley and Phewa Tal.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch Sitta frontalis

Singles near Baglung Pani and in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

White-tailed Nuthatch Sitta himalayensis

Fairly common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch Sitta castanea

Single in grove below Bagarchap and fairly common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Wallcreeper Tichodroma muraria

Occasional in Marsyangdi valley (Besishar to Manang) and Madi Khola valley.

Rusty-flanked Treecreeper Certhia nipalensis

Two near Forest Camp.

Eurasian Treecreeper Certhia familiaris

Two above Chame.

Green-tailed Sunbird Aethopyga nipalensis

Single in grove in lower Marsyangdi valley.

Crimson Sunbird Aethopyga siparaja

Singles in grove in lower Marsyangdi valley, Baglung Pani, occasionally in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani and in forest by Phewa Tal.

Fire-tailed Sunbird Aethopyga ignicauda

Single female near Baglung Pani.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker Dicaeum ignipectus

Small numbers in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Oriental White-eye Zosterops palpebrosa

Fairly common at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and two near Besishar.

Maroon Oriole Oriolus traillii

Pair below Forest Camp, single near Begnas tal and fairly common in forest by Phewa Tal.

- Black-hooded Oriole Oriolus xanthornus
Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.
- Brown-Shrike Lanius cristatus
Singles in Babai River valley and Pokhara.
- Long-tailed Shrike Lanius schach
Small numbers in Kathmandu valley, Pokhara and cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley and Madi Khola valley.
- Grey-backed Shrike Lanius tephronotus
Occasionally in cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley, Besishar to Pokhara, in Kathmandu valley at Tau Daha Tal, near Thakurdwara and Babai River (Bardia N.P.).
- Black Drongo Dicrurus macrocercus
Common in cultivated areas near Besishar, Kathmandu valley, Pokhara, Thakurdwara.
- Ashy Drongo Dicrurus leucophaeus
Single in oak forest near Forest Camp and flocks in riverine forest near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).
- White-bellied Drongo Dicrurus caerulescens
Common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).
- Bronzed Drongo Dicrurus aeneus
Two in Midim Khola valley.
- Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo Dicrurus remifer
Single at Baglung Pani and two in forest by Phewa Tal.
- Greater Racket-tailed Drongo Dicrurus paradiseus
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).
- Spangled Drongo Dicrurus hottentottus
Small numbers on flowering silk cotton trees in lower Marsyangdi valley, Madi Khola valley, at Chisapani and Babai River (Bardia N.P.).
- Yellow-billed Blue Magpie Urocissa flavirostris
Small numbers in oak forest above Midim Khola.
- Red-billed Blue Magpie Urocissa erythrorhyncha
Fairly common near Besishar (two observed eating rats), two at Baglung Pani, two at Babai River and large flock (10+) in forest by Phewa Tal.
- Rufous Treepie Dendrocitta vagabunda
Small numbers lower Marsyangdi valley and in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Babai River.

Grey Treepie Dendrocitta formosae

Common at Baglung Pani and singles in scrub to the west, several in groves west of Bagnecha, near Begnas Tal and common in forest by Phewa Tal.

Green Magpie Cissa chinensis

Single at Baglung Pani, two near Begnas Tal, and single in forest by Phewa Tal.

Spotted Nutcracker Nucifraga caryocatactes

Common in conifers in upper Marsyangdi valley.

Alpine Chough Pyrrhocorax graculus

Very common (500+) with large flocks above Manang and Tengri, and smaller flocks below Manang.

Red-billed Chough Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax

Very common (500+) in Braga and Manang, flocks of 200+ feeding in fields, with lower numbers with P. graculus at higher altitudes.

House Crow Corvus splendens

Common in Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Jungle Crow Corvus macrorhynchos

Common in villages in Marsyangdi valley, Besishar to Pokhara with 100+ roosting in oak forest above Forest Camp, Pokhara, Kathmandu valley, Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Common Raven Corvus corax

Pairs at Manang and Tengri.

Asian Pied Starling Sturnus contra

Flocks in fields near Thakurdwara.

Common Mynah Acridotheres tristis

Common in villages near Besishar, Besishar to Pokhara, Thakurdwara, Pokhara and Kathmandu.

Jungle Mynah Acridotheres fuscus

Common in Pokhara and Bardia N.P. at Chisapani, Babai River and Thakurdwara.

House Sparrow Passer domesticus

Common Besishar, Thakurdwara, Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow Passer montanus

Common in villages in Marsyangdi valley (Besishar to Tengri).

Striated Munia Lonchura striata

Flock below Tal (Marsyangdi valley).

Scaly-breasted Munia Lonchura punctulata

Single in grassland near Karnali River.

- Plain Mountain Finch Leucosticte nemoricola
Flocks near Bagarchap (100+) and west of Baglung Pani.
- Dark-breasted Rosefinch Carpodacus nipalensis
Small numbers at forest edge near Forest Camp.
- Beautiful Rosefinch Carpodacus pulcherrimus
Small numbers in scrub Pisang to Manang.
- Pink-browed Rosefinch Carpodacus rhodochrous
Small numbers in mid-Marsyangdi valley (Jagat to Chame).
- Brown Bullfinch Pyrrhula nipalensis
Four near Forest Camp.
- Red-headed Bullfinch Pyrrhula erythrocephala
Flock below Forest Camp.
- White-winged Grosbeak Mycerobas carnipes
Flocks in conifers Chame to Manang.
- Rock Bunting Emberiza cia
Common Chame to Manang, and flock near Tal.
- Little Bunting Emberiza pusilla
Single near Bagarchap.
- Crested Bunting Melophus lathamii
Two above Besishar, fairly common at Thakurdwara and four in fields at Pokhara.

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