

Some observed birds in Nepal 2002

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E = Everest area; G = Gokyo; H = Helambu; L = Langtang; GK = Gosainkund; K = Kathmandu Valley

Tibetan Snowcock *Tetraogallus tibetanus*

Quite common at high altitudes in Everest area as low as Pangboche monastery May

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus*

2 heard Shyabru (L) 31/5

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus*

3 males + 1 female Fungi Tenga (E) 6/5; 15-20 Deboche (E) 7/5; 1 heard Dole (G) 17/5; 3 + female with c.10 chicks Tharepati (H) 9/6

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

3 Gokyo lakes May

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

At least 3 pairs in Gokyo lakes May

Brown-fronted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos auriceps*

1 Changdam (L) 4/6; 1 Shyabru (L) 5/6

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus*

male Changdam (L) 1/6

Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*

1 Changdam (L) 1/6; male Sing Gompa (GK) 6/6; 2 (one feeding young in nest) Sing Gompa (GK) 7/6

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*

3-4 Shyabru area (L) 31/5

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaultii*

1 Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Red Collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

male + female flying over Dhulikhel (K) 14/6 (high altitude)

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*

1 displaying Pheriche (E) 16/5; at least 4 pairs Kyangjin-Langshisa (L) 3/6

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*

1 Imja Khola 8/5; 1 Dingboche (E) 9/5; 1 Lobuche (E) 13/5

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

1 Gosainkund 7/6

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

male singing Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*

pair in flight display Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Blue-capped Rock Thrush *Monticola cinclorhynchus*

male Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Pied Thrush *Zoothera wardii*

male Bharku (L) 31/5

Plain-backed Thrush *Zoothera mollissima*

1 singing Gopte (H) 9/6

Long-tailed Thrush *Zoothera dixonii*

1 Gopte (H) 8/6

Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*

1 adult below Tharepati 10/6

White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus*

2 males singing Namche 5/5; male Fungi Tenga (E) 6/5; male singing Tengboche 7/5; 5-7 (3 singing) Sing Gompa 6/6; male + female Tharepati (H) 9/6

Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus bouboul*

male Bharku (L) 31/5; 2 singing Changdam 5/6; 1 singing Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6

White-browed Blue (Ultramarine) Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris*

male Changdam 5/6

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*

male Fungi Tenga (E) 6/5; male Deboche (E) 7/5

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

female Bharku (L) 31/5; 2 males Changdam (L) 1/6

White-tailed Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis*

very common in high altitude juniper-barberry shrub in Everest area

Indian Blue Robin *Luscinia brunnea*

7-8 singing near Shyabru (L) 6/6; 2 singing Sing Gompa (GK) 7/6; 3-4 singing Melamchigaon (H) 10/6; 5-6 singing Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6; 3-4 singing Shermatang (H) 12/6

Orange-flanked Bush Robin (Bluetail) *Tarsiger cyanurus*
male + female carrying food Sing Gompa (GK) 7/6

Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus*
2 males singing Namche 5/5; female with nesting material Pangboche monastery 17/5; male Gopte (H) 8/6; male + female carrying food Gopte (H) 9/6

White-browed Bush Robin *Tarsiger indicus*
4 singing below Tharepati 10/6

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*
5-6 + female nest building under rock Lobuche (E) 13/5; male Gokyo "village" 19/5; c. 10 Gokyo area 20/5

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*
pair in breeding activity (agitated) Sing Gompa (GK) 7/6

Grandala *Grandala coelicolor*
male Gokyo "village" 20/5

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri*
1 Changdam (L) 1/6

Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus*
ad + imm Bharku (L) 31/5; adult Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Rusty-flanked Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis*
1 carrying food below Tharepati (H) 10/6

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*
2 Changdam (L) 5/6; 1 Tharepati (H) 9/6; 1 Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6

Rufous-fronted Tit *Aegithalos iouschistos*
pair feeding 4 fledged young Ghora Tabela (L) 2/6 (NB. The young birds were white on the belly, unlike the drawing in *Pocket Guide*); 3 Sing Gompa (GK) 6/6

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*
10 Pheriche-Pangboche (E) 17/5; 10 Dole-Phortse Tenga (G) 23/5

Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*
2 singing Changdam (L) 5/6; 1 singing Tharkegyang (H) 10/6

Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*

1 with nesting material Dole (G) 18/5; 4-5 (1 carrying food) Kyangjin-Langshisa (L) 3/6

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

1 Changdam (L) 5/6

Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps*

2 Changdam (L) 5/6

Striated Laughingthrush *Garrulax striatus*

1 singing Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6; 1 Sheratang (H) 12/6

Scaly Laughingthrush *Garrulax subunicolor*

1 Gopte (H) 9/6

Variegated Laughingthrush *Garrulax variegatus*

c.10 Kyangjin-Ghora Tabela (L) 4/6

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

1 Lukla 25/5; 5-6 Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6; 5-6 Sheratang (H) 12/6

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*

2 Sheratang (H) 12/6

Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer*

1 Fungi Tenga (E) 6/5

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

1 (brown morph) Gopte (H) 9/6

Black-chinned Babbler *Stachyris pyrrhops*

3 Dhulikhel (K) 14/6

Bar-throated (Chestnut-tailed) Minla *Minla strigula*

2 Ghora Tabela (L) 2/6; 1 Tharepati (H) 9/6; 3-4 below Tharepati (H) 10/6; 3-4 Tarkeghyang (H) 11/6

Chestnut-headed (Rufous-winged) Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*

1 Sheratang (H) 11/6

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*

2 eating berries of *Rubus ellipticus* Ghora Tabela (L) 1/6

Fire-tailed Myzornis *Myzornis pyrrhoura*

1 Gopte (H) 8/6

Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*

2 males + 2 females Gopte (H) 8/6; 5-6 Gopte (H) 9/6

Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus pulcherrimus*
15-20 Shomare-Dingboche (E) 9/5; 4-5 Khumjung (E) 24/5

Pink-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodochrous*
7-8 Gopte (H) 9/6; 4 Tharepati (H) 10/6

Spot-winged Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodopeplus*
c. 10 Sing Gompa (GK) 7/6; male + female Gopte (H) 9/6

White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus thura*
male + 4-5 females Deboche (E) 7/5

Great Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubicilla*
male + 2 females Lobuche (E) 14/5; male + female Gorak Shep (E) 15/5; imm. male singing
Gokyo area 20/5; female Gokyo 21/5

Red-fronted Rosefinch *Carpodacus puniceus*
2 males + 2 females Gopte (H) 8/6

Collared Grosbeak *Mycerobas affinis*
male Gopte (H) 8/6; male Gopte (H) 9/6

Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos*
male Dole (G) 18/5

