

ROSAIRD & TAYLOR (1997)
part

**INDIA + NEPAL - Waders seen
February 5th - 23rd 1997**

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

11+ birds all in n/b plumage [several showed partial white, pointed tail extensions] in marshy pools north of the canal and east of Kosi Barrage on Feb. 19th. [DWT saw 1 in n/b plumage at small wetland nr. the "Pink Tower" on Feb. 20th].

Bronze-winged Jacana

2 both in juvenile plumage in marshy pools at Kosi Barrage on Feb. 19th. [DWT saw 2 in n/b or juvenile plumage nr. Pink Tower Feb. 20th].

Ibisbill

Flock of 12 well watched on the Rapti River nr. the Suspension Bridge 5 km. downstream from Hetauda on Feb. 18th; 4 more seen together upstream from the Avocado Motel, Hetauda also on Feb. 18th.

Black-winged Stilt

2 en-route from Hyderabad to Cuddapah Feb. 7th; 50+ beside bridge over River Penner east of Cuddapah and 30 on rice paddies N.W. of Cuddapah on Feb. 8th; 50+ en-route from Cuddapah to Rollapadu Grasslands Feb. 9th; 50+ Maddugundam Cheree, Rollapadu Grasslands, 20+ Parmanchala Cheree, Rollapadu Grasslands and 30+ en-route from Kurnool to Hyderabad Airport Feb. 10th; 2 on lake adjacent the Zoological Gardens, Delhi Feb. 22nd.

Stone Curlew

DWT had 2 birds in flock of Red-wattled Lapwings in Zoological Gardens, Delhi Feb. 22nd.

Jerdon's Courser

2 birds seen together in torchlight at 01.20 hours at the Lankamasallowara Wildlife Sanctuary, nr Cuddapah on Feb. 9th.

Indian Courser

3 flew into scrubby area just north Cuddapah on Feb. 8th; 1 in flight towards dusk at Rollapadu Grasslands on Feb. 9th; 1 pair near Maddugundam Cheree Feb. 10th.

Little Pratincole

3 seen on sandbanks by the bridge over the River Penner east of Cuddapah on Feb. 8th; flock 300+ Maddugundam Cheree Feb. 10th; 12 on River Rapti just south of the bridge at Hetauda at dusk on Feb. 17th; flock of 250+ on sandbank north of Kosi Barrage and 50+ south of the Barrage on Feb. 19th; 400+ on sandbank well upstream from the Barrage and further 80+ nr. the Kosi Tappu Reserve border on Feb. 20th.

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Northern Lapwing

Flock of 18 north of Kosi Barrage Feb. 19th with 110+ on Feb. 20th; 5 on the River Bagmati near the Cement Factory, Kathmandu on Feb. 21st.

River Lapwing

1 pair on the River Treshuli below the River Rest House Feb. 12th; 7 pairs on the Rapti River between the bridge at Hetauda and the suspension bridge @ 5km downstream on Feb. 18th; [DWT saw 3 near the "Pink Tower", Kosi Barrage on Feb. 20th].

Yellow-wattled Lapwing

5 [2pairs + 1] Tuglakhabad Ruins, Delhi Feb. 6th; 5 at the "Clay Pits" north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 1 pair near Maddugundam Cheree, Rollapadu Grasslands Feb. 10th.

Grey-headed Lapwing

[DWT saw 5 birds nr. the "Pink Tower", Kosi Barrage on Feb. 20th]; 52 were counted along the River Rapti near the Cement Factory, Kathmandu on Feb. 21st.

Red-wattled Lapwing

All records refer to race "indicus". 1 in the gardens of the Centaur Hotel, Delhi and 8 at the Tuglakhabad Ruins, Delhi on Feb. 6th; 2 pairs en-route Hyderabad to Cuddapah Feb. 7th; 1 pair at the bridge over the Penner River east of Cuddapah and 4 at the "Clay Pits" north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 2 at the Lankamasallawara W.S. and 4 en-route from Cuddapah to Rollapadu Grasslands Feb. 9th; 2 pairs en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th; 1 en-route Kathmandu to Pokhara Feb. 12th; 3 Kosi Barrage Feb. 19th; 1 pair River Bagmati adjacent Cement Factory, Kathmandu Feb. 21st; 1 pair Zoological Gardens, Delhi [DWT saw further 15 birds] Feb. 22nd.

Little Ringed Plover

10 "Clay Pits" [showing bright yellow legs in bright light] and 20+ at bridge over River Penner north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 10 Maddugundam Cheree, 6 Parmanchala Cheree and 10+ en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th; 3 Rapti River, Hetauda Feb. 17th; 50+ Rapti River Hetauda south to suspension bridge and 1 Rapti River north of Hetauda bridge Feb. 18th; 2 upstream from Kosi Barrage Feb. 20th; 1 Cement Factory, Bagmati River, Kathmandu Feb. 21st.

Kentish Plover

150+ near bridge over River Penner east of Cuddapah Feb. 8th [some showed very thin black loreal line and consequently very white faces]; 6 en-route Cuddapah to Rollapadu Grasslands Feb. 9th; 1 Bagmati River, Kathmandu Feb. 11th; 1 Jomsom Feb. 13th; 4 south of Kosi Barrage Feb. 19th.

Lesser Sand Plover

Probably race "atrifons". Flock of 4 flew overhead calling upstream from Kosi Barrage and 1 perched on sandbank also upstream from Kosi Barrage on Feb. 20th.

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Eurasian Curlew

150+ on sandbank upstream from Kosi Barrage on Feb. 19th increasing to 250+ on Feb. 20th.

Spotted Redshank

2 en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th.

Common Redshank

1 on Rapti River at the suspension bridge 5 km. south of Hetauda Feb. 18th.

Marsh Sandpiper

10 on rice paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 3 Parmanchala Cheree Feb. 10th.

Greenshank

6 at bridge over River Penner, east of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 2 Rapti River, Hetauda Feb. 17th; 15+ Rapti River between Hetauda and suspension bridge downstream on Feb 18th; 5 at Kosi Barrage, 10 upstream and 7 downstream all on Feb. 19th; 30+ Kosi Feb. 20th; 5 Cement Factory, Bagmati River Feb. 21st; 1 Zoological Gardens Feb. 22nd.

Green Sandpiper

2 en-route Hyderabad to Cuddapah Feb. 7th; 6 River Penner bridge east of Cuddapah, 1 at "Clay Pits" and 10+ rice paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 20+ en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad; 2 Rapti River, Hetauda Feb. 17th; 10+ Rapti River from Hetauda to suspension bridge Feb. 18th; [DWT saw 1 nr. "Pink Tower", Kosi Feb. 20th]; 6 Cement Factory, Bagmati River Feb. 21st; 1 Zoological Gardens Feb. 22nd.

Wood Sandpiper

1 "Clay Pits" and 100+ rice paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 6 Parmanchala Cheree and 10 en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th; [DWT saw 3 near the "Pink Tower", Kosi Feb. 20th].

Common Sandpiper

15 Penner Bridge east of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 3 Parmanchala Cheree Feb. 10th; 3 Bagmati River Feb. 11th; 5 Rapti River, Hetauda Feb. 17th; 30+ Rapti River from Hetauda to suspension bridge and 4 on Rapti River north of Hetauda Feb. 18th; 2 Kosi Barrage and 3 south of Barrage on Feb. 19th; 8 Cement Factory, Bagmati River Feb. 21st.

Solitary Snipe

8 together at the "Pool" below the Temples at Muktinath Feb. 14th; 1 [and DWT saw another bird] in the marshy area below Jharkot Feb. 15th.

Pintail Snipe

3 in small marshy/scrubby area west of the road just north of Cuddapah and 2 in rice

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paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 1 Bagmati River, Kathmandu Feb. 11th; 2 on marshy pools east of Kosi Barrage and north of canal Feb. 19th.

Common Snipe

8 north of Kosi Barrage Feb. 19th.

Little Stint

30+ [some in nearly full s. pl.] at bridge over River Penner east of Cuddapah and 20 in rice paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 30 Maddugundam Cheree and 5 en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th; 20 upstream from Kosi Barrage Feb. 20th.

Temminck's Stint

2 River Penner east of Cuddapah and 2 in rice paddies north of Cuddapah Feb. 8th; 20 Maddugundam Cheree and 5 en-route Kurnool to Hyderabad Feb. 10th; 15+ Rapti River from Hetauda to suspension bridge downstream Feb. 18th.