

NEPAL TRIP DECEMBER 2001

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ITINERARY

- 4th Dec '01 Arrived Tribhuvan Airport Kathmandu at 11-45am. Taxi to Tibet Guest House. At 1-30pm we took a taxi to Nagarjung. Birded from the bottom gate up the small path almost to the top. Returned the same way at dusk arriving at the hotel at 6pm.
- 5th Dec '01 Breakfast at 6am. Taxi (old Toyota Corrolla) to Phulchowki Mountain at 6-45am. Puncture, petrol then traffic congestion meant we arrived at the base of Phulchowki at 8-15. Eventually reached the summit, (after much frustration, see daily diary) birding on the way up and on the way down. Returned in the dark around 6pm.
- 6th Dec '01 Breakfast at 5am. Hired 4x4 from our hotel (2300N Ru). Arrived Phulchowki base at 6am and the pond area, between halfway house and the summit, at 6-45am. Birded summit area and below in the morning but had to return to the summit to avoid the thick mist. Birded halfway house area and below around mid-day, and then spent 1 hour in the Ravine at 1-30pm. Finished off at Godaveri, in the vicinity of the Botanical Gardens. Left at 4-45pm arriving at the hotel at 5-45pm. During the evening we heard unconfirmed reports that there was to be a transport strike, called by the Maoists, for the following morning. Consequently we cancelled our 5am breakfast.
- 7th Dec '01 Breakfast at 6-30am. It was an absolute fiasco. We should have birded Phulchowki lower slopes but because of the strike, the hotel 4x4 could not be used. Instead, we took a Cycle Rickshaw to Nagarjung around 8am. Birded the road from the bottom gate to the top gate. Went into the forest reserve through the top gate at mid-day, but very quiet. Reached the bottom gate, again by the road, at 2-30pm and met our Rickshaw drivers for the return trip to the hotel.
- 8th Dec '01 Hotel taxi at 7am to Nagarjung. Birded the road again similar to the previous day. Returned at 11-15am for our 11-30am pickup to Kathmandu domestic airport. Flight to Biratnagar took 45 mins. Met by Hathan, our birdguide for the next four days. Arrived at Koshi camp at 4pm after a 70 minute drive from the airport. Birded compound until dusk.
- 9th Dec '01 Breakfast 6-30am. All day boat ride, 9am until 3pm, with Henk, Manon and Som, their guide. Numerous stops were made to bird sandbanks, islands, etc and included lunch. Eventually we had a 6km walk along the river embankment, which was lined with trees, bushes, shrubs and pools. We reached the jeep at 5-20pm (dark) for the hour long journey back to camp.
- 10th Dec '01 Breakfast 6-30am. Short jeep ride to the embankment, west of the camp. Walked the 4km back to the camp, along the embankment, birding all the way. Arrived at 12-20pm just in time for lunch. At 2pm we walked East, along the embankment for 3km, with various detours onto the edge of the grasslands, looking for raptors and owls in the forest. Met the jeep at 4-30pm for the trip back to the camp. Spent the last 30 minutes of daylight looking for crakes and rails.
- 11th Dec '01 Breakfast at 6-30am. At 7-15am we had a 75 minute jeep ride to the Dharan forest (with H, M and Som). Birded the forest and dried up riverbeds all day. Arrived back at camp at 6pm.

- 12th Dec '01 Breakfast 7pm. Left for Chitwan NP at 8am in tandem with H, M and Som. Packed lunch at Parsa Wildlife Reserve. Reached Hetauda at 2pm. Checked 3 sections of the river before finding Ibisbill. Arrived at Gaida Wildlife Jungle Lodge at 4-15pm. After tea and biscuits, we spent the last 30mins of daylight with Bishnu, our birdguide for the next four days, in the Lodge compound .
- 13th Dec '01 Birding compound at 7am until breakfast at 8-30am. Jeep ride to 20,000 Lake, birding on the way. Returned to the Lodge at 1pm for lunch. Birding in the compound again until 3pm when we went birding in the grasslands on Elephant back. Returned two hours later. In the compound, around 9pm, we tried "pulling" Owls in, but without success.
- 14th Dec '01 Birding compound at first light until Breakfast at 8-15am. Took the Jeep to the canoe ferry at Sauraha at 8-45am, for our trip to Gaida Tented Camp in the middle of the forest. Arrived at 11-30am after birding the rough track through the grassland for two hours. Met Henk and co at the camp. Birded camp environs for the rest of the day before returning for the last canoe ferry at 5pm.
- 15th Dec '01 Our last full day together for the team of four. After an early breakfast we left again for the Gaida Tented Camp. Met Henk and co at the ferry crossing at 7-50am. Arrived at the camp at 10am after a short walk through the grassland and forest to the Watch Tower Hide. Birded camp environs until lunch around 1pm. At 2-15pm walked slowly back to the river, via the forest and grassland. Birded river for 30 minutes (Falcated Duck etc) before catching the ferry at 5pm. We said our goodbyes (for the third time!) to Henk, Manon and Som before boarding the Jeep for the lodge. Tried for Collared Owlet in the compound but without success.
- 16th Dec '01 Met Bishnu at 7am for our last walk around the compound before breakfast at 8am. At 9-15am we said our goodbyes to Martin and Allen and left by Jeep for our tourist bus back to Kathmandu. We arrived at 3-50pm but this included a 45minute stop for lunch at Kurintor. Returned to the Tibet Guest House.
- 17th Dec '01 Breakfast at 6am. Took a pre-arranged taxi at 6-30am for Phulchowki, arriving at the Ravine at 7-30am. Spent nearly two hours in the ravine before driving further up the mountain, to just below halfway house. From there, we walked all the way down, arriving at the quarry gates at 1-30pm. Bought two boiled eggs from the stall opposite the gate (lunch) before birding the areas around the Quarry, the Red brick buildings and the Botanical Gardens. Left at 4pm for our hotel.
- 18th Dec '01 Breakfast at 6am. Berni took the hotel taxi to Nagarjung top gate at 6-30am. (I went back to bed) In the forest reserve, he took the small path near the gate, not the broad track, birding for an hour, before returning to the main road. Walked down to the bottom gate and beyond for a taxi back to the hotel around noon. Left the hotel at 5-45pm for the 9-20pm Transavia flight back to Manchester, via Sharjah and Amsterdam.
- 19th Dec '01 Arrived Manchester at 9am, two hours late.

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- 16th Dec '01 Martin and Allen left the Lodge at 10am, by Jeep, to Chital Lodge, Meghauli (Jibs place) arriving at 11-30am. Birded Lodge environs all afternoon.
- 17th Dec '01 Breakfast 7am. Departed at 7-30am for the walk to Chitwan. Three rivers had to be crossed, two of them by wading knee deep in the water, before reaching the Bhimle entrance to Chitwan (fee 500Ru each). Arrived at Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge at 10-30am. Birded lodge environs until 3pm, before the walk back to Jibs place, birding all the way. Arrived at 5pm.

- 18th Dec '01 Up at 5am. Caught the local bus to Pokhara at 5-45am, arriving there at noon. Taxi to Hotel Tulsi (recommended by Hem). Lunch at the Moonlight Restaurant by the Lake at 1-30pm. Birding at the Fish Tail Lodge for the last two hours of daylight. They were delighted to bump into Henk, Manon and Som at the hotel. It's a small world!
- 19th Dec '01 Breakfast 7am. At 7-45am, took a taxi to the footbridge at the Southern end of the Lake. Walked the track leading to the Temple for approximately 2 hours before returning to Fish Tail Lodge for lunch at 1-45pm. At 2-30pm birded the "dump" area at the Lodge until 4-45pm. Taxi back to Hotel Tulsi. Arranged porter/guide (\$6 per day) for the start of the trek on the 21st.
- 20th Dec '01 Breakfast at 7am. At 7-30am took a taxi part way (2/3rds) to the North end of the Lake. Birded marshy/paddyfield area adjacent to lake. At 10-30am caught the local bus to the North end of the lake. Birded lake environs until 2pm. Again caught the local bus back to the hotel. At 2-30pm, took a taxi to Fish Tail Lodge and covered the "dump" area and gardens until 5pm. Returned to hotel by taxi.
- 21st Dec '01 Breakfast at 7am. At 7-45am, met our porter Bhuban and took a taxi to Naya Pul arriving at 9am. From there, walked for 30minutes to Birethanti (altitude 1000M) and registered for the Trek at the checkpost. Continued the walk, birding along the way, to Indra Lodge at Tikhedhunga (1525M). Had lunch there at 2pm, before continuing up the "stone steps" to Annapurna View Point Lodge, Ulleri (2080M) at 4-30pm.
- 22nd Dec '01 At 7-30am we continued up the remaining "stone steps" to the Himchuli Restaurant for breakfast at 8-30am. Continued the trek at 9-15am, reaching the Hungry Eye Restaurant at Nangathanti (2460M) at noon. After some Tea and a short rest, pressed on to Ghorapani, (2750M) arriving at 2-20pm. Had lunch at Latiguras Lodge. At 3pm, continued on to Deorali (2870M) and booked in at the Snow View Lodge. Birded the last hour around Deorali.
- 23rd Dec '01 Breakfast 7am. Left at 7-30am on the Ghandruk path up onto the ridge (3210M) before dropping down to the Deorali Tea Rooms (3090M) for lunch. At 1pm, started back for the Snow View Lodge, arriving at 4pm. Spent the last hour birding the gardens there.
- 24th Dec '01 At 5-20am Martin and Bhuban set off for the Viewpoint Watch Tower at Poon Hill, arriving at 6-05am. At 7am returned to the lodge for breakfast. At 8am, took the path to Poon Hill but then went along the right hand fork, which skirts the NW slopes of Poon Hill, for about 3km. Returned to Ghorapani for lunch at 2-15pm. After lunch, checked the gardens at Ghorapani, before exploring the trekking path towards Chitre. Returned to the Snow View Lodge at 4-45pm.
- 25th Dec '01 Departed at 7-15am on our return journey to Pokhara. Breakfast at 9-30am at the Green View Lodge, Banthanti (2250M). Pressed on to Tikhadhunga arriving at the Indra Lodge at 1-15pm. After a two hour break, birded the Lodge environs until dusk.
- 26th Dec '01 Breakfast at 7am. Birded Lodge environs before leaving at 8-15am for Birethante. Arrived at 1-30pm and had lunch at the New River View Lodge. Departed for Naya Pul at 2-15pm. From there, took a taxi to Pokhara, arriving at the Hotel Tulsi at 4pm.
- 27th Dec '01 Breakfast at 7am. Took a taxi to the footbridge at the South end of the Lake. Birded the lower path through the forest Warden's House and along the hillside for about 1.5km, before returning on foot to the Fish Tail lodge at 11-30am. Birded "dump" area for an hour and then took a break for lunch. After lunch continued to bird the "dump" area and the gardens. Returned to the Hotel Tulsi at 4pm.

- 28th Dec '01 Breakfast at 7am at the Lakeside Bar and Restaurant. Took a taxi to the footbridge at the South end of the Lake. Took the same path as the previous day but continued all the way to the temple at the top of the hill. Raptor watching for approximately two hours before returning on foot to the Hotel Tulsi at 4-30pm. Arranged taxi at the hotel for Kathmandu the following morning.
- 29th Dec '01 Departed at 7am for Kathmandu via Mugling. Stopped for lunch at the Hilltop Restaurant, Golghar. Arrived in Kathmandu at 1pm and went straight to the Tibet Guest House at Thamel. Chilled out for the rest of the day.
- 30th Dec '01 Breakfast at 5-30am. At 6am took hotel taxi to Phulchowki, arriving at the base in thick fog at 7-30am. Pressed on to halfway house (Allen having to drive at times) before walking/driving back down to the Botanical Gardens for lunch at 1pm. At 2pm birded the area around the gardens, red brick buildings and quarry until 4pm. Returned to the hotel.
- 31st Dec '01 Breakfast at 6am. At 6-30am took the hotel 4x4 to the summit of Phulchowki arriving at 8-30am. Birded there all day before returning to the hotel at 3-45pm.
- 1st Jan '02 Breakfast at 6-30am. Took taxi to Nagarjung Top Gate (300NR). Birded main track for about 3km, but very quiet, so returned to the main road around 9-45am. Walked down to the lower gate and beyond before getting a taxi (100NR) to the hotel at noon. Left the hotel at 5-45pm for the 9-20pm Transavia flight back to Manchester, via Sharjah and Amsterdam.
- 2nd Jan '02 Arrived Manchester at 7am.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

English & scientific names follow those of Inskipp, T. et al. (1996). *An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Oriental Region*. Oriental Bird Club.

Birds shown in BOLD are those that were only seen or heard on the extension

1. BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus francolinus* 2 seen in the grasslands at Chitwan from the Elephant ride on the 13th, with 3 seen the following day from the Jeep on the drive from Sauraha to Gaida Tented Camp.
2. SWAMP FRANCOLIN *Francolinus gularis* Seen or heard daily at Koshi, 8th to the 12th, with max 16 on the 10th.
3. **HILL PARTRIDGE *Arborophila torqueola* 1 heard at Ulleri on the morning of the 22nd.**
4. RUFIOUS-THROATED PARTRIDGE *Arborophila rufogularis* 3 seen and 1 heard in the Ravine at Phulchowki on the 17th, another seen and heard between the Ravine and halfway house on the 30th.
5. RED JUNGLEFOWL *Gallus gallus* 1 at Dharan forest on the 11th; regularly seen and heard at Chitwan, 13th to 17th inclusive, with max 12 on the 17th.
6. **KALIJ PHEASANT *Lophura leucomelanos* 1 in the forest at Pokara on the 27th, 3 there the following day; 5 at Phulchowki on the 30th and 31st; 8 at Nagarjung on the 1st of Jan '02.**
7. INDIAN PEAFOWL *Pavo cristatus* A single at Koshi on the 9th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to 17th, with max 10 on the 17th.

8. LESSER WHISTLING-DUCK *Dendrocygna javanica* 30+ seen on the embankment pools, after the boat ride, at Koshi on the 9th; 20+ seen at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan, on the 13th
9. RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea* Common in all suitable habitats at Koshi and Chitwan, with max 60 on the 9th, on the pool at Koshi.
10. COTTON PYGMY-GOOSE *Nettapus coromandelianus* 10+ on the embankment pool, at Koshi on the 9th.
11. GADWALL *Anas strepera* 10+ on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th and a single on the 10th; 20 on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th; 25+ at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
12. FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata* A first winter male on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th. Reported to be its 14th day.
13. EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 40+ on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th; 40+ on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th; 20 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
14. MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* Seen on 5 days at Koshi and Chitwan, with max 70 on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th; 50+ at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
15. SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas poecilorhyncha* 3 flying over the embankment near the Koshi camp on the 10th; a single by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th.
16. NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata* 6 on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th; 2 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
17. NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta* 15+ on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th; 20 on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th; 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
18. GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* A single on the embankment pool after the boat ride, at Koshi on the 9th; 1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
19. COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Seen on 4 days at Koshi with max 50 on the embankment pool on the 9th; 10 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
20. RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Rhodonessa rufina* Seen on 5 days with max 8 on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th.
21. COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina* 10+ on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th, a single there on the 10th; a single on the river by the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan, on the 15th; 6 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
22. FERRUGINOUS POCHARD *Aythya nyroca* 15 on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th, 2 on the 10th; 1 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th; 10 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
23. TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* 1 on the embankment pool at Koshi on the 9th; 2 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan, on the 13th; 30 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
24. COMMON MERGANSER *Mergus merganser* 4 at Koshi, on the 9th; daily at Chitwan on the river with max 6 on the 15th.
25. EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* 3 from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; 2 in the grasslands at Chitwan on the 13th and 3 more near Jibs place, Chitwan on the 17th.

26. SPECKLED PICULET *Picumnus innominatus* Singles at Phulchowki base on the 6th and the 13th; Nagarjung on the 7th; in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 19th and near Birethane on the 21st and 26th.
27. GREY-CAPPED PYGMY WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 5 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan 12th to the 17th inclusive, with max 4 on 3 dates; a single in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 19th
28. BROWN-FRONTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos auriceps* Singles seen on the 5th and 6th near Phulchowki summit.
29. FULVOUS-BREASTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos macei* A male at Phulchowki on the 6th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to 17th inclusive, max 3; singles in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 19th and 27th; 1 at Nagarjung on the 1st Jan '02.
30. RUFOUS-BELLIED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* Singles on Phulchowki near halfway house on the 5th and 6th; a female on the Ghandruk path between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd.
31. DARJEELING WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos darjellensis* A single seen near Phulchowki summit on the 6th; a male on the lower NW slopes of Poon Hill, on the 24th.
32. RUFOUS WOODPECKER *Ceuleus brachyurus* A single in the Dharan forest on the 11th.
33. LESSER YELLOWNAPE *Picus chlorolophus* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan 13th/17th inc max 2; 2 in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 27th and 28th.
34. GREATER YELLOWNAPE *Picus flavinucha* Singles at Nagarjung on the 7th; Chitwan on the 15th; 4 in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 27th and 2 there on the 28th.
35. STREAK-THROATED WOODPECKER *Picus xanthopygaeus* Singles at Chitwan on the 14th, 15th and 17th.
36. GREY-HEADED WOODPECKER *Picus canus* 3 in the forest around Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, on the 14th and 15th; 2 in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 27th and 28th.
- 37. HIMALAYAN FLAMEBACK *Dinopium shorii* Singles near Jib's place at Meghauli, and near the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan, both on the 17th**
38. BLACK-RUMPED FLAMEBACK *Dinopium benghalense* 3 seen from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; 2 at Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 14th and another there on the 15th.
39. GREATER FLAMEBACK *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 2 seen at Chitwan on the 13th and 17th, with one heard there on the 16th.
40. GREAT BARBET *Megalaima virens* 2 seen by the road at Nagarjung on the 7th and another there on the 18th; heard from the garden at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 18th, 2 seen there on the 27th; a single on the forest slopes near the Temple at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 28th; heard at Phulchowki on the 30th.
41. LINEATED BARBET *Megalaima lineata* 4 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; present at Chitwan 13th/17th with max 4 on 14th.

42. BLUE-THROATED BARBET *Megalaima asiatica* 5 by the road at Nagarjung on the 7th and another there on the 18th; daily at Koshi 9th/11th, max 8 on the 9th; a single at Chitwan on the 17th; 1 in the garden at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 18th, with 2 there on the 27th.
43. COPPERSMITH BARBET *Megalaima haemacephala* 2 at Koshi on the 8th, 3 there on the 10th; heard near Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 15th.
44. ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL *Anthracoceros albirostris* 5 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 2 near Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 14th and 1 near Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th.
45. COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops* 1 Phulchowki base on the 6th; seen at Koshi 8th/10th, max 7 on the 9th; 1 at Chitwan on the 12th, and 8 whilst walking back from Gaida Tented camp to the river on the 15th.
46. RED-HEADED TROGON *Harpactes erythrocephalus* Heard in the forest near Gaida tented camp on the 14th and 15th.
47. INDIAN ROLLER *Coracias benghalensis* Seen on 7 days at Koshi and Chitwan, max 3 on the 8th. 1 at Koshi on the 10th was considered to be of the eastern race *affinis*.
48. DOLLARBIRD *Eurystomus orientalis* A single in the Dharan forest on the 11th was a nice surprise!
49. COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* Between 1 and 3 seen at Koshi, 8th and 9th and at Chitwan 12th to the 17th; 1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
50. BLUE-EARED KINGFISHER *Alcedo meninting* A hat-trick of sightings at the Gaida tented camp on the 15th, all different birds
51. STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER *Halcyon capensis* 1 in the camp compound at Koshi on the 10th; between 1 and 3 at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th inclusive.
52. WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon smyrnensis* Daily at Koshi 7th to the 10th, max 6; daily at Chitwan 12th to the 16th, max 20+ on the 12th during the drive from Koshi to Chitwan; 1 at Nagarjung on the 18th; up to 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th, 27th and 28th; 6 seen on the drive from Pokhara to Kathmandu on the 29th.
- 53. CRESTED KINGFISHER *Megaceryle lugubris* 1 on the Bhurungdi Khola close to Hille, on the trek on the 21st.**
54. PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* 12 seen on the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, with 5 at Koshi the following day; singles at Hetauda on the 12th and near Jib's place, Meghauli on the 17th.
55. BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER *Nyctyornis athertoni* A single near the Gaida Tented camp on the 14th.
56. GREEN BEE-EATER *Merops orientalis* Seen at Koshi 8th to 10th, with 40+ there, along the embankment, on the 10th; 6 at Chitwan on the 14th.
57. LARGE HAWK CUCKOO *Hierococcyx sparveroides* 1 seen well by all in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 1 at Nagarjung on the 18th.
58. COMMON HAWK CUCKOO *Hierococcyx varius* 1 seen after the boat trip on the embankment at Koshi on the 9th.
- CUCKOO Sp A bird seen well in the Dharan forest on the 11th, was attributed to the Hepatic morph of Indian Cuckoo, by our bird guide, but per Grimmett/Inskipp, "There is said to be no Hepatic morph"?

59. SIRKEER MALKOHA *Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii* A single near the Gaida Tented camp on the 14th.
60. GREATER COUCAL *Centropus sinensis* Seen on 3 days at Koshi, max 12 on the 10th; between 1 and 3 daily at Chitwan, 13th to the 15th.
61. LESSER COUCAL *Centropus bengalensis* Between 1 and 2 daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th; 2 in the Chitwan grasslands on the 13th.
62. ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET *Psittacula eupatria* 3 at Koshi on the 10th; daily at Chitwan, 13th/17th, max 10 on the 14th.
63. ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET *Psittacula krameri* Up to 3 around our hotel in Kathmandu on the 7th and 8th; present at Koshi, 9th and 10th, max 75; daily at Chitwan, 13th /17th, max 100 on the 17th.
- 64. SLATED-HEADED PARAKEET *Psittacula himalayana* 20 in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 28th.**
65. PLUM-HEADED PARAKEET *Psittacula cyanocephala* 50 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan 12th to the 17th in smaller numbers.
66. HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET *Collocalia brevirostris* At Nagarjung 3 on the 4th and 4 on the 8th; 6 near the Dharan forest on the 11th; good numbers at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 19th/20th and 27th/28th, with max 400 on the 19th.
67. WHITE-RUMPED NEEDLETAIL *Zoonavena sylvatica* 2 at Hetauda on the 12th; 6 over the 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th, a single at Chitwan on the 14th.
68. ASIAN PALM SWIFT *Cypsiurus balasienis* Only 2 singles positively identified near Koshi on the 9th and 10th. Probably overlooked.
69. ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarpis melba* 6 seen over the embankment at Koshi on the 10th.
70. HOUSE SWIFT *Apus affinis* 40+ at Nagarjung on the 7th; 30+ with Himalayan Swiftlets at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 19th; 20 at Phulchowki base on the 31st.
71. CRESTED TREESWIFT *Hemiprocne coronata* 3 seen at Parsa Wildlife Reserve during the journey to Chitwan, on the 12th, with 6 more near the Gaida Tented camp on the 14th.
72. BARN OWL *Tyto alba* 1 seen over the temples in the Durbar Square, Kathmandu, on the 6th. (BL only)
73. BROWN FISH OWL *Ketupa zeylonensis* 1 seen in the woods adjacent to the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; another heard near the Gaida Tented camp, Chitwan on the 14th.
74. BROWN WOOD OWL *Strix leptogrammica* 1 seen well during the Elephant ride at Chitwan, on the 10th.
- 75. TAWNY OWL *Strix aluco* 1 heard at Poon Hill at 6-30am on the 24th. (MN only)**
- 76. ASIAN BARRED OWLET *Glaucidium cuculoides* 2 singles in the forest at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 19th**
77. JUNGLE OWLET *Glaucidium radiatum* 3 at Koshi on the 10th; up to 2 daily at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan, 13th/16th.
78. SPOTTED OWLET *Athene brama* Seen or heard at Koshi, 8th to 10th, max 4 seen on the 10th; heard at Chitwan, 12th/13th.

79. BROWN HAWK OWL *Ninox scutulata* A pair seen at a daytime roost at Koshi on the 10th; a single, seen at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th and 14th.
NIGHTJAR Sp A single was seen, rather poorly, at dusk on the embankment, 1 hours drive West of the Koshi Camp on the 9th.
80. ROCK PIGEON *Columba livia* Very common throughout the trip, except at high altitude, on the trek.
- 81. SPECKLED WOOD PIGEON *Columba hodgsonii* 3 on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.**
82. ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 3 seen well from the embankment, at Koshi, on the 10th.
83. SPOTTED DOVE *Streptopelia chinensis* Common at Koshi and Chitwan, 8th to the 17th, daily max 80; 1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 28th.
84. RED COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia tranquebarica* 2 at Koshi on the 10th; 2 at Chitwan on the 15th.
85. EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto* Daily at Koshi 8th to the 12th, max 50; seen at Chitwan, 15th/17th.
86. EMERALD DOVE *Chalcophaps indica* Daily at Chitwan 12th to the 17th, max 6 on the 14th.
- 87. WEDGE-TAILED GREEN PIGEON *Treron sphenura* A female seen from the stone steps leading up to Ulleri on the 21st.**
88. PIN-TAILED GREEN PIGEON *Treron apicauda* 3 near Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th.
89. POMPADOUR GREEN PIGEON *Treron pompadora* A single near Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th.
90. YELLOW-FOOTED GREEN PIGEON *Treron phoenicoptera* At Chitwan, 1 near Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th and 3 near the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
91. BROWN CRAKE *Amaurornis akool* Between 1 and 2 daily by the river at Gaida Jungle Lodge, 12th to the 16th; a single by the river at Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 16th and 17th.
92. WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN *Amaurornis phoenicurus* Between 1 and 4 at Koshi 8th to the 10th and on the 12th; a single at Jib's Place on the 17th; between 1 and 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 18th to the 20th and on the 27th and 28th.
93. RUDDY-BREASTED CRAKE *Porzana fusca* At Koshi Camp, 2 on the 10th and a single on the 12th.
94. PURPLE SWAMPHEN *Porphyrio porphyrio* 5 at a roadside stop near Koshi Barrage on the 12th; 3 at the NW end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
95. COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* Daily at Koshi 8th to the 10th, max 75; single figure counts at Chitwan, 12th, 13th and 17th.
96. COMMON COOT *Fulica atra* In Koshi Camp compound, 1 on the 8th, 2 on the 9th; 8 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th; 30 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
97. PINTAIL SNIPE *Gallinago stenura* 1 by the Dungere river at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 12th, 3 there on the 15th. (BL only)
SNIPE Sp An unidentified snipe was flushed 3 times in marshy fields at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th. It quickly went to ground and did not call!

98. EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* 12 from the boat at Koshi on the 9th; a single near Hetauda on the 12th.
99. COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* 1 after the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th; 2 by the river between Megghauli and Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
100. COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* 12 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, with 4 there on the 10th; seen daily at Chitwan, 13th to the 17th, max 6 on the 15th.
101. GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* 4 at Koshi on the 10th; between 1 and 2 most days at Chitwan, 12th/17th.
102. COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* 8 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, a single on the 10th and 4 on the 12th; singles at Chitwan on the 13th, 15th and 16th; 2 by the river near Mugling on the 29th.
103. TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii* 2 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th; 1 near Hetauda on the 12th; singles at Chitwan on the 15th and 17th.
104. **GREATER PAINTED-SNIPE *Rostratula benghalensis* An adult with 3 well grown chicks at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.**
105. PHEASANT-TAILED JACANA *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* 6 on pools adjacent to the river following the boat ride at Koshi on the 9th.
106. BRONZE-WINGED JACANA *Metopidius indicus* Seen daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th, with 15+ on the 10th; 5 at a road side stop near Koshi Barrage on the 12th; 10 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th; 20+ at the NW end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
107. IBISBILL *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* 3 on the Rapti River near Hetauda on the 12th; a single at the boat crossing between Megghauli and the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
108. LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Seen at Koshi, 5 during the boat trip on the 9th, and 2 more on the 10th; near Hetauda 4 on the 12th; at Chitwan, 4 on the 15th and 5 on the 17th.
109. KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Singles at Koshi during the boat trip on the 9th; 1 at Chitwan on the 15th.
110. RIVER LAPWING *Vanellus duvaucelii* Seen on the river at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 12th, 14th and 16th, max 5.
111. RED-WATTLED LAPWING *Vanellus indicus* Seen at Koshi, 2 during the boat trip on the 9th and 3 on the 10th; 8 seen on the river at Sauraha, Chitwan on the 15th.
112. PALLAS'S GULL *Larus ichthyaetus* An adult winter bird was seen during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.
113. BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* A first winter bird on the river near Sauraha, Chitwan on the 15th.
114. RIVER TERN *Sterna aurantia* 6 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th and 4 there on the 10th.
115. BLACK-BELLIED TERN *Sterna acuticauda* 2 at Koshi on the 10th.

116. OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* 3 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th and 2 there on the 10th; 1 near 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th; 1 on the way to Meghauri on the 16th.
117. ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhynchus* 2 at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th, 1 near Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th.
118. BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE *Elanus caeruleus* Singles at Koshi on the 8th, 10th and 11th; 1 at Chitwan on the 15th.
119. BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Common in the Kathmandu Valley, with 100 there on the 7th seen daily around Pokhara, max 20 on the 28th; not seen at Koshi and only one seen at Chitwan on the 13th.
120. WHITE-TAILED EAGLE *Haliaeetus albicilla* 1 at Koshi during the boat trip on the 9th.
121. GREY-HEADED FISH EAGLE *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* 1 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th, 2 near Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th.
122. **EGYPTIAN VULTURE *Neophron percnopterus* An adult at Pokhara on the 18th to the 20th, and again 27th to the 29th.**
123. WHITE-RUMPED VULTURE *Gyps bengalensis* 6 from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; a single above the forest at Pokhara on the 19th, 2 there on the 28th.
124. EURASIAN GRIFFON *Gyps fulvus* 2 from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; between 10 and 30 above the forest at Pokhara on the 19th, 20th and 27th; 2 near Ghorapani on the 22nd.
125. CINEREOUS VULTURE *Aegypius monachus* Singles at Koshi on the 9th and 10th; 2 over the forest at Pokhara on the 19th and 28th.
126. RED-HEADED VULTURE *Sarcogyps calvus* A single over the forest at Pokhara on the 18th and 19th, 2 there on the 28th; 1 near Birethante at the start of the trek on the 21st.
127. SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus gallicus* 2 at Koshi on the 9th, another there on the 10th.
128. CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE *Spilornis cheela* Singles at Koshi on the 9th to the 11th; between 2 and 3 at Chitwan on the 13th to 15th; 1 at Fish Tail Lodge gardens, Pokhara on the 20th and 27th.
129. EURASIAN MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* 2 at Koshi on the 9th, another there on the 10th.
130. HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* 2 at Koshi on the 9th, another there on the 10th; a single at Chitwan on the 15th.
131. PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus* Good views of a male on the drive from Koshi to the Dharan forest on the 11th.
132. PIED HARRIER *Circus melanoleucos* Between 2 and 4 daily at Koshi Camp, 8th to 11th. Generally seen early morning/evening as the birds flew to/from a roost.
133. SHIKRA *Accipiter badius* Between 1 and 3 most days in the Kathmandu Valley, Koshi and Chitwan from the 4th to the 15th. Only 2 seen after the 15th; 1 at Phulchowki on the 17th; 1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
134. WHITE-EYED BUZZARD *Butastur teesa* 2 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.

135. COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* Between 1 and 2 at Nagarjung on the 7th, 8th and 18th; at Koshi on the 10th; on route to Chitwan on the 12th. A single at Ghorapani, 22nd to 24th, showed characteristics of the sub-species *japonicus*
136. BLACK EAGLE *Ictinaetus malayensis* A single over the lower slopes at Phulchowki on the 17th and 30th; a single at the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
137. LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Aquila pomarina* 1 from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th, 1 near Mugling on the 29th.
138. GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE *Aquila clanga* 4 adults during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, 1 from the embankment on the 10th; a single between Karintor and Kathmandu on the 16th, during a 10 min stop of the Tourist Bus.
139. STEPPE EAGLE *Aquila nipalensis* 1 at Nagarjung on the 7th, 9 on the 8th, and 4 more on the 18th; singles from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th and 27th; on the trek on the 26th and 27th, 3 more over the forest at Pokhara on the 28th; 4 near Mugling on the 29th. Almost all birds were juvs/immatures.
140. IMPERIAL EAGLE *Aquila heliaca* 1 adult during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.
141. **BONELLI'S EAGLE *Hieraetus fasciatus* An adult over the forest at Pokhara on the 19th; 2 adults on the trek near Birethane on the 26th.**
142. BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraetus pennatus* Singles at Koshi on the 9th and 10th; 1 at the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
143. **MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE *Spizaetus nipalensis* 1 on the trek near Ulleri on the 22nd.**
144. COLLARED FALCONET *Microhierax caerulescens* 3 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; singles at Chitwan, near 20,000 Lake on the 13th and at Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th.
145. COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* Daily at Koshi, with a flock of 15+ from the embankment on the 10th; between 1 and 3 almost daily at Chitwan, Pokhara and on the trek. Only 3 were seen in the Kathmandu Valley, 1 at the airport on the 8th, 1 at Nagarjung on the 18th, and a 1 at Phulchowki on the 30th.
146. LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* At least 1 with Common Kestrels from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th.
147. PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* 2 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.
148. LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 4 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th seen at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on four days, max 25+ on the 20th.
149. GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* A single at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
150. DARTER *Anhinga melanogaster* 6 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, 2 there on the 10th; 3 at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th.
151. LITTLE CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax niger* Daily at Koshi, 8th to 12th, max 40 during the boat trip on the 9th.

152. GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Between 10 and 20 at Koshi 9th to 11th almost daily at Chitwan 13th to 17th, with a max of 200 on the river near Sauraha on the 15th; 1 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
153. LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Daily at Koshi, 8th to 12th, max 20 on the 10th; daily at Chitwan 13th to 17th, with a max of 60 on the 15th single figure counts at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th, 28th and 29th.
154. GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* Seen at Koshi 8th to 12th, max 12; present at Chitwan on the 12th and 13th.
155. PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* Between 1 and 2 at Koshi on the 9th, 10th and 12th; 1 at Chitwan on the 13th.
156. GREAT EGRET *Casmerodius albus* Daily at Koshi, 9th to 12th, max 15 during the boat trip on the 9th; 2 at Chitwan on the 17th.
157. INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Mesophoyx intermedia* Between 20 and 30 at Koshi on the 9th, 10th and 12th; present at Chitwan on the 13th; 10 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th,
158. CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Common and widespread except on the trek. High counts included 200+ near Koshi Barrage on the 12th and a roost at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, held around 300 birds on the 19th and 26th to 28th.
159. INDIAN POND HERON *Ardeola grayii* Common and widespread except on the trek. High counts included 50+ at Koshi on the 10th and 25 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th
160. LITTLE HERON *Butorides striatus* At Koshi, 6 during the boat trip on the 9th and 1 on the 10th; a single on the river at Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 16th and 17th.
161. BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 1 at Koshi on the 9th; 2 at a daytime roost at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 27th.
162. CINNAMON BITTERN *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* 1 on a small stream at Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 14th.
163. BLACK-HEADED IBIS *Threskiornis melanocephalus* 80+ during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, with 10 on the 10th and 28 on the 11th.
164. BLACK IBIS *Pseudibis papillosa* 2 and 10 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th respectively; almost daily at Chitwan 13th to 17th, with a max of 20 on the 15th.
165. ASIAN OPENBILL *Anastomus oscitans* Between 1 and 10 at Koshi on the 9th to 12th; 20+ at Chitwan on the 13th, with singles there on the 15th and 17th.
166. WOOLLY-NECKED STORK *Ciconia episcopus* Singles at Chitwan on the 12th and 13th.
167. BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Between 1 and 3 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th; 1 near Sauraha, Chitwan on the 15th and 3 on the river between Meghauri and Bhimle entrance on the 17th.
168. BLACK-NECKED STORK *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* 1 at Koshi on the 10th.
169. LESSER ADJUTANT *Leptoptilos javanicus* Singles at Koshi on the 9th and 10th, 12 in marshy fields at a roadside stop near Koshi Barrage, on the 12th; between 1 and 3 daily at Chitwan, 13th to 17th.

170. GOLDEN-FRONTED LEAFBIRD *Chloropsis aurifrons* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; between 1 and 4 at Chitwan, 13th to 16th.
171. ORANGE-BELLIED LEAFBIRD *Chloropsis hardwickii* A male at Nagarjung on the 8th; a single at Chitwan on the 17th; 1 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 27th and 28th; 2 on Phulchowki lower slopes on the 30th.
172. BROWN SHRIKE *Lanius cristatus* Daily at Koshi, 8th to 12th, max 8 on the 10th; 2 at Chitwan on the 16th.
173. BAY-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius vittatus* 1 at Koshi at a “stop off” during the boat trip on the 9th.
174. LONG-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanius schach* 1 at Nagarjung on the 7th and 18th; 10 and 15 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th respectively; daily at Chitwan 12th to 17th, max of 12 on the 15th; between 1 and 2 at Pokhara, 18th, 20th, 28th and 29th; a total of 6 on the trek between Birethante and Ulleri on the 21nd and 22th.
175. GREY-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius tephronotus* 3 at Koshi on the 10th; between 1 and 2 at Chitwan, 13th, 14th and 16th; singles at Pokhara, 19th and 28th, Tikhadhunga on the 25th, Phulchowki on the 30th and 31st and Nagarjung on the 1st Jan’02.
176. EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Singles on the mid slopes of Phulchowki on the 5th and 6th.
177. RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* Between 5 and 10 at Nagarjung, on the 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan’02 respectively; at Chitwan, 4 near Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th, 3 there on the 15th; 2 near Tiger Tops on the 17th; between 1 and 4 in the forest at Pokhara, 18th to the 20th and 28th; 2 at Phulchowki on the 30th.
178. COMMON GREEN MAGPIE *Cissa chinensis* At Chitwan, 2 near Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th and 1 near Tiger Tops on the 17th; 4 in the forest at Pokhara, on the 27th.
179. RUFOUS TREEPIE *Dendrocitta vagabunda* Daily at Koshi 9th to 12th, max 20 on the 10th; at Chitwan, 12th to 17th, max 3.
180. GREY TREEPIE *Dendrocitta formosae* Between 3 and 6 at Nagarjung on the 4th, 7th, 8th and Jan 1st ’02. In the forest at Pokhara, 1, 6 and 8 on the 20th, 27th and 28th respectively; on the trek between Birethante and Tikhadhunga, 4 on the 21st and 9 on the 26th.
181. HOUSE CROW *Corvus splendens* Fairly common and widespread, except on the trek.
182. LARGE-BILLED CROW *Corvus macrorhynchos* Fairly common and widespread, throughout the trip.
183. ASHY WOODSWALLOW *Artamus fuscus* 4 at Koshi on the 9th, 3 there on the 10th.
184. BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE *Oriolus chinensis* 1 seen well in the Dharan forest on the 11th.
185. BLACK-HOODED ORIOLE *Oriolus xanthornus* Between 2 and 6 daily at Koshi, 9th to 12th; daily at Chitwan, 12 to 17th, with max 12 on the 13th.
186. MAROON ORIOLE *Oriolus traillii* 2 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 1 there on the 17th and 31st; 3 at Nagarjung on the 6th, 1 on the 7th and 2 on the 18th; 3 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 1 at Chitwan on the 13th; in the forest at Pokhara, 1 on the 19th and 2 on the 27th; 1 near Ulleri on the trek on the 22nd.

187. LARGE CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina macei* Between 1 and 2 daily at Koshi, 9th to the 11th; 1 to 6 daily at Chitwan, 13th to 17th; 1 to 3 in the forest at Pokhara, 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th.
188. BLACK-WINGED CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina melaschistos* Singles on the embankment at Koshi on the 10th and at Chitwan on the 13th and 16th.
189. ROSY MINIVET *Pericrocotus roseus* 2 seen at close range in the Dharan forest on the 11th.
190. SMALL MINIVET *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* 25+ in the Dharan forest on the 11th.
191. LONG-TAILED MINIVET *Pericrocotus ethologus* At Nagajung 6 on the 7th and 1 on the 8th. On the trek, 1 at Birethane on the 21st, 4 near Ulleri on the 22nd and 3 near Tikhadhunga on the 25th; 5 in the forest at Pokhara on the 27th, with 20 there on the 28th.
192. SCARLET MINIVET *Pericrocotus flammeus* 10 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan, 15th to 17th, max 25 near Tiger Tops on the 17th; 10 in the forest at Pokhara on the 28th, with Long-tailed Minivets.
193. BAR-WINGED FLYCATCHER-SHRIKE *Hemipus picatus* At Chitwan, 6 in the forest near Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th and 7 near Tiger Tops on the 17th.
194. YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL *Rhipidura hypoxantha* Between 2 and 3 at Nagarjung 6th, 7th, 18th and 1st Jan '02. Daily in the forest at Pokhara, 18th to 20th, 27th and 28th, max 8; daily on the trek between Birethane and Ulleri, 21st, 22nd, 25th and 26th, max 6; between 2 and 5 at Phulchowki, on the 17th, 30th and 31st.
195. WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL *Rhipidura albicollis* Between 1 and 2 daily at Koshi, 8th to 12th. Singles at Chitwan, 14th and 15th, with 2 there on the 17th; a single at Phulchowki base on the 17th and 30th; 3 on the trek at Birethane on the 21st.
196. BLACK DRONGO *Dicrurus macrocercus* Fairly common and widespread except on the trek. High counts included 80 at Koshi on the 10th and 20 at Pokhara on the 18th and 20th.
197. ASHY DRONGO *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Seen only at Koshi and Dharan forest area on the 10th, 11th and 12th, max 12.
198. WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO *Dicrurus caerulescens* 2 at koshi on the 9th and Dharan forest on the 11th singles at Chitwan on the 13th, 14th and 17th.
199. BRONZED DRONGO *Dicrurus aeneus* 2, at Nagarjung on the 8th and 1st Jan '02 and in the Dharan forest on the 11th; singles at Chitwan, 14th and 15th with 8 there, near Tiger Tops, on the 17th; 1 at Phulchowki on the 17th; 2 in the forest at Pokhara on the 28th.
200. LESSER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO *Dicrurus remifer* 1 near Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, on the 14th; between 1 and 2 in the forest at Pokhara on the 19th, 27th and 28th.
201. SPANGLED DRONGO *Dicrurus hottentottus* 20+ in the Dharan forest on the 11th. At Chitwan, 12 on the 13th, 25+ on the 14th and 15th, mainly in the forest around Gaida Tented Camp and a single near Tiger Tops on the 17th.
202. GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO *Dicrurus paradiseus* Singles in the Dharan forest on the 11th and at Chitwan on the 14th.

203. COMMON IORA *Aegithina tiphia* 3 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; between 1 and 4 daily at Chitwan, 13th to the 17th.
204. LARGE WOODSHRIKE *Tephrodornis gularis* 30+ in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 20+ in the forest around Gaida Tented Camp at Chitwan, on the 15th.
205. **BROWN DIPPER *Cinclus pallasii* Seen on the trek between Birethane and Ulleri, 12 on the 21st and up to 3 on the 22nd, 25th and 26th.**
206. CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK THRUSH *Monticola rufiventris* A female by the road at Nagarjung on the 7th.
207. BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Single males in the Koshi Camp compound on the 10th and at Pokhara on the 27th.
208. BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH *Myophonus caeruleus* Between 1 and 3 at Nagarjung, 4th and 7th; at Phulchowki on the 6th, 30th and 31st; in the forest around Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 18th to the 20th, 27th and 28th; between 3 and 8 daily on the trek, Naya Pul to Ulleri on the 21st, 22nd, 25th and 26th.
209. ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH *Zoothera citrina* A single in a drainage channel at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th, 14th and 16th; 1 at the “dump”, Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, on the 20th and 27th.
- PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH *zoothera mollissimo*/ LONG-TAILED THRUSH *zoothera dixonii***
A bird seen briefly on the trek in the forest below Nagathante on the 25th, was one of these species.
210. SCALY THRUSH *Zoothera dauma* Between 1 and 2 at Nagarjung on the 4th, 8th, 18th, and 1st Jan '02. Singles in a drainage channel at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th and 14th and in the forest at Pokhara on the 19th, 27th and 28th.
211. **LONG-BILLED THRUSH *Zoothera monticola* 2 singles in separate wet gullies on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.**
212. **DARK-SIDED THRUSH *Zoothera marginata* Close range views of a single at the “dump”, Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, on the 18th, 19th and 27th.**
213. TICKELL'S THRUSH *Turdus unicolor* A single in a drainage channel at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th, 14th and 16th.
214. WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD *Turdus albocinctus* 4 below Phulchowki summit on the 6th.
215. GREY-WINGED BLACKBIRD *Turdus boulboul* A male on the Phulchowki track, below halfway house on the 5th.
216. DARK-THROATED THRUSH *Turdus ruficollis* 12 below Phulchowki summit on the 6th; on the trek, 30+ on the Ghandruk path near Ghorapani on the 23rd and 12 at Poon Hill on the 24th.
217. **WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING *Brachyteryx montana* Close range views of a female at the “dump”, Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, 18th to the 20th and on the 27th.**

218. RUFIOUS-GORGETED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula strophhiata* Singles at Nagarjung on the 6th, 7th and 18th with 2 there on the 1st Jan '02; between 1 and 4 in the forest at Pokhara, 18th to 20th and 27th, and on the trek between Birethante and Ghorapani, 21st to 23rd and 26th.
219. RED-THROATED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva* Daily at Koshi 9th to 12th, max 10 on the 10th; between 3 and 6 at Chitwan, 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th; 3 in the forest at Pokhara, on the 27th and another on the 28th.
220. SNOWY-BROWED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hyperythra* **A male, ever present at the “dump”, Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, 18th to the 20th and 27th, 5 on the 19th included this male, 2 more in the gardens at Fish Tail Lodge and 2 in the forest behind.**
221. ULTRAMARINE FLYCATCHER *Ficedula superciliaris aestigma* A male of this sub-species was seen from the Phulchowki track, below halfway house on the 17th (BL only)
222. VERDITER FLYCATCHER *Eumyias thalassina* 6 at Koshi on the 9th and 10th, a single in the Dharan forest on the 11th; between 1 and 2 daily at Chitwan, 13th to 16th.
223. **SMALL NILTAVA *Niltava macgrigoriae* Single males in the forest at Pokhara on the 19th and at the “dump” Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 27th; on the trek, a male near Birethante on the 21st, and 2 males at Hille on the 26th.**
224. RUFIOUS-BELLIED NILTAVA *Niltava sundara* Single males at Nagarjung on the 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02 and on the trek at Birethante on the 21st and 26th: daily at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara and in the forest behind, on the 18th to 20th and 27th, max 5 on the 19th.
225. PALE-CHINNED FLYCATCHER *Cyornis poliogenys* Between 1 and 2 daily at Gaida Jungle Lodge/Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, 13th to 16th; 4 at Jib's Place/Meghauri area, Chitwan on the 17th.
226. GREY-HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER *Culicicapa ceylonensis* Between 1 and 5 at Nagarjung, 7th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; at Koshi 9th to 11th; at Chitwan, 14th to 17th, Pokhara area 18th to 20th, 27th and 28th; 4 at Phulchowki on the 30th.
227. SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* Singles seen and between 2 and 6 heard daily at Koshi, 9th to 11th; either this or the next species heard near Gaida Jungle Lodge, 13th and 14th and a male seen near Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 17th.
228. WHITE-TAILED RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia pectoralis* Singles seen near Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th and 15th; this or previous species heard on the 14th.
229. BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica* Singles at Koshi on the 9th and 10th.
230. ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger cyanurus* Between 1 and 2 at Phulchowki, 5th, 30th and 31st; a male on the trek at Ulleri on the 22nd and 2 females at Poon Hill on the 24th.
231. GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger chrysaeus* A female above halfway house on Phulchowki on the 5th; single females on the trek at Nangathanti on the 22nd and near Ghorapani on the 24th.
232. ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN *Copsychus saularis* Between 1 and 2 at Nagarjung, 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; almost daily at Koshi, 8th to 12th, max 8 on the 10th; between 1 and 4 at Chitwan, 12th to 17th and at Pokhara, 19th to 21st, 26th to the 29th; 2 at Phulchowki on the 30th.

233. WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA *Copsychus malabaricus* Between 1 and 3 daily at Chitwan, 13th to 16th, 5 seen on the walk from Jib's Place, Meghauri, to Tiger Tops on the 17th.
234. **BLUE-CAPPED REDSTART *Phoenicurus coeruleocephalus* A pair on the Ghandruk path near Ghorapani on the 23rd, 12 on the slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.**
235. BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros* 2 from the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; a male at the base of Phulchowki on the 17th.
236. **HODGSON'S REDSTART *Phoenicurus hodgsoni* A male by the road adjacent to Godaveri Gardens, Phulchowki on the 30th.**
237. **WHITE-THROATED REDSTART *Phoenicurus schisticeps* A pair on the Ghandruk path near Ghorapani on the 23rd.**
238. BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART *Phoenicurus frontalis* A female below Phulchowki summit on the 6th, a pair there on the 31st; between 3 and 6 daily on the trek, 22nd to the 25th and a male there on the 26th.
239. WHITE-CAPPED WATER REDSTART *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus* 2 at Hetauda on the 12th; 3 at Kurintor, between Mugling and Kathmandu on the 16th; singles at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, (by Fish Tail Lodge) on the 18th, 19th, 28th and 29th. On the trek between Birethante and Tikhadhunga, 8 on the 21st and 6 on the 26th.
240. PLUMBEOUS WATER REDSTART *Rhyacornis fuliginosus* 6 at Hetauda on the 12th; 6 near Kurintor, between Mugling and Kathmandu on the 16th; a female at Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 17th; between 2 and 4 daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, (by Fish Tail Lodge) on the 18th to 20th, 27th and 28th. On the trek between Birethante and Tikhadhunga, 15 on the 21st, 10 on the 26th; a pair at Phulchowki base on the 30th and 31st.
241. **WHITE-TAILED ROBIN *Myiomela luecura* A male seen at close range at the "dump", Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, on the 18th and 27th.**
242. **LITTLE FORKTAIL *Enicurus scouleri* Singles in Tiger Tops compound on the 17th and on the trek at Birethante on the 21st.**
243. **SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL *Enicurus schistaceus* Singles at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, by Fish Tail Lodge on the 18th and near Birethante on the 21st and 26th.**
244. **BLACK-BACKED FORKTAIL *Enicurus immaculatus* 1 on the river by Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 16th with 2 there the following day.**
245. SPOTTED FORKTAIL *Enicurus maculatus* At Phulchowki, singles in the ravine on the 6th, 17th and 31st and, on the stream below the "red brick buildings", a pair there on the 17th and a single on the 31st; on the trek, 2 at Birethante on the 21st, 1 there on the 26th and 1 near Ghorapani on the 24th.
246. COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata* Almost daily at Koshi 8th to the 12th, max 20 on the 10th; between 1 and 4 daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 16th; around Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 12 at the northern end on the 20th, 1 at the southern end on the 28th; on the trek, 1 at Birethante on the 21st, with 2 there on the 26th.

247. WHITE-TAILED STONECHAT *Saxicola leucura* 2 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th; a male on the way to the Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, on the 14th, 8 on the return walk from Gaida Tented Camp to Sauraha on the 15th and 5 on the walk from Jib's Place to Bhimle entrance on the 17th.
248. PIED BUSHCHAT *Saxicola caprata* Between 1 and 6 daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th; a female at Pokhara on the 28th and 3 at roadside stops near Mugling on the 29th.
249. GREY BUSHCHAT *Saxicola ferrea* A pair near the "red brick buildings" at Godaveri on the 6th, 30th and 31st, a male there on the 17th, 5 on the trek between Ghorapani and Tikhadhunga on the 25th; a pair at Pokhara on the 27th and 28th.
250. CHESTNUT-TAILED STARLING *Sturnus malabaricus* Between 6 and 15 daily at Koshi, 9th to the 11th; 9 in the compound at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan, on the 13th.
251. BRAHMINY STARLING *Sturnus pagodarum* 6 at Koshi on the 9th.
252. ASIAN PIED STARLING *Sturnus contra* Daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th, max 100 on the 10th and at Chitwan, 12th to 16th.
253. COMMON MYNA *Acridotheres tristis* Common throughout except on the trek, max 100+ at Koshi on the 8th.
254. BANK MYNA *Acridotheres ginginianus* 50+ seen in the cattle fields on the return walk from Gaida Tented Camp to the ferry crossing at Sauraha on the 15th.
255. JUNGLE MYNA *Acridotheres fuscus* Up to 10 Kathmandu/Nagarjung, 5th to the 7th, 30th and 31st; 2 at Koshi on the 10th; between 1 and 2 at Chitwan, 13th, 15th and 17th. Common in the centre of Pokhara, with up to 50 around the Hotel Tulsi, 18th to the 21st and 26th to the 28th.
256. HILL MYNA *Gracula religiosa* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th.
257. CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH *Sitta castanea* 1 at Phulchowki on the 5th; 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; singles at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 15th and 16th and 6 in the forest near Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
258. WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH *Sitta himalayensis* Between 2 and 8 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st, a single at Nagarjung on the 7th; 2 on the slopes of Poon Hill, on the trek, on the 24th.
259. VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH *Sitta frontalis* 30+ at Nagarjung on the 7th in a huge mixed feeding flock, 15 there on the 8th, 1 on the 18th and 2 on the 1st of Jan '02, 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan, around Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th to 15th, 6 in the forest at Bhimle entrance, Chitwan, on the 17th; up to 6 daily in the forest at Pokhara, 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th and 2 on the trek at Birethante on the 26th.
260. WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria* 1 by the river at Birethante on the 21st. (AH only)
261. RUSTY-FLANKED TREECREEPER *Certhia nipalensis* On the trek, singles on the Ghandruk path near Ghorapani on the 23rd and on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.
262. BROWN-THROATED TREECREEPER *Certhia discolor* 1 on the lower slopes of Phulchowki and 1 near the quarry at the base of Phulchowki on the 30th.

263. **RUFOUS-VENTED TIT** *Parus rubidiventris* Between 5 and 20 daily on the trek, 22nd to 25th, Ulleri to Deorali and around Ghorapani, Poon Hill and the Ghandruk path.
264. **GREY-CRESTED TIT** *Parus dichrous* Between 2 and 12 daily on the trek, 22nd to 25th, around Ghorapani, Poon Hill and the Ghandruk path.
265. **WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes* 1 seen well below Phulchowki summit on the 6th and 1 at Deorali, next to Ghorapani, on the trek on the 24th. Both were noticeably darker than Wrens seen in England.
266. **GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Between 3 and 4 at Phulchowki on the 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th, max 4; in the forest at Pokhara, 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th, max 5; 1 at Nagarjung on the 18th.
267. **GREEN-BACKED TIT** *Parus monticolus* 6 at Phulchowki on the 5th and 2 on the 6th; between 4 and 6 daily on the trek, from Birethane to Ghorapani, on the 21st, 22nd, 25th and 26th.
268. **BLACK-LORED TIT** *Parus xanthogenys* Between 6 and 8 at Phulchowki on the 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; at Nagarjung, 40 on the 7th, 20+ on the 8th and 6 on the 18th; between 6 and 15 in the forest at Pokhara, (especially Fish Tail Lodge) on the 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th; up to 10 on the trek, Birethane to Ulleri, 21st, 22nd, 25th and 26th.
269. **YELLOW-BROWED TIT** *Sylviparus modestus* 6 on Phulchowki, mid slopes on the 5th, 1 there on the 6th; 1 near Ghorapani on the 23rd and 3 on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.
270. **BLACK-THROATED TIT** *Aegithalos concinnus* Up to 15 daily at Phulchowki on the 5th, 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st respectively; 1 at Nagarjung on the 7th; 3 between Ulleri and Ghorapani on the 22nd, 8 there on the 25th.
271. **PLAIN MARTIN** *Riparia paludicola* 2 at Koshi on the 9th, 4 there on the 10th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th, max 100+ on the 14th; present at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
272. **BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Up to 10 daily at Nagarjung, 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; at Koshi 8th to the 10th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th, max 100 on the 17th; daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 18th to the 20th and 26th to 29th, max 200 on the 20th.
273. **RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo daurica* 20+ at Nagarjung on the 7th, 5 on the 8th and 2 on the 18th; between 10 and 30 daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th; present at Hetauda on the 12th and Chitwan on the 15th; 5 over the river at Mugling on the 29th.
274. **NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon nipalensis* 2 at Hetauda on the 12th; 2 over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara, on the 27th and 28th; 2 near Mugling on the 29th.
275. **BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus melanicterus* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; 2 near the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
276. **RED-WHISKERED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus jocosus* Daily at Koshi, 9th to the 12th, max 6 on the 11th and at Chitwan, 13th to the 17th, max 30+ on the 14th.
277. **HIMALAYAN BULBUL** *Pycnonotus leucogenys* Between 5 and 8 at Nagarjung, 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th and Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th; between 2 and 4

- at Pokhara, 19th, 27th and 28th; on the trek, from Birethante to Ulleri, on the 21st, 22nd and 26th; 2 at Phulchowki on the 17th, 6 there on the 30th and 12 on the 31st.
278. RED-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus cafer* Between 8 and 12 at Phulchowki, 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; at Nagarjung on the 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; daily at Koshi, 8th to the 12th, max 100+ on the 10th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to the 17th, max 30+ on the 17th; up to 10 at Pokhara, 18th to 20th, 27th to the 29th and on the trek, 10 near Tikhadhunga on the 25th.
279. MOUNTAIN BULBUL *Hypsipetes mcclllandii* At Nagarjung, 2 on the 4th, 50+ in a huge feeding flock on the 7th and 30 on the 8th; 10 at Phulchowki on the 6th, 8 there on the 17th and 20 on the 30th; on the trek, 1 at Tikhadhunga on the 25th and 2 near Hille on the 26th.
280. BLACK BULBUL *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* At Phulchowki, 2 on the 5th, 60 below the summit on the 6th, 80+ on the lower slopes on the 17th and 31st, 40+ there on the 30th; 35 at Nagarjung on the 7th, 20 there on the 8th.
281. ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* 6 in the grassland adjacent to the river near the Dharan forest on the 11th; 2 in the grassland near Sauraha, Chitwan on the 14th, 5 there on the 15th; 3 in the marshy fields/paddies towards the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
282. GREY-CROWNED PRINIA *Prinia cinereocapilla* 2 in the grassland on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 14th and 15th.
283. GREY-BREASTED PRINIA *Prinia hodgsonii* Seen on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, 4 on the 14th and 8 on the 15th; 6 in open woodland near Jib's Place, Meghauli on the 17th.
284. GRACEFUL PRINIA *Prinia gracilis* 1 in grassland adjacent to the embankment, 4km west of the Koshi Camp on the 10th
285. YELLOW-BELLIED PRINIA *Prinia flaviventris* 2 from the Elephant ride at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th; seen on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, 1 on the 14th and 2 on the 15th.
286. ASHY PRINIA *Prinia socialis* A single in scrubby grassland after the ferry crossing at Sauraha, on the way to the Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th.
287. PLAIN PRINIA *Prinia inornata* At Koshi, 1 near the camp on the 8th and 2 near the embankment on the 10th; seen on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, 1 on the 14th and 2 on the 15th, 1 at Jib's Place, Meghauli on the 17th.
288. ORIENTAL WHITE-EYE *Zosterops palpebrosus* Up to 10 at Phulchowki base on the 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; 12 at Nagarjung on the 7th; present at Koshi on the 9th, 6 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; up to 10 seen or heard daily at Chitwan, 13th to the 17th. Single figure counts at Pokhara, 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th; max 10 on the trek, Birethante to Ulleri on the 21st.
289. CHESTNUT-HEADED TESIA *Tesia castaneocoronata* 1 seen well at Nagarjung on the 18th; 2 seen rather poorly on Phulchowki lower slopes on the 30th, both were calling and sang briefly.

290. **GREY-BELLIED TESIA** *Tesia cyaniventer* Seen well at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara and in the forest behind, 1 on the 18th, 6 on the 19th, 3 on the 27th and 1 heard on the 28th.
291. PALE-FOOTED BUSH WARBLER *Cettia pallidipes* Heard in the forest around Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan, 3 on the 14th and 2 on the 15th; 1 seen close to the Bhimle entrance on the 17th.
292. ABERRANT BUSH WARBLER *Cettia flavolivacea* At Phulchowki base, 1 seen on the 6th, 1 heard on the 30th and 3 seen on the 31st; seen and heard at Nagarjung, 1 on the 7th, 4 on the 8th and 10 on the 1st Jan '02 (mainly heard); 1 on the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; 1 close to the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th; 1 seen and heard in an open area, high up in the forest at Pokhara, near the temple on the 19th and 2 on the trek near Tikhadhunga on the 25th.
293. GREY-SIDED BUSH WARBLER *Cettia brunnifrons* At Nagarjung, 2 heard on the 7th, 2 heard and seen there on the 8th, 1 seen on the 18th and another heard on the 1st Jan '02 (all next to the road on the open side, not the forest side); 2 heard close to Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th.
294. **SPOTTED BUSH WARBLER** *Bradypterus thoracicus thoracicus*, 2 in a marshy area close to the Elephant compound at Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th. Both were heard calling and 1 sang briefly several times, over a period of 90 minutes. No views were obtained.
295. PADDYFIELD WARBLER *Acrocephalus agricola* 1 in the Koshi Camp compound on the 8th and 10th.
296. **BLYTH'S REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus dumetorum* Singles at Jib's Place, Meghauri on the 16th and at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 20th.
297. CLAMOROUS REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus stentoreus* At Koshi, singles in the camp compound and at a stop during the boat ride on the 9th, 1 from the embankment on the 10th.
298. THICK-BILLED WARBLER *Acrocephalus aedon* At Koshi, a single in the camp compound on the 8th, 10th and 12th, 1 at a stop during the boat ride on the 9th, 1 from the embankment on the 10th.
299. COMMON TAILORBIRD *Orthotomus sutorius* 1 at Nagarjung on the 8th, 2 there on the 18th and 3 on the 1st Jan '02; up to 6 daily at Koshi, 9th to the 12th and Chitwan, 13th to the 17th; between 2 and 3 daily at Pokhara, 26th to the 28th; 2 at Phulchowki base on the 31st.
- Note:** Many *Phylloscopus*/*Seicercus* warblers were not identified as they moved through the canopy in substantial numbers. The systematic list reflects only the birds seen well enough to identify.
300. COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* At Koshi, 1 during the boat ride on the 9th, 12 from the embankment on the 10th and 1 on the 11th.
301. DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 1 at Koshi from the embankment on the 10th; 1 seen at close range and heard at the "dump", Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 19th, 20th and 27th.
302. SMOKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fulgiventis* 1 seen very well at 20,000 Lake, Chitwan on the 13th; 1 seen well and heard calling in marshy fields/paddies towards the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
303. TICKELL'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus affinis* At Koshi, 1 on the 6km walk following the boat ride on the 9th and 3 from the embankment on the 10th.

304. BUFF-BARRED WARBLER *Phylloscopus pulcher* Seen at Phulchowki, 20+ on the 5th, 25 on the 6th, 6+ on the 17th and 10 on the 30th and 31st; on the trek, singles near Birethante on the 21st and Ghorapani on the 24th.
305. ASHY-THROATED WARBLER *Phylloscopus maculipennis* 1 at Phulchowki on the 5th; between 1 and 5 daily on the trek from Ulleri to Ghorapani on the 22nd to 25th.
306. LEMON-RUMPED WARBLER *Phylloscopus chloronotus* 15+ at Nagarjung on the 7th, with 3 there on the 8th; in the forest at Pokhara, 5 on the 19th and 6 on the 28th; on the trek between Birethante and Ulleri, 4 on the 21st, 2 on the 25th and 10 on the 26th; 2 at Phulchowki on the 30th.
307. YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 2 at Nagarjung on the 4th; 1 at Koshi Camp compound on the 10th and 1 at Gaida Tented Lodge, Chitwan on the 15th; in the forest at Pokhara, 2 on the 19th, 27th and 28th; on the trek, 2 at Tikhadhunga on the 25th; 4 at Phulchowki on the 30th.
308. HUME'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus humei* At Koshi, 4 on the 6km walk following the boat ride on the 9th and 1 in the compound on the 11th; 1 at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th; in the forest at Pokhara, 5 on the 19th, 2 on the 20th and 6 on the 27th, up to 4 daily on the trek, 22nd to the 26th; 1 near Mugling on the 29th.
309. GREENISH WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 3 at Nagarjung on the 7th, 1 on 8th and 18th; between 10 and 15 daily at Koshi, 9th to 11th; daily at Chitwan, 12th to 17th, max 25 on the 13th; up to 8 daily at Pokhara, 18th to the 21st, 27th and 28th.
310. BLYTH'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus reguloides* 2 in the Dharan forest on the 11th and 2 at Nagarjung on the 18th.
- GOLDEN-SPECTACLED WARBLER *Seicercus burkii* 1 bird seen well near Birethante on the 21st may have been this species, it showed no wing bar and had distinct black crown sides, extending to the base of the upper mandible and was prominent when viewed from the rear, side and especially when the bird was "face on" to us, however we did not hear it call. 1 bird seen at Koshi on the 11th and another at Chitwan on the 16th, were attributed to this species by our guides, but seen only poorly by us and therefore not recorded.
311. WHISTLERS WARBLER *Seicercus whistleri* 2 at Tiger Tops, Chitwan, on the 17th; 6+ at Phulchowki on the 17th and another there on the 31st; 5 at Nagarjung on the 17th, with 6 there on the 1st Jan '02; up to 20 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara and in the forest behind the lodge, on the 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th; on the trek between Birethante and Tikhadhunga, 5 on the 21st and 20 on the 26th.
- Note:** Apart from 1, (see above) all birds seen well, were considered to be this species, showing distinct wing bar and dark crown sides, falling short of the base of the upper mandible. Indeed, the dark crown stripes were clearly visible from the side or rear view, but were very difficult to see, when the bird was "face on".
312. GREY-HOODED WARBLER *Seicercus xanthoschistos* At Nagarjung, up to 30 on the 4th, 7th, 8th, 18th and 1st Jan '02; between 8 and 20 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; at Pokhara, 2 on

- the 19th and 20th, 6 on the 27th and 28th; on the trek, from Birethante to Ulleri, 5 on the 21st, 2 on the 22nd, 6 on the 25th and 8 on the 26th.
313. GREY-CHEEKED WARBLER *Seicercus poliogenys* 1 in the ravine at Phulchowki on the 17th (BL only)
314. CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER *Seicercus castaniceps* 3+ on the lower slopes of Phulchowki on the 17th and another there on the 30th; 4 in the forest at Pokhara on the 27th, 1 there on the 28th.
315. BLACK-FACED WARBLER *Abroscopus schisticeps* 2 on the lower slopes of Phulchowki on the 17th; on the trek, 8 in a single flock, in the forest close to Nangathanti on the 25th.
316. STRIATED GRASSBIRD *Megalurus palustris* 2 in grassland adjacent to the embankment, 4km west of Koshi Camp on the 10th.
317. RUFOUS-RUMPED GRASSBIRD *Graminicola bengalensis* 2 seen rather poorly in grassland, from the Elephant ride at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th, excellent views of 1 in grassland on the way to Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th, 1 heard there the following day.
- 318. WHITE-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax albogularis* 10+ at Phulchowki below half way house on 30th.**
319. WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax leucolophus* At Nagarjung, 6 on the 4th, 1 on the 8th and 6 there on the 1st Jan '02; on the trek, 2 near Hille on the 26th.
320. LESSER NECKLACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax monileger* At Chitwan, 6 in the forest near the Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th and 2 in the forest near Tiger Tops on the 17th.
321. STRIATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax striatus* A single on Phulchowki, mid slopes on the 5th, 6th, 30th and 31st.
322. RUFOUS-CHINNED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax rufogularis* 6 on the lower slopes of Phulchowki on the 17th, including 1 in the ravine and 1 seen well in the “garden” area below the red brick buildings, 1 again showing well in this latter area on the 31st.
- 323. SPOTTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax ocellatus* 2 in the forest, by the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd.**
324. STREAKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax lineatus* 3 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 5 there on the 6th; on the trek between Banthanti and Tikhadhunga, 7 on the 25th.
- 325. VARIEGATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax variegatus* 1 in the forest, by the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd.**
326. CHESTNUT-CROWNED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax erythrocephalus* On Phulchowki, mid slopes, 2 on the 6th, 1 on the 17th and 5 on the 31st; on the trek, 3 near Ulleri on the 22nd, 1 by the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd and 3 between Ulleri and Tikhadhunga on the 25th.
327. PUFF-THROATED BABBLER *Pellorneum ruficeps* 2 seen in the forest on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 14th and heard there on the 15th; 1 seen and 3 heard in the forest close to Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 19th.

328. RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus erythrogegens* 2 near the road at Nagarjung on the 8th; at Phulchowki, 2 seen below half way house and 2 at the base adjacent to the quarry on the 30th.
329. STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* 1 near Tikhadhunga on the 25th, 6 on Phulchowki on the 31st.
330. WHITE-BROWED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* 1 near Birethante on the 21st.
331. SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris* 2 seen and heard at the first wet gully below Tikhadhunga on the 26th. (MN only)
WREN BABBLER Sp 1 seen briefly in the second wet gully below Tikhadhunga on the 26th.
332. BLACK-CHINNED BABBLER *Stachyris pyrrhops* 2 in the forest at Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th; on the trek, 1 near Birethante on the 21st, 5 between Banthanti and Tikhadhunga on the 25th, 15 between Tikhadhunga and Birethante on the 26th; at Phulchowki, 2 on the 17th, 10 on the 30th and 5 on the 31st.
333. GREY-THROATED BABBLER *Stachyris nigriceps* 3 in the forest at Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th; on the trek, 3 between Tikhadhunga and Birethante on the 26th; at Phulchowki, 6 on the 30th and 4 on the 31st.
334. STRIPED TIT BABBLER *Macronous gularis* 6 in the Dharan forest on the 11th; between 2 and 4 at Gaida Jungle Lodge and in the forest near Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 13th, 15th and 16th, 10 in the forest at Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th.
335. CHESTNUT-CAPPED BABBLER *Timalia pileata* 2 from the Elephant ride at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th; 6 heard (very skulking) in grassland on the way to Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th and finally saw 3 there on the 16th.
336. YELLOW-EYED BABBLER *Chrysomma sinense* 2 in grassland on the way to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 15th
337. STRIATED BABBLER *Turdoides earlei* 6 at Koshi during the boat ride on the 9th; 9 from the Elephant ride at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 13th.
338. JUNGLE BABBLER *Turdoides striatus* 14 at Koshi during the boat ride on the 9th, 21 from the embankment on the 10th; between 7 and 14 daily at Chitwan, 14th to 17th inclusive.
339. RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX *Leiothrix lutea* 3 at Phulchowki, lower slopes, on the 17th, 6 there on the 30th.
340. BLACK-EARED SHRIKE BABBLER *Pteruthius melanotis* Singles, at Phulchowki on the 17th; on the trek at Nangathanti on the 22nd and near Birethante on the 26th.
341. HOARY-THROATED BARWING *Actinodura nipalensis* 3 on the upper slopes of Phulchowki on the 6th.

342. **BLUE-WINGED MINLA** *Minla cyanouroptera* 1 near the ravine at Phulchowki on the 30th.
343. CHESTNUT-TAILED MINLA *Minla strigula* At Phulchowki, 10 on the 5th, 6 on the 6th and 3 on the 31st; on the trek, 2 at Nangathanti on the 22nd and 6 at Banthanti on the 25th.
344. RUFOUS-WINGED FULVETTA *Alcippe castaneiceps* 1 at Phulchowki, lower slopes, on the 17th and 10+ there on the 30th.
345. WHITE-BROWED FULVETTA *Alcippe vinipectus* At Phulchowki, 20+ on the 5th, 2 on the 6th and 8 on the 31st; on the trek, 3 at Nangathanti on the 22nd, 4 on the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd and 25 at Poon Hill on the 24th.
346. NEPAL FULVETTA *Alcippe nipalensis* At Phulchowki, 15+ on the 17th, 10 on the 30th and 6 on the 31st; 10 at Nagarjung on the 18th and again on the 1st Jan '02.
347. RUFOUS SIBIA *Heterophasia capistrata* At Phulchowki, 50 on the 5th, 30 on the 6th, 5 on the 30th and 12 on the 31st; on the trek, 5 at Nangathanti on the 25th and 4 at Banthanti on the same day.
348. WHISKERED YUHINA *Yuhina flavicollis* 2 at Phulchowki, upper slopes on the 5th; on the trek, between Ulleri and Banthanti, 25 on the 22nd and 6 on the 25th, 2 near Tikhadhunga on the 26th.
349. STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA *Yuhina gularis* On Phulchowki upper slopes, 1 on the 6th and 5 on the 31st; on the trek, between Ulleri and Banthanti, 25 on the 22nd, around Ghorapani, 2 on the 23rd and 5 on the 24th.
350. RUFOUS-VENTED YUHINA *Yuhina occipitalis* At Phulchowki, 15 on the 5th, 2 on the 6th and the 31st; on the trek, between Ulleri and Banthanti, 5 on the 22nd.
351. WHITE-BELLIED YUHINA *Yuhina zantholeuca* Between 1 and 3 at Nagarjung on the 7th, 8th and 1st Jan '02; 1 near Tiger Tops, Chitwan on the 17th; 2 in the forest at Pokhara on the 19th, 27th and 28th.
352. **GREAT PARROTBILL** *Conostoma oemodium* **On the trek, 2 on the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms on the 23rd.**
353. RUFOUS-WINGED BUSHLARK *Mirafra assamica* 1 in fields near Koshi Camp on the 8th; at Chitwan, 2 on the way to 20,000 Lake on the 13th and 4 during the walk from the Gaida Tented Camp to the ferry crossing at Sauraha on the 15th.
354. ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW LARK *Eremopterix grisea* 3 at a stop off during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.
355. SAND LARK *Calandrella raytal* 10 at a stop off during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th; 8 during the walk from Jib's Place to the river crossing near the Bhimle entrance, Chitwan on the 17th.
356. ORIENTAL SKYLARK *Alauda gulgula* 4 at a stop off during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th.
357. FIRE-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum ignipectus* 4 at Phulchowki, lower slopes, on the 5th, 1 on the 17th and 2 there on the 30th.
358. PURPLE SUNBIRD *Nectarinia asiatica* 6 along the embankment at Koshi on the 10th.
359. GREEN-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga nipalensis* Between 2 and 4 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 6th, 30th and 31st; on the trek, a pair near Ulleri on the 25th and another pair below Hille on the 26th.

360. BLACK-THROATED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga saturata* A male at Phulchowki on the 6th; on the trek, 3 males between Birethane and Tikhadhunga on the 21st and a male below Hille on the 26th.
361. CRIMSON SUNBIRD *Aethopyga siparaja* A male at Gaida Jungle Lodge, Chitwan on the 15th and 16th; 1 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 18th and 19th; on the trek, between Birethane and Tikhadhunga, a single on the 21st and 25th and 4 on the 26th.
362. FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga ignicauda* Between 1 and 5 at Phulchowki, on the 5th, 6th, 17th, 30th and 31st; on the trek, 2 between Tikhadhunga and Birethane on the 26th.
363. HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus* Seen daily except during the boat trip on the 9th and on the trek, 22nd to 25th inc.
364. EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* A single in Kathmandu, 5th, 7th and 8th; on the trek, 6 at Annapurna View Point Lodge, Ulleri on the 21st and 22nd; 3 close to the Hotel Tulsi, Pokhara on the 28th.
- 365. RUSSET SPARROW *Passer rutilans* 4 at Ulleri on the 22nd and 2 at Ghorapani on the 24th.**
366. WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* Daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th, max 15 during the boat trip on the 9th; daily at Chitwan, 12 to the 17th inc, max 30 on the 15th; up to 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, 20th and 27th; singles on the trek at Birethane on the 26th and at Phulchowki base on the 31st.
367. WHITE-BROWED WAGTAIL *Motacilla madaraspatensis* 2 during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th, 5 en route, Koshi to Chitwan on the 12th; between 1 and 4 daily at Chitwan, 14th to 17th inclusive; between 1 and 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 19th, 20th and 27th.
368. CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola* 2 at Koshi during the boat ride on the 9th, 4 from the embankment on the 10th; singles near the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan on the 15th and at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 16th.
369. YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* 10 at Koshi during the boat ride on the 9th; 2 near the ferry crossing at Sauraha, Chitwan on the 15th.
370. GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* Singles at Phulchowki base, 6th and 30th; 1 or 2 daily at Chitwan, 13th to 17th; between 2 and 4 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th; on the trek, 1 near Tikhadhunga on the 25th and 4 on the walk to Birethane on the 26th.
371. RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* 8 at a stop off during the boat trip at Koshi on the 9th; 3 during the walk from the Gaida Tented Camp to the ferry crossing at Sauraha on the 15th; 1 at the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 20th.
372. PADDYFIELD PIPIT *Anthus rufulus* 2 in fields near Koshi Camp on the 8th; at Chitwan, 2 on the way to 20,000 Lake on the 13th, 8 during the walk from the Gaida Tented Camp to the ferry crossing at Sauraha on the 15th and 5 during the walk from Jib's Place to the river crossing at Bhimle on the 17th; 6 at the NW end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
373. OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* Daily at Koshi, 9th to 11th, max 40+ along the embankment on the 10th; up to 25 daily at Chitwan 13th to 17th; between 2 and 4 around Pokhara, on

- the 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th; 1 on the trek, Ulleri to Birethante, 25th and 26th; 4 at Phulchowki on the 17th and 1 on the 30th.
374. **ROSY PIPIT** *Anthus roseatus* 15 in fields at a petrol stop, near Koshi Barrage on the 12th; at Chitwan, 1 on the way to 20,000 Lake on the 13th and 4 during the walk from the Gaida Tented Camp to the ferry crossing at Sauraha on the 15th.
375. **BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT** *Anthus rubescens* 15 in wet fields at the NW end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.
376. **ALTAI ACCENTOR** *Prunella himalayana* Flocks of 40 on the Ghandruk path, between Ghorapani and Deorali Tea Rooms and 30 at Ghorapani both on the 23rd, 10 near Ghorapani on the 24th.
377. **RUFOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR** *Prunella strophiata* 1 on the trek near Banthanti on the 25th; 3 on Phulchowki mid slopes on the 31st.
378. **MAROON-BACKED ACCENTOR** *Prunella immaculata* 5 together on the track at Phulchowki, below half way house on the 30th.
379. **BAYA WEAVER** *Ploceus philippinus* 2 in grassland adjacent to the embankment, 4km west of Koshi Camp on the 10th.
380. **RED AVADAVAT** *Amandava amandava* 1 on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th.
381. **WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA** *Lonchura striata* 1 near the footbridge at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 27th, 5 there on the 28th.
382. **SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA** *Lonchura punctulata* Daily at Koshi, 8th to the 10th, max 12 on the 10th and at Chitwan 13th to the 15th, max 15 on the 15th; 20 at Phulchowki base on the 17th.
383. **YELLOW-BREASTED GREENFINCH** *Carduelis spinoides* A flock of 25 near the Botanical Gardens at Godaveri on the 17th, 29 there on the 30th.
384. **PLAIN MOUNTAIN FINCH** *Leucosticte nemoricola* A flock of 50 on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.
385. **DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus nipalensis* Between 5 and 12 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 6th, 30th, and 31st.
386. **COMMON ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus erythrinus* 4 at Phulchowki on the 5th, 1 there on the 17th; at Koshi, 1 on the 9th, 2 on the 10th; a male on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp, Chitwan on the 15th.
387. **BEAUTIFUL ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus pulcherrimus* A female in gardens at Deorali on the 23rd, a male and female on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th and another male in gardens at Ghorapani on the same day.
388. **PINK-BROWED ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus rodochrous* A male in gardens at Ghorapani on the 24th, 2 pairs at Tikhadhunga on the 25th.
389. **DARK-RUMPED ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus edwardsii* Close views of a female, above half way house, on Phulchowki on the 6th.

390. **SPOT-WINGED ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus rodopeplus* 2 females in gardens at Deorali on the 23rd, 2 males and a female on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th
391. **CRIMSON-BROWED FINCH** *Propyrrhula subhimachala* 2 males and a female on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th
392. **RED-HEADED BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula erythrocephala* A pair on the Ghandruk path near Ghorapani on the 23rd, 6 on the NW slopes of Poon Hill on the 24th.
393. **CRESTED BUNTING** *Melophus lathami* At Koshi, 3 at the start of the boat trip on the 9th, 1 from the embankment on the 10th and 2 on the way to the Dharan forest on the 11th; singles at Chitwan, on the approach to the Gaida Tented Camp on the 14th and 15th and near the Bhimle entrance on the 17th.
394. **YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING** *Emberiza aureola* A flock of 50 in grassland adjacent to the embankment at Koshi on the 10th; at Chitwan, 20 from the Elephant ride at Gaida Jungle Lodge on the 13th and 3 on the approach to Gaida Tented Camp on the 15th; 10 in grassland towards the N end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 20th.