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Hi everyone,

I just returned from a three week trip to nepal, visiting Chitwan, Kosi Tappu/Barrage and walking the Jomsom trek

I was highly surprised finding an adult male Dusky thrush at Kosi Tappu, this seems to be the bird Prasad Anand has informed us about. It seems to be present since early feb and can be found on the embarkment, 300 m south of the entrance of the Kosi Tappu reserve. The bird feeds together with a Scaly thrush. Also Bay-backed Shrike on the embarkment.

Further highlights:

Jomsom was still cold and had lots of snow;

A redstart flock containing at Marpha :male and female Rufous-backed Robin, several white-winged redstarts, Hodgson's redstart and several dozens of blue-capped and white-throated redstarts!!

Great Rosefinch at Muktinath

Red-fronted Rosefinch, Spectacled finch and spotted laughingthrush at Ghorepani.

Ibissbill, 1 right outside Jomsom and two at Kalopani

The Solitary snipe stakeout at muktinath has been canalised, but fortunately I found one in the within the monastery walls.

Himalayan Snowcock is easily heard and two were seen as they flew down from the top of the mountains to feed lower down on the cliffs. I have seen this for caspian snowcock in turkey as well, so maybe this avoids climbing after them as from the cliffs they are very hard to locate and climbing could be dangerous!

Best birds of the trip were undoubtley two displaying males Bengal Florican at Chitwan!!!.

Good birding and feel free to contact me when planning a trip to Nepal

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