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Dear Sir

I send you the list of the birds I have seen during a travel in Nepal. Some of these observations have been made by my parents (Monique and Raymond Miallier) who staid three months in Ghyaltum (Helambu) from October to January. They have been noted : RM.

Among these notes I should have to do a commentary above the Tibetan partridges I thought have seen in Kyangjin. It would be the first time in this part of Nepal. The sole likely confusion would be with the snow partridge. I think even if light was not very good I should have seen bright red bill and legs.

I thank you for your very nice and interesting book on the birds of Nepal.

Yours faithfully.



Franck Miallier

Notes on birds recorded in Nepal,  
Kathmandu Valley, Langtang, Helambu,  
3 november 1996 - 28 november 1996.

*Bulbucus ibis* Near Ghyaltum, along Melamchi Khola (M6), nov (RM) ; Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.

*Ardeola grayii* At 50 m from Melamchi Khola near Ghyaltum (M6) at about 1050 m in altitude, 25 nov. ; near Kiul 1300 m (M6) (RM).

*Ciconia episcopus* Two along Melamchi Khola between Melamchi Pul Bazar and Bahunepati (M6), 26 nov. ; near Chanauti (Kiul) 1200 m (M6) 29 oct (RM).

*Milvus migrans* Kathmandu valley ; near Ghyaltum (M6) 29 oct. (RM).

*Accipiter gentilis* Flying above the valley near Bharku (L5), 9 nov. ; above the forest between Land Slide Lodge and Dupche Khola (L5), 15 nov.

*Falco tinnunculus* Near Dhunche (L5) 9 nov.

*Tetraogallus tibetanus* 3 on a crest at 4 568 m. upper Kyangjin (M5), 12 nov.

*Perdix hodgsoniae* A small flock of about 15 upper Kyangjin (M5, 4 200 m), 12 nov.

*Lophophorus impejanus* Two males together and one female 100 m further in the forest between Mungsen Gomba and Shin Gomba (L5, 3 200m), 16 nov. ; a male 400 m from Ghopte at about 3 400 m (L5), 19 nov.

*Lophura leucomelana leucomelana* Nagarjung (L6) 7-8 males, 1 female in 4 times, 6 nov.

*Columba livia* Kathmandu (L6).

*Columba leuconota* Small flock on and flying near the cliffs upper Langtang (M5) 14 nov. ; an other small flock flying well above Melamchigau (M5), 21 nov.

*Streptopelia orientalis* Between Nicale and Kiul (M6) 22 nov.

*Psittacula himalayana* Seven or eighth flying together between Nicale and Kiul (M6), 22 nov.

*Halcyon smyrnensis* At 50 m from Melamchi Khola near Ghyaltum (M6), 25 nov.

*Hirundo rustica* In the Kathmandu suburbs near Swayambhunath (L6), 28 nov.

*Hirundo daurica* Above Bahunepati (M6), 26 nov.

- Motacilla maderaspatensis* On rocks beside Melamchi Khola, near Ghyaltum at 1 060 m (M6), 23 nov. ; on a roof 200 m from Melamchi Khola between Ghyaltum and Talamarang (M6), 26 nov.
- Tephrodornis gularis* Near Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.
- Pericrocotus flammeus* Nagarjung (L6) 6 nov.
- Pycnonotus leucogenys leucogenys* On a tree on the cultivation downer Syabru (2130 m, L5), 15 nov. ; between Nicale and Kiul (M6) 22 nov.
- Pycnonotus cafer* Near Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.
- Hypsipetes madagascariensis* A lot in Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.
- Cinclus cinclus* One on the Kagna Chu above Kyangjin (M5, 3900m) 12 nov.
- Cinclus pallasi* A lot on the Kagna Chu above Kyangjin (M5), not far from *C. cinclus*, shyer, 12 nov.
- Troglodytes troglodytes* Near the lake, Gosainkund (4380 m, L5), 17, 18 nov. ; between Laurebina La and Ghopte (L5) 19 nov.
- Prunella strophciata* Near Melamchigau (M5) on the ground, 20 nov.
- Prunella collaris* A lot near the lake and the lodges, very confident in Gosainkund (L5), 17, 18 nov. ; on the rocks at about 3 400 m not far from Ghopte (L5), 19 nov.
- Copsychus saularis* Thamel (Kathmandu, L6) in a small garden, 6 nov., 28 nov.
- Phoenicurus frontalis* On scree slope, 100 m from the river between Bamboo Lodge and Land Slide Lodge (L5), 15 nov. ; one male singing five meters from an house from Syabru (L5), 15 nov.
- Phoenicurus hodgsoni* Near Ghyaltum Khola and Melamchi Khola, near Ghyaltum (M6), 24 nov.
- Rhyacornis fuliginosus* On the rocks on the Bagmati river at Pashupatinath (Kathmandu valley) 4-5 nov. On scree slope 100 m from the river between Bamboo Lodge and Land Slide Lodge (L5), 15 nov. ; very common along Melamchi Khola and Ghyaltum Khola near Ghyaltum (M6) 23 nov.
- Saxicola torquata* On a field near Syabru (L5) 10 nov. ; near Melamchi Khola near Ghyaltum (M6), 23 nov.
- Chaimarornis leucocephalus* On a roof in Lama Hotel (L5), 50 m from the river, 11 nov. On the rocks on the river at Bamboo Lodge 2030 m (L5), 14 nov. On a scree slope 100 m from the river in the forest between Bamboo Lodge and Land Slide Lodge (L5) 15 nov. ; along Melamchi Khola near Ghyaltum (M6), 23 nov.

*Myiophoneus caeruleus* On the rocks on the Langtang Khola in the forest above Lama Hotel (L5), 11 nov. ; on scree 100 m from the river between Bamboo Lodge and Land Slide Lodge (L5) 15 nov. ; on rocks along Melamchi Khola near Ghyaltum (M6), 23 nov.

*Turdus bouboul* Dhunche (L5) near and in a house 9 nov.

*Turdus ruficollis atrogularis* A lot but very localised sparsed on the junipers near Ghopte (L5), 19 nov.

*Seicercus xanthoschitos* In the forest between Bamboo Lodge and Syabru (L5), 15 nov.

*Phylloscopus inornatus* Near Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.

*Garrulax leucolophus* Nagarjung (L6), a lot very noisy, very localized : at the same point on the way up and on the way down, 6 nov.

*Garrulax striatus* In the forest near Syabru (L5) 10 nov.

*Garrulax affinis* Parties in small trees near Ghora Tabela (L5, 3 020 m), 14 nov.

*Heterophasia capistrata* A lot on the trees among the terraced garden near Syabru (L5) 9 nov., 15 nov.

*Actinodura nipalensis* Parties in the forest between bamboo Lodge and Syabru (L5), 15 nov.

*Yuhina flavicollis* In the forest between BambooLodge and Syabru (L5), 15 nov.

*Yuhina gularis* Near Melamchigau (M5), in the forest, 20 nov.

*Aegithalos concinnus* Nagarjung (L6), 6 nov. ; near Melamchigau (M5), 21 nov.

*Parus rubidiventris* After Langtang (M5, 3 500 m. in altitude) on a tree but far after the end of the forest, 11 nov. ; on the first small trees seen during the going down from Lauribinayak pass (M5), 19 nov.

*Parus ater* In the mixed forest between Syabru and Shin Gomba (L5), 16 nov.

*Parus major* Near Ghyaltum (M6), 25 nov. ; Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.

*Parus monticolus* Parties in the forest between Syabru and Lama Hotel (L5) 10 nov.

*Parus xanthogenys* Nagarjung, a lot 6 nov. ; parties with *P. monticolus* in the forest between Syabru and Lama Hotel (L5) 10 nov. ; Godavari botanical gardens (L6), 27 nov.

*Sitta castanea* Nagarjung (L6), one, 6 nov.

*Sitta sp.* In the forest between Syabru and Lama Hotel (L5) 10 nov.

*Certhia sp.* On a small tree near Ghora Tabela (L5, 3 020 m) 14 nov.

*Aetopyga siparaja* Near Ghyaltum (M6), 25 nov.

*Zosterops palpebrosa* Near Ghyaltum in a garden 1060 m (M6), 25 nov. and 28 dec. (R M).

*Lanius schach tricolor* Between Nicale and Kiul (M6) 22 nov.

*Lanius tephronotus* On a tree on the cultivation down Syabru (L5), 9 nov.

*Garrulus glandarius* In the forest between Syabru and Lama Hotel (L5) 10 nov.

*Cissa flavirostris* Parties in the forest between Dhunche and Syabru (L5) 9 nov. ; after the end of the forest but with some scarced trees near Ghora Tabella, 3100m (L5), 11 nov. ; near Tarkeghyang (M6), 21 nov.

*Cissa erythrorhynca* Near Ghyaltum Kola, 24 dec. (R M).

*Dendrocitta formosae* Nagarjung (L6), 6 nov. ; down Tarkeghyang, 2000 m (M6), 21 nov.

*Nucifraga caryocatactes* A lot on pines in the forest near Syabru (L5) 9 nov.

*Pyrrhocorax graculus* One above grassland not far from Ghora Tabela (L5, 3 200m) 11 nov. and some up to a small peak (4 964 m) up Kyangjin (M5) 12 nov.

*Corvus splendens* Kathmandu ; Ghyaltum, in the village (M6) 25 nov.

*Corvus macrorhynchos* Above the fields near Syabru (L5) 9 nov. ; Kyangjin (M5, 3900 m) upper Langtang 10, 11, 12 nov. ; near the lodges at Gosaikund (L5, 4380 m), 16 nov. ; Laurebina La at 4600 m in altitude (L5), 19 nov.

*Corvus corax* Kyangjin and up to the top of a small peak (4 964 m) upper Kyangjin (M5) 13 nov.

*Acridotheres tristis* Kathmandu, suddenly a lot when coming down from Nicale to Kiul (M6) at about 1 500 m, 22 nov. , less common near Ghyaltum after mid december (RM).

*Acridotheres fuscus fuscus* Kathmandu valley : Thamel on the buildings and in the small gardens ; on the trees of the park surrounding Swayambunath (L6).

*Passer domesticus* Kathmandu.

*Passer montanus* Dhunche (L5), in the village, 9 nov.

*Leucosticte nemoricola* A lot upper Langtang and up to 4 800 m. (upper Kyangjin, M5) 10, 11, 12 nov. ; near the lake and up to 4 700 m Gosainkund (L5), 16, 17, 18 nov.

*Carpodacus sp* In the forest between Syabru and Lama Hotel (L5) 10 nov.

*Mycerobas affinis* On the top of firs in the mixed forest near Shin Gomba (L5), 16 nov.

*Mycerobas carniceps* A lot in the forest near Ghopte (L5), 19 nov.