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## ROGERS (1998) NEPAL TRIP LIST

The following is an annotated trip list for a visit to Nepal from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1998. Observers were Alan Rogers, Neil Cheshire, Tim Kenney and David Close ably assisted by guides Sukhi Ram Chaudhari, Dukhi Ram Chaudhari and Vishnu at Gaida and Hathan Chaudhary and Ramesh Kharki at Kosi Tappu. A list of localities visited with dates is given in Appendix A. 322 species were recorded by the party, however, not all species were seen by all members.

The sequence of species follows Inskipp (1988) while the taxonomy and English names follow Inskipp, Lindsey & Duckworth (1996) except where noted. Common and widespread species are listed without details.

Abbreviations for localities are as follows:- UP - Upper Phulchowki (two small houses upwards) LP - Lower Phulchowki, GR - Ravine above Godaveri, G - Godaveri area from St Xavier's School up to the Ravine, BG - Royal Botanical Gardens Godaveri, N - Nagarjung (lower slopes), KV - Other general areas in the Kathmandu Valley, GJ - Riverine forest and areas near Gaida Jungle Camp, GT - Sal forest and grassland areas near Gaida Tented Camp, CH - Churia Hills, KT - area and river near Kosi Tappu Wildlife Camp, KB - Kosi Barrage area, DF - Dharan Forest north-east of Kosi Tappu.

### ANNOTATED LIST

- Little grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) 20+ KT
- Great crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) 4 KB
- Little Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax niger*) Up to 5 KB/KT
- Darter (*Anhinga melanogaster*) 15+ near Kasara, Royal Chitwan NP
- Spot-billed Pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*) 2 KB
- Yellow Bittern (*Ixobrychus sinensis*) 4 KT
- Cinnamon Bittern (*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*) Singles GJ, up to 3 KT
- Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Max. 70+ north of KT
- Little Heron (*Butorides striatus*) 2 GJ, 3 KT
- Indian Pond Heron (*Ardeola grayii*)
- Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Max. 500 KT
- Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) Max. 10 KT
- Intermediate Egret (*Mesophoyx intermedia*) 3 KT
- Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) Max. 15 KT
- Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) Single KT
- Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) Max. 3 KT
- Asian Openbill Stork (*Anastomus oscitans*) 2 GJ, up to 12 KT/KB
- Woolly-necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*) 2 KT
- Black-necked Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*) 3 KT
- Lesser Adjutant (*Leptoptilus javanicus*) 5 GJ, 6 KT
- Black Ibis (*Pseudibis papillosa*) Single GJ, 4 KT
- Black-headed Ibis (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*) Up to 6 KT/KB
- Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) 6 KT
- Lesser Whistling-duck (*Dendrocygna javanica*) Up to 20 GJ, 100+ KT/KB
- Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*) 2 GJ, 3 KT
- Cotton Pygmy Goose (*Nettapus coromandelianus*) 4 KB, 2 KT

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) 4+ GJ, 20+ KB  
 Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) Up to 40 KB  
 Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*) Singles GJ, 8 KB  
 Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) 10 KB  
 Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) Max 6 KB  
 Red-crested Pochard (*Rhodonessa rufina*) 6KT, 10 KB  
 Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) 10 KB  
 Black Baza (*Aviceda leuphotes*) Two pairs around GT and at DF  
 Oriental Honey-buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*) Up to 7 GJ, 2 KT  
 Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*) Singles KT  
 Black Kite (*Milvus milvans*) Nest with young approx. midway between Kathmandu and Mugling  
 Pallas's Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucoryphus*) Single on the Kosi River  
 White-rumped Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*) 2 GT, 19 KB, 2DF  
 Long-billed Vulture (*Gyps indicus*) 2 KB, single DF  
 Eurasian Griffon (*Gyps fulvus*) Single near the Kosi River  
 Crescent Serpent Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*) Up to 3 GJ/GT, 4 DF  
 Eurasian Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) Single GJ, 2 KB  
 Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*) Single at DF  
 Shikra (*Accipiter badius*) Single at G, up to 2 daily GT/GJ, 3DF, 2KT  
 White-eyed Buzzard (*Butastur teesa*) Single at GJ  
 Black Eagle (*Ictinaetus malayensis*) Pairs and singles on three days LP/UP. A stunning display flight lasting for several minutes was witnessed on 30/4 at UP when one bird repeatedly swooped steeply downwards for 50-100 metres with closed wings then pulled out in a sharp U-turn to ride the thermals almost vertically upwards, again on tightly closed wings. As momentum slowed at the top of the climb the bird rather lazily flipped over and began another descent. No count was made but this process would have been repeated ten or more times and throughout little or no altitude was lost. No other bird was observed but could have been present.  
 Changeable Hawk Eagle (*Spizaetus cirrhatus*) A dark phase flew low overhead at GJ while singles were seen en route to and at DF  
 Mountain Hawk Eagle (*Spizaetus nipalensis*) 2 DF  
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) Singles at GJ and KB  
 Collared Falconet (*Microhierax caerulescens*) 3 at GT on successive days  
 Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) 2 GJ, single near DF  
 Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) 2 in Kathmandu Valley 15/4  
 Black Francolin (*Francolinus francolinus*) Up to 2 seen/heard daily GJ/GT/KT  
 Swamp Francolin (*Francolinus gularis*) Marvellous views of 3 from the levee at KT  
 Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*) Max 3 GJ, up to 8 GT, heard DF & KT  
 Kalij Pheasant (*Lophura leucomelanos*) At LP a pair and two singles on 16/4 and a single 30/4  
 Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) Common and displaying GJ/GT max 40  
 Ruddy-breasted Crake (*Porzana fusca*) One glimpsed at KT  
 Brown Crake (*Amaurornis akool*) 2 GJ

White-breasted Waterhen (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) Up to 2 GJ/GT, up to 10 KB/KT

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) 20+ GJ, 10+ KB/KT

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio porphyrio*) Single near Kasara, up to 5 KT/KB. This was the subspecies *poliocephalus* and strikingly different from *melanotus* in Australia with turquoise blue/green wings, face, throat and breast and a dark blue back.

Bengal Florican (*Houbaropsis bengalensis*) Very exciting to see a breeding plumaged male in grassland near Dumaria. In flight the black body and gleaming white wings were very striking.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana (*Hydrophasianus chirurgus*) One in full plumage KB

Bronze-winged Jacana (*Metopidius indicus*) 10+ at the 20,000 lakes near GJ, up to 4 KB/KT

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) 6 KB

Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostris avocetta*) 10 at KB were a rare sighting according to Hathan

Eurasian Thick-knee (*Burhinus oedicnemus*) 2 KT

Great Thick-knee (*Esacus recurvirostris*) Single KT

Small Pratincole (*Glareola lactea*) Common KT probably numbering hundreds

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*) Up to 12 GJ, up to 10 KT

Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) 3 KT

Lesser Sand Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*) c. 15 KT

Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*) 40+ KT

River Lapwing (*Vanellus duvaucelii*) 2 GJ, single KT

Red-wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus indicus*) 4 GJ, up to 12 KT/KB

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*) 7 KT

Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*) Max 2 GJ, up to 12 KT

Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) 2 KT

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) Single at KB

Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) Singles KT and KB

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*) 30 KB

Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) Up to 6 GJ and 10 KT

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*) Up to 3 GJ, 6+ KT

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) 5 GJ, single KT

Great Black-headed Gull (*Larus ichthyaetus*) 2 at KT and a single at KB were considered to be in second winter plumage. [Pallas's Gull---Inskipp et al]

River Tern (*Sterna aurantia*) c.20 KT/KB

Black-bellied Tern (*Sterna acuticauda*) 2 KT

Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*) Up to 10 KT

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*) Singles KT, 20 KB

White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) Single summer plumaged adult KT 25/4

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)

Eurasian Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decoaecto*) Up to 4 GJ, 2 KT

Red Collared Dove (*Streptopelia tranquebarica*) Up to 4 KV and GJ, 6 GT

Oriental Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*)

Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)

Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps indica*) Up to 2 GJ/GT, single DF area

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon (*Treron bicincta*) 3 GT, 4 KT

Pompadour Pigeon (*Treron pompadora*) Single GT

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon (*Treron phoenicoptera*) Single GT, 2 DF

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon (*Treron sphenura*) Only one positively identified UP but several others probable LP/UP

Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*) Up to 8 GJ/GT

Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*) Up to 3 KV, numerous in flocks GJ/GT, up to 4 KT/KB, 20 DF

Plum-headed Parakeet (*Psittacula cyanocephala*) Up to 6 GJ/GT, 2KT/DF

Red-breasted Parakeet (*Psittacula alexandri*) 6+ GJ/GT, single KT, 2 DF

Common Hawk Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx varius*) Common all lowland areas calling, few seen

Large Hawk Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx sparveroides*) Few calling UP/LP/GR, only 2 seen

Grey-bellied Cuckoo (*Cacomantis passerinus*) 2 KT, single DF

Indian Cuckoo (*Cuculus micropterus*) A few calling UP/GR/N. Common all lowland areas, their call becoming a feature of life. Several seen

Eurasian Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) Regularly calling and some sighted KV/GR/G/GJ/GT/N

Oriental Cuckoo (*Cuculus saturatus*) A few calling GR/UP/DF, none sighted

Drongo Cuckoo (*Surniculus lugubris*) Single heard and seen GJ, heard DF

Common Koel (*Eudynamis scolopacea*) Heard calling all areas except UP and regularly seen. Calls appeared identical or very similar to those in Australia, however, one female seen very closely had the chin, throat and upper breast heavily spotted quite different from birds in Sydney. [Asian Koel---Inskipp et al who treat Australian Koel (*Eudynamis cyanocephala*) as separate form]

Green-billed Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus tristis*) Single GT, up to 3 N

Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*) Singles GJ, common KT max. 15

Lesser Coucal (*Centropus bengalensis*) Only at GJ/GT where up to 5 seen daily

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Single bird seen at dusk on 29/4 perched on top of an old building approximately mid way between Godaverri and Patan. Although it is heavily built up along this main road there is open country nearby behind the buildings

Collared Scops Owl (*Otus bakkamoena*) Single roosting GJ

Oriental Scops Owl (*Otus sunia*) Heard and up to 3 seen GT

Brown Fish Owl (*Keputa zeylonensis*) 2 seen from elephants GJ

Jungle Owlet (*Glaucidium radiatum*) Singles seen and heard GJ/GT/KT/DF

Brown Hawk Owl (*Ninox scutulata*) Single seen and heard GT

Spotted Owlet (*Athene brama*) 3 near nest GJ, 2 KT

Savanna Nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*) 4+ hawking over open country near Dumaria

Large-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus macrurus*) Heard nightly at GT and one seen

Grey Nightjar (*Caprimulgus indicus*) Heard only GT

[Himalayan Swiftlet (*Collocalia brevirostris*) Swiftlets seen in mixed feeding flocks high over KV were considered but not confirmed to be this species]

White-rumped Needletail (*Zoonavena sylvatica*) 3 + at 20,000 lakes area near GJ, 6+ GT

Alpine Swift (*Tachymarptis melba*) 2 GT, 12+ along main highway en route to KT, 2 near DF  
House Swift (*Apus affinis*)  
Crested Treeswift (*Hemiprocne coronata*) 2 GT, 3 DF  
Red-headed Trogon (*Harpactes erythrocephalus*) Loose flock of 7 watched at CH for some minutes  
White-throated Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*) Common throughout the lowlands, heard GR and up to 2 N  
Stork-billed Kingfisher (*Halcyon capensis*) Singles GJ/GT, up to 4 KT  
Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) 2 GJ, singles KT  
Blue-eared Kingfisher (*Alcedo meninting*) Pair GT  
Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*) 10+ GJ, up to 5 KT/KB  
Blue-bearded Bee-eater (*Nyctyornis athertoni*) Single GT, heard DF  
Green Bee-eater (*Merops orientalis*) Up to 5GJ, up to 20 KT/KB/DF..  
Blue-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops philippinus*) c. 50 GJ/GT, 100+ KT  
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (*Merops leschenaulti*) Seen daily all lowland areas max 20  
Indian Roller (*Coracias benghalensis*) Seen daily all lowland areas  
Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*) Up to 20 GJ/GT, 5 DF, heard KT  
Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) Single GJ, up to 3 KT  
Oriental Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*) A pair heard and seen briefly GT, also heard DF  
Great Barbet (*Megalaima virens*) Often calling UP/LP/GR/N, max seen 3 GR  
Lineated Barbet (*Megalaima lineata*) Calling daily lowland forests, max 6 GJ/GT, 3DF  
Blue-throated Barbet (*Megalaima asiatica*) 4 CH and KT where breeding, 3 DF and calling N  
Coppersmith Barbet (*Megalaima haemacephala*) Singles seen GJ/KT, heard KV  
Speckled Piculet (*Picumnus innominatus*) Pairs seen G/N  
Rufous Woodpecker (*Celeus brachyurus*) Male well seen at N  
Lesser Yellownape (*Picus chlorolophus*) Up to 3 GJ/GT, 2 DF, single KT  
Greater Yellownape (*Picus flavinucha*) Up to 2 GJ/GT  
Grey-headed Woodpecker (*Picus canus*) Up to 6 GJ/GT, singles DF and N, heard GR  
Streak-throated Woodpecker (*Picus xanthopygaeus*) 2 GT  
Himalayan Flameback (*Dinopium shorii*) 3+ GT, single DF  
Black-rumped Flameback (*Dinopium benghalense*) 2 GJ and KT  
Greater Flameback (*Chrysocolaptes lucidus*) Pairs at GJ and GT  
Darjeeling Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos darjellensis*) Single bird seen on separate days UP  
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*) 3 UP  
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos macei*) Up to 6 daily GJ/GT, singles N  
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos canicapillus*) Up to 5 most days GJ/GT, 2 DF and KT  
Rufous-winged Bushlark (*Mirafraga assamica*) Up to 2 GJ, up to 4 KT  
Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark (*Eremopterix grisea*) 5 KT  
Sand Lark (*Calandrella raytal*) 4+ GJ, up to 6 KT  
Oriental Skylark (*Alauda gulgula*) 2+ GJ, 4 KT  
Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*) Very common most lowland waterways  
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*) A few KV, 20+ DF  
 Paddyfield Pipit (*Anthus rufulus*) Up to 5 GJ, up to 2 KT/KB  
 Olive-backed Pipit (*Anthus hodgsoni*) 2 BG, 2 GJ and single KT  
 Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*) Single males GJ and KT  
 Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) Single KV  
 White-browed Wagtail (*Motacilla maderaspatensis*) Up to 6 GJ  
 Common Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*) 3 CH, 8 GT and single DF  
 Large Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis gularis*) 3 DF  
 Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike (*Hemipus picatus*) 2 CH, single GT  
 Black-winged Cuckooshrike (*Coracina melaschistos*) 2+ G, 2 GT, 4 N and a single DF  
 Large Cuckooshrike (*Coracina macei*) Up to 8 GJ/GT, 2 DF and KT. Noticeable differences in appearance, behaviour and call compared with *novaehollandiae* lend support to their separation.  
 Scarlet Minivet (*Pericrocotus flammeus*) Up to 6 GJ/GT, 8 DF and 4 KT  
 Long-tailed Minivet (*Pericrocotus ethologus*) Up to 6 G, 10 UP and 6 N  
 Small Minivet (*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*) Up to 4 GJ/GT  
 Striated Bulbul (*Pycnonotus striatus*) 2 UP  
 Black-crested Bulbul (*Pycnonotus melanicterus*) 2+ GT, 6 DF  
 Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*)  
 Himalayan Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucogenys*) Up to 16 at G, scarce in the lowlands  
 Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*)  
 Mountain Bulbul (*Hypsipetes mcclllandii*) Singles at LP and N  
 Black Bulbul (*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*) 20+ CH, up to 8 N and a single at G  
 Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*) Seen and heard in small numbers all lowland areas. Heard only at N  
 Golden-fronted Leafbird (*Chloropsis aurifrons*) 3 at CH and KT, 5 DF  
 Orange-bellied Leafbird (*Chloropsis hardwickii*) Single CH  
 Indian Blue Robin (*Luscinia brunnea*) Male at GR 17/4. A pair found in the grounds of the Kosi Tappu Wildlife Camp 25-26/4 caused some excitement for Hathan being the first record for KT and probably the lowest altitude record for Nepal.  
 Oriental Magpie Robin (*Copsychus saularis*)  
 White-rumped Shama (*Copsychus malabaricus*) Seen and heard GJ/GT, 3+ DF, heard KT  
 Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*) Single at KT on two days  
 Plumbeous Water Redstart (*Rhyacornis fuliginosus*) 2 very confident immatures BG  
 White-tailed Stonechat (*Saxicola leucura*) Single KT  
 Pied Bushchat (*Saxicola caprata*) Up to 6 daily GJ/GT  
 Grey Bushchat (*Saxicola ferrea*) Up to 6 G, 2 UP  
 Blue-capped Rock Thrush (*Monticola cinclorhynchus*) Up to 3 N  
 Blue Whistling Thrush (*Myophonus caeruleus*) Up to 10 G and BG, 4+ N  
 Pied Thrush (*Zoothera wardii*) Surprised and very pleased to find 2 breeding plumaged males in the area below the ravine at Godaveri on 17/4  
 Orange-headed Thrush (*Zoothera citrina*) Single bird seen on two days G, single regularly GJ and up to 3 GT

Black-backed Forktail (*Enicurus immaculatus*) Pair CH

Spotted Forktail (*Enicurus maculatus*) Two pairs at G and one at BG

Chestnut-headed Tesia (*Tesia castaneocoronata*) Up to 7 in two localities UP

Grey-bellied Tesia (*Tesia cyaniventer*) At least 3 calling and seen GR

Pale-footed Bush Warbler (*Cettia pallidipes*) Single birds seen and heard GT

Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*) Odd pairs seen GJ/GT/KT

Plain Prinia (*Prinia inornata*) Up to 2 daily GJ, single KT

Grey-breasted Prinia (*Prinia hodgsonii*) Up to 8 GJ/GT/CH

Yellow-bellied Prinia (*Prinia flaviventris*) Up to 3 GJ/GT, single KT

Grey-crowned Prinia (*Prinia cinereocapilla*) 2 CH, up to 6 GT

Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*)

Bristled Grassbird (*Chaetornis striatus*) A single bird well watched by telescope on the western bank of the Kosi River on 25/4 was an exciting find according to Hathan. Two further birds singing (pairs?) on the eastern bank made it an exceptional day for this rare species in Nepal

Striated Grassbird (*Megalurus palustris*) Singles GJ and KT

Blyth's Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*) Single GJ, up to 4 in the grounds of the Kosi Tappu Wildlife Camp

Golden-spectacled Warbler (*Seicercus burkii*) Up to 8 UP, up to 6 G/GR

Chestnut-crowned Warbler (*Seicercus castaniceps*) 2+ GR, 2 UP

Grey-hooded Warbler (*Seicercus xanthoschistos*) Up to 20 UP and similar numbers LP/GR/G, 2 N

Black-faced Warbler (*Abroscopus schisticeps*) Up to 5 UP

Greenish Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*) The common *Phylloscopus* with records from most forest sites. Max 10 G/GR and GJ, 8+ KT, 6 UP

Ashy-throated Warbler (*Phylloscopus maculipennis*) Up to 6 UP

Lemon-rumped Warbler (*Phylloscopus chloronotus*) Singles UP and GR

Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*) A single at UP 16/4 and up to 5 at G/GR 17/4 all appeared to be typical *inornatus*. Inskipp & Inskipp (1985) say *inornatus* is "an uncommon winter visitor and passage migrant from March to mid-April" while *P. humei* is "an abundant passage migrant in spring and autumn"

Tickell's Leaf Warbler (*Phylloscopus affinis*) At least one, probably more KV 15/4 and G 17/4

Rufous-bellied Niltava (*Niltava sundara*) Up to 2 UP

Pale-chinned Flycatcher (*Cyornis poliogenys*) Common around the Gaida Tented Camp where a nest was found. Up to 10 DF

Blue-throated Flycatcher (*Cyornis rubeculoides*) Single GJ, heard singing and seen N

Verditer Flycatcher (*Eumyias thalassina*) Up to 6 UP and G, single N

Dark-sided Flycatcher (*Muscicapa sibirica*) Up to 12 GR/G/BG on 17/4, 2 UP, singles KT/DF

Asian Brown Flycatcher (*Muscicapa dauurica*) 10 UP on 16/4, single KT

Ultramarine Flycatcher (*Ficedula superciliaris*) 2 UP on 16/4

Little Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula westermanni*) Pair UP on 30/4

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher (*Ficedula strophciata*) Pair UP on 30/4

Red-throated Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*) Singles CH and KT

Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*) Singles UP and GR, 2 N

Yellow-bellied Fantail (*Rhipidura hypoxantha*) 4 UP on 30/4  
 White-throated Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*) Small numbers GJ/GT/KT/G, max 4 GT  
 Asian Paradise-flycatcher (*Terpsiphone paradisi*) Delightfully common GJ with up to 10 in a day; all males white.  
     Single GT and 2 KT where white and rusty males seen together  
 Black-naped Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*) Single GJ  
 Puff-throated Babbler (*Pellorneum ruficeps*) Up to 6 GJ and 4 GT, heard DF  
 Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis*) Up to 8 N and 2 G  
 Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus ruficollis*) 2 UP appeared to be carrying nesting material  
 Striped Tit Babbler (*Macronous gularis*) Up to 4 GJ, heard DF  
 Chestnut-capped Babbler (*Timalia pileata*) Up to 6 at both GJ and GT  
 Yellow-eyed Babbler (*Chrysomma sinense*) Up to 8 GT  
 Black-throated Parrotbill (*Paradoxornis nipalensis*) Up to 20 UP  
 Striated Babbler (*Turdoides earlei*) Up to 10 KT  
 Slender-billed Babbler (*Turdoides longirostris*) Up to 4 GT  
 Jungle Babbler (*Turdoides striatus*) Up to 15 seen daily GJ/GT, up to 8 KT  
 White-throated Laughingthrush (*Garrulax albogularis*) Up to 10 GR/LP/UP  
 White-crested Laughingthrush (*Garrulax leucolophus*) Groups heard calling and 3 seen N  
 Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush (*Garrulax monileger*) Single CH, 3 GT  
 Striated Laughingthrush (*Garrulax striatus*) Up to 10 LP/GR/G  
 Streaked Laughingthrush (*Garrulax lineatus*) Single UP  
 Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush (*Garrulax erythrocephalus*) 6 UP  
 Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*) 4+ UP  
 White-browed Shrike Babbler (*Pteruthius flaviscapis*) Single UP  
 Blue-winged Minla (*Minla cyanouroptera*) Single UP  
 Chestnut-tailed Minla (*Minla strigula*) Up to 10 UP  
 Rufous-winged Fulvetta (*Alcippe castaneiceps*) Up to 15 UP  
 White-browed Fulvetta (*Alcippe vinipectus*) Up to 20 UP  
 Nepal Fulvetta (*Alcippe nipalensis*) Up to 10 LP/GR/G  
 Rufous Sibia (*Heterophasia capistrata*) Up to 30 UP, up to 10 LP/GR/G  
 Whiskered Yuhina (*Yuhina flavicollis*) 2 GR  
 Stripe-throated Yuhina (*Yuhina gularis*) 4 UP  
 White-bellied Yuhina (*Yuhina zantholeuca*) 5 GT  
 Black-throated Tit (*Aegithalos concinnus*) 10+ UP, up to 6 GR/G  
 Yellow-browed Tit (*Sylviparus modestus*) 6+ UP  
 Great Tit (*Parus major*)  
 Green-backed Tit (*Parus monticolus*) 2+ LP/GR/G  
 Black-lored Tit (*Parus xanthogenys*) 2+ KV, up to 6 LP/GR/G and 4 N  
 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*) 5 GJ, 6 GT, 3 DF and a single N  
 White-tailed Nuthatch (*Sitta himalayensis*) Up to 8 UP, single GR  
 Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch (*Sitta castanea*) Singles BG and GT, 3 GJ and 2 DF



Purple Sunbird (*Nectarinia asiatica*) Single GT, 2 KT

Green-tailed Sunbird (*Aethopyga nipalensis*) Up to 20 UP, 2 LP. One of the gems of the trip. Several times watched hovering as they fed from plants with blue bell shaped flowers.

Black-throated Sunbird (*Aethopyga saturata*) Up to 3 GR/G

Thick-billed Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum agile*) Single during roadside stop in the Churia Hills c 15 km south of Hetauda

Pale-billed Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*) Single at same locality as above species

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum ignipectus*) Up to 4 UP and GR/G

Oriental White-eye (*Zosterops palpebrosa*)

Maroon Oriole (*Oriolus trailii*) 2 GR/G, up to 3 N

Black-hooded Oriole (*Oriolus xanthornus*) Common all lowland forest areas, max 10 GT

Black-naped Oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*) 2 DF

Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) Daily GJ/GT max. 4, singles KT

Brown Shrike (*Lanius cristatus*) Singles KT

Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*)

Grey-backed Shrike (*Lanius tephronotus*) Single KT on 25-26/4, late date ?

Black Drongo (*Dicrurus macrocerus*)

Ashy Drongo (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*) Up to 3 G/GR, singles UP/ GJ/GT/KT

White-bellied Drongo (*Dicrurus caerulescens*) 3 GJ, single DF

Bronzed Drongo (*Dicrurus aeneus*) 5 CH, 3 GJ

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus remifer*) 2 GR/G

Spangled Drongo (*Dicrurus hottentottus*) Common all lowland forest areas, max 20 GT

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus paradiseus*) Single DF

Ashy Woodswallow (*Artamus fuscus*) 10+ GJ, 2 KT

Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) 5 LP, 3 UP

Black-throated Jay (*Garrulus lanceolatus*) Very elusive but up to 4 glimpsed N

Red-billed Blue Magpie (*Urocissa erythrorhyncha*) Singles KV and G, up to 4 GJ/GT and 8+ N

Common Green Magpie (*Cissa chinensis*) Single seen briefly CH

Rufous Treepie (*Dendrocitta vagabunda*) Common most lowland areas plus 3 G and 4 N

Grey Treepie (*Dendrocitta formosae*) 3 G, 6+ N

House Crow (*Corvus splendens*)

Large-billed Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)

Spot-winged Starling (*Saroglossa spiloptera*) A pair DF

Chestnut-tailed Starling (*Sturnus malabaricus*) Very common GJ/GT max 300, 10 DF, 2 KT and N

Brahminy Starling (*Sturnus pagodarum*) Up to 4 in the grounds Kosi Tappu Wildlife Camp

Asian Pied Starling (*Sturnus contra*) Up to 6 GJ/GT, up to 40 KT, 20+ DF

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)

Bank Myna (*Acridotheres ginginianus*) 20+ nesting in holes in the brick walls of a bridge north of KT

Jungle Myna (*Acridotheres fuscus*)

Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*) 3 CH, heard GT, single DF

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) KV only.  
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia (*Petronia xanthocollis*) Up to 4 GJ  
Baya Weaver (*Ploceus philippinus*) 10+ CH, 4 KB  
Scaly-breasted Munia (*Lonchura punctulata*) Up to 14 GJ, single KT  
Spot-winged Grosbeak (*Mycerobas melanozanthos*) Single female UP on 30/4

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## APPENDIX A (LOCALITIES & DATES)

15<sup>th</sup> April Travel from Bangkok (a.m.); Kathmandu Valley area near Bhaktapur (p.m.)  
16<sup>th</sup> April Upper Phulchowki  
17<sup>th</sup> April Godaveri district including ravine and Botanical Gardens  
18<sup>th</sup> April Travel by road to Chitwan (a.m.), vicinity of Gaida Jungle Lodge (p.m.)  
19<sup>th</sup> April Riverine forest by elephant (early a.m.); canoe ride along the Dungere and Rapti Rivers and creekside walk (a.m.) Drive to 'Hazari' Lakes (20,000 lakes) (p.m.)  
20<sup>th</sup> April Churia Hills  
21<sup>st</sup> April Around Gaida Jungle Lodge (early a.m.); travel to Gaida Tented Camp (a.m.) Grassland around Dumaria and ox-bow lakes near Kasara (p.m.)  
22<sup>nd</sup> April Around Gaida Tented Camp (a.m.); Dumaria area (p.m.)  
23<sup>rd</sup> April Around Gaida Tented Camp (a.m.); forest and lakes near Tented Camp (p.m.)  
24<sup>th</sup> April Travel to Kosi Tappu (a.m./early p.m.); around Kosi Tappu Wildlife Camp (p.m.)  
25<sup>th</sup> April Kosi River boat trip, 17 km downstream (a.m.); eastern levee (p.m.)  
26<sup>th</sup> April Kosi Barrage area (a.m.); eastern levee (p.m.)  
27<sup>th</sup> April All day visit to Dharan Forest area north-east of Kosi Tappu  
28<sup>th</sup> April Around Kosi Tappu (a.m.); travel to Kathmandu (p.m.)  
29<sup>th</sup> April Lower Phulchowki (a.m.); Godaveri area from ravine down to school (p.m.)  
30<sup>th</sup> April Upper Phulchowki  
1<sup>st</sup> May Nagarjung (a.m.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> May Godaveri area from ravine down to school (a.m.)  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Nagarjung (a.m.); Departure Kathmandu to Bangkok (p.m.)

## **APPENDIX B (ADDITIONAL SPECIES SEEN BANGKOK)**

A short early morning walk near the Amari Hotel at Bangkok Airport listed some 20 species . Nine of these were not subsequently seen in Nepal as follows:-

Oriental Pratincole (*Glareola maldivarum*)

Peaceful Dove (*Geopelia striata*)

Asian Palm Swift (*Cypsiurus balasiensis*)

Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus goiavier*)

Streak-eared Bulbul (*Pycnonotus blanfordi*)

Pied Fantail (*Rhipidura javanica*)

White-vented Myna (*Acridotheres cinereus*)

Plain-backed Sparrow (*Passer flaveolus*)

Java Sparrow (*Lonchura oryzivora*)

## **APPENDIX C (NEPAL MAMMAL LIST)**

16 species of mammals were recorded on a casual basis during the trip, some of the less obvious with the help of our guides, see list below Several species of small mammals, including bats and squirrels, went unidentified.

Indian Flying Fox (*Pteropus giganteus*)

Indian Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus coromandra*)

Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*)

Grey Langur (*Presbytis entellus*)

Sloth Bear (*Melursus ursinus*)

Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*)

Indian Grey Mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsi*)

Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

Indian Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*)

Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer) (*Muntiacus muntjak*)

Chital (Spotted Deer) (*Cervus axis*)

Hog Deer (*Cervus porcinus*)

Water Buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*)

Gaur (Indian Bison) (*Bos frontalis*)

Rufous-tailed (Indian) Hare (*Lepus nigricollis*)

## NOTE

Aside from a number of birds seen only fleetingly and hence unidentified, only one observation remains a bit of a mystery. This involved two or more birds watched amongst a mixed feeding flock in the small valley near the top of Phulchowki. Being amongst foliage only the head patterning was seen well, however, this was striking. The crown and nape were a uniform clear grey bordered distinctly with black that demarcated the obvious white face patch which surrounded the eye. The birds appeared similar in size to Fulvettas and were in fact mixed in with both Rufous-winged and White-browed Fulvettas. The only species in the "Pictorial Guide" with a somewhat similar head pattern and colouration is the Greyheaded Parrotbill, however, this is mentioned only as a comparison and in no way is the sighting claimed as such. Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated.

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Don't know that there will be too much here that would cause any excitement.

However, I guess it all adds to the body of data. The records of Red Greened Thrush, Barn Owl, Indian Blue Robin, Bristled Grassbird and one or two others may be of interest.

We had a wonderful time even though I think Feb/early March would have been better timing. Your Birdwatchers' Guide and the "Big Inskip" as we called it (First Edition) were most helpful and the latter great for distribution altitudes etc. Its like New Guinea ~~is~~ (which I know well) regarding altitude distribution.

Kind regards

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