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NEPAL 2ND – 27TH DECEMBER 2002

A birding/trekking holiday by Martin Naylor and Janet Driver. We were joined by Allen Holmes, from the 10th to 22nd and 25th to the 26th.

Notes

- 1) Exchange rate £1 = 120NR
1\$ = 77NR
- 2) We hired our guides/porters Bhuban and Bhakti through Welcome Treks at Pokhara. Bhuban was already known to us, both were trustworthy, reliable and good companions. Bhakti in particular spoke excellent English. Welcome Treks can also arrange trekking permits (2000NR per person + 100NR arrangement fee).

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- 3) We stayed at the Hotel Tulsi in Pokhara negotiating 14\$ for a double room. There are certainly numerous cheaper and quieter places elsewhere in Pokhara.
- 4) On price everything is negotiable, although we did not negotiate on the trek other than at Jomsom where prices were too high.
- 5) On the Annapurna base camp trek there is no bottled water available beyond Ghandruk. We used filtered/boiled water and had no problems.
- 6) On the trek we usually birded from first light and had breakfast mid-morning, by which time most places could prepare food swiftly, thereby maximising birding time.

ITINERARY

2nd December '02. KLM flight Manchester to Amsterdam arriving 16.50hrs. Transavia flight Amsterdam to Kathmandu. Total flight cost £465pp.

3rd December '02. Arrived Kathmandu 12.30hrs, cleared airport by 13.00hrs and took a taxi direct to Hotel Tulsi at Pokhara, arriving 19.30hrs. Cost \$65 US.

4th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded hotel garden before taking breakfast at Boomerang Restaurant, 07.30hrs. Birded lakeside and Boomerang garden until 09.00hrs. Taxi to Stupa, arriving at 09.30hrs. Birded down through the forest back to Pokhara arriving at Fish Tail Lodge for lunch in the early afternoon.

Birded Fish Tail Lodge all afternoon, walking back to Hotel Tulsi for 17.00hrs.

5th December '02. Up at 06.45hrs.

Breakfast and birding at Boomerang Restaurant and lakeside 07.30 – 09.30hrs. Took taxi to N end of lake at 09.30hrs, birding lake and fields etc. Returned to Pokhara for noon taking lunch at Fish Tail Lodge, then back to Hotel Tulsi for 13.30hrs.

Taxi to Naya Pul with Bhuban, Bhakti arriving at 15.30hrs. Walked for ½ hour to Birethante (1000M) and registered at the ACAP Office for the trek.

Birded Birethante area until dusk. Stayed at Lakshmi Lodge, 800NR for a double room.

6th December '02. Up at 06.40hrs.

Birded/trekking slowly through Shauli Bazaar (breakfast stop) and up to Ghandruk (1990M) arriving at 15.00hrs. Booked into Hotel Manishi, 300NR en suite double room.

7th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded the wooded ravine below the hotel before departing at 07.45hrs.

Birded/trekking slowly through Komrong and Dhiklyo Danda to Chhomrong (2210M) arriving 15.00hrs.

Registered at the ACAP checkpoint office before booking in to Excellent View Lodge, 200NR per double room. Birded Lodge environs until dusk.

8th December '02. Up at 06.40hrs

Birded the excellent habitat around the lodge before milk tea at 07.40hrs. Departed 08.00hrs after leaving some of gear behind, including laundry, in the knowledge that we would be returning in two days time.

Birded/ trekking through Sinuwa and on to Bamboo (2310M) arriving 14.00hrs. Booked in to Bamboo Lodge 200NR per double room before birding lodge environs until dusk.

9th December '02. Up at 06.00hrs. Heard Asian Barred Owlet calling.

Birded lodge environs before breakfast at 07.15hrs, departed 07.45hrs.

Birded/trekking slowly back to Excellent View Lodge at Chhomrong, arriving at 14.45hrs. Showered, then birded lodge environs until dusk.

10th December '02. Up at 06.20hrs.

Departed 07.15hrs, birding/trekking through Ghurjung and Chiule to Tadapani (2710M) arriving at 15.30hrs.

Booked in to Grand View Lodge, 125NR per double room and met up with Allen. Birded lodge environs until dusk.

11th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs

Birded lodge environs before breakfast at 07.30hrs. Departed 08.00hrs, birding/trekking via Banthanti and Deorali Tea Rooms to Ghorapani (2835M) arriving 15.30hrs. Booked in to Himalaya View Lodge, 50NR per double room. Birded around Ghorapani until dusk.

12th December '02. Up at 06.40hrs – not much sleep – dogs barking!

Birded Ghorapani area before having breakfast at Super View Lodge.

Departed 08.00hrs, trekking back over the ridge to Deorali Tea Rooms for an early lunch, before the long walk down through the forest to Chitre (2420M) arriving 15.00hrs.

Booked in to New Dhaulagiri Lodge, 200NR en suite double. Birded lodge gardens until dusk.

13th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded/trekking via Shika to Tatopani (1100M) arriving 14.30hrs.

Booked in to Dhaulagiri Lodge, 250NR en suite double. Birded Tatopani area until 16.00hrs, then bathed in the superb Hot Springs at the rear of the lodge gardens.

14th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Rest day spent exploring and birding the habitat around Tatopani.

15th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Following breakfast at 07.00hrs, we departed at 07.30hrs and birded/trekking slowly to Ghasa (2120M) arriving at Eagle Nest Lodge at 15.00hrs, 80NR double room. Birded around Ghasa until dusk.

16th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded Ghasa area until breakfast at 08.00hrs. Departed 08.30hrs, birded/trekking to Kalopani (2530M) arriving at 13.00hrs. Booked in to Kalopani Guest House, 300NR en suite double. Birded Kalopani area all afternoon.

17th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded Kalopani area until breakfast at 07.30hrs. Departed 08.00hrs, birded/trekking to Marpha (2680M) via Tukuche, arriving at 15.00hrs. Booked in to the Hotel Trans Himalaya, 200NR en suite double. Too windy for birding so relaxed with a couple of beers.

18th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Birded Marpha area until breakfast at 08.15hrs. Departed 08.45hrs, birded/trekking via Shyang to Jomsom (2760M) arriving at noon. Booked in to the Majesty Hotel, 200NR en suite double. Birded Jomsom until 14.30hrs, by which time a strong southerly wind had picked up, making birding impossible.

19th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

Following breakfast at 07.30hrs we walked back towards Marpha and birded the walled field below the village of Shyang, only 40mins approx from Jomsom.

Returned to Jomsom at noon and birded the area around Hotel Mountain Resort. Covered some pools at the northern end of Jomsom until 14.30hrs, when the wind increased to gale force.

20th December '02. Up at 06.30hrs.

The intention was to fly back to Pokhara today but the airport there was closed all morning due to low cloud. We had to remain in the vicinity of the airport until around 11.00hrs when it was confirmed that no flights would be operating that day, (too cloudy Pokhara am, too windy Jomsom pm!)

We birded the museum area until the wind picked up. We then relocated to the Xanadu Hotel, 350NR en suite double, probably the best food and cleanest rooms in town.

21st December '02. Up at 06.00hrs.

We were on for the first flight today, hence the early rise. Flights had operated daily up to the 19th Dec '02 so we felt confident, however it was another frustrating repeat of yesterday with no flights. It was noon before the airport announced that there would be no flights and shortly after that it was too windy to bird.

We did spend an entertaining evening in the Xanadu TV lounge watching a Robert De Nero DVD, (poor quality copy), eating Yak cheese and biscuits and drinking Tuborg!

22 December '02. Up at 06.00hrs.

Yet another repeat performance at the airport. An attempt to charter a helicopter in the early afternoon failed as the airport at Pokhara remained closed. At 15.30hrs Janet and I together with Bhuban and Bhakti started the walk back to Pokhara, in order to re-confirm our homeward flight.

We got as far as Tukuche by 18.00hrs and stayed at the Sunil Guesthouse, 80NR double room.

23rd December '02. Up at 05.50hours.

Departed at first light 06.45hrs. It was a long day through Kalopani, Ghasa and on to Tatopani arriving at 16.30hrs. Little time for birding. Typically the planes operated today, flying over us at Kalopani.

We stayed once again at the Dhaulagiri Lodge in Tatopani.

24th December '02. Up at 05.30hrs.

Following porridge, we set off at 06.40hrs and after trekking along a precipitous track arrived at Galeshwor near Beni at 12.15hrs.

Had lunch at the River View Restaurant, then took a taxi to Pokhara at 13.30hrs, arriving at 16.30hrs, tired and dusty.

Met up with Allen at the Hotel Tulsi and exchanged news, before watching Man Utd v West Ham at Billy Bunters Bar.

Janet and I enjoyed an excellent Christmas Eve meal at Fish Tail Lodge.

25th December '02. Up at 07.00hrs.

Breakfast and birding at Boomerang Restaurant and lakeside, 07.30 to 09.00hrs.

Birded Fish Tail Lodge gardens and adjacent forest until noon, excellent birding.

Following lunch at Fish Tail Lodge we took a boat ride on the lake in the afternoon.

26th December '02. Up at 06.45hrs.

Breakfast and birding at Boomerang Restaurant and lakeside before taking a taxi to Sarangkot.

Birded area around summit before walking slowly back through the forest to the lake, arriving at the lakeside road close to Green Peace Lodge around 15.00hrs.

Watched Man Utd v Arsenal at B B Bar 17.00hrs. Said our goodbyes to Allen as we were heading home tomorrow.

27th December '02. Up at 05.50hrs.

Departed 06.45hrs in our taxi to Kathmandu, arriving at 12.15hrs. 4600NR.

Left luggage at Tibet Guest House and spent the afternoon in Thamel.

Had dinner at the hotel before leaving at 18.00hrs for our flight home at 21.30hrs.

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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.

1. CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* 1 by the path near Marpha on the 22nd.
2. KALIJ PHEASANT *Lophura leucomelanos* 1 in the forest at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th; 3 there on the 25th.
3. GADWALL *Anas strepera* 6 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 25th.
4. EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 6 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 5th; 20 on the 25th.
5. MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 10 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; 50 on the 25th and 26th.
6. NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata* 2 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
7. NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta* 6 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
8. COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* 10 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
9. COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina* 8 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
10. FERRUGINOUS POCHARD *Aythya nyroca* 2 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
11. TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* 12 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th and 5th; c 50 there on the 25th and 26th.
12. COMMON MERGANSER *Mergus merganser* 2 on the river below Shyang (near Jomsom) on the 19th.
13. GREY-CAPPED PYGMY WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 1 in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th; 4 between Birethane and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
14. FULVOUS-BREASTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos macei* A male in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th.
15. CRIMSON-BREASTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos cathpharius* Single males, near Ghandruk on the 7th and at Tadapani on the 10th.
16. DARJEELING WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos darjellensis* A male at Ghorapani on the 11th.
17. LESSER YELLOWNAPE *Picus chlorolophus* 1 in forest at Pokhara on the 4th.
18. GREAT BARBET *Megalaima virens* Heard most days with odd singles seen. Absent around Ghorapani and north of Ghasa.
19. WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon smyrnensis* Up to 5 daily around Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, and 25th to the 27th inc.
20. ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET *Psittacula krameri* 2 birds flew over Thamel, Kathmandu on the 27th.
21. SLATY-HEADED PARAKEET *Psittacula himalayana* Up to 10 in the forests around Pokhara on the 4th and 26th. Regular on the trek, although absent at Ghorapani and north of Ghasa, max 100+ below Chhomrong on the 8th.

22. HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET *Collocalia brevirostris* Daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara 4th, 5th, 25th to 27th inc, with 100's there on the 25th. Circa 100 seen before dusk at Ghandruk on the 6th; 20 at Chitre on the 11th; present at Tatopani on the 14th.
23. ASIAN BARRED OWLET *Glaucidium cuculoides* 1 heard at Bamboo at 06.00hrs on the 9th.
24. ROCK PIGEON *Columba livia* Daily around Pokhara and on the trek from Chitre northwards. Birds were using holes in the cliff face at Jomsom.
25. SPECKLED WOOD PIGEON *Columba hodgsonii* A flock of c 40 at Ghandruk on the 6th.
26. ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 2 near Shikha on the 13th; 1 below Sarangkot on the 26th.
27. SPOTTED DOVE *Streptopelia chinensis* 8 in fields at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th.
28. WEDGE-TAILED GREEN PIGEON *Treron sphenura* 1 near Chhomrong on the 10th.
29. WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN *Amaurornis phoenicurus* 2 Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th, 1 there on the 25th.
30. PURPLE SWAMPHEN *Porphyrio porphyrio* 3 at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th.
31. COMMON COOT *Fulica atra* c 50 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; min 100 there on the 25th and 26th.
32. GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* 3 by pools on the northern edge of Jomsom on the 19th.
33. COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* A single at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th; 5 by the river at Tatopani on the 14th.
34. BRONZE-WINGED JACANA *Metopidius indicus* 3 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; 1 there on the 25th.
35. IBISBILL *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* 2 by the river north of Kalopani on the 17th; 3 there on the return journey on the 23rd.
36. LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* 2 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 25th and 26th.
37. BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Daily around Pokhara and in transit to Kathmandu; a high of 20+ rather conservative. Not seen on the trek.
38. LAMMERGEIER *Gypaetus barbatus* Seen almost daily on the trek with 3 recorded on the 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th. Not seen at Pokhara.
39. WHITE-RUMPED VULTURE *Gyps bengalensis* 3 at Sarangkot on the 26th.
40. SLENDER-BILLED VULTURE *Gyps tenuirostris* 1 over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th.
41. HIMALAYAN GRIFFON *Gyps himalayensis* Following an adult near Ghorapani on the 11th, seen almost daily on the trek with a high of 20 between Tatopani and Ghasa on the 15th. 2 over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th.

42. EURASIAN GRIFFON *Gyps fulvus* Around Pokhara, 4 in fields on the drive to the Stupa and 6 above the Stupa on the 4th; 1 over Fish Tail Lodge, on the 25th and 6 over Sarangkot on the 26th.
- Less numerous than the previous species on the trek with a high of only 3 near Ghandruk on the 6th. 2 near Ghasa on the 15th were the only birds seen north of Ghorapani.
43. CINEREOUS VULTURE *Aegypius monachus* Singles near Ghasa on the 15th and 16th and at Shyang near Jomsom on the 19th.
44. RED-HEADED VULTURE *Sarcogyps calvus* 2 over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and again on the 25th; 1 over Sarangkot on the 26th.
45. CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE *Spilornis cheela* 1 in the forest at the rear of Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th.
46. BLACK EAGLE *Ictinaetus malayensis* 1 near Galeshor on the 24th.
47. SHIKRA *Accipiter badius* 1 perched at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th; 1 at Sarangkot on the 26th.
48. COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* Singles, on the ridge between Ghorapani and Deorali Tearooms on the 12th; over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th and at Sarangkot on the 26th.
49. GOLDEN EAGLE *Aquila chrysaetos* A juvenile over the ridge between Deorali Tearooms and Ghorapani on the 11th; an adult near Ghasa on the 15th; a juvenile near Marpha on the 17th and 2 (1 juv) at Shyang near Jomson on the 19th.
50. STEPPE EAGLE *Aquila nipalensis* Around Pokhara, a juvenile above the Stupa on the 4th; a juvenile over Fish Tail Lodge, on the 25th and 6 at Sarangkot on the 26th. On the trek, single juveniles at Ghandruk on the 6th, Bamboo on the 9th and 2 at Ghorapani on the 12th.
51. BONELLI'S EAGLE *Hieraetus fasciatus* Singles near Ghasa on the 15th and over Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th.
52. BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraetus pennatus* 1 at Sarangkot on the 26th.
53. MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE *Spizaetus nipalensis* 1 at Tadapani on the 10th.
54. COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* 1 or 2 birds on most days.
55. SAKER FALCON *Falco cherrug* 1 north of Tatopani on the 15th.
56. LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Up to 30 Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th.
57. GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* 1 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th and 26th.
58. BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* 4 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
59. GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Up to 10 Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th and 25th.
60. LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 1 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; no doubt more were amongst the Cattle Egrets.

61. INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Mesophoyx intermedia* 3 on Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th, 1 on the 26th.
62. CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Up to 300 roosting at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th. A spectacular sight each morning as the birds left their roost.
63. INDIAN POND HERON *Ardeola grayii*. Seen only at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, max 12 on the 5th and in transit to Kathmandu on the 27th.
64. BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 1 roosting at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th.
65. ORANGE BELLIED LEAFBIRD *Chloropsis hardwickii* 1 near Sinuwa on the 9th
66. LONG-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanius schach* Between 3 and 5 daily around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th and 26th; 6 on the walk from Sarangkot to Pokhara on the 26th. Singles on each of the first five days of the trek.
67. GREY-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius tephronotus* Singles at Chuile on the 10th and at Ghasa on the 15th; 2 at Kalopani on the 16th and 3 on the walk from Sarangkot to Pokhara on the 26th.
68. RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 2 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 5th; 1 there on the 25th.
69. YELLOW-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE *Urocissa flavirostris* Seen on 5 days of the trek between the 9th and the 15th, with a high of 7 near Tadapani on the 10th.
70. COMMON GREEN MAGPIE *Cissa chinensis* 1 on the climb up to Ghandruk on the 6th; 2 beyond Ghandruk on the 7th.
71. GREY TREEPIE *Dendrocitta formosae* 3 birds seen in forest behind Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th; 1 there on the 5th; 7 near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 2 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
72. SPOTTED NUTCRACKER *Nucifraga caryocatactes* 1 over Deorali Tearooms on the 12th; 5 at Ghasa on the 15th, 16th and 23rd; at least 5 at Kalopani on the 16th and 17th.
73. RED-BILLED CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* 60+ at Marpha on the 17th with similar numbers at Shyang near Jomsom on the 18th and 19th.
74. YELLOW-BILLED CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax graculus* 40+ at Shyang near Jomsom on the 19th.
75. HOUSE CROW *Corvus splendens* Common around Pokhara, absent on the trek.
76. LARGE-BILLED CROW *Corvus macrorhynchos* Seen every day with the highest count of 50+ on the trek.
77. MAROON ORIOLE *Oriolus traillii* 1 near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
78. LARGE CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina macei* A single in the forest behind Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and 5th, with 3 there on the 25th, 5 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.

79. LONG-TAILED MINIVET *Pericrocotus ethologus* On the trek, 8 between Birethane and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th, 12 near Ghandruk on the 7th, 3 between Chitre and Tatopani on the 13th and present at Tatopani on the 14th. 6 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
80. SCARLET MINIVET *Pericrocotus flammeus* 4 in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th.
81. YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL *Rhipidura hypoxantha* Up to 5 daily in the forest at Pokhara and on the lower areas of the trek 4th to the 7th inclusive; 13th to 15th inclusive, at Tatopani on the 24th and also on the 25th.
82. WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL *Rhipidura albicollis* 1 at Tatopani on the 14th.
83. BLACK DRONGO *Dicrurus macrocercus* Up to 10 around Pokhara on the 5th, 25th and 26th. A single near Birethane on the 6th was the only trek record.
84. ASHY DRONGO *Dicrurus leucophaeus* 2 near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th
85. LESSER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO *Dicrurus remifur* Singles in the forest at Pokhara on the 5th and on the trek near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
86. BROWN DIPPER *Cinclus pallasii* Present on most rivers on the trek max 6 between Birethane and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th. Not seen north of Ghasa.
87. BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* All males, 1 on the climb to Ghandruk on the 6th, 3 around Tatopani on the 14th, and 1 north of Tatopani on the 15th.
88. BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH *Myophonus caeruleus* Between 1 and 7 seen daily except north of Marpha (18th to 22nd incl) where no birds were present.
89. PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH *Zoothera mollissima* 1 on the approach to Lete on the 16th.
90. LONG-TAILED THRUSH *Zoothera dixonii* 2 together near Chitre on the 12th gave excellent close views.
91. SCALY THRUSH *Zoothera dauma* 1 seen in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th.
92. LONG-BILLED THRUSH *Zoothera monticola* Singles in the ravine below Ghandruk on the 7th; near Bamboo on the 9th and below Chhomrong on the 10th.
93. WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD *Turdus albocinctus* 2 in the forest at Sinuwa on the 9th; 6 at Tadapani on the 10th and 2 on the ridge near Ghorapani on the 12th.
94. DARK-THROATED THRUSH *Turdus ruficollis atrogularis* Following 1 near Ghorapani on the 11th, birds were seen daily, 16th to the 19th incl, max 15 at Marpha/Shyang/Jomsom on the 18th. 9 were seen between Marpha and Kalopani on the 23rd.
- T.r ruficollis* 1 bird seen well on the approach to Marpha, late on the 22nd was of the nominate “Red Throated” ss. 6 other thrushes nearby were not seen well enough for ss identification.
95. MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus* 3 at Kalopani on the 16th; 1 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.

96. RUFIOUS-GORGETED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula strophhiata* 4 in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th and between Birethane and Ghandruk on the 6th; 1 near Tatopani on the 13th and 15th.
97. RED-THROATED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva* Up to 3 daily around Pokhara (even in garden cafes) 4th, 25th and 26th; 1 near Birethane on the 6th.
98. SNOWY-BROWED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hyperythra* A male at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and 25th.
99. SLATY-BLUE FLYCATCHER *Ficedula tricolor* A male and female seen separately near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 2 males at Tatopani on the 14th and a female north of Tatopani on the 23rd.
100. GREY-HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER *Culicicapa ceylonensis* 6 in the forest at Pokhara on the 4th, 5 there on the 5th; 2 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
101. SMALL NILTAVA *Niltava macgrigoriae* A male north of Tatopani on the 15th.
102. RUFIOUS-BELLIED NILTAVA *Niltava sundara* Single females, near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th and at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th; a pair in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
103. WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING *Brachyteryx montana* A female at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th (presumably the same bird from Dec '01/March '02 trips)
104. SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* 2 males at a site near cultivated fields between the forest below Sarangkot and Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 26th.
105. BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica* A male at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th.
106. ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger cyanurus* Seen daily on the trek 8th to the 13th incl, max 7 between Chitre and Tatopani on the 13th; 5 between Ghasa and Lete on the 16th (including 2 pairs together near Ghasa) and 3 on the return journey on the 23rd.
107. GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger chrysaesus* A male near Bamboo on the 9th; another male and a female between Chhomrong and Ghurjung on the 10th.
108. WHITE-BROWED BUSHROBIN *Tarsiger indicus* A female at Kuldi on the 9th. Another female on the climb to Deorali Tearooms and 3, including a male between Deorali Tearooms and Ghorapani all on the 11th. Additional females were seen near Chitre on the 12th and before Lete on the 16th.
109. RUFIOUS-BREASTED BUSHROBIN *Tarsiger hyperythrus* A female at Ghorapani on the 11th.
110. ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN *Copsychus saularis* Up to 6 around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th to 27th incl; 3 between Birethane and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.

111. BLUE-CAPPED REDSTART *Phoenicurus coeruleocephalus* A female on the climb to Ghandruk on the 6th. Seen daily on the trek 10th to the 12th and 16th to the 18th; max 6 between Kalopani and Marpha on the 17th; 3 were below Sarangkot on the 26th.
112. HODGSON'S REDSTART *Phoenicurus hodgsoni* A female at Pokhara on the 4th; single males at Tatopani on the 14th; between Larjung and Tukuche on the 17th and at Shyang on the 18th, with a pair there on the 19th.
113. WHITE-THROATED REDSTART *Phoenicurus schisticeps* A pair on the ridge between Ghorapani and Deorali Tearooms on the 12th and between Larjung and Tukuche on the 17th; 6, including 4 males at Shyang/Jomsom on the 18th and 19th.
114. WHITE-WINGED REDSTART *Phoenicurus erythrogaster* Daily at Shyang/Jomsom 18th to the 21st incl; max 3 including 2 males on the 18th.
115. BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART *Phoenicurus frontalis* Daily on the trek 6th to the 17th incl and 23rd, 24th (not seen north of Kalopani) max 12 on the 10th between Chhomrong and Tadapani; 2 below Sarangkot on the 26th.
116. WHITE-CAPPED WATER REDSTART *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus* Almost daily on the trek 6th to the 17th incl and 23rd and 24th (not seen north of Kalopani) max 6 on the 6th, between Birethante and Shauli Bazaar.
117. PLUMBEOUS WATER REDSTART *Rhyacornis fuliginosus* Similar to previous species with max 8 on the 6th. A pair was at Fish tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th and 25th.
118. WHITE-TAILED ROBIN *Myiomela luecura* A male at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th and 25th. (presumably the same bird seen on the Dec '01/March '02 trips)
119. LITTLE FORKTAIL *Enicurus scouleri* 2 between Birethante and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 1 at Banthanti on the 11th and 3 at Tatopani on the 14th.
120. SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL *Enicurus schistaceus* 1 north of Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
121. SPOTTED FORKTAIL *Enicurus maculates* 4 between Birethante and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 1 at Bamboo on the 9th; 2 at Tatopani on the 14th and 3 at Ghasa on the 16th.
122. COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata* Daily around Pokhara 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 8 on the 5th. Seen on 4 days of the trek, max 4 between Birethante and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
123. PIED BUSHCHAT *Saxicola caprata* Daily around Pokhara 5th, 25th and 26th, max 4 on the walk from Sarangkot to Pokhara on the 26th. A female north of Shauli Bazaar on the 6th was the only bird seen on the trek.
124. GREY BUSHCHAT *Saxicola ferrea* 1 in fields at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; 8 on the walk from Sarangkot to Pokhara on the 26th. Seen on 4 days of the trek, max 3 on the 6th and the 24th.

125. COMMON MYNA *Acridotheres tristis* Daily around Pokhara and the lower areas of the trek, max 40+.
126. JUNGLE MYNA *Acridotheres fuscus* Seen daily around Pokhara, max 100+.
127. WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH *Sitta himalayensis* Seen on 4 days of the trek, max 3 on the 12th between Deorali Tearooms and Chitre.
128. VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH *Sitta frontalis* Seen in the forest at Pokhara, 3 on the 4th and 4 on the 5th. On the trek, 4 between Birethante and Ghandruk on the 6th were the only birds seen.
129. WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria* Following 1 near Shauli Bazaar on the 16th and 2 at Tatopani on the 14th, no less than 5 birds were seen between Kalopani and Marpha on the 17th and 5 between Marpha and Jomsom on the 18th. Up to 3 were seen daily around Jomsom, 19th to the 22nd incl.
On the return journey 8 more were seen on the long trek from Tukuche to Tatopani on the 23rd and 5 between Tatopani and Galeshor on the 24th.
130. EURASIAN TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris* 1 on the ridge between Deorali Tearooms and Ghorapani on the 11th and 3 at Kalopani on the 16th.
131. BAR-TAILED TREECREEPER *Certhia himalayana* 1 at Tatopani on the 14th.
132. RUSTY-FLANKED TREECREEPER *Certhia nipalensis* Singles in the forest at Sinuwa on the 9th and between Deorali Tearooms and Chitre on the 12th.
133. RUFOUS-VENTED TIT *Parus rubidiventris* Following a single at Tadapani on the 10th, 10 between Tadapani and Ghorapani on the 11th and 12 Ghorapani to Chitre (via Deorali Tearooms) on the 12th.
COAL TIT / SPOT-WINGED TIT HYBRIDS 4 birds seen in the forest between Deorali Tearooms and Chitre on the 12th, showed characteristics of “Coal-type” hybrids.
134. GREY-CRESTED TIT *Parus dichrous* 10 on the climb to Tadapani on the 10th; 10 between Tadapani and Ghorapani on the 11th and 15 Ghorapani to Chitre (via Deorali Tearooms) on the 12th. A single at Kalopani on the 16th was the only other sighting.
135. GREAT TIT *Parus major* Seen around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, and 26th; max 7 on the 4th.
136. GREEN-BACKED TIT *Parus monticolus* Seen daily on the trek, 6th to the 19th incl and on the 23rd; max 15 on the 16th.
137. BLACK-LORED TIT *Parus xanthogenys* Up to 10 at Pokhara on the 4th and 5th; 6 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th. On the trek, 5 Birethante to Shauli Bazaar on the 6th and 2 at Tatopani on the 14th.
138. YELLOW-BROWED TIT *Sylviparus modestus* Seen on 4 days of the trek, max 20 between Chhomrong and Bamboo on the 8th.

139. BLACK-THROATED TIT *Aegithalos concinnus* Seen on 6 days of the trek, max 20 between Ghasa and Kalopani on the 16th.
140. RUFIOUS-FRONTED TIT *Aegithalos iouschistos* 2 on the climb to Chhomrong on the 7th.
141. WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Seen on 8 days of the trek, max 5 between Tadapani and Ghorapani on the 11th and between Ghasa and Kalopani on the 16th.
142. PLAIN MARTIN *Riparia paludicola* Daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 100+.
143. EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Hirundo rupestris* 20 on the climb to Ghandruk on the 6th; a single on the 16th and 10 on the walk to Tatopani on the 23rd. Around 80 over Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 25th with a few still there on the 26th.
144. BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 100+.
145. RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica* Daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 30.
146. STREAK-THROATED SWALLOW *Hirundo fluvicola* 1 over Phewa Tal, Pokhara at the rear of Boomerang Restaurant on the 4th.
147. NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon nipalensis* Daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 50. Seen on 5 days of the trek, max 25 at Tatopani on the 14th.
148. HIMALAYAN BULBUL *Pycnonotus leucogenys* Seen on most days except north of Marpha, 18th to the 22nd incl, max 20.
149. RED-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus cafer* Daily around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th, 26th and 27th, max 30. Seen on the trek only between Birethante and Shauli Bazaar on the 6th.
150. BLACK BULBUL *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* Seen on the trek 6th to the 10th incl and 24th, max 50 on the 9th at Chhomrong.
151. STRIATED PRINIA *Prinia criniger* Singles on the climb to Ghandruk on the 6th and just north of Tatopani on the 15th; 2 at the summit at Sarangkot on the 26th.
152. ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* 1 at the north end of the Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th.
153. ORIENTAL WHITE-EYE *Zosterops palpebrosus* Daily in the forests around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th, max 15. Seen on the low areas of the trek, Birethante on the 6th, Tatopani on the 13th and 14th.
154. CHESTNUT-HEADED TESIA *Tesia castaneocoronata* 2 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and 25th. On the trek, 1 on the walk to Galeshor on the 24th.
155. GREY-BELLIED TESIA *Tesia cyaniventer* 1 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and 25th; 3 heard in the forest behind Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara also on the 25th.

156. COMMON TAILORBIRD *Orthotomus sutorius* Up to 5 daily around Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Seen/heard on the trek only at Birethane on the 6th and Tatopani on the 13th and 14th.
157. WHITE-BROWED TIT WARBLER *Leptopoecile sophiae* Seen at Shyang and Jomsom 18th to the 20th incl, max 6, including 2 stunning male on the 18th, probably bird of the trip.
158. ABERRANT BUSH WARBLER *Cettia flavolivacea* 2 in the forest below the Stupa at Pokhara on the 4th; 12 at Sarangkot, mainly around the summit area on the 26th. On the trek, singles at Chhomrong on the 9th and north of Tatopani on the 15th.
159. GREY-SIDED BUSH WARBLER *Cettia brunnifrons* 1 in a scrubby ditch by the main road through Pokhara on the 4th; 2 at Chhomrong on the 9th. Total of 3 at Sarangkot on the 26th, 2 at the summit and 1 on the walk back to Pokhara..
160. BLYTH'S REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus dumetorum* 1 in Boomerang Restaurant gardens on the 4th.
- Note:** Many Phylloscopus/Seicerus warblers were not identified as they moved quickly through the canopy in substantial numbers. The systematic list includes only the birds seen well enough to identify.
161. COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* 3 in scrubby fields at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; 1 at Marpha on the 18th; 5 in fields/scrub near Phewa Tal on the walk back from Sarangkot on the 26th.
162. DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 1 in a drainage channel by the main road in Pokhara on the 4th; 1 at Fish Tail Lodge on the 25th.
163. BLYTH'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus reguloides* 3 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
164. BUFF-BARRED WARBLER *Phylloscopus pulcher* 4 on the trek between Chhomrong and Tadapani on the 10th; singles on the 12th and 13th. At least 4 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
165. ASHY-THROATED WARBLER *Phylloscopus maculipennis* Almost daily on the trek 6th to the 16th, max 4; not seen north of Kalopani. At least 4 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
166. LEMON-RUMPED WARBLER *Phylloscopus chloronotus* Daily in the forest at Pokhara, max 10 on the 4th and at least 5 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th. Seen on the trek, 13th to the 16th incl, max 10 around Tatopani on the 14th.
167. HUME'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus humei* In the forest behind Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara 2 on the 5th and 3 on the 25th; at least 4 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th. Seen on only 3 days of the trek, max 2

168. YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 2 between Birethante and Ghandruk on the 6th and between Tatopani and Ghasa on the 15th.
169. WHISTLERS WARBLER *Seicercus whistleri* Between 3 and 5 daily around Pokhara, 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th. Between 3 and 6 on the trek, 6th, 10th, 14th, 15th and the 24th.
170. GREY-HOODED WARBLER *Seicercus xanthoschistos* Almost daily on the trek 6th to the 16th incl, 23rd and 24th, max 15 (not seen north of Kalopani). 3 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th and at least 4 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
171. CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER *Seicercus castaniceps* 2 at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 5th and between Ghandruk and Chhomrong on the 7th.
172. GOLCREST *Regulus regulus* On the 16th, 2 at Ghasa, 2 before Lete and 1 at Kalopani; perhaps the same bird at Kalopani on the 17th.
173. WHITE-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax albogularis* Flocks of c 40 near Ghandruk on the 7th and below Chhomrong on the 10th.
174. WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax leucolophus* 7 north of Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 7 between Tatopani and Galeshor on the 24th and 2 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
175. STRIATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax striatus* 2 at Kuldi near Bamboo on the 9th.
176. SPOTTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax ocellatus* 5 at Kuldi near Bamboo on the 9th and 6 in the forest between Deorali Tearooms and Chitre on the 12th.
177. STREAKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax lineatus* Seen almost daily on the trek, 6th to the 17th and 23rd, max 30+ (not seen north of Kalopani).
178. VARIEGATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax lineatus variegatus* At least 10 between Ghasa and Kalopani on the 16th; 4 just north of Kalopani on the 17th, with 5 here on the return journey on the 23rd.
179. BLACK-FACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax affinis* 6 between Tadapani and Banthanti on the 11th; 2 on the ridge between Ghorapani and Deorali Tearooms on the 12th and 5 just by the Tearooms also on the 12th.
180. CHESTNUT-CROWNED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax erythrocephalus* Between 3 and 8 seen on the trek on the 7th, 9th, 13th and 16th.
181. RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus erythrogegens* On the trek, seen daily 7th to the 10 incl, max 5 on the 7th between Ghandruk and Chhomrong.
182. STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* 2 near Ghandruk on the 7th and at Chhomrong on the 10th.
183. SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris* 1 outside our lodge at Chhomrong on the 9th.

184. SCALY-BREASTED WREN BABBLER *Pnoepyga albiventer* 1 seen at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th. Frequently heard on the trek but only seen on the 9th at Bamboo and at Chhomrong (2); with a single on the 10th below Chhomrong.
185. BLACK-CHINNED BABBLER *Stachyris pyrrhops* Seen almost daily on the trek, 6th to the 15th incl and on the 23rd, max c 25 on the 10th. At Sarangkot, 5 near the summit on the 26th.
186. GOLDEN BABBLER *Stachyris chrysaea* 1 in the forest near Sinuwa on the 9th.
187. SPINY BABBLER *Turdoides nipalensis* At least 2 near the summit at Sarangkot on the 26th.
188. RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX *Leiothrix lutea* A flock of 10 north of Shauli Bazaar on the 6th; 2 near Lete on the 16th, with 4 there on the return journey on the 23rd. 6 in the forest behind Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 25th.
189. BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE BABBLER *Pteruthius rufiventor* A female at Kuldi near Bamboo on the 9th.
190. GREEN SHRIKE BABBLER *Pteruthius xanthoclorus* Singles near Sinuwa on the 9th and below Chitre on the 13th.
191. HOARY-THROATED BARWING *Actinodura nipalensis* 5 in the forest between Deorali Tearooms and Chitre on the 12th.
192. CHESTNUT-TAILED MINLA *Minla strigula* 9 at Chhomrong on the 9th; c 30 between Chhomrong and Tadapani on the 10th and a single near Lete on the 16th.
193. RUFOUS-WINGED FULVETTA *Alcippe castaneiceps* 9 between Ghandruk and Chhomrong on the 7th, c 20 in the forest at Sinuwa on the 9th and c 20 below Chitre on the 13th.
194. WHITE-BROWED FULVETTA *Alcippe vinipectus* Up to 25 daily on the trek, 8th to the 13th incl and 16th and 17th.
195. WHISKERED YUHINA *Yuhina flavicollis* Up to 20 daily on the trek, 7th to the 10th incl, 15th, 16th and 24th.
196. STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA *Yuhina gularis* Seen daily on the trek, 8th to the 15th incl, max c 40 on the 9th between Bamboo and Chhomrong.
197. RUFOUS-VENTED YUHINA *Yuhina occipitalis* Between 15 and 30 daily, 8th to the 10th inclusive.
198. RUFOUS SIBIA *Heterophasia capistrata* Seen daily on the trek, 7th to the 13th incl, and on the 23rd, max 60+ below Chhomrong on the 10th.
199. PURPLE SUNBIRD *Nectarinia asiatica* A singing male in a garden restaurant, Thamel, Kathmandu on the 27th of December was a pleasant surprise.
200. GREEN-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga nipalensis* 2 near Ghandruk on the 7th; single males near Chitre on the 12th and again on the 13th.
201. BLACK-THROATED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga saturata* 3, including 2 males at Tatopani on the 14th; 2 between Tatopani and Galeshor on the 24th.

202. CRIMSON SUNBIRD *Aethopyga siparaja* A single at Fish Tail Lodge, Pokhara on the 4th and 5th; 2 there on the 25th; 2 in the forest below Sarangkot on the 26th.
203. FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga ignicauda* Singles at Chhomrong on the 8th and again on the 9th.
204. HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus* 25+ daily around Pokhara. Not seen on the trek.
205. EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* Up to 10 daily around Pokhara; daily on the trek, 6th, 7th and 15th to the 24th incl, max c 60 in the fields at Shyang near Jomsom on the 18th and 19th.
206. RUSSET SPARROW *Passer rutilans* 10 near Ghandruk on the 7th and 6 at Kalopani on the 16th.
207. WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* At least 100 daily at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th. On the trek, single figure counts at Tatopani on the 14th and 23rd and at Larjung on the 17th. Around 10 were seen on pools at the north end of Jomsom on the 19th.
208. WHITE-BROWED WAGTAIL *Motacilla madaraspatisensis* Up to 2 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th, 25th and 26th; a single at Larjung on the 17th and 2 at Jomsom on the 20th.
209. CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola* A first winter male at the rear of Boomerang Restaurant Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 4th and 25th.
210. YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* 3 at the rear of Boomerang Restaurant Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 25th.
211. GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea madaraspatisensis* Up to 6 at Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th, and 25th. On the trek, 2 at Birethante on the 6th, and 2 daily on the 14th to the 17th incl, between Tatopani and Larjung.
212. PADDYFIELD PIPIT *Anthus rufulus* Seen only at Phewa Tal, Pokhara, mainly lakeside at the rear of Boomerang Restaurant, max 4 on the 5th.
213. OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* Following 2 near Shauli Bazaar on the 6th, seen on a further 4 days of the trek, 13th to the 16th incl, max 4. 6 in the forest close to Sarangkot summit on the 26th.
214. ROSY PIPIT *Anthus roseatus* Up to 7 regularly present at the rear of Boomerang Restaurant Phewa Tal, Pokhara, on the 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th.

215. ROBIN ACCENTOR *Prunella rubeculoides* Singles in the fields below Shyang near Jomsom on the 18th and 19th and in a gully in Jomsom town on the 20th.
216. RUFIOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR *Prunella strophciata* Singles below the ACAP office at Chhomrong on the 10th and north of Ghasa on the 16th; 2 at Marpha on the 18th.
217. BROWN ACCENTOR *Prunella fulvescens* Seen daily 18th to the 21st incl, Marpha to Jomsom, max 30 on the 18th.
218. WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA *Lonchura striata* Parties of 5 north of Shauli Bazaar on the 6th and between Tatopani and Galeshor on the 24th.
219. SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA *Lonchura punctulata* A flock of 6 at the “Rubythroat” site near Pokhara on the 26th.
220. CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs* 3 at Kalopani on the 16th.
221. FIRE-FRONTED SERIN *serinus pusillus* 3 at Marpha on the 18th.
222. TWITE *Carduelis flavirostris* A flock of 10 close to Hotel Mountain Resort at Jomsom on the 20th.
223. BEAUTIFUL ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus pulcherrimus* A flock of 8 on the ridge between Deorali Tearooms and Ghorapani on the 11th, 2 there on the 12th. Seen daily 16th to the 19th incl, between Kalopani and Jomsom, max 30 at Marpha/Shyang on the 18th.
224. PINK-BROWED ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus rodochrous* At Ghandruk, 2 males on the 6th and a female on the 7th; a female near Tadapani on the 10th and 2 females on the ridge between Ghorapani and Deorali Tearooms on the 12th.
225. SPOT-WINGED ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus rodopeplus* At Chhomrong, 3 males on the 8th with single females there on the 9th and 10th; a female at Ghorapani on the 12th.
226. WHITE-BROWED ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus thura* A male between Shyang and Marpha on the 22nd.
227. STREAKED ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus rubicilloides* In the fields below Shyang, near Jomsom, 7, including 2 males on the 18th; 3 there on the 19th.
228. CRIMSON-BROWED ROSEFINCH *Propyrrhula subhimachala* 3 at Tadapani on the 11th.
229. RED-HEADED BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula erythrocephala* 3 at Tadapani and at Ghorapani on the 11th; 4 at Ghorapani on the 12th.
230. CRESTED BUNTING *Melophus lathamii* At least 10 at the “Rubythroat” site, near Pokhara on the 26th.
231. PINE BUNTING *Emberiza leucocephalos* 10 in the fields below Shyang, near Jomsom on the 17th.
232. ROCK BUNTING *Emberiza cia* Following 3 at Tatopani on the 15th, around 30 seen daily, 16th to the 19th incl and 22nd and 23rd (Ghasa to Shyang).

233. YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza aureola* 2 at the north end of Phewa Tal, Pokhara on the 5th; at least 40 at the “Rubythroat” site near Pokhara on the 26th.

