

Langtang Trek Report

10 - 26 May 1996

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ITINERARY

12 May - Morning drive to Phulchowki for JB, MC, AW with Ramesh.

13 May - Early morning start in the bus for Dhunche, via Trisuli Bazaar. Overnight in Dhunche.

14 May - Morning walk around fields near Dhunche, then breakfast and beginning of trek. Down to the Trisuli Khola then round to the village of Bharku for lunch. Long stop then on up to c 2700 m before descending into Syabru at dusk. Overnight in Syabru.

15 May - Early morning start from Syabru, at c 2030 m, going down through the village to the Dhupche Khola and climbing again on to the slope of the Langtang Valley itself. A second steep descent through the landslide and then lunch at Bamboo Lodge. Some rain in the afternoon as we climbed to Lama Lodge at c 2470 m.

16 May - Early morning start up the valley towards the village of Langtang itself. Passed through range of forest habitats from moist deciduous, through oak, maple and larch forest, then a thorn scrub area before finally reaching the open alpine grassland areas at L'tang village.

17 May - C, JB, DC, MC went on morning excursion up to Kyangin (3850 m) to look for Ibisbill, while MB, CB, BH, RG and AW et al went back down towards Ghora Tabela and the campsite at Gumnachok.

18 May - Early morning departure back down the Langtang Valley from near Ghora Tabela at c3020 m. Lunch stop at Landslide Lodge, before cutting up the side of the valley at the landslide and returning to Syabru

at 2030 m.

19 May - Set off in the early morning up from Syabru towards Sing Gompa. Lunch stop after climb of over 1000 m. In the afternoon only a short walk to the campsite in the settlement at Sing Gompa, with an excursion in search of Tragopans.

20 May - Early morning search for tragopans, and almost successful, then the walk up to Gosainkund. Lunch at Laurabinayak then onwards and upwards past the three lakes until we arrived in late afternoon at Gosainkund Lake itself at an altitude of c4380 m.

21 May - Up to the Laurabinayak Pass at 4610 m. Then long slow descent to our lunch spot at 3700 m. Rain set in before we completed the walk to Gopte Cave at 3430 m.

22 May - Early morning walk in search of the calling tragopans (failed) and then breakfast before going in search of the Shortwing (failed). Early lunch and afternoon departure for Tharepati. This was mist-shrouded when we reached at 16.00hr, so we moved down to Mangengot at 3285 m.

23 May - More mist in the morning at Mangegoth and it continued to be shrouded until we reached the edge of the ridge above Kutumsang. We dropped into the village for lunch and after a long break made the brief walk to our idyllic campsite just above Gul Bhanjyang at c 2400 m.

24 May - Back now in the deforested and widely inhabited lowlands. Lunch at Chipling before going on to Pati Bhanjyang and then the long haul back up to Chisopani at c2200 m.

25 May - Not so early morning start into the Sheopuri Sanctuary and a final climb to c2500 m, before descending again to the town of Sundarijal.

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1	SPECIES/DATE	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2	Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		10												
3	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	3	15												
4	Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	√	√												1
5	Lammergeier <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>						1								
6	Himalayan Griffon Vulture <i>G. himalayensis</i>				1				1				3	3	
7	Crested Serpent Eagle <i>Spilornis cheela</i>		1	1	1										1
8	Besra <i>A. virgatus</i>							1							
9	Northern Sparrowhawk <i>A. nisus</i>	1									1				
10	Common Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>						2		2	2	2	3			
11	Black Eagle <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	2													
12	Lesser Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila pomarina</i>								1?				1?		
13	Greater Spotted Eagle <i>A. clanga</i>			1?											
14	Mountain Hawk-Eagle <i>S. nipalensis</i>	1	1												
15	Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>														1
16	Peregrine Falcon <i>F. peregrinus</i>												1	1	
17	Black Francolin <i>Francolinus francolinus</i>			3											2
18	Common Hill Partridge <i>Arborophila torqueola</i>										1hd				1hd
19	Blood Pheasant <i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>											2			
20	Satyr Tragopan <i>Tragopan satyra</i>									1		2hd			
21	Himalayan Monal Lophophorus <i>impejanus</i>			1hd		9	6			2	4	3			
22	Ibisbill <i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>							2							
23	Eurasian Woodcock <i>Saxicola rusticola</i>								1			1hd			
24	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>					5									
25	Snow Pigeon <i>C. leuconota</i>						100s								
26	Speckled Wood-Pigeon <i>C. hodgsonii</i>				4			2	10	4					
27	Oriental Turtle-Dove <i>S. orientalis</i>	2	2	2		3		3	4	2					2
28	Spotted Dove <i>S. chinensis</i>	3	2	2											3
29	Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon <i>T. sphenura</i>			1	2			3							1
30	Large Hawk-Cuckoo <i>C. sparverioides</i>	2		1	5			1	2	2			1		2
31	Indian Cuckoo <i>C. micropterus</i>	1		2											2
32	Common Cuckoo <i>C. canorus</i>	1	10		2			3	8			1	2	10	2
33	Oriental Cuckoo <i>C. saturatus</i>								4						2
34	Lesser Cuckoo <i>C. poliocephalus</i>				1hd					2		2	1		1
35	Northern Eagle Owl <i>Bubo bubo</i>			1hd											
36	Collared Owlet <i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>			1hd					1						
37	Jungle Owlet <i>G. radiatum</i>		1												
38	Brown Wood Owl <i>Strix leptogrammica</i>												1hd		
39	Tawny Owl <i>S. aluco</i>			1hd											
40	Himalayan Swiftlet <i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>											50	10		
41	Fork-tailed Swift <i>Apus pacificus</i>			20	2				10			15		20	
42	Little Swift <i>A. affinis</i>		50	50	10									30	20
43	Alpine Swift <i>Tachybaptis melba</i>			1											
44	White-throated Kingfisher <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>			1											
45	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater <i>M. leschenaulti</i>			1											
46	Great Barbet <i>Megalaima virens</i>	c10	2						2						2
47	Blue-throated Barbet <i>M. asiatica</i>		1											1	1
48	Orange-rumped Honeyguide <i>Indicator xanthotus</i>				1										
49	Darjeeling Woodpecker <i>D. darjellensis</i>						2							2	
50	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker <i>D. cathpharius</i>								2						
51	Brown-fronted Woodpecker <i>D. auriceps</i>				2				2						
52	Grey-headed Woodpecker <i>P. canus</i>	1													

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53	Scaly-bellied Woodpecker <i>P. squamatus</i>				1	1hd			1	2					
54	Crag Martin <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>					5	2								
55	Barn Swallow <i>H. rustica</i>	10	50	10									10	10	10
56	Red-rumped Swallow <i>H. daurica</i>		c50										15	15	10
57	Nepal House Martin <i>Delichon nipalensis</i>			50				20	30						
58	Asian House Martin <i>D. dasypus</i>										35	10			
59	Olive-backed Pipit <i>A. hodgsoni</i>						c100		5	10	5		2		
60	Rosy Pipit <i>A. roseatus</i>					15	100s		√	√			5		
61	Upland Pipit <i>A. sylvanus</i>														3
62	Grey Wagtail <i>M. cinerea</i>	2				1	10								
63	White Wagtail <i>M. alba</i>						2								
64	White-browed Wagtail <i>M. maderaspatensis</i>						2								
65	Large Cuckoo-Shrike <i>C. novaehollandiae</i>		2												
66	Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike <i>C. melaschistos</i>	1													
67	Long-tailed Minivet <i>P. ethologus</i>	5		15	2	5			5						5
68	White-cheeked Bulbul <i>P. leucogenys</i>	50	25		2										10
69	Red-vented Bulbul <i>P. cafer</i>	50	25												10
70	Black Bulbul <i>H. madagascariensis</i>	5			10									10	10
71	Orange-bellied Leafbird <i>C. hardwickii</i>	2			1										
72	Black Drongo <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	2	2												5
73	Ashy Drongo <i>D. leucophaeus</i>	2		10	5	2		4							5
74	Bronzed Drongo <i>D.</i>	1													
75	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo <i>D. remifer</i>	5													
76	Maroon Oriole <i>Oriolus traillii</i>	1													
77	Eurasian Golden Oriole <i>O. oriolus</i>		1												
78	Brown Dipper <i>C. pallasii</i>				2			1							
79	Northern Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>									3	5	2			
80	Rufous-breasted Accentor <i>P. strophciata</i>						2				5				
81	Robin Accentor <i>P. rubeculoides</i>									5	50				
82	Altai Accentor <i>P. himalayana</i>											10			
83	Gould's Shortwing <i>Brachypteryx stellata</i>										1				
84	Indian Blue Robin <i>L. brunnea</i>			5	2	4	5	4	15	10	5	5	5		2
85	Orange-flanked Bush-Robin <i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>								6	2					
86	Golden Bush-Robin <i>T. chrysaeus</i>								2		2	2			
87	White-browed Bush-Robin <i>T. indicus</i>											1			
88	Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin <i>T. hyperythrus</i>										2	1			
89	Asian Magpie-Robin <i>Copsychus saularis</i>	5													5
90	Blue-fronted Redstart <i>P. frontalis</i>						6		2	2	2	2			
91	Plumbeous Redstart <i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>			4	8	5	10	10		4					
92	White-bellied Redstart <i>Hodgsonius phoenicuroides</i>						1								
93	Grandala <i>Grandala coelicolor</i>									10	100+				
94	Common Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquata</i>		5	5	2			1							2
95	Pied Bushchat <i>S. caprata</i>			2	1										
96	Grey Bushchat <i>S. ferrea</i>	2	5	15	10	5	5	10		2				10	10
97	White-capped Redstart <i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>			1	5	2	5				2				
98	Blue-capped Rock-Thrush <i>Monticola cinclorhyncha</i>		1	4											1
99	Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush <i>M. rufiventris</i>													2	
100	Blue Whistling Thrush <i>Myiophoneus caeruleus</i>	2			2	8	10	15	8		2	2			
101	Plain-backed Mountain Thrush <i>Zoothera mollissima</i>										4	2			
102	Scaly Thrush <i>Z. dauma</i>								2	1					
103	Pied Ground Thrush <i>Z. wardii</i>			2				2							
104	Tickell's Thrush <i>Turdus unicolor</i>			5											

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105	White-collared Blackbird <i>T. albocinctus</i>								20	6		3	6	2	
106	Grey-winged Blackbird <i>T. bouboul</i>			2	5			1					4	2	2
107	Little Forktail <i>Enicurus scouleri</i>			1	1			1							
108	Spotted Forktail <i>E. maculatus</i>	1		3											
109	Chestnut-headed Tesia <i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>				1hd			1							
110	Aberrant Bush Warbler <i>C. flavolivacea</i>					1			1	1					
111	Grey-sided Bush Warbler <i>C. brunnifrons</i>										4	3			
112	Striated Prinia <i>P. criniger</i>	5	2	8				2	2						2
113	Golden-spectacled Warbler <i>Seicercus burkii</i>					1	10	6	8	5	5	5	2	2	
114	Grey-hooded Warbler <i>S. xanthoschistos</i>	5		c30	15			2	5						3
115	Chestnut-headed Warbler <i>S. castaniceps</i>	2													
116	Blyth's Crowned Warbler <i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>					35	50+		100s						
117	Green Warbler <i>P. nitidus</i>					1?									
118	Greenish Warbler <i>P. trochiloides</i>	5		1	3		1	1	2	5	4	3			
119	Large-billed Leaf Warbler <i>P. magnirostris</i>														
120	Orange-barred Leaf Warbler <i>P. pulcher</i>						10		50	10	2	10	1		
121	Grey-faced Leaf Warbler <i>P. maculipennis</i>						1								
122	Pallas' Leaf Warbler <i>P. proregulus</i>					3	2			1		1			
123	Smoky Warbler <i>P. fulgiventis</i>										1				
124	Tickell's Warbler <i>P. affinis</i>						15			2					3
125	Asian Brown Flycatcher <i>M. latirostris</i>								1				6		
126	Verditer Flycatcher <i>M. thalassina</i>	5	5					1	2				2	6	4
127	Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher <i>F. strophinata</i>					4	2	4			2	2-3	1		
128	Ultramarine Flycatcher <i>F. superciliaris</i>			2	1			1	1						
129	Slaty-Blue Flycatcher <i>F. tricolor</i>								6	4					
130	Rufous-bellied Niltava <i>N. sundara</i>					3		6							
131	Small Niltava <i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>														1
132	Grey-headed Flycatcher <i>Culicipapa ceylonensis</i>	2						3							
133	Yellow-bellied Fantail <i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>			1		2	2	2					1		
134	White-throated Fantail <i>R. albicollis</i>	1													1
135	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler <i>Pomatorhinus erythrogeus</i>				1			1	2						2
136	Pygmy Wren-Babbler <i>Pnoepyga</i>					1hd									
137	Nepal Wren-Babbler <i>P.</i>				2hd	1		2							
138	Black-chinned Babbler <i>S. pyrrhops</i>	3													
139	White-throated Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	10												20	10
140	Striated Laughingthrush <i>G. striatus</i>	2				2		2							
141	Variiegated Laughingthrush <i>G. variegatus</i>					20	30+			5					
142	Spotted Laughingthrush <i>G. ocellatus</i>								2		2-3	2		2	2
143	Streaked Laughingthrush <i>G. lineatus</i>	2			2	4	10	2	2					2	20
144	Black-faced Laughingthrush <i>G. affinis</i>					3				2		2	2		
145	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush <i>G. erythrocephalus</i>						1							2	
146	Red-billed Leiotherix <i>L. lutea</i>														1
147	Fire-tailed Myzornis <i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i>											4			
148	Streak-throated Barwing <i>A. nipalensis</i>													1	
149	Chestnut-tailed Minla <i>M. strigula</i>						1	1			2-3	2	1	2	
150	Rufous-winged Fulvetta <i>A. castaniceps</i>														1
151	White-browed Fulvetta <i>A. vinpectus</i>	1								2	1	4			
152	Nepal Fulvetta <i>A. nipalensis</i>	2													1
153	Black-capped Sibia <i>H. capistrata</i>	100s		70	24			25	10				5	10	5
154	Whiskered Yuhina <i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>	3-4		1		2		5					4		5
155	Stripe-throated Yuhina <i>Y. gularis</i>						1							4	
156	Rufous-vented Yuhina <i>Y. occipitalis</i>					2			5	6	2	3			

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157	White-bellied Yuhina <i>Y. zantholueca</i>														2
158	Fulvous Parrotbill <i>Paradoxornis fulvifrons</i>										2-3				
159	Black-browed Tit <i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>						1								
160	Black-throated Tit <i>A. concinnus</i>	10		10			12	8	8				15	10	5
161	Yellow-browed Tit <i>Sylviparus modestus</i>					1		1							3
162	Grey-crested Tit <i>Parus dichrous</i>								2			2	4		
163	Rufous-vented Tit <i>P. rubidiventris</i>					10	2					2	2		
164	Coal Tit <i>P. ater</i>					1			10		6				
165	Green-backed Tit <i>P. monticolus</i>	5		2			1	4	2				2	2	2
166	Black-lored Tit <i>P. xanthogenys</i>	5			2			2							
167	White-tailed Nuthatch <i>S. himalayensis</i>	3-4			5			1						2	
168	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper <i>C. nipalensis</i>								3			1			
169	Common Treecreeper <i>C. familiaris</i>								1					1	
170	Fire-capped Tit <i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>											1			
171	Green-tailed Sunbird <i>A. nipalensis</i>					2	2	2	1			1	2		3
172	Black-throated Sunbird <i>A. saturata</i>	2													
173	Fire-tailed Sunbird <i>A. ignicauda</i>										10	10			
174	Thick-billed Flowerpecker <i>Dicaeum agile</i>		2												
175	Buff-bellied Flowerpecker <i>D. ignipectus</i>	2	2						2	3					
176	Oriental White-eye <i>Z. palpebrosa</i>						10		6				5		2
177	Bay-backed Shrike <i>L. vittatus</i>				1										
178	Long-tailed Shrike <i>L. schach</i>			2	1			1							1
179	Grey-backed Shrike <i>L. tephronotus</i>														
180	Eurasian Jay <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		1									1			
181	Yellow-billed Blue Magpie <i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>					2		2	2	3			2		
182	Red-billed Blue Magpie <i>U. erythrorhyncha</i>		2												
183	Grey Treepie <i>D. formosae</i>	3													
184	Eurasian Nutcracker <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>			9									2		
185	Alpine Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>					10	20								
186	Red-billed Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>					2	50			2	2				
187	House Crow <i>Corvus splendens</i>	√	√												√
188	Large-billed Crow <i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>			4	20	25	20	5	20	20	10	5	4		
189	Common Raven <i>C. corax</i>						2								
190	Spot-winged Starling <i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>		4												
191	Chestnut-tailed Starling <i>Sturnus malabarica</i>														2
192	Common Mynah <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	√	√											15	15
193	Jungle Myna <i>A. fuscus</i>	√	√												
194	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	√	√											√	√
195	Eurasian Tree Sparrow <i>P. montanus</i>	√	50	√	20			20	10					√	√
196	Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>									1					
197	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch <i>Carduelis spinoides</i>			50+											5
198	Common Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>								5-6						
199	Plain Mountain-Finch <i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>						1								
200	Common Rosefinch <i>C. erythrinus</i>	1		8											
201	Beautiful Rosefinch <i>C. pulcherrimus</i>					15	50+								
202	Pink-browed Rosefinch <i>C. rhodochrous</i>					4									
203	Spot-winged Rosefinch <i>C. rhodopeplus</i>								3			3			
204	White-browed Rosefinch <i>C. thura</i>										5	2			
205	Red-breasted Rosefinch <i>C. puniceus</i>									2	6				
206	Scarlet Finch <i>Haemotospiza sipahi</i>							1							
207	Brown Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>								1						
208	Collared Grosbeak <i>M. affinis</i>								10	10					

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209	White-winged Grosbeak <i>M. carnipis</i>									2	25	50	20		
210	Crested Bunting <i>Melophus lathamii</i>		3	2											2
211															
212															
213	MAMMALS														
214	Rhesus Macaque		6												
215	Wild Boar		2												
216	Flying Foxes		c20												
217	Common Jackal			1											
218	Yellow-throated Marten			2	1										
219	Common Langur				2										
220	Himalayan Tahr					11	3								
221	Himalayan Mouse Hare						3		5	5	5	10			
222	Alta. Weasel									1					
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