

A BIRDING TRIP TO NEPAL



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LITTLE GREBE

Only seen on Phewa Tal, Pokhara. 6 birds present near to Fishtail lodge.

GREAT CORMORANT

One only at Chitwan.

RUDDY SHELDUCK

A minimum of ten on the river at Chitwan.

GADWALL

A surprising record was of a single bird that flew past at Kagbeni much to the amazement of Andrew and myself?

COMMON MERGANSER

Three redheads on the river at Chitwan near to Meghauli.

LITTLE EGRET

Two at Pokhara and common at Chitwan.

INTERMEDIATE EGRET

Present at Chitwan though no numbers estimated as Egrets were generally ignored.

GREAT EGRET

Recorded at Chitwan.

CATTLE EGRET

Commonly seen from the bus between Meghauli and Kathmandu and around Pokhara.

INDIAN POND HERON

Common at Chitwan and Pokhara where they were seen coming to roost in the town late afternoon.

LITTLE HERON

Several seen at Chitwan near to the main river crossing and adjacent to Chital Lodge.

BLACK IBIS

Only recorded at Chitwan where the birds often gathered late afternoon at the rivers.

ASIAN OPENBILL

Ten seen flying over at Chitwan.

WOOLY-NECKED STORK

Two seen distantly at Chitwan from the tower at one of the tented camps.

LESSER ADJUTANT

A minimum of 15 at Chitwan.

OSPREY

A few seen at Chitwan on the river near to Meghauli.

ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD

Five at Chitwan.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE

One at Shikha on the Jomsom trek and one at Chitwan

BLACK KITE

Three above Kagbeni, common around Kathmandu and Pokhara.

LAMMERGEIER

Many seen on the Jomsom trek often at very close range.

EGYPTIAN VULTURE

Two at Pokhara seen late afternoon from the rooftop of our hotel.

HIMALAYAN GRIFFON

Commonly seen on the Jomsom trek.

CINEREOUS VULTURE

A couple of birds on the Jomsom trek

RED-HEADED VULTURE

One probable from the bus between Pokhara and Meghauli was not identified for certain, as we were unable to stop the bus.

HEN HARRIER

Three ringtails seen hunting over the east slope at Ghasa.

PIED HARRIER

Two males and several female types seen at Chitwan.

SHIKRA

Two at Chitwan.

WHITE-EYED BUZZARD

Two at Chitwan seen perched and in flight.

COMMON BUZZARD

Only recorded at Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

STEPPE EAGLE

Commonly seen from the bus between Meghauli and Kathmandu and at in the afternoon at Pokhara as the birds soared above the forest adjacent to Phewa Tal.

GOLDEN EAGLE

Two at Kagbeni, several other sightings on the Jomsom trek.

CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE

Two seen at close range perched at Chitwan.

EURASIAN KESTREL

Recorded at a few localities on the Jomsom trek.

PEREGRINE FALCON

One seen at Marpha just south of the village.

CHUKAR

Commonly seen and heard from Kagbeni to Muktinath with a few others lower down on the Jomsom trek.

BLACK FRANCOLIN

Commonly heard at Chitwan with three birds seen calling from trees in the early morning.

HILL PARTRIDGE

Regularly flushed at Ghasa and seen a few times at Phulchowki though in all cases poor flight views. One male stalked at Ghasa flew away despite spending nearly 20 minutes attempting to get closer to see the bird.

SATYR TRAGOPAN

Fantastic views of a calling bird perched aloft a rock on the West Side of Ghasa below the Black Forest, and one female seen on the West Side by Andrew and Abinash.

KOKLASS PHEASANT

Four males seen very poorly in flight in virtually exactly the same place on two consecutive days. Fantastic views of a female sitting only three or four metres away in a small clump of bamboo on the west side of Ghasa before running into the forest and flying away.

HIMALAYAN MONAL

Six seen below the Black Forest at Ghasa with four males in flight and one female perched a fair way off. One pair flushed at very close range below the Black Forest, the female flying off down the valley calling almost Curlew like.

RED JUNGLEFOWL

Very common at Chitwan with mostly males seen on the tracks or just at the forest edge.

KALIJ PHEASANT

A few seen at Ghasa near to the village, commonly seen at Phulchowki where they are very approachable and afford excellent views.

CHEER PHEASANT

Good flight views of two males and one female on the west slope of Ghasa only 20 minutes from Eagle nest. They were located in very dense grass on the craggy slopes just above the main trail to the south of the village. The area was a known locality for a family group of this species but despite covering the area thoroughly they were still very difficult to locate in the rough terrain.

INDIAN PEAFOWL

Many males seen displaying at Chitwan along with a few females.

COMMON MOORHEN

Four at Chitwan.

BENGAL FLORICAN

Fantastic views of one male at Chitwan from Elephant back, and on foot courtesy of Jib. The locality was a well-known stakeout for this species and according to Jib, guaranteed!

SOLITAIRY SNIPE

Close views of one bird at the large pool below Muktinath with another probable flushed from the ravine at Phulchowki which despite being seen to land could not be located again.

COMMON SNIPE

A few seen in flight at Chitwan.

COMMON GREENSHANK

Several at the river at Chitwan.

GREEN SANDPIPER

Recorded at the river at Chitwan.

WOOD SANDPIPER

One only at Chitwan.

TEMMINCK'S STINT

Five individuals seen at Chitwan often located by their very distinctive call.

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE

Two at Chitwan near to the Bengal Florican site.

SMALL PRATINCOLE

Six at Chitwan seen in flight near to the main river crossing into the park.

LITTLE-RINGED PLOVER

Commonly heard and seen on the river at Chitwan.

RED-WATTLED LAPWING

Five at Chitwan.

ROCK DOVE

Common.

HILL PIGEON

A flock of fifty or so at Jharkot on the Jomsom trek were the only ones located along the entire length of the trek and despite much scanning Snow Pigeon was never seen.

ORIENTAL TURTLE-DOVE

Commonly recorded on the Jomsom trek below Marpha.

SPOTTED DOVE

Common at Chitwan.

RED COLLARED DOVE

One at Chitwan though probably overlooked.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

Commonly recorded at Chitwan.

EMERALD DOVE

Very common at Chitwan.

ORANGE-BREASTED PIGEON

Common at Chitwan.

POMPADOUR GREEN PIGEON

A few at Chitwan.

ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET

Often seen flying around in small groups at Chitwan.

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Very common at Chitwan.

SLATY-HEADED PARAKEET

Seven in the forest behind Phewa Tal.

PLUM-HEADED PARAKEET

Several small groups located at Chitwan.

RED-BREASTED PARAKEET

Recorded in small numbers at Chitwan.

COMMON HAWK CUCKOO

A few at Chitwan were mostly heard though one was seen perched up calling.

COMMON CUCKOO

One heard calling at Ghorepani on the Jomsom trek.

BANDED BAY CUCKOO

One calling at Chitwan was too far off into the forest to see.

ASIAN KOEL

Commonly heard at Chitwan.

GREEN-BILLED MALKOHA

Several sightings at Chitwan.

GREATER COUCAL

A few at Chitwan.

LESSER COUCAL

At least four seen at Chitwan.

BROWN WOOD OWL

Fantastic views of two birds in the ravine at Phulchowki that were flushed in the morning and pursued by Laughingthrushes thus enabling the birds to be located a few times sitting high in the trees being mobbed.

JUNGLE OWLET

Several seen at Chitwan with others heard.

SPOTTED OWLET

Heard daily at Ghasa though never seen.

BROWN HAWK OWL

One at Chital lodge, Meghauli.

SAVANNAH NIGHTJAR

Six birds seen in reasonable light calling and displaying about 20 minutes walk from Chital Lodge, Meghauli a well known site for this species with a minimum of 10 pairs apparently in the area.

SILVER-BACKED NEEDLETAIL

Thirty plus Needletails seen on a few evenings feeding low down over the river at Chitwan were believed to be this species.

ALPINE SWIFT

Recorded lower down on the Jomsom trek.

FORK-TAILED SWIFT

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HOUSE SWIFT

Commonly seen in Kathmandu.

COMMON KINGFISHER

Several birds seen and heard at Chitwan with other sightings at various places along the Jomsom trek.

BLUE-EARED KINGFISHER

Four at Chitwan.

STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER

Many birds heard calling with a few seen at Chitwan.

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER

Common at Chitwan with few seen in the centre of Pokhara.

CRESTED KINGFISHER

Three birds seen fishing along the forested river at Birethane on the Jomsom trek were certainly one of the star birds of the trip. At one time a displaying male Wallcreeper on the rockface behind and a Crested Kingfisher were vying for our attention.

PIED KINGFISHER

Many sightings at Chitwan.

GREEN BEE-EATER

Common at Chitwan.

CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATER

Common at Chitwan.

INDIAN ROLLER

A few at Chitwan.

DOLLARBIRD

A few at Chitwan.

EURASIAN HOOPOE

A couple of individuals seen at Chitwan.

ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL

At least ten birds at Chitwan usually in pairs.

GREAT BARBET

Three seen at Phulchowki, several birds seen and heard in the forest above Phewa Tal, Pokhara.

LINEATED BARBET

Several sightings at Chitwan.

BLUE-THROATED BARBET

Five birds in the forest above Phewa Tal, Pokhara.

EURASIAN WRYNECK

One at Chitwan in the sparsely wooded grasslands near to Meghauri.

GREY-CAPPED WOODPECKER

Regularly seen at Chitwan.

FULVOUS-BREASTED WOODPECKER

Several seen daily at Chitwan.

CRIMSON-BREASTED WOODPECKER

Several seen at Ghassa on the Jomsom trek.

DARJEELING WOODPECKER

Several at Ghassa.

LESSER YELLOWNAPE

One in the forest at Pokhara and one or two recorded daily at Chitwan.

SCALY-BELLIED WOODPECKER

Three or four sightings at Ghassa with a few others heard.

GREY-HEADED WOODPECKER

Regularly seen at Chitwan.

HIMALAYAN FLAMEBACK

Three at Chitwan.

GREATER FLAMEBACK

One only at Chitwan.

YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL

Two at Pokhara, many sightings at Phulchowki, and regularly seen in forest areas on the Jomsom trek.

WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL

Four at Chitwan, two at Phulchowki near to the ravine.

BLACK-NAPED MONARCH

Three at Chitwan.

ASIAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER

At least ten individuals seen at Chitwan nearly all-resplendent males with incredibly long tails. According to Jib the birds had probably only just arrived in the last few days as previous visits had drawn a blank.

BLACK DRONGO

Ten at Pokhara and common at Chitwan.

BRONZED DRONGO

Recorded at Chitwan.

LESSER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO

Two at Phulchowki near to the ravine.

EURASIAN JAY

Two at Phulchowki.

YELLOW-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE

Seen at Chitre, Ghorepani and Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE

Jomsom trek??? where.

COMMON GREEN MAGPIE

At least three seen at Chitwan.

RUFIOUS TREEPIE

Common at Chitwan.

GREY TREEPIE

Two in Pokhara.

SPOTTED NUTCRACKER

Only seen at Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

RED-BILLED CHOUGH

Common on the Jomsom trek.

YELLOW-BILLED CHOUGH

Only recorded for certain high up on the Jomsom trek.

HOUSE CROW

Common in Kathmandu.

LARGE-BILLED CROW

Commonly recorded at various places on the Jomsom trek and at Chitwan.

COMMON RAVEN

Several sightings along the Jomsom trek and two at Phulchowki.

COMMON IORA

Three at Chitwan.

BLACK-HOODED ORIOLE

Recorded at Pokhara, Phulchowki and Chitwan.

MAROON ORIOLE

Common at Pokhara and at Phulchowki.

LARGE CUCKOOSHRIKE

Two at Chitwan.

BLACK-HEADED CUCKOOSHRIKE

One at Chitwan.

SMALL MINIVET

Chitwan

LONG-TAILED MINIVET

Commonly seen in orchards and forest areas on the Jomsom trek.

SCARLET MINIVET

Ten at Pokhara in the forest above Phewa Tal and regularly seen at Chitwan.

BAR- WINGED FLYCATCHER-SHRIKE

Three at Chitwan.

ORANGE-BELLIED LEAFBIRD

Recorded at Phulchowki and Pokhara.

LONG-TAILED SHRIKE

A few individuals on the Jomsom trek, one at Shikha had a pale mantle?, also a few at Chitwan.

COMMON WOODSHRIKE

Two at Chitwan.

BROWN DIPPER

Recorded only at Kalopani and Birethante on the Jomsom trek.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK THRUSH

A pair regularly seen on the east slope at Ghasa and a pair in the forest at Poon Hill, Ghorepani on the Jomsom trek.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH

A few seen on the Jomsom trek below Ghasa on route to Kalopani.

BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH

Very common on the Jomsom trek, several seen at Phulchowki.

ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH

Two at Chitwan near to Tiger Tops were incredibly approachable.

PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH

Recorded at Ghasa and Ghorepani on the Jomsom trek, in all cases in dense forest. Once flushed the birds tended to perch up on overhanging branches and sit motionless for long periods of time.

LONG-TAILED THRUSH

Three birds seen at Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

SCALY THRUSH

A group of eight birds at Phewa Tal, Pokhara were very approachable.

TICKELL'S THRUSH

Two at Chitwan were very difficult to see as they fed under dense vegetation.

WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD

One male seen very briefly at Ghasa on the east slope and seven individuals seen at Ghorepani in two days.

GREY-WINGED BLACKBIRD

Five in the forest behind Fishtail Lodge, Pokhara, several seen at Phulchowki and commonly seen at Ghasa.

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD

One only in an orchard at Marpha on the Jomsom trek.

DARK-THROATED THRUSH

Commonly seen on the Jomsom trek with an estimated 1000 birds seen at Poon Hill one afternoon, all of the Black throated form. One male seen at Chitwan.

MISTLE THRUSH

One at Ghasa.

CHESTNUT-TAILED STARLING

Common in Pokhara and at Chitwan.

ASIAN PIED STARLING

Regularly seen at Chitwan.

COMMON MYNA

Common at Chitwan, Pokhara, Kathmandu.

JUNGLE MYNA

Probably reasonably common at Chitwan judging by those birds actually looked at.

HILL MYNA

Three at Chitwan near to Tiger Tops.

RUFOUS-GORGETTED FLYCATCHER

Two in the forest at Fishtail Lodge and commonly seen on the Jomsom trek and at times ridiculously tame.

RED-THROATED FLYCATCHER

A few seen at Chitwan.

SNOWY-BROWED FLYCATCHER

One only a male seen below Ghorepani on the Jomsom trek.

ULTRAMARINE FLYCATCHER

One male on the east slope at Ghasa was only on view for a very short period of time and couldn't be relocated.

VERDITER FLYCATCHER

Regularly seen lower down on the Jomsom trek and at Phulchowki.

SMALL NILTAVA

Commonly heard with a few individuals seen at Phulchowki and on pair seen at Ghasa adjacent to the waterfall.

RUFOUS-BELLIED NILTAVA

Seen on the Jomsom trek and at Phulchowki.

PALE-CHINNED BLUE FLYCATCHER

Several seen at Chitwan usually in the deep forest.

BLUE-THROATED FLYCATCHER

Three at Chitwan.

HILL-BLUE FLYCATCHER

Three seen in the forest behind Fishtail lodge, Pokhara.

GREY-HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER

Very common at Phulchowki and in forest areas on the Jomsom trek where they were heard virtually all day long.

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT

One female near to the Bhimle checkpoint at Chitwan.

WHITE-TAILED RUBYTHROAT

One female at the Bhimle checkpoint, Chitwan.

ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH-ROBIN

Commonly seen at Ghasa and Ghorepani, some stunning males.

ORIENTAL-MAGPIE ROBIN

Common at Chitwan.

WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA

Common at Chitwan.

BLUE-CAPPED REDSTART

Three in an orchard at Marpha and one on the east slope at Ghasa below the Black Forest.

BLACK REDSTART

Several sightings at Chitwan.

HODGSON'S REDSTART

One male at Phulchowki and several recorded on the Jomsom trek.

WHITE-THROATED REDSTART

Commonly seen on the Jomsom trek above Ghasa.

WHITE-WINGED REDSTART

Surprisingly only two seen, one near to Jomsom the other below Marpha.

SAND MARTIN

Common at Pokhara.

PLAIN MARTIN

Common at Chitwan.

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN

Often seen on the Jomsom trek.

BARN SWALLOW

Common in Kathmandu.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW

Seen on route to Chitwan.

ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN

One only at Ghasa.

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN

Ghorepani

GOLDCREST

Several seen at Marpha.

BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL

One at Chitwan.

RED-WHISKERED BULBUL

Common at Chitwan.

HIMALAYAN BULBUL

Two at Phulchowki and common at various sites along the Jomsom trek.

RED-VENTED BULBUL

Ten in Pokhara, four at Phulchowki and common at Chitwan.

WHITE-THROATED BULBUL

One only at one of the tented camps at Chitwan.

MOUNTAIN BULBUL

Common on Phulchowki.

BLACK BULBUL

Very common at Ghasa.

ORIENTAL WHITE-EYE

Seen at various places on the Jomsom trek, Phulchowki and at Chitwan

ZITTING CISTICOLA.

Common at Chitwan.

STRIATED PRINIA

Two seen at Ghasa on the grassy slopes and one at Phulchowki on the lower slopes above the botanical gardens.

GREY-CROWNED PRINIA

Reasonably common between Tiger Tops and the tented camp at Chitwan where they were easily located in response to pishing.

GREY-BREASTED PRINIA

Chitwan.

YELLOW-BELLIED PRINIA

Only seen at Chitwan.

ASHY PRINIA

Recorded at Chitwan mostly in the scrubby grassy areas near to Meghauli.

BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART

Commonly seen on the Jomsom trek.

WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART

Two on the river at damside, Pokhara and common near to water on the Jomsom trek.

PLUMBEOUS REDSTART

One at damside, Pokhara and as the above species common on rivers along the trek.

GRANDALA

A flock of fifty or so birds were seen wheeling high up above the slopes at Ghasa but didn't linger to confirm the identification. A pair seen above Ghasa on the way back up to Kalopani.

LITTLE FORKTAIL

One at Ghasa at a river near to the village.

BLACK-BACKED FORKTAIL

At least 5 at Chitwan including a pair at a nest site.

SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL

One at Birethante on the Jomsom trek.

SPOTTED FORKTAIL

Recorded at Ghasa, Birethante and at Phulchowki in the ravine.

COMMON STONECHAT

One at Pokhara, recorded on the Jomsom trek and at Chitwan.

WHITE-TAILED STONECHAT

Common in grasslands at Chitwan especially near to Meghauli.

PIED BUSHCHAT

Common at Chitwan.

GREY BUSHCHAT

Commonly seen on the Jomsom trek.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH

Regularly seen at Chitwan.

WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH

Common at Phulchowki and in woodland on the Jomsom trek especially at Ghasa.

VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH

Two in the forest at Pokhara and several birds at Chitwan especially near to the Bhimle checkpoint.

WALLCREEPER

Many sightings along the Jomsom trek sometimes seen calling and displaying.

EURASIAN TREECREEPER

Three at Ghasa.

BAR-TAILED TREECREEPER

Recorded in the big wood in Ghasa village on the Jomsom trek.

RUSTY-FLANKED TREECREEPER

A few birds at Ghorepani and Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

WINTER WREN

Three at Muktinath, commonly seen at Marpha and at Ghasa.

BLACK-THROATED TIT

A fantastic little bird seen at Phulchowki and at various points along the Jomsom trek.

PLAIN PRINIA

Two seen at Chitwan.

CHESTNUT-HEADED TESIA

Easily seen at Phulchowki especially in the ravine where the birds often stood in full view on small rocks or branches in full song.

GREY-BELLIED TESIA

One at Pokhara in the forest behind Fishtail Lodge and easily seen at Phulchowki.

PALE-FOOTED BUSH-WARBLER

Three at Chitwan were incredibly difficult to see at times as they moved around the dense grass.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BUSH-WARBLER

Fantastic views of one bird at Chitwan near to the Bhimle checkpoint with several others heard calling.

ABERRANT BUSH-WARBLER

Two on the east slope at Ghasa, a minimum of three seen on Poon Hill, Ghorepani.

YELLOWISH-BELLIED BUSH-WARBLER

Ghorepani.

GREY-SIDED BUSH-WARBLER

Easily seen on Poon Hill, Ghorepani.

BLYTH'S REED-WARBLER

Several seen at Chitwan in response to pishing.

COMMON TAILORBIRD

Common at Chitwan.

WHITE-BROWED TIT WARBLER

Excellent views of birds at Kagbeni and near to Marpha.

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF

One at Pokhara and Chitwan.

BUFF-BARRED WARBLER

Common on Phulchowki.

ASHY-THROATED WARBLER

Five at Ghasa, common at Ghorepani.

LEMON-RUMPED WARBLER

Common in the forest at Pokhara and commonly seen in forested areas on the Jomsom trek.

HUME'S WARBLER

One in the orchard at Marpha, common beyond Ghasa on the trek.

GREENISH WARBLER

Regularly seen at Chitwan each day.

BLYTH'S LEAF WARBLER

Two at Ghasa, common at Phulchowki.

WHISTLER'S WARBLER

Common at Phulchowki and on the Jomsom trek.

GREY-HOODED WARBLER

Two at Pokhara, common at Phulchowki and on the Jomsom trek.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER

A minimum of ten birds seen on Phulchowki on both visits.

BLACK-FACED WARBLER

One above Ghasa on the Jomsom trek and reasonably common in bird flocks at Phulchowki.

RUFOUS-RUMPED GRASSBIRD

One only seen at Chitwan near to Meghauli in the grasslands showed extremely well.

WHITE-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Common at Phulchowki, several groups seen at Ghasa.

WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

A group of about ten birds in the forest above Phewa Tal, Pokhara.

LESSER-NECKLACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Easily seen near to Tiger Tops, Chitwan where two or three noisy groups were found feeding in the leaf litter.

STRIATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Common at Phulchowki in noisy groups.

RUFOUS-NECKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Good views of a group of three moving through the dense grass and scrub near to the Bhimle checkpoint were located due to the call. The group moved through the vegetation rarely coming into the open before disappearing into the inaccessible Rhino infested grasslands!

RUFOUS-CHINNED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Fantastic views of a group at Phulchowki in the ravine with brief views of a very elusive pair along the road to the summit on the first visit.

SPOTTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Seen along the ridge trail and below Poon Hill, Ghorepani. Associating with a large group of Laughingthrushes that was mostly Black faced with a few Variegated.

STREAKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Several along the Jomsom trek between Kalopani and Ghorepani.

VARIEGATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

First seen at Jharkot, subsequently recorded at many localities along the trek.

BLACK-FACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Six at Ghasa on the east slope though at times very difficult to see whereas a group of about twenty on Poon Hill, Ghorepani were much easier to see and at times incredibly noisy.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED LAUGHINGTHRUSH

Three at Ghasa, a pair at the Waterfall lodge below Ghorepani and a pair on Poon Hill.

PUFF-THROATED BABBLER

Very common at Chitwan.

WHITE-BROWED SCIMITAR-BABBLER

Three amongst a group of White Crested Laughingthrushes in the forest above Phewa Tal.

STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR-BABBLER

Several seen at Phulchowki and at Ghasa on the Jomsom trek.

SCALY-BREASTED WREN BABBLER

Fantastic views of two birds at Shikha on the Jomsom trek feeding next to the main track above the village. A bird seen extremely well at Phulchowki looked identical plumage wise to Rufous throated Wren Babbler but clearly couldn't be as it was well out of range.

BLACK-CHINNED BABBLER

One bird at Chitwan, several sightings at Phulchowki and recorded on the Jomsom trek

GREY-THROATED BABBLER

Regularly encountered in mixed species feeding flocks at Phulchowki.

STRIPED TIT-BABBLER

Common at Chitwan.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BABBLER

Very common at Chitwan in the grass and scrub areas of habitat.

YELLOW-EYED BABBLER

Several small groups of this species encountered at Chitwan.

SPINY BABBLER

Extremely good views of a bird that responded to tape on the lower slopes of Phulchowki above Godaveri botanical gardens.

STRIATED BABBLER

Recorded at Chitwan.

SLENDER-BILLED BABBLER

Two birds in the dense elephant grass near to the Florican site at Chitwan.

JUNGLE BABBLER

Chitwan.

RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX

Seen on both visits to Phulchowki, each time three or four birds were seen.

GREEN SHRIKE BABBLER

One to two daily at Ghasa.

HOARY-THROATED BARWING

One in a feeding flock just below Ghorepani.

CHESTNUT-TAILED MINLA

Regularly encountered at Ghasa and a few at Ghorepani.

RUFOUS-WINGED FULVETTA

Only seen at Phulchowki.

WHITE-BROWED FULVETTA

A few seen above Ghasa adjacent to the main track and seen daily at Ghasa. Easily seen at Ghorepani and Poon Hill where they responded to pishing and often showed incredibly well.

NEPAL FULVETTA

Only seen at Phulchowki.

RUFOUS SIBIA

Common at Ghasa and Ghorepani, often seen at Phulchowki.

WHISKERED YUHINA

Eight at Phulchowki and on the Jomsom trek.

STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA

Regular in feeding flocks at Ghasa, common in the Ghorepani area.

RUFOUS-VENTED YUHINA

Common in feeding flocks at Ghasa and Ghorepani.

WHITE-BELLIED YUHINA

Five in the forest above Fishtail lodge, three at Chitwan.

GREAT PARROTBILL

Despite calling this bird was very difficult to locate to begin with until eventually excellent views were obtained at Ghasa in the dense bamboo on the east slope and two birds on Poon Hill. Several others heard in the Poon Hill area were not looked for.

RUFOUS-NAPED TIT

Common on Poon Hill.

RUFOUS-VENTED TIT

Four at Ghasa.

COAL TIT

Only seen on Poon Hill.

GREY-CRESTED TIT

At least ten seen at Ghasa and many individuals in the Ghorepani area.

GREAT TIT

Common at Chitwan.

GREEN-BACKED TIT

Common on the Jomsom trek.

BLACK-LORED TIT

Five at Pokhara, regular sightings at Phulchowki and a few sightings lower down on the Jomsom trek.

YELLOW-BROWED TIT

Regularly seen each day at Ghasa and a few at Ghorepani.

SAND LARK

One only at Chitwan adjacent to the river crossing outside the park.

HOUSE SPARROW

Common.

RUSSET SPARROW

A few at Ghasa and lower down on the Jomsom trek.

TREE SPARROW

Common

CHESTNUT-SHOULDERED PETRONIA

One pair only in trees at the Bhimle checkpoint, Chitwan.

WHITE WAGTAIL

Chitwan.

WHITE-BROWED WAGTAIL

Four on the river between Jomsom and Kagbeni, two at Muktinath, three at Marpha.

CITRINE WAGTAIL

Reasonably common outside the park at Chitwan.

GREY WAGTAIL

Twenty in the Pokhara area, common along the Jomsom trek.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT

Ten in Pokhara, common at Chitwan and along the Jomsom trek.

PADDYFIELD PIPIT

Common in the grassy area outside the park at Chitwan near to Meghauri.

ROSY PIPIT

Three birds feeding around the large pool below Muktinath, one at Marpha and reasonably common at Chitwan near to the river.

UPLAND PIPIT

Commonly heard at Ghasa on the grassy slopes and a few actually seen on the ground as opposed to in song flight.

ALPINE ACCENTOR

A few at Muktinath and Ghasa.

ALTAI ACCENTOR

Several groups of up to thirty birds on the slopes at Ghasa and inside the wooded areas.

ROBIN ACCENTOR

Very close views of six birds in the garden of the monastery at Muktinath where they were easily photographed.

RUFIOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR

Recorded at Ghasa and Poon Hill.

BROWN ACCENTOR

Three in scrubby vegetation north of Jomsom.

FIRE-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER

A few at Phulchowki.

PURPLE SUNBIRD

Only one seen at Chitwan near to Tiger Tops.

MRS GOULD'S SUNBIRD

Phulchowki

GREEN-TAILED SUNBIRD

Regular at Ghasa and Phulchowki, common on Poon Hill.

BLACK-THROATED SUNBIRD

Recorded at Ghasa and Phulchowki.

FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD

Seen at Phulchowki and on Poon Hill.

FIRE-FRONTED SERIN

Only recorded at Kagbeni where a group of eight birds fed in the agricultural area and adjacent slope above the village next to the track leading to Muktinath.

TIBETAN SISKIN

Jomsom trek.

YELLOW-BREASTED GREENFINCH

Two above Shikha on the trek.

SPECTACLED FINCH

A pair of these superb birds seen on two dates feeding close to the village at Ghorepani afforded very close views though unfortunately next to a very unsavoury local toilet.

PLAIN MOUNTAIN-FINCH

Six at Kagbeni.

DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH

Two or three only at Ghasa whereas very common in the Ghorepani and Poon Hill area.

COMMON ROSEFINCH

Only recorded at Chitwan.

BEAUTIFUL ROSEFINCH

Five in the monastery garden at Muktinath, common at Marpha and Ghorepani, five at Ghasa.

PINK-BROWED ROSEFINCH

Surprisingly only one seen below Chitre on the Jomsom trek.

SPOT-WINGED ROSEFINCH

First seen at Ghasa where a few were seen each day, later recorded at Ghorepani.

WHITE-BROWED ROSEFINCH

Two at Ghasa.

STREAKED ROSEFINCH

Only recorded at Kagbeni where eight were seen.

CRIMSON-BROWED FINCH

Two females and one male at the base of Poon Hill.

BROWN BULLFINCH

A group of fifteen birds in the ravine at Phulchowki.

RED-HEADED BULLFINCH

Three seen on the west slope at Ghasa below the Tragopan wood and four near to the village at Ghorepani.

COLLARED GROSBEAK

A pair of Grosbeaks on Poon Hill seen briefly in flight only where probably this species.

WHITE-WINGED GROSBEAK

Only seen in the garden of the monastery at Muktinath where a group of four birds fed at close range on the low vegetation.

CRESTED BUNTING

First seen above Ulleri on the trek with a few sightings at Chitwan.

PINE BUNTING

A small flock seen in agricultural fields at Kagbeni and a group of up to fifty birds in the orchards at Marpha.

ROCK BUNTING

Common on the Jomsom trek.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING

One near to Meghauri, Chitwan.

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MAMMAL LIST

RHESUS MACAQUE

Common near to Birethante, and around Kathmandu.

GREY LANGUR

One at Kalopani, several at Ghasa, common at Chitwan.

SLOTH BEAR

Two near the Bhimle checkpoint at Chitwan.

YELLOW-THROATED MARTEN

One at Phulchowki and one at Shikha.

INDIAN RHINOCEROS

Three seen whilst on foot in the park and six from Elephant back at Chitwan.

WILD BOAR

Common in Chitwan.

INDIAN MUNTJAC

Common in Chitwan, one at Ghasa and one at Ghorepani.

CHITAL

Common in Chitwan.

HOG DEER

Common in Chitwan.

SAMBAR

One group seen in Chitwan.

GAUR

Two seen in Chitwan.

COMMON GORAL

Four seen on the west slope at Ghasa.