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For almost a whole year we, a group of Swedes, were planning a trip to Nepal. In the beginning of the year 2011 the plans were actually taking form through correspondence with our friend in Nepal, Ramesh Chaudhary. The booking of the flight tickets were arranged during the early autumn and before the four of us could know it we were off on a magic trip to the land of yaks and yetis!

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General information

Literature

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Itinerary

19/11: Arrival in Kathmandu and drive to Pokhara. Overnight at Nanohana Lodge.
20/11: A whole day in Pokhara for birding. Overnight at Nanohana Lodge.
21-30/11: Ten day trek in the Annapurna Conservation Area, staying overnight in local lodges.
21/11: Fly to Jomsom and trek to Kagbeni.
22/11: Trek to Muktinath.
23/11: Hike to Thorong La Phedi and drive to Ghasa.
24/11: Whole day in Ghasa and birding around Black Forest.
25/11: Trek to Tatopani.
26/11: Trek to Sikha.
27/11: Trek to Ghorepani.
28/11: Morning hike to Poon Hill and trek to Ulleri.
29/11: Trek to Birethanti.
30/11: Morning in Birethanti, trek to Nayapul. Drive through Pokhara to Kathmandu. Overnight at Cosmic Hotel.
1/12: Birding in the Botanical Gardens and around the Bagmati River. Overnight in Cosmic Hotel.

2/12: Fly to Koshi and transfer to Koshi Camp in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. Evening birding.
 3/12: Birding in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. Boat trip downstream the river.
 4/12: Birding in and around Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. Birding in the easternmost part of Koshi for Indian Courser, larks and pipits and the westernmost parts to the Koshi Barrage, in search of Ganges River Dolphin and seabirds.
 5/12: Drive to Chitwan National Park. Overnight at Chitwan Safari.
 6/12: Whole day walk through the park to Ghatagain. Overnight in Ghatagain.
 7/12: Birding in and around Sauraha, including Bis Hajar Tal.
 8/12: Drive to Chitwan Jungle Lodge deep inside NP. Elephant-safari. Overnight.
 9/12: Birding in Churia hills. Overnight in Chitwan Jungle Lodge.
 10/11: Drive to Kathmandu. Overnight in Cosmic Hotel.
 11/12: Whole day birding at Phulchowki, then drive to the airport for our flight back home!

19th November, Tired but excited

So the first part of the trip didn't begin as planned. Due to dense fog in Kathmandu our connecting flight from Bahrain was delayed by ten hours and we arrived at 12:30 local time! Although tired, we were also very stoked and excited when finally arriving to Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, though a seven hour transport-drive to Pokhara waited... Fresh out of the airport one of the first birds

we saw, except all the House Crows and Black Kites, was to be a Long-tailed Shrike of the subspecies *tricolor*. What a beauty! Just a good start to a good trip!

Since the first part of our trip was going to be all about trekking in the Annapurna Conservation Area we had to leave some luggage at our guide Ramesh's house before leaving to Pokhara. We changed clothing, got our trekking permits and flight tickets that were pre-booked by Ramesh (who, at



the time of our arrival in Nepal, were heading for Everest Base Camp). One hour later we were ready to go!

After arriving in Pokhara well after dark, we settled in Nanohana Lodge, it was time to get some rest. Unfortunately this day didn't offer too much birding, we were mainly just sitting on our asses during the seven hour bumpy drive from Kathmandu.

20th November, First morning

Our first whole day in Nepal started half an hour before sunrise, about 6 o'clock.

Still dark and misty we decided to just feel the ambience, listening to the birds calling around us. When the light started to appear we went to the park situated just by the lake, a few minutes walk from the lodge. The first morning is always magical when birding in a new country, even though several familiar birds were calling around us. This park offered us a good slow start. Olive-backed Pipits, Paddyfield Pipits, Hume's Leaf-warblers, Crimson Sunbird, Oriental White-eyes, Blue-throated Barbets,

Asian Koel, Hodgson's redstart, Grey-backed Shrike, Herons of different kinds and many more. The only spot during the trip where we saw Brahminy Starling and House Swift was in Pokhara as well! But the best find during the morning was a female Great Scaup swimming in the lake. A real rarity in Nepal, with this maybe being the third record!

After the morning walk, we decided it was time to have some breakfast, before meeting up with local guide Hari KC. A well deserved breakfast later we headed to Hari's quarters at the Fishtail Lodge across the lake. He soon showed some spots around the lodge that were of interest. Local goodies were as follows; Chestnut-headed Tesia, Grey-bellied Tesia, our first Whistler's and Golden-spectacled Warblers, Small Niltava, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Pygmy Wren-babbler and many more. But the keystone species at this site was the White-browed Shortwing, which Hari gladly showed us! We noted that a few larger raptors had started soaring, including a nice Indian Spotted Eagle!



Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* in Pokhara 20th Nov

A short canoe trip on the lake Phewa Thal was next. It gave good opportunities to have close views of the birds, likewise, good photo-opportunities.

Lake Phewa Thal, Pokhara



We saw our first Black-backed Forktail, Common Green Magpie, Little Grebes, etc. This was followed by a walk to the World Peace Pagoda. Along the path we saw several species of raptors soaring: Eurasian Griffon, Himalayan Griffon, White-rumped Vulture, Red-headed Vulture, Steppe Eagle, Greater Spotted Eagle and our first Shikra for the trip.

On the way to the forests around the Pagoda we saw Spotted Owlet, Asian Barred Owlet, White-rumped Munia, Blue Whistling Thrush, Bronzed Drongo.

The forests offered lots and lots of birds. Different species of warblers were feeding in the canopy; Lemon-rumped, Yellow-browed, Hume's, Greenish, and many more. Several tits, a couple of Orange-bellied Leafbirds, Lesser Yellownape, Grey-headed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Fantail were new here. A late lunch was due, so we headed to the closest restaurant, and had a

feast! Next stop were assigned for the Barn Owl, but we would fail utterly. The building that they roosted in had been renovated so that the owls couldn't enter anymore. We paid Hari, said goodbye, and took a stroll along the lakeside. There were lots of herons moving to their roosting-place, as well as



Boats, Lake Phewa Thal

lots of wagtails along the shoreline. White wagtails of the subspecies; *personata*, *leucopsis*, *alboides* accompanied by a White-browed Wagtail. A few Night-herons took flight in the last light. A long first day had come to its end.

21st November, Bumpy flight

We woke up as early as the day before, just to get to the airport in time for the morning flight to Jomsom. Since the monsoon was late this year, the weather had been extremely humid late in season. Thus, fog was far more abundant than usual. This worried us a bit, since flights could be cancelled. So we were holding our fingers



White wagtails *Motacilla alba* (ssp. *leucopsis*, left, and ssp. *alboides*, right) and a White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla madaraspatensis* (middle), Lake Phewa Thal, Pokhara

crossed...Unfortunately our flight was delayed with a couple of hours, so we did our best of the situation and headed to the rooftop restaurant. We saw our first Golden Jackals, as well as a couple of Coppersmith Barbets, one Citrine Wagtail, a few Grey Bushchats, a few Siberian Stonechats and a few Black Drongos. But only a few of these were new for the trip.

After a couple of hours wait in fog, the airport finally announced that everything was good to go. When we saw our airplane we got a bit chocked. The airplane was an old rusty piece of...reminding us very much of the minivans in Nepal... After a very shaky and noisy (the engine sometimes made a coughing sound) ride with spectacular mountain views we landed in Jomsom at 2,743 m.a.s.l.

After arranging with all the trekking permits at Jomsom airport we did some strolling around the town. We started off with some birding just southwest of the airport, seeing our first Alpine Choughs, Green-backed tits, and Western Rock Buntings, not to speak of a few Golden Eagles and a couple of the

amazingly beautiful Lammergeiers. The atmosphere was just perfect. Crystal clear sky and surrounded by arid landscapes.



Along the path Jomsom - Kagbeni

We ate lunch at a local restaurant which allegedly served the tenderest Yak-meat around here, which we later could confirm by tasting Yak-meat at other restaurants along the way. After a nice lunch we started our trek towards Kagbeni. Stoked as ever! Amazed by the sceneries we walked until we just had to stop - we heard some calls we couldn't identify. Seeing a large flock of Red-fronted Serins and a few Winter Wrens of the Himalayan subspecies (very dark



Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*, Muktinath 23rd Nov

birds) we got distracted. But the call we heard was something else. Suddenly a couple of White-browed Tit-warblers (see front page of this report) jumped up in the scrub! A dream species for us, jackpot! We continued our walk along the pebble-filled riverbed. A few Wallcreepers showed themselves along the way, as did a few Brown Accentors in the shrubbery. When getting closer to Kagbeni we found



Raul scanning for Accentors

one Gldenstadts Redstart/White-winged Redstart and at least one female Pine Bunting. We had imagined raptors soaring the skies during the whole walk, but strangely enough raptors were only seen around the mountains at Jomsom.

Kagbeni was a very picturesque village, almost reminding us of the Hobbit village in Lord of the Rings. We checked in, drank a well deserved beer, had supper and slept, enthralled by the beauty around us.

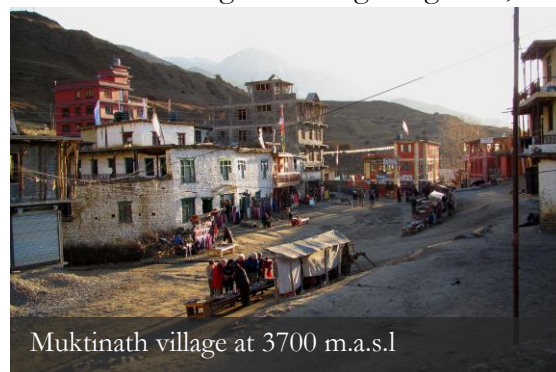
22nd November, Altitude awereness

Gran didn't feel to well during the night. Yesterday he lost his appetite during supper, so we knew that something wasn't right. Headache, loss of appetite, vomiting and belly-problems were all symptoms of AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness). We all decided it was for the best if Gran would stay in Kagbeni until the following day when we would hook up with him during our way down. So Mrten, Tobias and I continued our walk to higher grounds. Next stop Muktinath.

The walk was arduos but finally we closed in on Muktinath. A short lunchbreak in Jharkot turned out to be productive birding-wise. By experience we knew that it takes time for the lunch being served so we decided to do a walk around the paddyfields and gardens. Lammergeiers passed by overhead, whilst Brown Accentors, a couple of Black-throated Accentors, White-browed Tit-warblers, Streaked Rosefinches, Beautiful Rosefinches were about. We dispersed and I noticed that on the patch I was standing there was lots of activity. Variegated Laughing-thrushes, Rufous-backed Redstart, more rosefinches and one Red-throated Thrush were seen. The lunch was ready though, so we would have to continue later. The lunch was by far one of the best during the trip! We payed and continued our birding in the nearby surroundings. Soon we relocated the redstart, the thrushes and other birds as well, including a male Gldenstadts Redstart, a huge flock of a couple of hundred Plain Mountain-finches, Chukars, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, White-throated Redstart and the very abundant Tree Sparrows. I got a glimpse of a Moupins Pika at the same spot, moving from scrub to scrub.

We continued our walk and had only a few birds on the way, including one Goshawk and one Grey-backed Shrike.

At Muktinath we payed a visit to the checkpoint showing our permits, and then we checked in a lodge. It was getting dark, but



Muktinath village at 3700 m.a.s.l

Mrten and I decided to take a short walk. Blue-capped Redstart, Robin Accentor (the only bird of the trip) and White-throated Redstart were the best we could do. Supper

and sleep was due. But it would be a hard task to get a good night sleep in the rock-hard beds and cold rooms. We heard some Jackals calling intensively just outside our building, which were suddenly interrupted by a barking dog (sounded very frightened). The dog continued to bark every now and then for several hours during the night. Mårten and I had faint headache reminding us of the height.

23rd November, Ain't no mountain high enough

Yesterday we had arranged (or so we thought) that the breakfast would be served half an hour before sunrise. But, instead the breakfast was delayed by at least one hour. Our plan being that we would trek to Thorung Phedi for some birding, since the first hours after sunrise are the best to see Accentors, Grandalas and Snowcocks. Now, however, we had to manage with what we got. So we took the rather late walk, whilst I still had a faint headache. The area around the temples had a few birds to offer on the walk up. Red-fronted Serins, Black-

throated and Red-throated Thrush, Winter Wren, Gldenstadts Redstart, White-throated Redstart, two Green Sandpipers and a few more. Also a Mountain Weasel rapidly moving about in the dead leaves on the ground.

We continued up to the Phedi. A flock of Snow Pigeons and a single Hill Pigeon made us stop a bit, before we continued. We scanned the mountain-sides during the whole walk, for Snow Leopards, Snowcocks and other animals. The only thing we could find were some Blue Sheep jumping up and down the steep cliffs.

At the Phedi, Tobias and Mårten decided to go to the upper parts above the "village" while I stayed for a cup of tea in the sun, enjoying the moment. Our first Cinereous Vulture for the trip flew over as well as a couple of Lammergeiers. Suddenly Mårten runs down and shouts following: "SNOWCOCK!!"

I made haste to the spot where Tobias was standing and we saw three birds feeding on the cliffs. Himalayan Snowcock, a good species! Supposedly the Tibetan Snowcock is



Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris* (to the right) together with Snow pigeons *Columba leuconota* at Thorung Phedi

more common. Even though very few birds habited the area the walk was worthwhile!



We had now reached the highest elevation of the trip, around 4300 m.a.s.l.

On the walk back we decided to search for Solitary Snipe in the streams around the temples.

After one hours search we found one bird, skulking between some rocks beside the flowing water!

We decided we needed to get a move to not ruin our schedule. Mårten and Tobias went another route to the hotel, searching for the Robin Accentor and the Blue-capped Redstart. A flock of 20 Altai Accentors were found instead. We checked out and hired the



only jeep available in Muktinath at the moment. Göran would meet us up along the way, which he did and we happily picked him up. When arriving to Jomsom we started conversating with a man named Bikram, who was studying the Snow Leopards in Annapurna Conservation Area. Just 15 days prior to our visit in Muktinath, he had seen a Snow Leopard, just above the temples! He showed us amazing photos of the beautiful creature! We were in hurry, so

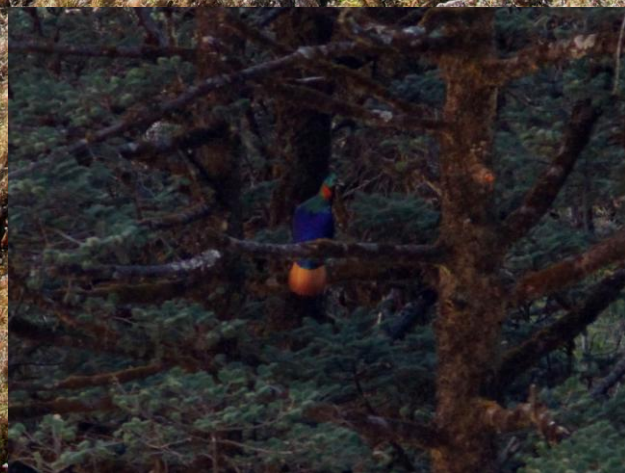
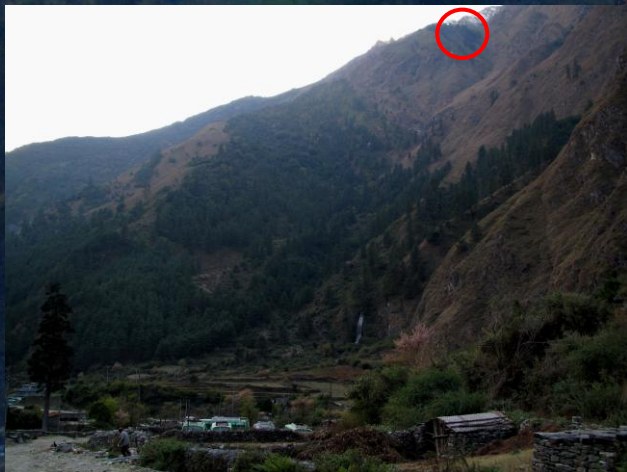
we had to rush and take the last bus to Ghasa that would depart in just a couple of minutes. Barely made it - and the ride was just pure agony. The road would be the worst during the whole trip! Actually I'm surprised that the bus got there in one piece, even though some seats broke along the way.

Arriving after dusk, we checked in at a lodge and arranged things for next morning. Since we'd arrived late we had no idea of what to expect about the following mornings walk. The plan was however to look for pheasants along the steep hills closeby. Black Forest, here we come!

24th November, Survivors

Early, dark and a chilly start, our walk to Black Forest seemed at first like a piece of cake, walking through rich and beautiful forests on the way up. But soon we realised that it wouldn't be an easy task, in fact it turned out to be one of our toughest so far in our lives. This part of the trip was no walk in the park, and we wouldn't recommend it to the faint-hearted or those with acrophobia (fear of heights). There was no turning back since the only way to really find the way up to and down from Black Forest is with a well experienced guide. And there was no way stopping our guide, despite his old age. We stopped several times, trying to figure out how close we were but due to language difficulties (our guide didn't knew a word of english), we just had to keep guessing.

Lots of calls from unidentifiable birds during the walk was annoying, mainly because of the bad light (still pretty shady light). One probable White-collared Blackbird, Grey-winged Blackbird and Yellow-billed Blue Magpie were the most annoying ones that we only got short glimpses of while flying by. Mårten found a White-browed Fulvetta, a first for the trip. Other species such as Brown Bullfinches and Yellow-breasted Greenfinches showed themselves.



Raul and Göran climbing the steep hills down from Black forest in Ghasa.
 Top left: Black forest in red circle. Top right: Himalayan Griffon *Gyps Himalayensis*
 Bottom left and right: Himalayan Monals *Lophophorus impejanus*

After almost six hours of dangerous and arduous walk (around 1000 meters ascent) up the very steep hills we finally reached the forest. A lunch-break was well deserved, amongst Kinglets, Eurasian Treecreepers, Grey-crested Tits, Rufous-vented Tits, Coal Tits, Blue-capped Redstarts, Nutcrackers, etc. Even one Nepal Wren-babbler sang from the forest! Overhead many vultures soared the skies, as well as other raptors, including a few Steppe Eagles, one Greater Spotted Eagle, Hen Harrier, Golden Eagles and a few more. Countless Crag Martins flew about, amongst these we found two Asian House Martins! But our main goal was the pheasants. So we continued our walk, but now downhill, trying to flush them. Suddenly a Himalayan Monal took flight, a stunning male. And another! And another! We were also able to enjoy the mystical call of this beautiful species, echoing from the Black forest. During our walk down, along the grassridden hills and cliffsides, we flushed 14 Monals! "Sadly" enough, that was the only pheasant that this adventure walk offered us. To this day we don't know if it was worth it...

25th November, Walk the line

This morning we took a well deserved chill at the lodge, birding from the roof. Our first Black-throated Tits, Himalayan Bulbuls, one nice flock Snow Pigeons, two Russet Sparrows and one Hodgson's Redstart were of main interest. Our thighs, calves and feet were aching from our walk down from the forest. However, we had no choice but to continue towards Tatopani and the hot springs (Tatopani meaning "hot waters" in Nepalese).

The trek to Tatopani had several birds to offer. Wallcreepers, Plumbeous Water Redstart, White-capped Water Redstart, Altai Accentors, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babblers, Streaked Laughingthrush, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Nepal Wren-babbler, Rufous Sibia, Stripe-throated Yuhina, Pink-browed Rosefinch, Fire-tailed Sunbird and many Grey-hooded Warblers (maybe the most common bird during the following days of the trek?).



Himalayan Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys* in Ghasa

The walk was long, much longer than we first thought it would be, and our legs cried for rest. We walked and walked. Even in the dark after the sunset. Finally we arrived to this small mountain village full of trekkers. Tired though we were we checked into a lodge, ordered supper, and started socializing with a group from Germany. A nice evening with several beers as well as locally brewed apple-wine. Well deserved of course!

26th November, Hot bath

The first thing we did in the early morning was taking a plunge into the hot springs, letting all the muscles to loosen up a bit. Aaaah, and how nice it was!

Breakfast awaited. Aaaah, and how nice that was too! The birding around Tatopani was nice as well! Little Forktail, Black-throated Sunbird, lots of Nepal House Martins, two Bonelli's Eagles, etc. Yesterday the Germans told us that the walk to Ghorepani would be longer than the walk we had done the other day, which was unthinkable for us. We

decided that Sikha would be a good resting spot. Sikha next!

The first part of the walk was hard, but the forest surrounding was just spectacular offering good birding as well. Speckled Piculet, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, several species of warblers, including Ashy-throated and Black-faced Warbler, Scarlet and Grey-chinned Minivet, Velvet-fronted, Chestnut-bellied and White-tailed Nuthatch and



Striated Prinia beeing the best birds. When closing in on Sikha we had a few bird parties with many new bird species. Oriental Turtle Dove, Smoky Warbler, Dark-Breasted Rosefinch, Common Rosefinch, Pink-



White-capped Water Redstart *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*

browed Rosefinch, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Brown-throated Treecreeper, Blue-fronted Redstart and many more! A few Scaly-breasted Wren-babblers sang in Sikha. After a heavy supper with lots of food it was time to hit the bed.

27th November, Bird Party!

The walk towards Ghorepani was next. Almost during the whole remaining part of the trek we were surrounded by broadleaved



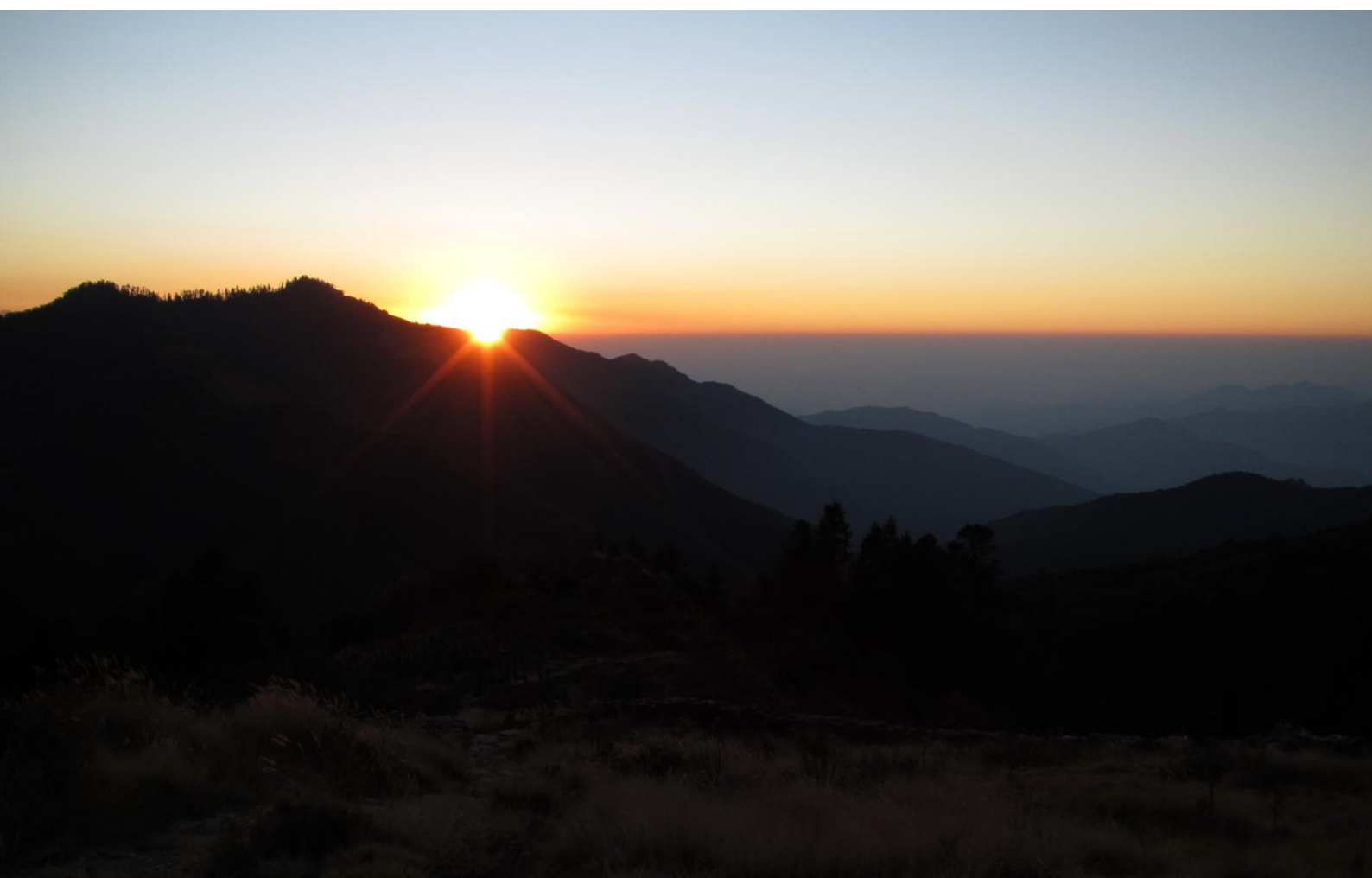
forests (and some terraces of course). A long walk later, with lots of new species in many bird parties, we arrived to Ghorepani, and we quickly checked in and got into the

chillin' mode.

Some new species we saw this day were; Buff-barred Warbler, Yellow-browed Tit, Hill Blue Flycatcher (rare), Orange-flanked Bush-robin, Black Bulbul, Hoary-throated Barwing, Great Barbet, Black Eagle, Eurasian Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, White-browed Shrike-babbler and Whiskered Yuhina. A good day of birding, even though our thighs still hadn't recovered completely from Black Forest and mentally...Don't go there!

28th November, To the top

Early start an hour before sunrise, moving on up to Poon Hill, 3210 m.a.s.l! A 30 minute walk later and we were the first to arrive, yeah! Apparently, our bodies had adapted quite well to the elevation (i.e thin air) at this moment. But soon the whole place would be infested by trekkers-coughing, spitting, sneezin, and utter other very unattractive sounds. But it didn't matter. The sunrise and the views were as impressive and beautiful as ever! We took a stroll around the hill as well, finding a few



Sunrise at Poon Hill (3210 m.a.s.l), Ghorapani 28th Nov

White-browed Fulvetta, Dark-breasted Rosefinches and one Nutcracker was heard. But nothing too fancy, so we decided to take it easy on a nearby hill and scan the area with the telescopes. Soon we found several good species; Black-and-yellow Grosbeak, Red-spectacled Finch, Blanford's Rosefinch and a flock of European Goldfinches. Nice!



Dhaulagiri I (8167 m.a.s.l)

The walk down was nice and we found a flock of Crimson-browed Finches in the shrubs by our hotel. We had our breakfast outside whilst scanning the area, finding one Chaffinch and one probable Spot-winged Rosefinch! Seems like the Ghorepani-area is finch-ridden!

Next stop would be Ulleri, a good place for babblers, bush-robins etc.

We started our walk down and after a while we reached upper parts of Ulleri, checking into a lodge and started birding around.



Foggy birding in Ulleri 28th Nov

Unfortunately dense fog had arrived, which made it much harder to do the birding. But we managed fairly well.

Rusty-flanked Treecreeper, Green Shrike-babbler, Chestnut-tailed Minla, calling Grey-sided Laughingthrushes, one Wood Pigeon, one White-browed Bush-robin and one Hill Partridge were a few good species seen! Well

worthwhile.

After dinner we hit the sack. Tobias, however, who strangely lost his sleeping bag in the streets of Tatopani, had to rely on borrowed blankets for the rest of the trip.

29th November, Stairs

We did some birding around the premisses before heading towards Birethanti.

Yellow-billed Blue Magpies, a few Orange-flanked Bush-robins, White-throated Laughingthrushes as well as a few other birds were seen. Dense fog inhibited our birding and the bird activity very much, though. We started our long walk to Birethanti birding along the way. We soon got to the never-ending stone steps at Tikhedhunga. Walk, walk, walk, walk- all in all more than 3400 stone steps (higher, wider and skewer than stairs in general, but regardless an impressive handy-work). Not so much birding on the way down, but we didn't note any activity at all. The forested areas around Ulleri, however, had some birds to offer, including a new Rufous-vented Yuhina, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Green-tailed Sunbird and a few others.

After the long trek down the stone stairs the path would be much more plane, and way easier to walk. The track would follow a riverstream with lush forest, giving good opportunities to birdwatch along the way.



Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii*

Here we saw all forktails (Black-backed, Little, Spotted and Slaty-backed), Brown Dippers (many), Crested Kingfisher (a few), many Water Redstarts and Scaly-breasted Wren-babblers calling as well as a few Pygmy. We also had brief views of two

Streaked Laughinthrushes and one Aberrant Bush Warbler. The sky was sometimes full of Nepal House Martins feeding. The last night of the trek awaited, so of course we had to feast and drink! A lukewarm shower was also well deserved.

30th November, Down to earth

We started the morning with a heavy breakfast and a walk around the other side



Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

of the river. Although we only had a little time to spend on birding because of the car waiting in Nayapul we did the best of the situation. Scarlet Minivets, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpeckers, Little Pied Flycatcher,

Pygmy and Scaly-breasted Wren-babblers, Black-chinned Babbler, Striated Prinia, Black-throated and Green-tailed Sunbirds as well as many others. We did our last walk to the meeting place of our driver watching many beautiful butterflies along the way.

We met up with our driver and soon we were off again, trekking was over! The only thing of interest seen from the car was Egyptian Vultures, Red-headed Vultures and a new species for the trip, Common Kingfisher only seen by Göran. We were in a hurry. Before sunset we had to get to Belkhu for a chance to see Ibisbills! And we arrived in perfect time. Shortly after arriving Mårten spotted three birds feeding together on the riverbed!!! Stunning!

Also lots and lots of Plain Martins were feeding along the water.

Finally we arrived to Kathmandu, after a long trip including a two hour stop due to a traffic incident, and went to our hotel. We met up with Ramesh for the first time on our visit. We made plans for the next day, took parting and made ourselves at home.



Whilst the others of the group were out eating and exploring the surrounding quarters in Thamel, I heard a Barn Owl screeching by the hotel.

1st December, The doors to Kathmandu

Since every day has started early, we didn't feel any need to change the routine.

We went by cabs (Tobias and Görans driver went lost in outskirts of Kathmandu for some twenty minutes, but soon they arrived and we could start birding) to the Godavari Botanical Gardens, and walked around there during the morning. Due to muggers in the Phulchowki area, unfortunately we couldn't move freely up to higher grounds. Even so, the birding was amazing. Many new birds were observed, the best being; Scaly Thrush, Large Niltava (only seen by Tobias), Grey-throated Babbler, Mountain Bulbul, White-bellied Yuhina, Red-billed Leothrix, Nepal Fulvetta, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Blue-winged Minla, Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo and others. Chestnut-headed and Grey-bellied Tesia were very common as well as Black

Drongo, Pygmy Wren-babbler and several warblers. We also spotted a White-browed Shortwing, another good species for the Kathmandu area.

The evening was spent around the Bagmati River. This is a good spot for raptors, waders and ducks. We spotted several Steppe Eagles, a few Greater Spotted Eagles and one Indian Spotted Eagle, Booted Eagles, Long-legged Buzzards and other raptors. The pond by the river was full of Mallards, Wigeons, Teals, two Shovelers and a few Gadwalls. Surprisingly the river itself, smelly and littered as it was, hosted lots of birds. Grey-headed Lapwings, Northern Lapwings, River Lapwing, Greenshanks, Little Ringed Plovers, Temminck's Stints, Hodgson's Redstart and other birds.

The bird of the day was a splendid Long-billed Plover spotted by Tobias feeding by the river, together with other waders! A good find in the Kathmandu area. A nice and long day was ended with a good supper in Kathmandu accompanied by a local band playing covers of The Doors!



Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophilata*, Godavari Botanical Gardens 1st Dec

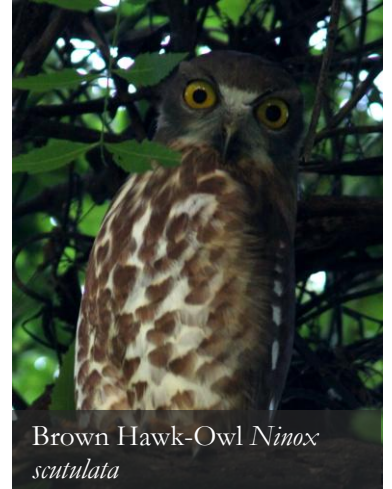
2nd December, New lands

We started the day by going to Ramesh house to have a nice breakfast together with his beloved family. Next stop would be the airport for a flight to Biratnagar. One of the best observations of the day would be from the flight- a world tick called Sagarmatha (i.e Mount Everest)!

We arrived at Biratnagar in the late morning. Biratnagar being situated in the lowland offered many new birds and it almost felt like arriving to a new country. Asian Pied and Chestnut-tailed Starling, Brown Shrike, Lineated Barbet and Indian Rollers were a few new birds spotted by the airport! The driver from Koshi Camp and a guide met up with us and we started our drive to Koshi Tappu! Along the road we saw several new species; Asian Palm Swift, Bank Myna (rare nowadays in Nepal, and the only observation of the trip!), Asian Openbill, Purple Sunbird and few others! We arrived at Koshi Camp and the mood was just unbelievable. The calm, nice surroundings felt like a perfect home.

Before lunch we took a walk in the surroundings. Rubythroats calling here and there, Common Ioras, Verditer Flycatcher, Scaly Thrush, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker in the trees, several raptors flying overhead, including Crested Serpent Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Crested Honey-buzzard, Black Eagle and many Vultures...Nice! The ponds were full of Lesser Whistling Ducks, Bronze-winged Jacanas and Moorhens!

After a nice lunch we took a long evening walk in the reserve. We saw lots of new birds in the evergreen forests. Among others to be mentioned Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Thick-billed Warbler, Greater Coucal, Spangled Drongo, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Spot-winged Starling, Black-hooded Oriole, Northern Wryneck, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Brown Hawk-owl, Blue-



Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus* and Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*, Koshi Tappu



bearded Bee-eater, Jungle Owlet and Brown Fish-owl!

A long day had come to its end, and the three-course supper tasted superb. The crew now consisting of us, Ramesh, Anis and Badri and the chef were just very happy! A social evening with a few beers ended a perfect day.

3rd December, A dream come true

This day a boat trip was arranged along the river. Before heading to the boat we aimed at seeing Ashy Minivets. The first discovery in Nepal was made 2009. We got the chance too see a group of at least eight birds feeding together with Scarlet Minivets! We got the first pictures of the species for Nepal, and this was only the second record for the country! What a good way to start a day! Also being a new species for Ramesh, so we were in a really good mood now.

We started off the boat trip with Swamp Francolins. Koshi being one of the few places in Nepal where you have a fair chance



to see this elusive species! Floating along the river offered good chances too see “water-birds” close, also giving good chances to take photos of them as well. One of our main goals was to see the endemic subspecies (potential split) of the Rufous-vented Prinia, called the Nepal Rufous-vented Prinia.

We got to the spot where they are easiest to see, and just fifteen minutes later we saw a few of them, together with Plain Prinia, Jungle Prinia, Graceful Prinia, Bright-headed Cisticola and Striated Babblers. Also a few White-tailed Stonechats inhabit the area. Check!



Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

We headed on aiming to see other good birds. And we did! Pallas's Gull, River Tern, a huge flock of Lesser Kestrels, Alpine Swifts, Short-toed Eagles, Greater Spotted Eagles, many vultures, White-eyed Buzzards flying over. Sand Larks, Ruddy Shelducks were very abundant as well as a few Striated Herons, Great White Egrets, Black Storks, Pied Kingfishers and the list goes on. We spotted a Little Bunting along the shore, several 'ssp. tristis' Chiffchaffs, Brown Cracks, two Great Thick-knees and few other birds.

Also we spotted the first Spot-billed Ducks and Great Crested Grebes for the season in Koshi.

After a long but nice ride we took a short stroll before getting on the move to the main passage of harriers to their roosting-grounds. Our hope was to see the beautiful Pied Harrier. The stroll offered Richard's Pipit, Eastern Imperial Eagle, Zitting Cisticola, Pallas's Fish Eagle and other birds. Patiently we waited for Göran's biggest dream species to show itself.

After a short while at the spot we soon found a female approaching us giving nice views! Now we just needed to see a male! So we waited and waited, whilst several Short-toed Eagles passed overhead. Another two female Pied Harriers...then a male, but far

way in the distance...not the dream view really! After another fifteen minutes finally it came flying.



Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*

Perfect distance. A stunning male! Life was good!

4th December, River dolphins

The plan for today was to do the birding in the eastern parts of Koshi at the arid steppe-like habitat. Perfect spot for Bay-backed Shrike, Indian Courser, Variable Wheatear, Hume's Short-toed Lark, Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark, Oriental Skylark, Rufous-winged Bushlark, Crested Bunting, Lesser Coucal, Black Francolin and many others. But we also managed to spot two Dunlins, Crane, Pacific Golden Plover, Indian Thick-knee, Redshank, Tawny Pipit and a few Woolly-necked Storks.



Ruddy Shelducks *Tadorna ferruginea* roosting in the river system of Koshi Tappu

After a morning of birding we headed for the Koshi Barrage, but we would make a few stops along the way. Striated Grassbird, Paddyfield Warbler, Purple Gallinule, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Lesser Adjutant, Black Ibis, Black-headed Ibis to name a few. A Stork-billed Kingfisher sitting next to a Pied on a power line gave great possibilities for size comparison- what a heavyweight!

After quite a few stops we arrived to the barrage. It didn't take long before we spotted a few Ganges River Dolphins! Also many Kentish Plovers, a few Temminck's and one Little Stint were seen. We also spotted a Heuglin's Gull by the barrage. A perfect evening was ended.

5th December, Djungle dreams

We spent the morning birding around the "block". Not seeing anything new really, only enjoying views of Rubythroats and Thick-billed Warblers. At about 10 o'clock we jumped into the minibus and headed towards Chitwan!

A long drive later with only a few new species in Baya Weavers, Crested Tree-swifts and Yellow-legged Green Pigeons, we arrived to our hotel. It was already dark so we decided to have supper with Ramesh and friends at their restaurant. The food was just amazing. It was one of the best meals during our trip. We hit the sack later on and dreamt about Tigers.

6th December, Rhino river

Our walk into the park towards Ghatagain started early in the foggy Sauraha. The walk would take almost a whole day. And it was truly long, but not really tiring.

We passed large areas of Elephant-grass which we knew was inhabited by Tigers, Elephants, Rhinos and other dangerous beasts. Not long after entering another group had seen two Elephants not far from us, unfortunately we missed them!

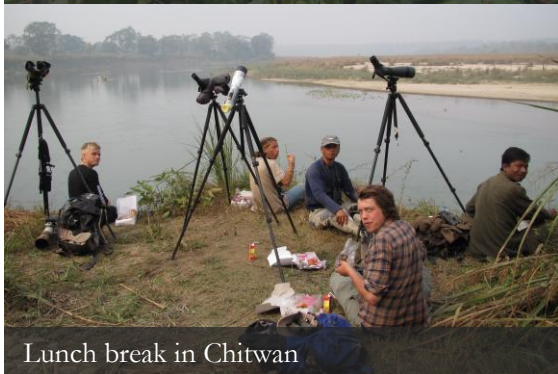
On the walk it was clear that Tigers and Sloth Bears inhabited the area. We saw several pretty fresh tracks along the way! If that doesn't get you stoked and pumped up,



I don't know what does! Bar-headed Goose, Red Junglefowl, Peafowl, Pied Hornbill,



Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*



Lunch break in Chitwan

Greater Flameback, Himalayan Flameback, Green-billed Malkoha, Alexandrine Parakeet, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Crested Goshawk, Pompadour Green Pigeon,

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Striped Tit-babbler, Puff-throated Babbler, Chestnut-capped Babbler, Small Minivet, Common Woodshrike, Rosy Pipit, Yellow Wagtail to name a few species we saw. At a short lunchstop along the Rapti River we had the chance to study Mugger crocodiles and Garials! In the evening, just before dusk, our local guide Bali spotted a Rhino jumping in the river by Ghatagain. We walked closer and soon we stood just 30 meters from the animal that was calmly foraging. Incredible!

7th December, Twenty Thousand Lakes and an Oriole

We had another long walk ahead of us. From Ghatagain back to Sauraha, but another way around the park. Today we would pass Bis Hajar Taal (Twenty Thousand Lakes). A magnificent wetland area, however, unfortunately decreasing in range by every year. The birding here was pretty good. We managed to find the Grey-headed Fish Eagles but no rare Kingfishers, except for the most expected Common Kingfisher. But we compensated by finding



Ramesh enjoying a Grey-crowned Prinia *Prinia cinereocapilla* in Chitwan National Park

a Black-naped Oriole which is a rare winter-visitor in Nepal. The finding was Chitwan's 5th record. Team Sweden does it again!



Himalayan Flameback
Dinobium shorii

Another good find around the lakes was two Spotted Bush Warblers singing and calling. The rather long walk to Sauraha offered nice birds and encounters with animals such as Spotted Deers and one Wild Boar. White-rumped Needletail was the best bird during the walk. Several White-bellied Drongos, Ashy Drongos,

Small Minivets and Common Woodshrikes inhabited the area.

We also saw another Rhino on the way back!

At Sauraha we ate lunch and took a walk along the river. The birding was calm and nice we spotted one Brown Crake, a few Pied Bushchats, White-tailed Stonechats, Indian Thick-knees, etc. We did a thorough search for the White-tailed Rubythroat, but no luck!

The late evening was spent by the river feasting on grilled duck and Dhal Bat. Great thanks to Ramesh and his friends for inviting us to the barbeque! Badri from the Koshi-team also joined us. He would follow us to Chitwan Jungle Lodge the coming days to do some additional birding with us!

8th December, Elephant riding

We spent the morning birding in Sauraha, along some parts of the river and the wooded areas along the river, before taking the jeep to Chitwan Jungle Lodge. We didn't see anything special of interest but we added White-rumped Shama to the trip-list.

After a two-hour-drive we arrived at the lodge! Everything was splendid. Who could say no in being very deep into the national park and with a tame Mongoose running around the lodge? We took a stroll down to the wetland closeby the lodge, watching the Mugger Crocodiles, Bronze-winged Jacanas, Black Ibises, one Aberrant Bush Warbler, a



Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* (right) and Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*, Twenty Thousand Lakes 7th Dec.



couple of Blyth's Leaf Warbler and other birds as well.

After a three-course lunch we headed for another walk, with our main-goal being to view the Red-headed Trogon. After an intense search we got lucky! A splendid male was easily tricked out by one guide who mimicked its call for a couple of times. We headed back for some Elephant-safari. The birding from the Elephant back was wobbly but fun, we also managed to spot another Rhino, calmly feeding in the vegetation! Göran and Tobias, who had an Elephant and guide of their own, managed to the best find of the day by spotting two Great Hornbills flying by, unfortunately they were the only ones seeing the birds.

9th December, Tracks

Churia Hills located deep into the national park was today's excursion-goal together with Ramesh, Badri and a local guide. After a long and rugged drive in a dried riverbed we started our walk. The river was ridden with old and fresh tracks from different

animals. Tracks from a female Tiger with cubs, from Elephants, Sambar-deers,



Towards Churia Hills, Chitwan

Leopard, Gaur, Rhino and other mammals! Fortunately Ramesh soon spotted the world's largest bovine in the world. A huge bull Gaur crossing the riverbed! The walk was long and the birding was good! We spotted Collared Falconet, Yellow-vented and Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Large Woodshrike, Slaty-headed and Blossom-headed Parakeets, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike and Streaked Spiderhunter! The Yellow-vented Flowerpecker hadn't been reported in Chitwan since 1997. The spiderhunter was missed by half of the gang, but fortunately at our last stop we spotted



Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* 8th Dec

another bird, which gave brief but good views! At the same bird party we soon spotted a flock of Sultan Tits together with Black-headed Bulbuls! A dream species for many of us, but especially for Badri who hadn't seen this species in Nepal before! Good indeed!



Yellow-vented flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* in Churia Hills 9th Dec

The walk back didn't offer any new birds for the trip but we spotted three Gaurs standing together in the distance. At the same spot I soon noted two Asiatic Wild Dogs quickly passing the riverbed, fast as they were, only

Mårten, Göran and the local guide managed to see them!

A nice day ended in a good fashion, with delicious food, good company and lots of laughs.



Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

10th December, Full lunar eclipse

We took another stroll in the park before breakfast. Since the fog was dense the activity was low. Not many birds showed themselves. We managed to finally identify



one of those skulky Bush Warblers and we subsequently identified it as a Grey-sided. Several Oriental Honey-buzzards, one Changeable Hawk Eagle, Large Cuckooshrike, Lesser Yellownape, Brown Crake but nothing new.

We had breakfast, jumped back into the jeep and headed back towards Kathmandu. After a change to a minivan we had a six-hour drive ahead of us, including a two hour stop due to a roadblock, which was made up by armed and angry villagers, protesting against that a friend had been accidentally killed by the police in a traffic accident a few days earlier. Now they wanted to force the police to come and negotiate for compensation. During this trip the minivan driver also tried to pass another minivan with small margins during high speed, being very close to a head-on collision with oncoming traffic. However, only Göran and Tobias were awake to experience this special moment.

After a shopping-spree in Kathmandu we ended the day with a nice dinner on a rooftop terrace, where we could watch a full lunar eclipse! An enjoyable end to our last night in Nepal.

11th December, Back on track

Early drive to Phulchowki! This trip would be a bit more expensive than usual since there had been problems with muggers in the area. The muggers had barricaded the narrow gravel road halfway up the hill in order to stop the cars driving by, and robbing them of all their valuable items; cameras, binoculars, jewelry, anything of value.

In order to get to Phulchowki we had to hire two military-guys that joined us in our car, making sure that we wouldn't get into trouble, which also allowed us to reach the top of Phulchowki, where a military facility lies!



View from Phulchowki hill in Kathmandu

This was the coldest day so far during the trip, with less than 4 degrees Celsius in the morning. Even so we managed to see some goal-species in all the bird-parties...

Several Cutias, Black-headed Shrike-babbler amongst White-browed Shrike-babblers, Grey-sided Laughingthrush, one Golden Bush-robin giving brief and bad views, Greater Yellownape, Blackbird, Kalij Pheasants, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Black Eagle, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker and Blanford's Rosefinch to name a few. Amongst all the bird parties were a few birds that only a couple of us did see. For instance, Tobias found a male Eye-browed Thrush that only he and Ramesh saw, a rare winter visitor! Also a Blue-winged Laughingthrush gave brief views as well as a Black-eared Shrike-

babbler. All in all, we were all happy of the day spent scanning through all babblers and



Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* 11th Dec

warblers. But we were likewise sad since it was our last day in Nepal. After a long, but well spent day, we headed to the airport. We said goodbye to our friends and took flight back home to Sweden.

Namaste Nepal, we'll be back.



Göran and Mårten together with one of our military guards to protect us from muggers

Bird species list acronym: KTM=Kathmandu, *=photo

1. Himalayan Snowcock* *Tetraogallus himalayensis* – 3 ind Thorung Phedi 23/11.
2. Chukar* *Alectoris chukar* – 30 ind and 20 ind Kagbeni-Muktinath 22-23/11.
3. Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus* – 1 heard Koshi 3/12, 3 at eastern parts of Koshi Tappu 4/12.
4. Swamp Francolin *Francolinus gularis* – 15 ind Koshi 3/12.
5. Common Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola* – 1 ind Ulleri 28/11.
6. Himalayan Monal* *Lophophorus impejanus* – 14 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11.
7. Red Junglefowl* *Gallus gallus* – 2 ind 6/11, 2 ind 8/11, 1 ind 9/11, all seen in Chitwan NP.
8. Kalij Pheasant* *Lophura leucomelanos* – 7 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
9. Indian Peafowl* *Pavo cristatus* – 5 ind 6/12, 7 ind 7/12, all seen in Chitwan .
10. Lesser Whistling Duck* *Dendrocygna javanica* – Seen with 130 ind at most during the following dates 2-7/12.
11. Bar-headed Goose* *Anser indicus* – 2 ind Chitwan 6/12.
12. Ruddy Shelduck* *Tadorna ferruginea* – Seen in suitable habitat in the lowlands, especially Koshi Tappu and Chitwan. Also 2 seen in Bagmati, KTM 1/12.
13. Cotton Teal *Nettapus coromandelianus* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12.
14. Gadwall *Anas strepera* – 25 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 10 ind Koshi 3/12, 15 ind Koshi 4/12.
15. Eurasian Wigeon* *Anas penelope* – 5 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 10 ind Koshi 3/12.
16. Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* – 30 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 30 ind Koshi 3/12.
17. Spot-billed Duck* *Anas poecilorhyncha* – 10 ind Koshi 3/12.
18. Northern Shoveler *Anas chrypeata* – 2 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12.
19. Common Teal *Anas crecca* – 40 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
20. Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* – 100 ind Fewa Lake, Pokhara 20/11.
21. Greater Scaup* *Aythya marila* – 1 ind close to the Fishtail Lodge, Fewa Lake, Pokhara 20/11. National rarity! Maybe the 3rd for Nepal!!!
22. Goosander *Mergus merganser* – 6 ind Koshi 4/12.
23. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – 35 ind Fewa Lake, Pokhara 20/11, 15 ind Koshi 4/12.
24. Great Crested Grebe* *Podiceps cristatus* – 7 ind Koshi 3/12.
25. Asian Openbill* *Anastomus oscitans* – 3-20 ind seen daily in Koshi and Chitwan during 2-7/12.
26. Black Stork* *Ciconia nigra* – 8 ind Koshi 3/12, 7 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
27. Woolly-necked Stork* *Ciconia episcopus* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
28. Lesser Adjutant* *Leptoptilos javanicus* – Seen with at most 14 ind during the dates 4-8/12.
29. Black-headed Ibis* *Threskiornis melanocephalus* – 30 ind Koshi 3/12, 20 ind Koshi 4/12, 40 ind Koshi 5/12.
30. Indian Black Ibis* *Pseudibis papillosa* – A total of 4 ind seen during the days in Koshi. A total of 54 ind seen in Chitwan.
31. Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – 8 ind Pokhara 20/11, singles 1-4/12 KTM and Koshi, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12.
32. Striated Heron* *Butorides striata* – 7 ind Koshi 3/12.
33. Indian Pond Heron* *Ardeola grayii* – Common in suitable habitat.
34. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* – Common in suitable habitat.
35. Grey Heron* *Ardea cinerea* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 3 ind Koshi 3/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12.

36. Purple Heron* *Ardea purpurea* – 2 ind Koshi 3/12.
37. Great Egret* *Ardea alba* – Seen with between 1-5 ind, in Koshi and Chitwan 3-7/12.
38. Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* – Seen 6 of our days in Nepal in suitable habitat Pokhara, KTM, Koshi.
39. Little Egret* *Egretta garzetta* – Common in suitable habitat.
40. Little Cormorant* *Phalacrocorax niger* – Common in Koshi.
41. Great Cormorant* *Phalacrocorax carbo* – Common in suitable habitat.
42. Darter* *Anhinga melanogaster* – 5 ind Koshi 3/12, 3 ind Chitwan 6/12, 7 ind Chitwan 7/12.
43. Collared Falconet* *Microhierax caerulescens* – 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan, 9/12.
44. Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* – 2 ind Koshi 2/12, 80 ind Koshi 3/12.
45. Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* – Abundant in suitable habitat.
46. Peregrine Falcon* *Falco peregrinus* – 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12.
47. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – Abundant in Koshi and Chitwan, seen 2-8/12 with 10 at most.
48. Oriental Honey Buzzard* *Pernis ptilorhynchus* – Seen almost daily from 2-10/12, fairly abundant, with 13 ind. seen at most in Chitwan.
49. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* – 3 ind Koshi 2/12, 5 ind Koshi 3/12, 5 ind Koshi 4/12, 7 ind seen between Koshi and Chitwan 5/12.
50. Black Kite* *Milvus migrans* – Common in suitable habitat.
51. Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* – 1 juvenile Koshi 3/12.
52. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* – 2 ind Chitwan 7/12.
53. Lammergeier* *Gypaetus barbatus* – A total of 9 individuals seen from Jomsom to Muktinath.
54. Egyptian Vulture* *Neophron percnopterus* – 3 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Pokhara 30/11.
55. Indian White-backed Vulture* *Gyps bengalensis* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 4 ind Koshi 2/12, 30 ind Koshi 3/12.
56. Himalayan Griffon* *Gyps himalayensis* – Common mainly in higher altitudes.
57. Eurasian Griffon* *Gyps fulvus* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, a few in Koshi, 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
58. Red-headed Vulture* *Sarcogyps calvus* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Pokhara 30/11.
59. Cinereous Vulture* *Aegypius monachus* – 1 ind Muktinath 23/11.
60. Short-toed Eagle* *Circaetus gallicus* – 8 ind Koshi 3/12, 4 ind Koshi 4/12.
61. Crested Serpent Eagle* *Spilornis cheela* – A few in Koshi and Chitwan.
62. Hen Harrier* *Circus cyaneus* – 1 ind Ghasa 24/11, 1 ind Ghasa 25/11, 2 ind Poon Hill 28/11, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12.
63. Pied Harrier* *Circus melanoleucos* – 3 females, 2 males Koshi 3/12.
64. Crested Goshawk* *Accipiter trivirgatus* – 1 ind Chitwan 6/11.
65. Shikra* *Accipiter badius* – Seen 6 of the days, as well as in high altitudes as in the Terai.
66. Eurasian Sparrowhawk* *Accipiter nisus* – Seen 5 of the days, as well as in high altitudes as in the Terai.
67. Northern Goshawk* *Accipiter gentilis* – 1 ind Muktinath 22/11, 1 ind Ulleri 29/11.
68. White-eyed Buzzard* *Butastur teesa* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12, 2 ind Koshi 5/12.
69. Eurasian Buzzard* *Buteo buteo* – Abundant in suitable habitat.
70. Long-legged Buzzard* *Buteo rufinus* – 1 ind KTM 19/11, 3 ind KTM 1/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 2 ind Koshi 5/12.
71. Black Eagle* *Ictinaetus malayensis* – 1 ind on trek Tatopani-Sikha 27/11, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
72. Indian Spotted Eagle* *Aquila hastata* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind KTM 1/12, 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
73. Greater Spotted Eagle* *Aquila clanga* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 4 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind by the road towards KTM 10/12.

74. Steppe Eagle* *Aquila nipalensis* – 6 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Ghasa 24/11, 1 ind Ghasa 25/11, 5 ind KTM 1/12, 3 ind Koshi 2/12.
75. Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* – 1 juvenile Koshi 3/12.
76. Golden Eagle* *Aquila chrysaetos* – 4 ind Jomsom 21/11, 1 ind Kagbeni 22/11, 5 ind Ghasa 24/11, 1 ind Ghasa 25/11, 1 ind Tatopani 26/11.
77. Bonelli's Eagle* *Hieraaetus fasciatus* – 2 ind Tatopani 26/11.
78. Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* – 2 ind KTM 1/12, 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
79. Changeable Hawk-eagle *Spizæetus cirrhatus* – 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
80. Brown Crake* *Amaurornis akool* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 10/12.
81. White-breasted Waterhen* *Amaurornis phoenicurus* – Fairly common in suitable habitat Pokhara, Koshi, Chitwan.
82. Purple Swampphen* *Porphyrio porphyrio* – 3 ind Koshi 4/12.
83. Common Moorhen* *Gallinula chloropus* – Common in suitable habitat, mainly lowland. But even found at Muktinath.
84. Common Coot* *Fulica atra* – 15 ind Pokhara 20/11, 3 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 10 ind Chitwan 7/12.
85. Common Crane *Grus grus* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
86. Indian Stone Curlew* *Burhinus indicus* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 5 ind Chitwan 7/12, 10 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
87. Great Stone Curlew* *Esacus recurvirostris* – 2 ind Koshi 3/12.
88. Ibisbill* *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* – 3 ind Belkhu 30/11.
89. Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* – 2 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12.
90. River Lapwing* *Vanellus duvaucelii* – 1 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12, 4 ind Chitwan 6/12, 6 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
91. Grey-headed Lapwing* *Vanellus cinereus* – 30 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12.
92. Red-wattled Lapwing* *Vanellus indicus* – Common in suitable habitat. Lowland species.
93. Pacific Golden Plover* *Pluvialis fulva* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
94. Long-billed Plover* *Charadrius placidus* – 1 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12.
95. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* – Common in suitable habitat. Mainly a lowland species.
96. Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* – 35 ind Koshi 4/12, 5 ind Koshi 5/12.
97. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* – 4 ind Koshi 4/12.
98. Bronze-winged Jacana* *Metopidius indicus* – Common in suitable habitat. Lowland species.
99. Solitary Snipe* *Gallinago solitaria* – 1 ind Muktinath 23/11.
100. Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* – 11 ind Chitwan 6/12.
101. Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
102. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* – Abundant in the wet areas in the lowland. Koshi, Chitwan and Bagmati River, KTM.
103. Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* – Seen 10 of the days. Mainly in the lowland, but also on the trek and in KTM.
104. Common Sandpiper* *Actitis hypoleucos* – Abundant. Seen 11 of the days.
105. Little Stint *Calidris minuta* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
106. Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* – 15 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12, and fairly abundant in Koshi and Chitwan.
107. Dunlin* *Calidris alpina* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12.
108. Indian Courser* *Cursorius coromandelicus* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12.
109. Heuglin's Gull* *Larus heuglini* – 1 ind 4-5/12 Koshi.
110. Great Black-headed Gull* *Larus ichthyaetus* – 3 ind Koshi 3/12.
111. River Tern* *Sterna aurantia* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12.

112. Rock Dove *Columba livia* – Common in suitable habitat. Birds seen in Jomsom, Kagbeni, Muktinath and a single bird seen together with Snow Pigeons in Ghasa 24/11 were not presumed domesticated.
113. Hill Pigeon* *Columba rupestris* – 1 ind Thorung Phedi, Muktinath 23/11.
114. Snow Pigeon* *Columba leuconota* – 60 ind Thorung Phedi, Muktinath 23/11, 90-100 ind Ghasa 25/11.
115. Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus* – 1 ind Ulleri 28/11.
116. Oriental Turtle Dove* *Streptopelia orientalis* – 1 ind Sikha 26/11, 4 ind trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 5 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 7 ind Koshi 2/12.
117. Eurasian Collared Dove* *Streptopelia decaocto* – Common in suitable habitat, mainly a lowland species.
118. Red Turtle Dove* *Streptopelia tranquebarica* – 2 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 4 ind seen from road towards Chitwan 5/12, 6 ind Chitwan 6/12.
119. Spotted-necked Dove* *Streptopelia chinensis* – Common in suitable habitat.
120. Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* – 1 ind Chitwan 6/12.
121. Pompadour Green Pigeon* *Treron pompadora* – 6 ind Chitwan 6/12.
122. Yellow-legged Green Pigeon* *Treron phoenicopterus* – 3 ind 5/12 Parsa Wildlife Reserve, 7 ind Chitwan 7/12.
123. Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon* *Treron sphenurus* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
124. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* – 4 ind Chitwan 6/12, 15 ind Chitwan 7/12, 10 ind Chitwan 8/12.
125. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* – Common in suitable habitat.
126. Slaty-headed Parakeet* *Psittacula himalayana* – 50 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
127. Plum-headed Parakeet* *Psittacula cyanocephala* – Common in suitable habitat, lowland species.
128. Blossom-headed Parakeet* *Psittacula roseata* – 6 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
129. Common Hawk-cuckoo *Cuculus varius* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
130. Common Koel* *Eudynamis scolopaceus* – Singles. Pokhara 20/11, Koshi 3/12, Koshi 4/12, Koshi 5/12.
131. Green-billed Malkoha* *Rhopodytes tristis* – 3 ind Chitwan 6/12.
132. Greater Coucal* *Centropus sinensis* – A few seen in Koshi and Chitwan.
133. Lesser Coucal* *Centropus bengalensis* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 3 ind Chitwan 7/12, 3 ind Chitwan 8/12.
134. Barn Owl *Tyto alba* – 1 ind KTM 30/11.
135. Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* – 1 ind Koshi 4-5/12.
136. Brown Fish Owl* *Ketupa zeylonensis* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12.
137. Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind KTM 1/12.
138. Jungle Owlet* *Glaucidium radiatum* – 2 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
139. Spotted Owlet* *Athene brama* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Bagmati, KTM 1/12, 5 ind Koshi 2-5/12, 2 ind Sauraha 5/12.
140. Brown Hawk-owl* *Ninox scutulata* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12.
141. Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
142. Himalayan Swiftlet* *Aerodramus brevirostris* – Many in Pokhara 20/11, 40+ on trek from Ghasa to Tatopani 25/11, 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, many on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, many on trek from Ulleri to Birethanti 29/11, 10 ind KTM 1/12.
143. White-rumped Spinetailed Swift* *Zoonavena sylhatica* – 15 Chitwan 7/12.
144. Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasienensis* – 2 Koshi 2/12.
145. Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* – 30 ind Koshi 3/12.
146. House Swift* *Apus nipalensis* – Many seen in Pokhara.

147. Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata* – 30 ind Parsa Wildlife Reserve 5/12, 40 ind Chitwan 6/12, 5 ind Chitwan 8/12, 30 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
148. Red-headed Trogon* *Harpactes erythrocephalus* – 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
149. Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* – 2 ind Koshi 2/12, 4 ind Koshi 3/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 3 ind Koshi 5/12, 5 ind Chitwan 7/12.
150. Stork-billed Kingfisher* *Pelargopsis capensis* – A few seen in the lowland. Koshi and Chitwan.
151. White-throated Kingfisher* *Halcyon smyrnensis* – Common in suitable habitat.
152. Common Kingfisher* *Alcedo atthis* – 1 ind Pokhara 30/11, 1 ind Bagmati River, KTM 1/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 8 ind Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
153. Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris* – 2 ind Birethanti 29/11
154. Pied Kingfisher* *Ceryle rudis* – Several seen in Koshi and Chitwan.
155. Blue-bearded Bee-eater* *Nyctyornis athertoni* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
156. Green Bee-eater* *Merops orientalis* – Abundant in the lowland.
157. Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops* – 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 3 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
158. Indian Grey Hornbill* *Ocyrceros birostris* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12
159. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* – 3 ind Chitwan 6/12, 8 ind Chitwan 7/12.
160. Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* – 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
161. Great Barbet* *Megalaima virens* – 10 ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Birethanti 29/11, 4 ind Birethanti 30/11, 10 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
162. Lineated Barbet* *Megalaima lineata* – Abundant in Chitwan.
163. Blue-throated Barbet* *Megalaima asiatica* – Common in suitable habitat.
164. Coppersmith Barbet* *Megalaima haemacephala* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Pokhara 21/11, 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 6 ind Chitwan 8/12.
165. Northern Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.
166. Speckled Piculet* *Picumnus innominatus* – 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 3 ind KTM 1/12, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
167. Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker* *Dendrocopos moluccensis* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
168. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker* *Dendrocopos canicapillus* – Abundant in suitable habitat. Mainly lowland.
169. Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker* *Dendrocopos macei* – Abundant in suitable habitat. Lowland species.
170. Brown-fronted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos auriceps* – 1 ind Sikha 27/11.
171. Crimson-breasted Woodpecker* *Dendrocopos cathpharius* – 1 ind Ghosa 25/11, 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 3 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
172. Darjeeling Woodpecker* *Dendrocopos darjellensis* – 1 ind Ghorepani 27/11.
173. Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker* *Picus chlorolophus* – Fairly abundant, mainly in the lowland.
174. Greater Yellow-naped Woodpecker *Picus flavinucha* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
175. Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12.
176. Scaly-bellied Woodpecker* *Picus squamatus* – 1 ind Black Forest, Ghosa 24/11.
177. Grey-headed Woodpecker* *Picus canus* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens KTM 1/12, 4 ind Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12, 2 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
178. Himalayan Flame-backed Woodpecker* *Dinopium shorii* – 1 ind Chitwan 5/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12.
179. Black-rumped Woodpecker *Dinopium benghalense* – Several seen in Koshi and Chitwan.

180. Greater Flame-backed Woodpecker* *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* – 6 ind Chitwan 6/12, 3 ind Chitwan 7/12, 4 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
181. Large Woodshrike* *Tephrodornis virgatus* – 40+ ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
182. Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* – 2 ind Chitwan 6/12, 3 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
183. Ashy Woodswallow* *Artamus fuscus* – 5 ind Koshi 2/12, 55 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 30 ind Chitwan 8/12.
184. Common Iora* *Aegithina tibia* – 3 ind Koshi 2/12, 1 ind 3/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12.
185. Large Cuckoo-shrike* *Coracina macei* – Seen ten of our days in different altitudes. Pokhara, KTM, Chitwan and Koshi.
186. Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos* – Seen in Koshi, Chitwan and in the KTM Area.
187. Small Minivet* *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* – Abundant in Chitwan.
188. Grey-chinned Minivet* *Pericrocotus solaris* – 1 ind Tatopani 26/11.
189. Long-tailed Minivet* *Pericrocotus ethologus* – 20 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 6 ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
190. Scarlet Minivet* *Pericrocotus flammeus* – Seen eight of our days. Fairly abundant on some spots.
191. Ashy Minivet* *Pericrocotus divaricatus* – at least 8 ind in Koshi. National rarity! First find was made just shortly before this!
192. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus* – 2 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
193. Brown Shrike* *Lanius cristatus* – Abundant mainly in Koshi, but also seen in Chitwan.
194. Bay-backed Shrike* *Lanius vittatus* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12.
195. Long-tailed Shrike* *Lanius schach* – Common in suitable habitat.
196. Grey-backed Shrike* *Lanius tephronotus* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Jharkot 22/11, 1 ind KTM Area 1/12, 1 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Chitwan 7/12.
197. Black-naped Oriole* *Oriolus chinensis* – 1 ind Bis Hazar Taal, Chitwan 7/12. National rarity! Perhaps less than five observations?
198. Black-hooded Oriole* *Oriolus xanthornus* – Common in suitable habitat. A lowland species.
199. Maroon Oriole* *Oriolus traillii* – 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 5 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
200. Black Drongo* *Dicrurus macrocerus* – Common in suitable habitat.
201. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* – Seen with a few individuals in suitable habitat.
202. White-bellied Drongo* *Dicrurus caerulescens* – Fairly abundant in suitable habitat.
203. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* – Common in suitable habitat.
204. Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* – 2 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
205. Spangled Drongo* *Dicrurus hottentottus* – Several seen in Koshi and Chitwan.
206. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* – 2 ind Chitwan 6/12, 3 ind Chitwan 8/12, 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.
207. Yellow-bellied Fantail* *Rhipidura hypoxantha* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Tatopani 26/11, 1 ind Sikha 27/11, 2 ind Birethanti 30/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
208. White-throated Fantail* *Rhipidura albicollis* – Several seen in KTM Area, Koshi and Chitwan.
209. Eurasian Jay* *Garrulus glandarius* – 1 ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 7 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
210. Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris* – 2 ind Ulleri 29/11.
211. Red-billed Blue Magpie* *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* – 4 ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 10 ind KTM Area 1/12.

212. Common Green Magpie* *Cissa chinensis* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind on trek from Ulleri to Birethanti 29/11, 2 ind Birethanti 30/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
213. Rufous Treepie* *Dendrocitta vagabunda* – Common in suitable habitat.
214. Grey Treepie* *Dendrocitta formosae* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind on trek from Tatopani to Sikha 26/11, 1 ind Sikha 27/11, 2 ind on trek from Ulleri to Birethanti 29/11, 6 ind KTM Area 1/12.
215. Spotted Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes* – 4 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 3 ind Ghasa 25/11, 1 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
216. Red-billed Chough* *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* – Only seen on trek from Jomsom to Muktinath. Common.
217. Alpine Chough* *Pyrrhocorax graculus* – 3 ind Muktinath 23/11, 1 ind Ghasa 25/11.
218. House Crow* *Corvus splendens* – Common in suitable habitat.
219. Large-billed Crow* *Corvus macrorhynchos* – Common almost everywhere. The larger subspecies *tibetosinensis* seen from Jomsom to Muktinath.
220. Great Tit *Parus major* – Common in suitable habitat.
221. Green-backed Tit* *Parus monticolus* – Common in suitable habitat.
222. Black-lored Tit* *Parus xanthogenys* – Common in suitable habitat.
223. Rufous-vented Tit* *Parus rubidiventris* – 5 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 20 ind Ghorepani 28/11, 5 ind on trek from Ulleri to Birethanti 29/11.
224. Coal Tit* *Parus ater* – 2 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11.
225. Grey-crested Tit *Parus dichrous* – 2 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 5 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
226. Sultan Tit* *Melanochlora sultanea* – 4-6 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
227. Yellow-browed Tit* *Sylviparus modestus* – 2 ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, 20 ind Ghorepani 28/11, 25 ind Ulleri 29/11, 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
228. Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola* – Common in suitable habitat.
229. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* – Common in suitable habitat.
230. Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* – 40+ ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 50+ ind Ghasa 25/11, 15 ind Tatopani 26/11, 5 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
231. Asian House Martin* *Delichon dasypus* – 2 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11.
232. Nepal House Martin* *Delichon nipalense* – 100+ ind Tatopani 26/11, 50+ ind on trek from Sikha to Ghorepani 27/11, many ind on trek from Ulleri to Birethanti 29/11.
233. Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* – Seen 6 of the days in different habitats.
234. Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus* – Common in suitable habitat.
235. White-browed Tit-warbler* *Leptopoeile sophiae* – 4 ind on trek from Jomsom-Kagbeni 21/11, 13 ind on trek from Kagbeni-Muktinath 22/11, 8 ind Muktinath-Thorong Phedi 23/11.
236. Bengal Bushlark *Mirafra assamica* – 3 ind Koshi 4/12.
237. Hume's Short-toed Lark* *Calandrella acutirostris* – 2 Koshi 4/12.
238. Sand Lark* *Calandrella raytal* – Common in Koshi.
239. Oriental Skylark* *Alauda gulgula* – 10 ind Koshi 4/12.
240. Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark* *Eremopterix griseus* – 15 ind Koshi 4/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
241. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* – 3 ind Koshi 3/12, 3 ind Koshi 4/12, 2 ind Chitwan 6/12, 4 Chitwan 7/12, 3 Chitwan 8/12.
242. Golden-headed Cisticola* *Cisticola exilis* – 6 ind Koshi 3/12.
243. Striated Prinia *Prinia crinigera* – 5 ind Tatopani 26/11, 2 ind Birethanti 30/11.
244. Grey-crowned Prinia* *Prinia cinereocapilla* – 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 4 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
245. Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* – 2 ind Chitwan 6/12, 1 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.

246. Graceful Prinia* *Prinia gracilis* – 5 ind Koshi 3/12.
247. Jungle Prinia *Prinia sylvatica* – 3 ind Koshi 3/12.
248. Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis* – 1 ind Chitwan 6/12.
249. Plain Prinia* *Prinia inornata* – 15 ind Koshi 3/12, 5 ind Chitwan 6/12, 2 ind Chitwan 7/12.
250. Nepal Rufous-vented Prinia *Prinia burnesii nepalicola* – 5 ind Koshi 3/12. Endemic subspecies to Nepal.
251. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* – Common in suitable habitat.
252. Black-crested Bulbul* *Pycnonotus melanicterus* – 2 ind Chitwan 6/12, 3 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
253. Red-whiskered Bulbul* *Pycnonotus jocosus* – Fairly abundant in the lowland.
254. Himalayan Bulbul* *Pycnonotus leucogenys* – Common in suitable habitat. Higher altitudes.
255. Red-vented Bulbul* *Pycnonotus cafer* – Common in suitable habitat.
256. Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mccllellandii* – 10 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
257. Black Bulbul* *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* – 10 ind Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Ulleri 29/11, 200+ ind Botanical Gardens, Kathmandu 1/12, 100+ ind Phulchowki 11/12.
258. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* – 3 ind Koshi 4/12.
259. Chestnut-headed Tesia *Oligura castaneocoronata* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 4 ind Botanical Gardens, Kathmandu 1/12.
260. Grey-bellied Tesia* *Tesia cyaniventer* – 4 ind Pokhara 20/11, 13 ind Botanical Gardens, Kathmandu 1/12.
261. Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler *Cettia major* – 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
262. Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea* – 1 ind on trek from Ulleri-Birethanti 29/11, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.
263. Grey-sided Bush Warbler* *Cettia brunnifrons* – 1 ind Chitwan 10/12. Many heard calling but only one confirmed.
264. Spotted Bush Warbler *Bradypterus thoracicus* – 2 ind Bis Hazar Taal, Chitwan 7/12.
265. Bushwarbler sp. *Cettia* sp. – 5 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 4 ind Chitwan 6/12, 2 ind Chitwan 7/12, 3 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12, 6 ind Chitwan 10/12. Most of these, if not all were presumed Grey-sided Bush Warbler.
266. Thick-billed Warbler* *Phragamaticola aedon* – 2 ind Koshi 2/12, 3 ind Koshi 4/12, 3 ind Koshi 5/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.
267. Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
268. Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* – 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 2 ind Chitwan 7/12, 3 ind Chitwan 8/12.
269. Siberian Chiffchaff* *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* – 1 ind Muktinath 22/11, 10 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
270. Dusky Warbler* *Phylloscopus fuscatus* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 10 ind Koshi 2/12, 5 ind Koshi 3/12, 5 ind Koshi 4/12, 3 ind Koshi 5/12, 2 ind Koshi 6/12.
271. Smoky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuliginiventer* – 1 ind Sikha 26/11, 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
272. Tickell's Leaf Warbler* *Phylloscopus affinis* – 10 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 3/12, 10 ind Koshi 4/12.
273. Buff-barred Warbler* *Phylloscopus pulcher* – 7 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 5 on trek Ghorepani-Ulleri 28/11, 2 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 25 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
274. Ashy-throated Warbler* *Phylloscopus maculipennis* – Common in suitable habitat.
275. Lemon-rumped Warbler* *Phylloscopus chloronotus* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 10+ ind on trek Tatopani-Sikha 26/11, 20 on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 1 ind Ulleri 29/11, 6 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 4 ind Pokhara 11/12.
276. Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* – 7 ind Pokhara 20/11, 10 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
277. Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* – Common in suitable habitat.

278. Greenish Warbler* *Phylloscopus trochiloides* – Common in suitable habitat.
279. Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides* – 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
280. Golden-spectacled Warbler* *Seiurus burkii* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 3 ind on trek Tatopani-Sikha 26/11, 1 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Birethanti 30/11, 3 ind KTM Area 1/12.
281. Whistler's Warbler* *Seiurus whistleri* – Not counted in Pokhara 20/11, 10+ on trek Tatopani-Sikha 26/11, 5 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Ghorepani-Ulleri 28/11, 3 ind on trek Ulleri-Birethanti 29/11, 5 ind KTM Area 1/12.
282. Grey-hooded Warbler* *Seiurus xanthoschistos* – Common in suitable habitat.
283. Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seiurus castaniceps* – 6 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 5 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
284. Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps* – 2 ind Tatopani 26/11, 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 3 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
285. Puff-throated Babbler* *Pellorneum ruficeps* – 5 ind Chitwan 6/12, 2 ind Chitwan 9/12, 3 ind Chitwan 10/12.
286. Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler* *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys* – 2 ind on trek Ghosa-Tatopani 25/11.
287. Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler* *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* – 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 4 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
288. Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler* *Pnoepyga albiventer* – 4 ind on trek Tatopani-Sikha 26/11, 2 ind Sikha 27/11, 14 ind on trek Ulleri-Birethanti 29/11, 4 ind Birethanti 30/11, 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
289. Nepal Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga immaculata* – 1 ind Black Forest, Ghosa 24/11, 1 ind on trek Ghosa-Tatopani 25/11, 1 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11.
290. Pygmy Wren-babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla* – 4 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Birethanti 29/11, 1 ind Birethanti 30/11, 7 ind KTM Area 1/12, 1 ind Chitwan 6/12, 2 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
291. Black-chinned Babbler* *Stachyris pyrrhops* – 1 ind Birethanti 30/11, 10 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
292. Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* – 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
293. Striped Tit-babbler *Macronous gularis* – 5 ind Chitwan 6/12, 5 ind Chitwan 8/12, 5 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12, 1 ind Chitwan 10/12.
294. Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata* – 10 ind Chitwan 6/12, 3 ind Chitwan 10/12.
295. Striated Babbler* *Turdoides earlei* – 15+ ind Koshi 3/12, 5 ind Chitwan 6/12.
296. Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striata* – Common in suitable habitat lowland.
297. White-throated Laughing-thrush *Garrulax albogularis* – 23 ind Ulleri 29/11, 50 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 70 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
298. White-crested Laughing-thrush* *Garrulax leucolophus* – 1 heard Pokhara 20/11, 3 heard on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 2 ind Ulleri 29/11, 30 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 15 ind Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12, 2 heard Phulchowki 11/12.
299. Striated Laughing-thrush *Garrulax striatus* – 2 ind on trek Ulleri-Birethanti 29/11, 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
300. Variegated Laughing-thrush* *Garrulax variegatus* – 7 ind on trek Kagbeni-Muktinat 22/11.
301. Grey-sided Laughing-thrush *Garrulax caeruleus* – 3 heard Ulleri 28-29/11, 5 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
302. Streaked Laughing-thrush* *Garrulax lineatus* – 5 or more ind Ghosa 25/11, 5 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 40 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
303. Blue-winged Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax squamatus* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.

304. Chestnut-crowned Laughing-thrush* *Garrulax erythrocephalus* – 4 ind on trek Ghasa-Tatopani 25/11, 1 ind Sikha 26/11, 5 ind on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 5 ind Ulleri 28-29/11, 15 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
305. Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* – 6 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 3 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
306. Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* – 10 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
307. Black-headed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius rufiventer* – 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
308. White-browed Shrike-babbler* *Pteruthius flaviscapis* – 1 on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11, 15 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
309. Green Shrike-babbler* *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* – 1 ind Ulleri 28/11.
310. Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
311. Hoary-throated Barwing* *Actinodura nipalensis* – 5 ind Ghorepani 27/11, 15 ind on trek Ghorepani-Ulleri 28/11, 15 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
312. Blue-winged Minla* *Minla cyanouroptera* – 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
313. Chestnut-tailed Minla* *Minla strigula* – 2 ind Ulleri 28/11, 2 ind Ulleri 29/11, 5 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
314. Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps* – 5 ind Ulleri 29/11, 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 40 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
315. White-browed Fulvetta* *Alcippe vinipectus* – 1 ind Black Forest, Ghasa 24/11, 5 ind Ghorepani 27/11, 20+ Poon Hill, Ghorepani 28/11, 5 ind Ulleri 29/11, 20 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
316. Nepal Fulvetta* *Alcippe nipalensis* – 10 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 20 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
317. Rufous Sibia* *Heterophasia capistrata* – Seen 5 of the days of the trip. Common when seen. Trek Ghasa-Ulleri, Phulchowki.
318. Whiskered Yuhina* *Yuhina flavicollis* – Total of 60 ind on trek Sikha-Ulleri, 27-29/11.
319. Stripe-throated Yuhina* *Yuhina gularis* – Total of over 100 ind on trek Ghasa-Ulleri, 25-29/11, 15 ind in Phulchowki 11/12.
320. Rufous-vented Yuhina* *Yuhina occipitalis* – 20 ind seen in Ulleri 29/11.
321. White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca* – 2 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 2 ind Chitwan 8/12.
322. Oriental White-eye* *Zosterops palpebrosus* – Very common in suitable habitat.
323. Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* – 1 ind Black Forest 24/11, 1 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
324. Winter Wren* *Troglodytes troglodytes* – 15 ind noted on trek from Jomsom to Ulleri 21-28/11. At most 7 ind in Ghasa.
325. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch* *Sitta castanea* – Fairly common in suitable habitat. Mainly in lowland.
326. White-tailed Nuthatch* *Sitta himalayensis* – Fairly common mainly in mid-altitudinal level forests.
327. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch* *Sitta frontalis* – Fairly common, mainly in the lowland.
328. Wallcreeper* *Tichodroma muraria* – 14 ind seen on trek Jomsom-Birethanti 21-29/11. 1 ind seen in Chitwan 9/12.
329. Eurasian Treecreeper* *Certhia familiaris* – 1 ind Black Forest 24/11, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
330. Bar-tailed Treecreeper* *Certhia himalayana* – 1 ind Jharkot 22/11.
331. Rusty-flanked Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis* – 1 ind Ulleri 28/11.
332. Brown-throated Treecreeper* *Certhia discolor* – 1 ind Sikha 26/11, 1 ind Ghorepani 27/11.
333. Spot-winged Starling* *Saroglossa spiloptera* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12.
334. Jungle Myna* *Acridotheres fuscus* – Fairly common in suitable habitat.

335. Bank Myna* *Acridotheres ginginianus* – 1 ind Koshi 2/12. A decreasing species in lowland Nepal.
336. Common Myna* *Acridotheres tristis* – Common.
337. Asian Pied Starling* *Sturnus contra* – Common in the lowland.
338. Chestnut-tailed Starling* *Sturnus malabaricus* – Common in the lowland. Especially Koshi and Chitwan.
339. Brahminy Starling* *Sturnus pagodarum* – Only 5 ind seen in Pokhara 20/11.
340. Blue Whistling Thrush* *Myophonus caeruleus* – Common in suitable habitat. Most common in mid-altitudinal level forests.
341. Red-throated Thrush* *Turdus ruficollis* – 4-5 ind seen from Jharkot to Muktinath 22-23/11.
342. Black-throated Thrush* *Turdus atrogularis* – 1 ind Muktinath 23/11.
343. Eyebrowed Thrush* *Turdus obscurus* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
344. Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula ssp. maximus* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
345. Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma* – 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 1 ind Koshi 2-4/12
346. White-browed Shortwing* *Brachypteryx montana* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
347. Siberian Rubythroat* *Luscinia calliope* – Common in the lowland. Koshi and Chitwan.
348. White-browed Bush Robin *Tarsiger indica* – 1 ind Ulleri 28/11.
349. Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanura* – 9 ind seen on trek Ghorepani-Birethanti 27-29/11, 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
350. Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaea* – 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
351. Oriental Magpie-robin* *Copsychus saularis* – Fairly common in Pokhara, Koshi and Chitwan.
352. White-rumped Shama* *Copsychus malabaricus* – A total of 8 birds seen in Chitwan 8-10/12.
353. Eversmann's Redstart* *Phoenicurus erythronotus* – 1 ind Jharkot 22/11.
354. Blue-capped Redstart* *Phoenicurus caeruleocephala* – 1 ind Muktinath 22/11, over 20 ind Black Forest 24/11, 1 ind Ghorepani 27/11, 5 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
355. Black Redstart* *Phoenicurus ochruros* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12.
356. Hodgson's Redstart* *Phoenicurus hodgsoni* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 2 ind Ghasa 25/11.
357. White-throated Redstart* *Phoenicurus schisticeps* – 12 ind Muktinath 22-23/11.
358. Güldenstädt's Redstart* *Phoenicurus erythrogastrus* – 4 ind on trek Jomsom-Muktinath 21-23/11.
359. Blue-fronted Redstart* *Phoenicurus frontalis* – 24 ind on trek Ghasa-Birethanti 25-29/11, 4 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 6 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
360. Plumbeous Water Redstart* *Rhyacornis fuliginosa* – Common in suitable habitat, rivers and streams, mainly in mid-altitudes.
361. White-capped Water Redstart* *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus* - Common in suitable habitat, rivers and streams, mainly in mid-altitudes.
362. Little Forktail* *Enicurus scouleri* – 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 2 ind Birethanti 29-30/11.
363. Black-backed Forktail* *Enicurus immaculatus* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, Chitwan 7/12, 2 ind Chitwan 9/12.
364. Slaty-backed Forktail* *Enicurus schistaceus* – 4 ind Birethanti 29-30/11.
365. Spotted Forktail* *Enicurus maculatus* – 1 ind Birethanti 29/11.
366. Siberian Stonechat* *Saxicola maurus* – Common in suitable habitat.
367. White-tailed Stonechat* *Saxicola leucurus* – 3 ind Koshi 3/12, 1 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
368. Pied Stonechat* *Saxicola caprata* – 4 ind Chitwan 7/12.
369. Grey Bushchat* *Saxicola ferreus* – Seen 6 of the days, in Pokhara, Tatopani, Ulleri-Birethanti and KTM.

370. Variable Wheatear* *Oenanthe picata* – 1 ind Koshi 4/11.
371. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher* *Ficedula strophhiata* – 1 ind Pokhara 20/11, 13 ind seen on trek Sikha-Birethanti 27-30/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
372. Taiga Flycatcher* *Ficedula albicilla* – Common in suitable habitat. Mainly a lowland wintering bird. Top day 21 noted in Chitwan 7/12-
373. Little Pied Flycatcher* *Ficedula westermanni* – 1 ind Birethanti 30/11.
374. Slaty-blue Flycatcher* *Ficedula tricolor* – 1 ind Tatopani 26/11, 1 ind Sikha 27/11, 2 ind Ulleri-Birethanti 29/11, 1 ind Birethanti 30/11, 2 ind Chitwan 10/12.
375. Asian Verditer Flycatcher* *Eumyias thalassinus* – 7 seen in Koshi 2-3/12, 4 seen in Chitwan 6-7/12.
376. Pale-chinned Flycatcher* *Cyornis poliogenys* – 1 ind Koshi 4/12, 4 ind Chitwan 6-7/12.
377. Hill Blue-flycatcher* *Cyornis banyumas* – 2 ind seen on trek Sikha-Ghorepani 27/11.
378. Rufous-bellied Niltava* *Niltava sundara* – 4 ind Pokhara 20/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
379. Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* – 1 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
380. Small Niltava* *Niltava macgrigoriae* – 8 ind Pokhara 20/11, 3 ind Ghasa 24/11, 1 ind Birethanti 30/11, 3 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
381. Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher* *Culicicapa ceylonensis* – Common in suitable habitat. Mainly a lowland species.
382. Brown Dipper* *Cinclus pallasii* – 11 ind seen around Birethanti 29-30/11.
383. Golden-fronted Leafbird* *Chloropsis aurifrons* – Singles in Chitwan 6/12, 9/12, 10/12.
384. Orange-bellied Leafbird* *Chloropsis hardwickii* – 2 ind Pokhara 20/11, 5 ind Chitwan 9/12, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
385. Yellow-vented Flowerpecker* *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* – 3 ind Chitwan 9/12.
386. Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker* *Dicaeum melanoxanthum* – 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
387. Pale-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos* – 3 ind Chitwan 9/12, 2 ind Chitwan 10/12.
388. Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus* – 3 ind Koshi 2/12, 2 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12.
389. Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae* – 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
390. Green-tailed Sunbird* *Aethopyga nipalensis* – 12 ind seen on trek Ghorepani-Birethanti 28-30/11, 3 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
391. Black-throated Sunbird* *Aethopyga saturata* – 20+ ind Tatopani 26/11, 1 ind Birethanti 30/11, 2 ind Botanical Gardens, KTM 1/12.
392. Crimson Sunbird* *Aethopyga siparaja* – 20+ ind Pokhara 20/11, 14 ind seen in Chitwan 6-9/12.
393. Fire-tailed Sunbird* *Aethopyga ignicauda* – 1 ind on trek Ghasa-Tatopani 25/11, 3 ind Ghorepani 28/11.
394. Streaked Spiderhunter* *Arachnothera magna* – 2 ind Chitwan 9/12.
395. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – Common in suitable habitat.
396. Russet Sparrow* *Passer rutilans* – 2 ind Ghasa 25/11, 15 ind Sikha 26/11, 2 ind Ghorepani 28/11, 4 ind Ulleri 29/11.
397. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* – Common in suitable habitat, mainly Pokhara-Jomsom-Muktinath.
398. Baya Weaver* *Ploceus philippinus* – 10 ind on road to Chitwan 5/12, 40 ind Chitwan 6/12.
399. Indian Silverbill* *Lonchura malabarica* – 2 ind Koshi 4/12.
400. White-rumped Munia* *Lonchura striata* – 10 ind Pokhara 20/11, 5 ind Sikha 26/11, 15 ind Ulleri 29/11.
401. Scaly-breasted Munia* *Lonchura punctulata* – Common in the lowland.
402. Altai Accentor* *Prunella himalayana* – 20 ind Muktinath 23/11, 6 ind on trek Ghasa-Tatopani 25/11.

403. Robin Accentor* *Prunella rubeculoides* – 1 ind Muktinath 22/11.
404. Brown Accentor* *Prunella fulvescens* – 7 ind on trek Jomsom-Kagbeni 21/11, 20 ind on trek Kagbeni-Muktinath 22/11.
405. Black-throated Accentor* *Prunella atrogularis* – 2 ind Jharkot 22/11.
406. Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* ssp. – 1 ind Chitwan 6/11.
407. Citrine Wagtail* *Motacilla citreola* – 1 ind Pokhara 21/11 and many noted in Chitwan and Koshi. Over 100 seen in Koshi 4/11.
408. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* – Common in suitable habitat.
409. White Wagtail* *Motacilla alba* – Common. Most common races ssp. *alboides*, *leucopsis*. The race *personata* seen in Pokhara, Koshi and Chitwan and the race *baicalensis* seen in Chitwan only.
410. White-browed Wagtail* *Motacilla madaraspatensis* – Seen in suitable habitat. Fairly common in Chitwan and Koshi.
411. Richard's Pipit* *Anthus richardi* – 30 ind Koshi 3/12, 10 ind Koshi 4/12, 1 ind Koshi 5/12.
412. Paddyfield pipit* *Anthus rufulus* – Common in suitable habitat, especially Koshi and Chitwan.
413. Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* – 2 or 3 ind seen in Koshi 4/12.
414. Olive-backed Pipit* *Anthus hodgsoni* – Common. Over 250 ind seen flying to roost in Chitwan 8/12.
415. Rosy Pipit* *Anthus roseatus* – 15 ind Chitwan 6/12, 6 ind Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind Chitwan 8/12.
416. Chaffinch* *Fringilla coelebs* – 1 ind Ghorepani 29/11.
417. Red-fronted Serin* *Serinus pusillus* – Over 110 ind noted on trek Jomsom-Muktinath 21-23/11, 5 ind Black Forest 24/11.
418. Yellow-breasted Greenfinch* *Carduelis spinoides* – 3 ind Black Forest 24/11, 50+ ind Sikha 27/11.
419. European Goldfinch* *Carduelis carduelis caniceps* – 9 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
420. Plain Mountain Finch* *Leucosticte nemoricola* – Over 450 seen on trek Kagbeni-Muktinath-Ghasa 22-25/11.
421. Red-spectacled Finch* *Callacanthus burtoni* – 1 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
422. Blanford's Rosefinch* *Carpodacus rubescens* – 1 ind Poon Hill 28/11, 1 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
423. Dark-breasted Rosefinch* *Carpodacus nipalensis* – More than 64 ind seen on trek Sikha-Poon Hill 26-28/11, 2 ind Phulchowki 11/12.
424. Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrurus* – 2 ind Sikha 26/11, 1 ind Ghorepani 29/11, 3 ind Koshi 4/12, 5 ind Chitwan 6/12.
425. Beautiful Rosefinch* *Carpodacus pulcherrimus* – 1 ind Jomsom 21/11, 3 ind Jharkot 22/11.
426. Pink-browed Rosefinch* *Carpodacus rodochroa* – 1 ind Ghasa 25/11, 2 ind Tatopani 26/11, 1 ind Ghorepani 28/11.
427. Spot-winged Rosefinch* *Carpodacus rodopeplus* – 1 ind Ghorepani 28/11.
428. Streaked Rosefinch* *Carpodacus rubicilloides* – 10 ind Jharkot 22/11, 1 ind Muktinath 23/11.
429. Crimson-browed Finch* *Pinicola subhimachala* – 5 ind Ghorepani 28/11.
430. Brown Bullfinch *Pyrrhula nipalensis* – 3 ind Black Forest 24/11.
431. Black-and-yellow Grosbeak* *Mycerobas icteroides* – 7 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
432. Crested Bunting* *Melophus lathami* – 7 ind Koshi 4/12, 4 ind Chitwan 6/12.
433. Pine Bunting* *Emberiza leucocephalos* – 1-2 ind Kagbeni 21/11, 1 ind Kagbeni 22/11, 2 ind Poon Hill 28/11.
434. Western Rock Bunting* *Emberiza cia* – Abundant in high altitudes. On trek Jomsom-Muktinath-Ghasa and Poon Hill.

435. Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
 Unidentified quail/buttonquail *Coturnix/Turnix sp.* – 1 ind Koshi 3/12.
 Unidentified Swinhoe's Snipe/Pin-tailed Snipe* *Gallinago megala/stenura* – 1 ind. Chitwan 6/12.

Mammal species list

1. Gaur*/Indian Bison *Bos gaurus* – 4 ind. Churia hills, Chitwan 9/12.
2. Wild Water Buffalo* *Bubalus arnee* – 10 ind. Koshi 2/12, 1 ind. 3/12.
3. Nilgai*/Blue Bull *Boselaphus tragocamelus* – 1 female Koshi 2/12.
4. Blue Sheep*/Bharal *Pseudois nayaur* – small groups daily on the trek from Jomsom to Muktinath.
5. Common Goral* *Nemorhaedus goral* – 5 ind. Ghasa 24/11.
6. Himalayan Tahr*/Djaral *Hemitragus jemlabicus* – 2 ind. Ghasa 25/11.
7. Hog Deer* *Hyelaphus porcinus* – 2 ind. Koshi 3/12.
8. Indian Muntjac*/Barking Deer *Muntiacus muntjak* – common in Ghorepani area and Chitwan.
9. Spotted Deer*/Chital *Axis axis* – common in Chitwan.
10. Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* – 1 ind. Chitwan 7/12, 1 ind. 8/12, 1 ind. 9/12.
11. Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta* – common mostly in/around Chitwan and KTM.
12. Tarai Gray Langur* *Semnopithecus hector* – recorded mainly in and around Chitwan.
13. Moupin Pika *Ochotona thibetana* – 1 ind. Jharkot 22/11.
14. Irrawaddy squirrel* *Callosciurus pygerythrus* – 5 or more ind. Pokhara 20/11.
15. Particolored Flying Squirrel* *Hylopetes alboniger* – 1 ind. Pulchowki, KTM 11/12.
16. Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel* *Dremomys lokriah* ? – 1 ind. Pulchowki, Kathmandu 11/12.
17. Mountain Weasel *Mustela altaica* – 1 ind. Muktinath 23/11.
18. Small Indian Mongoose* *Herpestes javanicus* – 2 ind. Pokhara 20/11, 1 ind. Koshi 4/12 , 1 tame ind. Chitwan Jungle Lodge 8-10/12.
19. Golden Jackal* *Canis aureus* – common, Pokhara, Muktinath, Koshi, Chitwan.
20. Bengal Fox* *Vulpes bengalensis* – 1 ind. Koshi 4/12.
21. Dhole/Asiatic Wild Dog *Cuon alpinus* – 2 ind. Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
22. Jungle Cat* *Felis chaus* – 2 ind. Koshi camp 3/12, 1 or 2 ind. 4/12.
23. Greater One-horned Rhinoceros* *Rhinoceros unicornis* – 1 ind. Chitwan 6/12, 1 ind. 7/12, 1 ind. 8/12.
24. Greater short-nosed fruitbat* *Cynopterus sphinx* – 1 ind. Koshi camp 4/12.
25. Ganges River Dolphin* *Platanista gangetica* – 4 or more ind. at Koshi Barrage 4/12.

Brown rat sp. – Pokhara.
 Grey rat sp. – Koshi.
 Shrew sp. – Kagbeni.
 Bat sp. – Everywhere.



Reptile species list (selection of species)

1. Mugger Crocodile* *Crocodylus palustris* – 15+ ind. Chitwan 6-10/12.
2. Gharial* *Gavialis gangeticus* – 1 ind. Chitwan 6/12.
3. St. John's Keelback* *Xenochrophis sanctijohannis* – 1 ind. Bagmati, KTM 1/12.
4. Indian Trinket Snake* *Coelognathus helena* – 1 ind. Churia Hills, Chitwan 9/12.
5. *Xenochrophis* sp.?* – 1 ind. Pokhara 20/11.
6. *Agamidae* sp.?* – 1 ind. Chitwan 7/12.
7. *Agamidae* sp.?* – 2 ind. Koshi 4/12.
8. Frog sp.* – 1 ind. Koshi camp 3/12.
9. Lizard sp.* – 3 ind. Ghasa 25/11.
10. Toad sp.* – 1 ind. Koshi camp 3/12.



Mugger Crocodile *Crocodylus palustris*

Insect species list (selection of photo documented insects, i.e butterflies¹, dragonflies², damselflies³ and others⁴)

Kathmandu

1. Red-spot Jezebel¹ *Delias descombesi* 19/11.
2. *Anotogaster nipalensis*² 1/12.
3. Large Tortoiseshell *Nymphalis xanthomelas fervescens* 11/12.

Pokhara

4. Common Treebrown¹ *Lethe robria robria* 20/11.
5. Grey Pansy¹ *Precis atlites atlites* 20/11.
6. Small Branded Swift¹ *Pelipidas mathias mathias* 20/11.
7. Common Sailor¹ *Neptis hylas kamarupa* 20/11.
8. Indian Fritillary¹ *Argyreus hyperbius hyperbius* 20/11.
9. Common Mormon¹ *Papilio polytes romolus* 20/11.
10. Red Lacewing¹ *Cethosia biblis tisamena* 20/11.
11. Indian Red Admiral¹ *Vanessa indica* 20/11.
12. Aurora Bluetail Damselfly³ *Ischnura aurora aurora* 20/11.
13. *Syntomoides imaon*⁴ 19/11.

Annapurna (along the trek)

14. Dark Clouded Yellow¹ *Colias fieldii fieldii* 21/11.
15. Painted Lady¹ *Vanessa cardui* 21/11.
16. Common Copper¹ *Lycaena phlaeas baralacha* 22/11.
17. Indian Tortoiseshell¹ *Aglais cashmirensis aesis* 25/11.
18. White-bordered¹ Copper *Lycaena pavana* 25/11.
19. Punchinello¹ *Zemeros flegyas indicus* 25/11.
20. Green Sapphire¹ *Heliophorus androcles coruscans* 25/11.
21. Dark Blue Tiger¹ *Tirmala septentrionis* 26/11.
22. Mixed Punch¹ *Dodona ouida* 26/11.
23. Common Sailor¹ *Neptis hylas kamarupa* 26/11.
24. *Sympetrum commixtum*² 26/11.



Scarlet Skimmer *Crocothemis servilia*



Dark Blue Tiger *Tirmala septentrionis*

25. Crimson-tailed Marsh Hawk/Pink Skimmer² *Orthetrum pruinatum* 26/11.
26. Dark Judy¹ *Abisara fylla fylla* 25/11 & 30/11.
27. Straight-banded Treebrown¹ *Lethe verma sintica* 30/11.
28. Common Yeoman¹ *Cirrochora tyeche mithila* 30/11.
29. Common Earl¹ *Tanaecia julii appiades* 30/11.
30. Common Jester¹ *Symbrenthia lilaea kbaisana* 30/11.
31. *Gynacantha bayadera*²? 30/11.
32. Blue tailed Forest hawk² *Orthetrum triangulare* 30/11.
33. Scarlet skimmer/Crimson Darter² *Crocothemis servilia* 30/11.



Koshi Tappu

34. Danaid Eggfly¹ *Hypolimnas misippus* 2/12.
35. Slender Skimmer² *Orthetrum sabina* 3/12.
36. Blue Pansy¹ *Precis orithya ocyale* 4/12.
37. Straight Swift¹ *Parnara guttata mangala* 4/12.

Chitwan

38. Colour Sergeant¹ *Athyma nefte inara* 6/12.
39. Elephant Emperor² *Anax indicus* 6/12.
40. Peacock Pansy¹ *Precis almana almana* 7/12.
41. Vagrant¹ *Vagrans egista* 7/12.
42. Common Pierrot¹ *Castalius rosimon* 8/12.
43. Banded Treebrown¹ *Lethe confusa confuse* 8/12.
44. Common Baron¹ *Euthalia aconthea suddhodana* 9/12.



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At Poon Hill. From left: Raul Vicente, Göran Holm, Tobias Berger, Mårten Wikström.