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Dear Carol Inskipp,

On the 17. June 1990 I did send you a copy of my letter and bird list from Phulchowki sent to Director General, Dep. of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Kathmandu. I believe that the copy of this letter may never have reached you - so I forward to you again together with observations from other parts of Nepal.

Most observations from Kosi Barrage and Dharan were done together with Jan Tøtrup Nielsen, Frederiksholmsvej 429, 9870 Sindal, Denmark.

List of localities visited:

02.11-05.11.89 Kosi Barrage.  
06.11-07.11.89 Dharan, sal forest.  
12.11-14.11.89 Phokara  
15.11-16.11.89 Kagbeni  
20.11.89 Kagbeni  
17.11.89 Muktinath  
17.11.89 Jharkhot  
19.11.89 Thorangla  
24.11-25.11.89 Ghasa  
26.11.89 Sikha  
30.11.89 Kimrung Khola near Chomro, 1500-2000 m.  
01.12.89 Chomro  
06.12.89 Khuldi Ghar  
08.12-09.12.89 Bichok Deorali, ridge near Landrung, oak- rhododendron forest, 2150m.  
13.12-14.12.89 Sauraha  
23.12-25.12.89 Sauraha  
16.12.89 Dhruba near Kasara  
17.12-23.12.89 Bhimle  
17.12-23.12.89 Tiger Tops  
19.12.89 Devi Tal  
19.12.89 Junction Rapti- Narayani River  
19.12.89 Narayani River

List of species.

Black Stork 30 02.11, 8 04.11, 12 05.11.  
White Stork 50 going East 06.11.  
Lesser Adjutant 2 04.11, 2 14.12, 2 17.12 Bhimle, 1 25.12.  
Common Shelduck 1 05.11.  
Lesser Fishing Eagle 1 20.12. Bhimle.  
Greyheaded Fishing Eagle 1 17.12. B, 1 19.12. D.T.  
Eurasian Black Vulture 1 06.11, 1 17.11. J, 1 24.11, 1 25.11, 1 26.11, 1 30.11.  
Pallid Harrier 2 03.11, 1 05.11, 1 30.11, 1 imm 17.12. B, 1 18.12. B, 2 20.12. B.  
Pied Harrier 1 male 03.11, 1 04.11, 1 imm+1 female 05.11, 1 19.12.D.T, 2 ad 20.12.B.  
Lesser Spotted Eagle 1 ad 02.11, 2 imm 03.11, 2 imm 04.11, 1 imm 08.12.  
Greater Spotted Eagle 1 imm 05.11.

Imperial Eagle 1 14.11.  
Booted Eagle 1 25.12.  
Red-thighed Falconet 2-3 06.11.  
Lesser Kestrel 50 12.11, 30 13.11, 40 14.11. Roost.  
Red-necked Falcon 1 02.11, 1 05.11.  
Amur Falcon 30-50 12.11, 25 13.11, 10 14.11. Roost.  
Eurasian Hobby 300-350 12.11, 200 13.11, 100 14.11. Roost.  
Himalayan Snowcock 1 seen well 19.11. Thorangla.  
Satyr Tragopan feathers found from 2 dead (shot) individuals.  
Demoiselle Crane 2 15.11, 2 16.11, 2 20.11. Same 2 individuals.  
Painted Snipe 1 20.12. B. 1-2 21.12. Bhimle.  
Ibisbill 1 19.12. J.R. - N.R.  
Northern Lapwing 55 03.11.  
Solitary Snipe 6 17.11. Muktinath. 3 17.11. Jharkhot.  
Slenderbilled Gull 1 ad 05.11.  
Lesser Black-backed Gull 1 imm - 1. year 05.11.  
Herring Gull 2 imm - 1. year 02.11.  
Brown Wood Owl 1 heard 09.12.  
Short-eared Owl 7-8 04.11.  
Deep-blue Kingfisher 1 19.12. T.T.  
White-browed Piculet 1 23.12. T.T.  
Collared Sand Martin 1 03.11.  
Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike 1 06.11.  
Golden Bush-Robin 1 male 17.12. T.T.  
Guldenstadt's Redstart 5 males 16.11, 5 males 20.11, 3 17.11. Muktinath.  
Plumbeous Redstart 1 male 19.12. N.R.  
White-tailed Robin 3 12.11.  
White-tailed Stonechat 1 male 04.11, 1 21.12. B, 1 23.12. S, 1 25.12. S, 4 16.12.  
Long-billed Thrush 1 30.11.  
Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler 1+2 21.12. T.T, 1 22.12. T.T.  
Aberrant Bush Warbler 1 17.12. T.T, 1 23.12. T.T.  
Spotted Bush Warbler 2 21.12. Bhimle.  
Large Grass Warbler 1 05.11.  
Striated Marsh Warbler 5 05.11.  
Thick-billed Warbler 1 13.12.  
Chestnut-crowned Warbler 8 together 18.12. T.T.  
Grey-faced Leaf Warbler 1 03.11, 1 18.12. T.T.  
Smoky Warbler 1 16.12, 2-3 20.12. Bhimle, 3 21.12. B.  
Sulphur-bellied Warbler 1 26.11.  
Asian Brown Flycatcher 1 07.11.  
Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler 1 30.11, 2 06.12.  
Golden Babbler 25 one flock 06.12.  
Black-headed Shrike-Babbler 1 female 30.11.  
Hoary Barwing 1 09.12.  
Red-billed Blue Magpie 1 22.12. T.T.  
Spot-winged Stare 8 13.12.  
Common Starling 4 05.11.  
Crimson Rosefinch 2 females 01.12. Chomro.  
Chestnut-eared Bunting 1 02.11.

If you have any ideas about the identification of the following 2 species please let me know.

Bradypterus? 1 21.12.89 at 9.15 AM Tiger Tops. Seen very well for 30 sec. Binoculars 9X36. Observed without distracting vegetation at 5 m distance, within focus. Seen in good light from all angles. Habitat - reedbed 0,5 m above ground next to slow stream at edge of forest. Length: 12-14 cm. Above uniform dark brown suffused with olive. Tail darker brown than the rest of upperparts. Faint greyish white supercilium and eyering. Supercilium only visible behind eye and short and straight. Dark streak behind eye below supercilium. No contrasting lores. Bill darkbrown. Base of lower mandible possibly paler brown.

Legs dark brown. Below dark brown, only slightly paler than above. Belly palest brown in the centre down to undertailcoverts. Chin, throat and upperbreast greyish white contrasting with the rest of plumage. Undertailcoverts brown with pale grey tips of feathers. Call: tac, tac, tac, tac.

Bird sp. Genus? 1 21.12.89 at 4.30 PM Tiger Tops. Observed well for 5 minutes in good light and seen from all angles. Distance most of the time only 5 m (within focus). Habitat: tall forest, 0,5 m above ground in dense understory. Also observed out of cover on roots of fallen tree. Length approximately 18-20 cm. Gives impression of: size, dimensions, tail, movement of *Erythropygia galactotes*. Tail long and graduated, most of the time kept cocked above horizontal. Above uniform dark brown. Tail darker brown than the rest of upperparts. Below only slightly paler brown than above. Chin and throat palest - brownish grey. Undertailcoverts pale grey with black tips to feathers. No contrasting/visibel eyering. No supercilium. No contrasting lores. Bill dark. Eye dark. Legs dark.

I hope these few observations may be of interest to you.  
If more details are needed please let me know.

Looking forward hearing from you. Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ole Jakobse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text "Yours sincerely".

cc. Richard Grimmett, BirdLife International.