

Redman, N. (1993)
(part)

THE HIGH HIMALAYAS

7 - 30 MAY 1993

CHECKLIST

The list consists of those species recorded on previous visits to the areas concerned. Naturally you will not record anything like the total number of species listed during the course of a single visit. To give some idea of the probability of a particular species being seen during the tour, species are marked as follows:

- No star signifies a high probability (chances approximately 80-100%)
- 1 star (*) signifies a moderate probability (chances approximately 50-70%)
- 2 stars (**) signifies a low probability (chances approximately 20-40%)
- 3 stars (***) signifies an exceptionally rarely seen species.

The English names and taxonomy used in the bird list mostly follow Ali, S. & Ripley, S. D. (1983): *A Pictorial Guide to the Birds of the Indian Subcontinent*. Species not included in Ali & Ripley (marked with the symbol Ω) are inserted at the appropriate place and given the English name in most widespread use. Where the name given in Fleming, R. L., Sr., Fleming, R. L., Jr. & Bangdel, L. S. (1984, 3rd edition): *Birds of Nepal with reference to Kashmir and Sikkim* differs from that used by Ali & Ripley, the former is given in rounded parentheses. Where the standard Western Palearctic name for a species differs from that used by Ali & Ripley, the former is given in square parentheses.

The English names and taxonomy used in the mammal list mostly follow Corbet, G. B. & Hill, J. E. (1991, 3rd edition): *A World List of Mammalian Species*. Where the name given in Prater, S. H. (1980): *The Book of Indian Animals* differs from that used by Corbet & Hill, the former is given in parentheses.

The symbol ++ denotes that a taxonomic note referring to that species will be found at the end of the list.

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DATE	ITINERARY (Note: the 15 rows match the 15 checklist columns)
8/5	Kathmandu. Arr 1500. Drive to Shangrila Hotel. Gardens of Hotel 1630-1730.
9/5	Breakfast 0600. Dep 0640. A: Gokarna: 0700-1200.
9/5	B: Tokha area (Sheopuri NP) 1300-1530 (Rain from 1430) Back in Kathmandu 1600. Trek briefing at Mountain Travel 1630.
10/5	Breakfast 0630. Dep 0700. A: Kathmandu - Trisuli Bazaar. Several short stops. Arr 1200.
10/5	B: Trisuli bazaar - Bokejunda (by bus). Several short stops. Walked last 2km 1600-1900. Camp near Bokejunda (1900m).
11/5	Bokejunda - Syabru. Up at 0530. Birding around camp until 0730. Breakfast, packed up and dep 0830. Drinks stop in Dhunche. Lunch at Baskhu. Rain most of p.m. Camp at new Gumpa before Syabru (2300m). Arr 1700.
12/5	Syabru - Bamboo. Up at 0530. Breakfast, packed up and dep 0630. Walk to Syabru (2200m), then on into Langtang Valley. Lunch by river (1600m). Camp near Bamboo (1900m). Arr 1845.
13/5	Bamboo - Lama Lodge. Up at 0530. Birding around camp until 0730. Breakfast, packed up and dep 0830. Walked slowly through forest to Lama Lodge for lunch (arr 1300). Birding nearby in pm. Overnight Lama Lodge (2400m).
14/5	Lama Lodge - Ghore Tabela. Up at 0500. Birding around camp until 0630. breakfast and dep 0700. Walked slowly through forest. Lunch at Riverside Lodge (1130). Camp c 1hr beyond Ghore Tabela (3000m). Arr 1830.
15/5	Ghore Tabela - Sindum. Up at 0500. Birding around camp and back along trail until 0730. Dep 0900. Walk to Langtang. Lunch in big ravine after Langtang. Camp at Sindum (3400m). Arr 1630. Birding around camp until 1830.
16/5	Sindum - Kyangjin Gumpa. Up at 0530. Birding around camp until 0730. breakfast and dep 0830. Walk to Kyangjin Gumpa (3750m). Camp c 3km beyond by Langtang Khola (3700m). p.m. walk to forest on other side of river cloud and rain in late pm. Back 1700. (Walked back across river!)
17/5	Kyangjin Gumpa area: Up at 0500 (much snow). breakfast 0530. Dep 0600 walk up valley to Langshisa (4100m). Back 1630. Birding around camp until 1900.
18/5	Kyangjin Gumpa area: Up at 0500. breakfast 0530. Dep 0600. Walk A: to bridge and up other side to forest. Spent most of morning in forest. Back at bridge 1315. (lunch there until 1400).
18/5	B: Kyangjin Gumpa - Sindum. walk back along river to Sindum. Camp of south side of river (3400m). Arr 1530. Birding near camp to 1845.
19/5	Sindum - Lama Lodge. Up at 0500. Birding around camp until 0730. breakfast and dep 0830. Lunch in forest after Ghore Tabela. Arr Lama Lodge 1630. Birding around lodge, but rain in late pm.

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20/5.	Lama Lodge - Syabru. Up at 0500. Birding around Lama Lodge until 0730. Breakfast and packed up, Dep 0830. Lunch near Bamboo Lodge. Camped below Syabru (1900m). Arr 1730 (rain in late pm).
21/5.	Syabru - Sing Gomba. Up at 0300. Dep 0330. Walk up to forest above Syabru (trayopans) and on up to ridge (Namaste Motel!) for breakfast & lunch. Walk along ridge to Sing Gomba (3200m). Arr 1730. Birding around camp until 1900.
22/5	Sing Gomba - Gosainkund. Up at 0500. Birding around camp and in nearby forest until 0800. Breakfast 0800. Dep 0830. Climb up to Gosainkund lakes (4300m). Arr 1700.
23/5	Gosainkund - Gopte. Up at 0530, Breakfast 0600. Dep 0630. Up to ^(4600m) Paos and down to tea house (slowly). Lunch at Phedi. Arr. Gopte 1730 (3300m). Birding around camp until 1900.
24/5.	Gopte area (lower Gopte). Up at 0500. Explored ravines NW of cave/lodge. Breakfast 0800. Rhododendron forest SE of caves 0900-1200. Rain for rest of day. Lunch 1300. No birding at all in p.m.
25/5	Gopte area (lower Gopte). Up at 0500. Ravines NW of lodge until 0730. Breakfast 0730. Walked NW of lodge 0800-1200. Lunch 1300. Siesta until 1600. Edge of forest 1630-1900.
26/5.	Gopte - Kutumsang. Up at 0500. Breakfast 0530. Dep 0615. Walk slowly to Thare Pati (lunch there at 1200). Then continued to Mangengoth and to Kutumsang (2500m). Arr 1800.
27/5.	Kutumsang - Pati Bhanjyang. Up at 0530. Breakfast 0700. Dep 0730. Lunch after Gul Bhanjyang. Camp above Pati Bhanjyang (1850m) Arr. 1800.
28/5.	Pati Bhanjyang - Sunderjal. Up at 0530. Breakfast 0600. Dep 0630. Walk up to rim of KV (2400m) and down to Sunderjal. Arr 1530. Drive back to Kathmandu (1600-1700). Heavy rain all afternoon.
29/5	Breakfast 0600. Dep 0630. A: Journey to Godawari and back, and around city. city tour of Patan and Kathmandu. 1645-1800.
29/5	Godawari: lower slopes (scrub) 0715-0930. Then drive up. B: Phulchowki to buildings (2000m) and walk all way down. Rain from 1130 but mainly light and intermittent. Dep 1615.
30/5.	Kathmandu: breakfast 0500. Dep 0545. Drive to airport. Flight to London dep 0800.

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Pond Heron [Indian Pond Heron]	✓	10	4		2											
2	Cattle Egret	✓	5	6		10											
3	Little Egret*	✓		1		1											
4	Night Heron*	✓															
5	White-necked Stork**																
6	Black Stork***																
7	Ruddy Shelduck***✱																
8	Black Kite ++ (Dark Kite)	✓	20	30	6	20	10										
9	Goshawk*	✓									1						
10	Shikra**	✓					1										
11	Sparrowhawk	✓						2				1			2		1
12	Besra Sparrowhawk*	✓									2						1
13	Upland Buzzard*** (Upland Buteo)																
14	Japanese Buzzard (Eurasian Buteo) [Buzzard]	✓											1				
15	Hodgson's Hawk-Eagle* (Mountain Hawk-E)																
16	Bonelli's Eagle*	✓					1										
17	Booted Hawk-Eagle** ([Booted Eagle])																
18	Golden Eagle	✓										2	3	3			
19	Black Eagle	✓			2			1		1							
20	Cinereous Vulture** [Black Vulture]										1 sp						
21	Griffon Vulture** (Eurasian Griffon)	✓					1										
22	Himalayan Griffon	✓										6	6				
23	Indian Long-billed Vulture* (I Griffon)	✓	1	2													
24	Indian White-backed Vulture (W-b Vulture)	✓	2	20													
25	Egyptian Vulture*	✓															
26	Lammergeier	✓										6	4		2	1	4
27	Crested Serpent Eagle	✓			1	2			1H								
28	Peregrine Falcon* ++ [Peregrine]																
29	Hobby** (Eurasian Hobby)	✓											1				
30	Kestrel (Eurasian Kestrel)	✓				1	3	1	1			2		1			
31	Snow Partridge *	✓															
32	Tibetan Snowcock*																
33	Himalayan Snowcock***																
34	Black Partridge [Black Francolin] *	✓						1H									
35	Common Hill Partridge**	✓						1H	1H	(1)+1H			(pair)		(3 pair)		
36	Blood Pheasant *	✓											2		6		
37	Satyr Tragopan** (Crimson Horned Pheasant)	✓															
38	Impeyan Pheasant	✓								2♂	7♂	5♂	3♂				2♂
39	Kaleej Pheasant* (Kalij Pheasant)	✓		3													
40	Red Junglefowl <i>delete.</i>																

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Pond Heron [Indian Pond Heron]													3	2		
2	Cattle Egret													2	6		
3	Little Egret*																
4	Night Heron*														2	1	
5	White-necked Stork**																
6	Black Stork***																
7	Ruddy Shelduck**																
8	Black Kite ++ (Dark Kite)													1			
9	Goshawk*																
10	Shikra**																
11	Sparrowhawk		1 sp		1			2	1								
12	Besra Sparrowhawk*																
13	Upland Buzzard*** (Upland Buteo)																
14	Japanese Buzzard (Eurasian Buteo) [Buzzard]		1		2 chicks in nest + 2y			2	3								
15	Hodgson's Hawk-Eagle (Mountain Hawk-E)																
16	Bonelli's Eagle*																
17	Booted Hawk-Eagle** ([Booted Eagle])																
18	Golden Eagle								1								
19	Black Eagle		1													2	
20	Cinereous Vulture** [Black Vulture]																
21	Griffon Vulture** (Eurasian Griffon)																
22	Himalayan Griffon		5							1							
23	Indian Long-billed Vulture** (I Griffon)																
24	Indian White-backed Vulture* (W-b Vulture)																
25	Egyptian Vulture												1				
26	Lammergeier*			4		1	1										
27	Crested Serpent Eagle																1
28	Peregrine Falcon* ++ [Peregrine]																
29	Hobby** (Eurasian Hobby)		1NL								1NL						
30	Kestrel (Eurasian Kestrel)																
31	Snow Partridge					8											
32	Tibetan Snowcock*																
33	Himalayan Snowcock***																
34	Black Partridge [Black Francolin]												3H	1+4H			
35	Common Hill Partridge**	1H	2H	1H	2H	1H	1H	3H	2H	1H							
36	Blood Pheasant					1♂	(2♀)			3♂	2♀						
37	Satyr Tragopan** (Crimson Horned Pheasant)		2♂ 1♀	1♂ 2♀													
38	Impeyan Pheasant	1♀	1H	2♀	2♂ 1♀+H	2♂	4♂ 1♀+H	1♂									
39	Kaleej Pheasant* (Kalij Pheasant)																
40	Red Junglefowl																

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Ibisbill	✓											6	10	2		
2	Red-wattled Lapwing skk [Red-wattled Plover]																
3	River Lapwing ++ *	✓				1											
4	Little Ringed Plover* (Little Ring Plover)	✓				3											
5	Common Sandpiper *																
6	Wood Snipe***																
7	Pintail Snipe** <i>delete</i>																
8	Fantail Snipe* [Snipe] <i>delete?</i>																
9	Woodcock**																
10	Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	✓			3	1	15	4									
11	Snow Pigeon	✓										100	100	20	10	50	200
12	Hill Pigeon**																
13	Blue Rock Pigeon [Rock Dove]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		6	3								
14	Speckled Wood Pigeon*	✓				2		4		1	1						
15	Ashy Wood Pigeon**	✓		2													
16	Rufous Turtle Dove	✓		2	2		4	4		6	1	1				3	4
17	Spotted Dove	✓	2	2	1	4	10	2									
18	Rose-ringed Parakeet* [Ring-necked P]	✓	20			4											
19	Slaty-headed Parakeet**																
20	Large Hawk-Cuckoo	✓		1H			1H	2H	1H	1H	1H						1H
21	Indian Cuckoo	✓		2H			1+H										
22	Cuckoo (Eurasian Cuckoo)	✓	1	2		2		4+H	2+H								
23	Oriental Cuckoo Ω (Himalayan Cuckoo)	✓					2H	1H	1H	1H	1H						1H
24	Small Cuckoo	✓															
25	Indian Plaintive Cuckoo* ++																
26	Koel* (Koel Cuckoo)	✓		2			1H			<i>Syabu</i>							
27	Spotted Scops Owl**								1H								
28	Eagle Owl**																
29	Brown Fish Owl***																
30	Collared Pygmy Owlet*																
31	Barred Owlet*																
32	Spotted Owlet*																
33	Brown Wood Owl**																
34	Himalayan Wood Owl***	✓														1	
35	(Tawny Wood Owl) [Tawny Owl]																
36	Indian Jungle Nightjar** (Jungle Nightjar)	✓															
37	Himalayan Swiftlet (Edible Nest Swiftlet)	✓				10		4	6	20							4
38	White-throated Spinetail Swift*	sp															
39	([White-throated Needletail])																
40	Alpine Swift**	✓						1									

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																		
1	Large White-rumped Swift ✓ [Pacific Swift]	✓						5	30	20	2	10	5					
2	House Swift ++ [Little Swift]	✓	6	20	6	20	10											
3	Himalayan Pied Kingfisher** (Large P K)																	
4	Lesser Pied Kingfisher (Small P K) [Pied K]																	
5	Common Kingfisher* ? delete																	
6	(Eurasian Kingfisher) [Kingfisher]																	
7	White-breasted Kingfisher	✓		2				4										
8	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater*	✓				2												
9	Green Bee-eater ✓ [Little Green Bee-eater] ? delete																	
10	Indian Roller** ? delete																	
11	Hoopoe* * ? delete																	
12	Great Hill Barbet (Great Himalayan Barbet)	✓		4+H	H			H	1+H	H	H							
13	Lineated Barbet* * ? delete																	
14	Golden-throated Barbet*	✓							2+H	3H								
15	Blue-throated Barbet	✓		10+H	2+H			2H										
16	Crimson-breasted Barbet*	H		1H														
17	Honeyguide* (Himalayan Honeyguide)	✓										1	Landslide Lodge					
18	Speckled Piculet** (Spotted Piculet)	NL ✓				1NL												
19	Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker*	✓								2		1						
20	(Large Scaly-bellied Woodpecker)																	
21	Black-naped Green Woodpecker ✓	✓		6														
22	(Black-naped W) [Grey-headed W]																	
23	Large Yellow-naped Woodpecker**																	
24	Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker*	✓		2														
25	Rufous-bellied Sapsucker ✓	✓								1		4						2
26	Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker	✓						1										1
27	Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker*	✓																
28	(Small Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker)																	
29	Brown-fronted Pied Woodpecker*	✓								1								
30	Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker*	✓		1	1													
31	Red-eared Bay Woodpecker***	✓										2						
32	(Red-eared Rufous Woodpecker)																	
33	Plain Sand Martin (Sand Martin) *	✓				6										1NL		
34	[Brown-throated Sand Martin]																	
35	Swallow (Barn Swallow)	✓	6	10	6	✓									1			
36	Red-rumped Swallow (Striated Swallow)	✓		1	2	10	20											
37	House Martin*** (Eurasian H M)																	
38	Nepal House Martin	✓						2	10	50	3	20						
39	Asian House Martin ✓ ++	✓													6			12
40	Grey-backed Shrike	✓											4	6	6	2	1	2

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Rufous-backed Shrike	✓				1	2	2	2								
2	(Black-headed Shrike) [Long-tailed Shrike]																
3	Golden Oriole*	H															
4	Maroon Oriole*	✓						1	1								
5	Black Drongo	✓	1	2	1	6	6	2									
6	Ashy Drongo	✓		1				1	6	4							
7	Bronzed Drongo (Little Bronzed Drongo)	✓					4	2									
8	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo* (Small R-t D)	✓															
9	Hair-crested Drongo*																
10	Ashy Swallow-Shrike (Ashy Wood-Swallow)	✓						1	NL								
11	Spotted-winged Stare* (Spot-winged Stare)	✓						2	0								
12	Grey-headed Myna	✓				6	15										
13	Common Myna	✓	2	10	6	✓	✓										
14	Jungle Myna	✓	6	20	6	6											
15	Red-crowned Jay* (Eurasian Jay) [Jay]	✓															
16	Black-throated Jay***																
17	Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	✓							5	1	3	2					
18	Red-billed Blue Magpie *																
19	Indian Tree Pie	✓					4										
20	Himalayan Tree Pie	✓		4													
21	Nutcracker	✓						4	4								
22	Yellow-billed Chough [Alpine Chough]	✓										20	100	100	50	3	30
23	Red-billed Chough [Chough]	✓										10	50	20	10		10
24	House Crow [Indian House Crow]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
25	Jungle Crow ++	✓	2	10	1	✓	✓	20	10	10	15	10	6	6	2	3	6
26	Raven* *	✓															
27	Pied Flycatcher-Shrike* (Pied Wood-Shrike)	✓	2														
28	Large Wood Shrike**																
29	Large Cuckoo-Shrike*																
30	Smaller Grey Cuckoo-Shrike** (Dark C-S)	✓						1									
31	Scarlet Minivet *	✓			1												
32	Short-billed Minivet***	✓					4										
33	Long-tailed Minivet	✓	10	2				4	10	6	4						2
34	Yellow-throated Minivet**																
35	Common Iora* (Iora)	H	14														
36	Golden-fronted Leaf Bird**	✓					1										
37	Orange-bellied Leaf Bird*	✓		4													
38	White-cheeked Bulbul	✓	2	4	10	6	4										
39	Red-vented Bulbul	✓	4	2	2	2											
40	Striated Green Bulbul* (Striated Bulbul)	✓						1									

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1	Rufous-bellied Bulbul	✓			15			2									
2	Black Bulbul (Grey Bulbul)	✓		6	10		3	8	12	2							
3	Slaty-headed Scimitar Babbler**																
4	Rufous-necked Scimitar Babbler**	✓							2	14							
5	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *	✓			1 NL												
6	Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler**	✓									14	14					
7	Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler*	H															
8	Red-billed Babbler* (Black-chinned Babbler)	✓															
9	Black-throated Babbler *	✓															
10	Fulvous-fronted Parrotbill***																
11	Orange Parrotbill** (Nepal Parrotbill)																
12	Spiny Babbler**																
13	White-throated Laughing Thrush	✓						5	8								
14	Striated Laughing Thrush	✓					2	5		6							
15	White-crested Laughing Thrush *																
16	Variegated Laughing Thrush	✓									6	15	10		2	4	6TH
17	Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrush**																
18	White-spotted Laughing Thrush*	✓									1	6					
19	Grey-sided Laughing Thrush*																
20	Streaked Laughing Thrush	✓					2		5		2	12					6
21	Black-faced Laughing Thrush	✓									3	4				4	4TH
22	Red-headed Laughing Thrush	✓						2									1
23	Red-billed Leiothrix*	✓															
24	Fire-tailed Myzornis*	✓															
25	Nepal Cutia***	✓															
26	Red-winged Shrike-Babbler**																
27	Green Shrike-Babbler*																
28	Hoary Barwing *	✓															
29	Red-tailed Minla**																
30	Bar-throated Siva (Bar-throated Minla)	✓															2
31	Blue-winged Siva* (Blue-winged Minla)	✓						1									
32	Yellow-naped Yuhina	✓					30	10	5	6	6						2
33	Stripe-throated Yuhina	✓									1	4					
34	Rufous-vented Yuhina	✓									3	1					1
35	White-bellied Yuhina	✓		4													
36	Chestnut-headed Tit-Babbler *	NL ✓															
37	White-browed Tit-Babbler	✓															
38	Nepal Babbler *	✓			2												
39	Black-capped Sibia	✓					6TH	20	20	20	20	4					2
40	Sooty Flycatcher	✓								2	4						

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Brown Flycatcher** ++	✓						1									
2	Rufous-tailed Flycatcher**	✓								1							
3	Ferruginous Flycatcher***																
4	Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher	✓						1	1	2	12	1			2		10
5	Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher*	✓															
6	Rusty-breasted Blue Flycatcher**																
7	Little Pied Flycatcher*	✓															
8	White-browed Blue Flycatcher	✓									2						1
9	Slaty Blue Flycatcher*	✓										1					1 ML
10	Large Niltava**																
11	Small Niltava	✓						2+1H									
12	Rufous-bellied Niltava (Beautiful Niltava)	✓							3	2							
13	Blue-throated Flycatcher**	✓	6														*
14	Verditer Flycatcher	✓	2			3	12	2	2								
15	Pygmy Blue Flycatcher***																
16	Grey-headed Flycatcher	✓	6			1	6+	4+H	2	1							2
17	Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher	✓									12	1					8
18	White-throated Fantail Flycatcher	✓															
19	Paradise Flycatcher**																
20	Dull Slaty-bellied Ground Warbler*	✓					1+1H		1+1H	4+H							
21	(Slaty-bellied Ground Warbler)																
22	Chestnut-headed Ground Warbler	✓								1	3H	1H					
23	Aberrant Bush Warbler	✓									1H	3+H	2+H			1H	1
24	Verreaux's Bush Warbler** (Hume's Bush W)																
25	Rufous-capped Bush Warbler	✓										2+1H	1H		1+2H	1H	4+H
26	Streaked Fantail Warbler*																
27	(Zitting Cisticola) [Fan-tailed Warbler]																
28	Brown Hill Warbler (Brown Hill Prinia)	✓					4	10	6								
29	Tailor Bird	✓	1+1H				2										
30	Tickell's Leaf Warbler*	✓										10	4	8	2		3
31	Smoky Willow Warbler** (Smoky Leaf W)	✓															
32	Orange-barred Leaf Warbler	✓									10	2			2		10
33	Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler ++ *																
34	(Plain Leaf W) [Yellow-browed Warbler]																
35	Pallas's Leaf Warbler ++	✓									20	10	2		6		10
36	(Yellow-rumped Leaf W) [Pallas's Warbler]																
37	Grey-faced Leaf Warbler *	✓									2						
38	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	✓							2+1H	1+1H	12 _{in 2H}	4H					2+2H
39	Dull Green Leaf Warbler [Greenish Warbler]	✓					6	10	2		5	1			4		2
40	Blyth's Leaf Warbler (Crowned Leaf Warbler)	✓					10		1	3	8	2					10

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																		
1	Brown Flycatcher** ++																	
2	Rufous-tailed Flycatcher**																	
3	Ferruginous Flycatcher***																	
4	Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher	2	10	6		1	1	6	1									
5	Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher*												1♂					
6	Rusty-breasted Blue Flycatcher**																	
7	Little Pied Flycatcher*														1			
8	White-browed Blue Flycatcher		1	1NL								3	2					
9	Slaty Blue Flycatcher*			1♀														
10	Large Niltava**																	
11	Small Niltava																	
12	Rufous-bellied Niltava (Beautiful Niltava)	2	1													1		
13	Blue-throated Flycatcher**																	
14	Verditer Flycatcher											6	4		2			
15	Pygmy Blue Flycatcher***																	
16	Grey-headed Flycatcher	2																
17	Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher	6	4	2		2	4	4										
18	White-throated Fantail Flycatcher	1											3		4			
19	Paradise Flycatcher**																	
20	Dull Slaty-bellied Ground Warbler*	3H										2H	1+H		2H			
21	(Slaty-bellied Ground Warbler)																	
22	Chestnut-headed Ground Warbler	1																
23	Aberrant Bush Warbler			3H		1+3H	1+2H											
24	Verreaux's Bush Warbler** (Hume's Bush W)																	
25	Rufous-capped Bush Warbler		2H	6+8H	25 mch	10 mch	20 mch	15 mch										
26	Streaked Fantail Warbler*																	
27	(Zitting Cisticola) [Fan-tailed Warbler]																	
28	Brown Hill Warbler (Brown Hill Prinia)		H										4		6			
29	Tailor Bird																	
30	Tickell's Leaf Warbler*								1NL									
31	Smoky Willow Warbler** (Smoky Leaf W)				4													
32	Orange-barred Leaf Warbler		10	20	10	8	10	20										
33	Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler ++																	
34	(Plain Leaf W) [Yellow-browed Warbler]																	
35	Pallas's Leaf Warbler ++	10	15	10			2	4										
36	(Yellow-rumped Leaf W) [Pallas's Warbler]																	
37	Grey-faced Leaf Warbler											5						
38	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	6	2	1H														
39	Dull Green Leaf Warbler [Greenish Warbler]				1		4	2	1									
40	Blyth's Leaf Warbler (Crowned Leaf Warbler)	10	6	2									3	4				

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																				
1	Black-browed Flycatcher-Warbler	✓							1		10	12	20	6					1	10
2	(Yellow-eyed Warbler)																			
3	Grey-headed Flycatcher-Warbler	✓	15	2		6	12	10	6	2										
4	(Grey-headed Warbler)																			
5	Chestnut-headed Flycatcher-Warbler*	✓				2NL		2	4											
6	(Chestnut-crowned Warbler)																			
7	Black-faced Flycatcher-Warbler*	✓						1	4											2NL
8	(Black-faced Warbler)																			
9	Goldcrest*	H																		
10	Gould's Shortwing*																			
11	White-browed Shortwing*	NL ✓								1NL										
12	Himalayan Rubythroat**																			
13	Blue Chat	✓								2+4H	3H	5+H	1							2+4H
14	Orange-flanked Bush Robin	✓																10		
15	[Red-flanked Bluetail]																			
16	Golden Bush Robin	✓																		
17	White-browed Bush Robin *	✓																		
18	Rufous-bellied Bush Robin *	✓																		
19	Magpie-Robin (Robin Dayal)	✓	2	4	2	4	2													
20	Blue-headed Redstart** ? delete																			
21	Blue-fronted Redstart	✓											1	3	5	15	8	6	4	
22	White-throated Redstart** ? delete																			
23	Güldenstädt's Redstart*** ? delete																			
24	Plumbeous Redstart	✓				4	8	6	6	8	1	1						2	8	
25	Hodgson's Shortwing†	✓												5	6					2
26	(White-bellied Redstart)																			
27	White-tailed Blue Robin*	✓																		
28	Hodgson's Grandala (Grandala)	✓																		
29	Little Forktail	✓				1	1	2												
30	Slaty-backed Forktail**																			
31	Spotted Forktail*	✓				1	1						1							
32	Stonechat ++ (Collared Bush Chat)	✓			1		8	2												
33	Pied Bush Chat [Pied Stonechat]	✓			2	4														
34	Dark-grey Bush Chat	✓			2	8	8		1	4	4									1
35	White-capped Redstart (W-c River Chat)	✓				6	6	2	6	6	4	6	2	4	6					6
36	Blue-headed Rock Thrush	✓			2	1	1													
37	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush*	✓			1					1										
38	Blue Whistling Thrush (Whistling Thrush)	✓			1	1	8	15	10	15	10	10	10	4	6	10				
39	Pied Ground Thrush*	✓			3	1														
40	Plain-backed Mountain Thrush	✓																		

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Long-tailed Mountain Thrush*																
2	Golden Mountain Thrush* ✓																
3	(Speckled Mountain T) [White's Thrush]																
4	Large Brown Thrush** (Large Long-billed T)																
5	Tickell's Thrush* ✓			1		1											
6	White-collared Blackbird ✓																
7	Grey-winged Blackbird ✓						2										
8	Wren ✓											14	14				
9	Brown Dipper ✓										4			1	1		4
10	Alpine Accentor ✓																
11	Altai Accentor*** <i>delete</i>																
12	Rufous-breasted Accentor ✓											6	3	4	4	1	1
13	Grey Tit** [Great Tit]																
14	Green-backed Tit ✓					2	10	4	4	6	2						1
15	Coal Tit ✓														6		
16	Rufous-bellied Crested Tit ✓										5	4			6	2	4
17	(Rufous-breasted Black Tit)																
18	Brown Crested Tit (Crested Brown Tit) ✓														10		
19	Yellow-cheeked Tit ✓		4					3	2								
20	Yellow-browed Tit*																
21	Red-headed Tit ✓					1	30	4	2								
22	Rufous-fronted Tit* ✓									4							1 NL
23	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch ✓		3			1											
24	White-tailed Nuthatch ✓					1	2	1	12	2							
25	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch ✓		2														
26	Wallcreeper** NL ✓														1 NL		
27	Treecreeper* ✓																
28	Sikkim Treecreeper* ✓					1											
29	Nepal Treecreeper*# ✓																
30	Indian Tree Pipit ✓										6	4	10	20		6	12
31	(Hodgson's Tree Pipit) [Olive-backed Pipit]																
32	Paddyfield Pipit* ++ ✓					1											
33	Vinaceous-breasted Pipit (Rose-breasted P) ✓										10		30	100	20	10	4
34	Upland Pipit* ✓																
35	Grey Wagtail ✓		1			1					3	1	2		4		1
36	Pied Wagtail ++ ✓						2 NL						3	6	2		
37	Large Pied Wagtail* ✓		1										<i>ocularis</i>				
38	Thick-billed Flowerpecker*** <i>? delete</i>																
39	Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker**																
40	Plain-coloured Flowerpecker# ✓		10														

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Long-tailed Mountain Thrush*																
2	Golden Mountain Thrush*			3 +nest	(+H)												
3	(Speckled Mountain T) [White's Thrush]																
4	Large Brown Thrush** (Large Long-billed T)																
5	Tickell's Thrush*										2						
6	White-collared Blackbird			12	2				2								
7	Grey-winged Blackbird									2	1		2				
8	Wren				1	2+2H	1	(+H)	2								
9	Brown Dipper	2															
10	Alpine Accentor			2	20												
11	Altai Accentor***																
12	Rufous-breasted Accentor					10											
13	Grey Tit** [Great Tit]																
14	Green-backed Tit	4	2								6	10					
15	Coal Tit		4	2		2			1								
16	Rufous-bellied Crested Tit		8	10	6	10	6	20									
17	(Rufous-breasted Black Tit)																
18	Brown Crested Tit (Crested Brown Tit)		4			1	1	1									
19	Yellow-checked Tit										1	2		12			
20	Yellow-browed Tit*																
21	Red-headed Tit	10									2			20			
22	Rufous-fronted Tit*		2	2				1									
23	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch																
24	White-tailed Nuthatch	3									4	2		4			
25	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch																
26	Wallcreeper**																
27	Treecreeper					1		2									
28	Sikkim Treecreeper*															1	
29	Nepal Treecreeper**		1	1													
30	Indian Tree Pipit		10	4					6								
31	(Hodgson's Tree Pipit) [Olive-backed Pipit]																
32	Paddyfield Pipit* ++																
33	Vinaceous-breasted Pipit (Rose-breasted P)				6	20			6								
34	Upland Pipit*									3+2H	1+2H						
35	Grey Wagtail																1
36	Pied Wagtail ++																
37	Large Pied Wagtail																
38	Thick-billed Flowerpecker***																
39	Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker**																
40	Plain-coloured Flowerpecker*																

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																	
1	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	✓		2			6	10	10	8							
2	Purple Sunbird	✓				4											
3	Mrs Gould's Sunbird*																
4	Nepal Yellow-backed Sunbird (Nepal S)	✓						1		6	8	6					4
5	Black-breasted Sunbird**																
6	Yellow-backed Sunbird** (Scarlet-breasted S)																
7	Fire-tailed Sunbird	✓										8				1	3
8	White-eye	✓		20	6		6	6	4								
9	House Sparrow	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										
10	Tree Sparrow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
11	Yellow-throated Sparrow**																
12	Baya (Baya Weaver) *																
13	White-backed Munia* (Sharp-tailed Munia)	✓				3											
14	Spotted Munia *																
15	Allied Grosbeak*	✓															
16	White-winged Grosbeak	✓														1	
17	Spotted-winged Grosbeak** (Spot-winged G)																
18	Himalayan Greenfinch (H Goldfinch) *	✓							20								
19	Hodgson's Mountain Finch	✓						30						30		50	30
20	Brandt's Mountain Finch**																
21	Common Rosefinch [Scarlet Rosefinch] *																
22	Nepal Rosefinch*	✓										2					2
23	Pink-browed Rosefinch	✓									5	10	4				4
24	Spotted-winged Rosefinch* (Spot-winged R)	✓									5	1					
25	White-browed Rosefinch	✓										3			2	1	
26	Beautiful Rosefinch	✓									15	20		15	6	2	6
27	Red-breasted Rosefinch*	✓															
28	Crossbill*																
29	Red-headed Rosefinch** (Juniper Finch)	✓															
30	Scarlet Finch* *																
31	Gold-headed Black Finch** (G-crowned B F)																
32	Brown Bullfinch**																
33	Red-headed Bullfinch*	✓									1						
34	Crested Bunting*	✓				6											
35	Yellow-legged Green Pigeon (Bergal GP) ***	✓				1											
36	Nepal Wren-Babbler ++	✓							1H	3+2H	1H						2H *
37	Hume's Short-toed Lark ***	✓												1			
38	Crested Honey Buzzard **	✓															
39	Pleschanka's Pied Chat* [Pied Whistler]	✓															
40	Large Green-billed Malkoha **	✓															

252 species (6H, 5NL)

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS																		
1	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	6												2	4			
2	Purple Sunbird																	
3	Mrs Gould's Sunbird*																	
4	Nepal Yellow-backed Sunbird (Nepal S)	2	6	2		2			1	2	4							
5	Black-breasted Sunbird**																	
6	Yellow-backed Sunbird** (Scarlet-breasted S)																	
7	Fire-tailed Sunbird			2	12	10	12	5										
8	White-eye												2+H		10+			
9	House Sparrow													✓			✓	
10	Tree Sparrow											1	10	✓			✓	
11	Yellow-throated Sparrow**																	
12	Baya (Baya Weaver)																	
13	White-backed Munia* (Sharp-tailed Munia)																	
14	Spotted Munia																	
15	Allied Grosbeak*		2	2														
16	White-winged Grosbeak			8	20	10	10	20	2									
17	Spotted-winged Grosbeak** (Spot-winged G)																	
18	Himalayan Greenfinch (H Goldfinch)											6	15					
19	Hodgson's Mountain Finch		20	10	10					20								
20	Brandt's Mountain Finch**																	
21	Common Rosefinch [Scarlet Rosefinch]																	
22	Nepal Rosefinch*				1NL		2			2								
23	Pink-browed Rosefinch				2	1	4	1										
24	Spotted-winged Rosefinch* (Spot-winged R)				1NL													
25	White-browed Rosefinch					3		1										
26	Beautiful Rosefinch																	
27	Red-breasted Rosefinch*					10												
28	Crossbill*																	
29	Red-headed Rosefinch** (Juniper Finch)					1♀												
30	Scarlet Finch*																	
31	Gold-headed Black Finch* (G-crowned B F)																	
32	Brown Bullfinch**																	
33	Red-headed Bullfinch*		1								2							
34	Crested Bunting*													1				
35	Yellow-legged Green Pigeon (Bengal GP)																	
36	Nepal Wren-Babbler ++					1+6H												
37	Hume's short-toed Lark																	
38	Crested Honey Buzzard ++			3						1)	Thorepati							
39	Pleschanka's Pied Chat [Pied Wheatear]										107							
40	Large Green-billed Malksha														1			

THE HIGH HIMALAYAS: TAXONOMIC NOTES

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

One of the forms concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Black-eared Kite *M. lineatus*.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Includes Shaheen Falcon *F. p. peregrinator*.

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*

Ali & Ripley and Fleming et al. lump this form in Spur-winged Lapwing [Spur-winged Plover] *V. spinosus*.

Indian Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis passerinus*

Fleming et al. lump this form in Rufous-bellied Plaintive Cuckoo *C. merulinus*, using the name Plaintive Cuckoo for the enlarged species.

House Swift *Apus affinis*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: House Swift *A. nipalensis*, renaming *A. affinis* as Little Swift.

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Ali & Ripley and Fleming et al. consider the form concerned, *cashmiriensis*, to be a subspecies of House Martin (Eurasian House Martin) *D. urbica*.

Jungle Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

The lowland form is sometimes split off as a separate species: Jungle Crow *C. levaillantii*, renaming *C. macrorhynchos* as Large-billed Crow.

Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Ali & Ripley and Fleming et al. use the former name of *M. latirostris* for this species.

Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

One of the forms concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler *P. humei*.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

The Himalayan forms may in future be split off as a separate species, *P. chloronotus*.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

The eastern forms are sometimes split off as a separate species: Siberian Stonechat *S. maura*.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Ali & Ripley and Fleming et al. lump this resident form in Australasian Pipit *A. novaeseelandiae*, using the name Paddyfield Pipit for the enlarged species.

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

The black-backed forms are sometimes split off as a separate species: Black-backed Wagtail *M. lugens*.

Forest Musk Deer *Moschus chrysogaster*

Prater lumps this form in Siberian Musk Deer *M. moschiferus*, using the name Musk Deer for the enlarged species.

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7-30 MAY 1993

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Selection of better records and breeding records:

Common Buzzard. Confirmed breeding near Gapte: nest with two chicks on 23-25 May (First confirmed breeding for the square I believe).

Bay Woodpecker. Pair near Bamboo in Langtang gorge on 13 May.

Hume's Short-toed Lark. 1 near airstrip beyond Kyangjin Gompa on 17 May. (Is this a good record - I was not expecting the species and had not seen it in Nepal before).

Asian House Martin. Small breeding colony found near Gapte on 25 May - 20+ birds and at least two nests being attended.

Short-billed Minivet. Two separate pairs in Bokejunda area on 10 May. One pair at Chipling on 27 May. (I was surprised to find this species three times as I had only found it in the east before - perhaps it is well established in this area (at lower altitudes than Long-tailed, although at Chipling I saw both species in the same area).

Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler. Pairs building nests at Sing Gompa on 22 May and Gapte on 25 May.

Nepal Wren-Babbler. Many in the Langtang gorge - I intend to publish full details in Forktail.

Cutia. A pair at the houses half way up Phulchowki - the first time I have seen it here!

Smoky Warbler. Two pairs between Laurebina Pass and Phedi on 23 May.

Pied Wheatear (*O. pleschanka*). One male (presumed 1st summer as plumage brownish-black) at Thore Pati on 26 May. Apparently the second record for Nepal. I can supply a photograph if you require it.

Pied Ground Thrush. 1 male at foot of Phulchowki, near Godaveri, on 29 May. (Is this a good record? I have not seen it here before).

Scaly Thrush. Pair incubating at nest near Sing Gompa on 21 May.

Allied Grosbeak. Pair building nest near Sing Gompa on 22 May.

Nigel Redman
3 June 1993