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Itinerary of group from British Museum (Natural History)

3815	March	Pokhara	-	upper Ghabung Khola
3816	"		-	W. of Pamdur
3817	"		-	Aramati (Kali Gandaki)
3818	"		-	Beni
3719	"		-	Babiya Ghour
3720	"		-	Darapani
3721	"		-	Lumsum
22-28	March	At Lumsum,		camping by river and collecting especially in forested gully on south side of valley (7000 ft) - $28^{\circ}32'N, 83^{\circ}17'E$
29	March	Lumsum	-	head of Uttar Ganga - $28^{\circ}30'N, 83^{\circ}11'E, 9700'$
30	"		-	Dhorpatan
31 March-6 April		At Dhorpatan,		camping by river about 2 miles east of village and collecting especially in forest on south side of valley (9500 ft)
31	March			
7	April	Dhorpatan	-	c. 10 miles west - $28^{\circ}30'N, 82^{\circ}57'E$ $28^{\circ}29'N, 83^{\circ}05'E$
8	"		-	Sehra
9	"		-	Pelma Khola
10	"		-	Mayang $28^{\circ}39'N, 82^{\circ}50'E, 6500 ft$
11	"		-	Ramagaon $28^{\circ}43'N, 82^{\circ}53'E, 9500 ft$
12	"		-	c. 4 miles north $28^{\circ}43'N, 82^{\circ}53'E, 9500 ft$
13	"		-	Saure Khola $28^{\circ}48'N, 82^{\circ}58'E, 11,700 ft$
14	"		-	upper Saure Khola
15	"		-	Tarakot $28^{\circ}52'N, 82^{\circ}59'E, 12000 ft$
16-20	Apr	At Tarakot,		camping on edge of spruce forest above village (12000ft)
21	April	Tarakot	-	c. 6 miles east $28^{\circ}53'N, 83^{\circ}03'E, 10,800 ft$
22	"		-	Kakkot east } = Barbung Khola
23	"		-	Tareng $28^{\circ}53'N, 83^{\circ}10'E, 12,000 ft$
24	"		-	Mukut $28^{\circ}50'N, 83^{\circ}22'E, 12,300 ft$
25	"	At Mukut		
26	"	Mukut	-	east (15 000 ft)
27	"		-	east side of Mula (17 000 ft)
28	"	At same camp		
29	"		-	eastwards $28^{\circ}53'N, 83^{\circ}38'E, 14,000 ft$
30	"		-	Sangdah $28^{\circ}54'N, 83^{\circ}41'E, 13,000 ft$
31	May		-	Dangarjong and Jomosom
32	"		-	Tukuche
33	"		-	Ghasa
34	"		-	Tatopani
35	"		-	Chitre
36	"		-	Tirkhedunga
37	"		-	Kanre
38	"		-	Pokhara
39	"		-	
3810-12	May	At Pokhara		
5213-18	"	At Kathmandu		
5219-22	"	At Tiger Tops (G.B.C. only)		
5223-27	"	At Kathmandu		

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Systematic list of birds.

Darter, Anhinga rufa. One by Rapti River, Chitwan, 19 May.

Little green heron, Butorides striatus. Several skulking under banks of Rapti River, Chitwan, 19 May.

Paddybird, Ardeola greyi. Common at Chitwan and at Kathmandu. One at Phewa Lake, Pokhara, 12 May.

(Large/Median egret, Egretta alba/intermedia. Two or three by Rapti R., 19 May - not closely studied.)

Little egret, Egretta garzetta. One at Phewa Lake, Pokhara, 12 May; several around Kathmandu and many at Chitwan on large and small rivers.

Chestnut bittern, Ixobrychus cinnamomeus. One seen closely in flight at small jeel amongst elephant grass at Chitwan, 20 May.

White-necked stork, Ciconia episcopus. One by Rapti River, Chitwan, 19 May.

Black-necked stork, Xenorhynchus asiaticus. Two by Rapti River, Chitwan, 20 May.

Black ibis, Pseudibis papillosus. Two by small river at Chitwan, 22 May.

? Lesser whistling teal, Dendrocygna javanica. (possibly Large whistling teal, D. bicolor). Two by small river at Chitwan 22 May. Dark, rounded wings prominent in flight. Upper tail coverts not noted but body colouring closer to illustration of D. javanica.

Cotton teal, Nattapus coromandelianus. Two on small weedy jeel at Chitwan.

Black kite, Milvus migrans. Seen, one or two at a time, for first few days out of Pokhara. None at Lumsum; 1 or 2 present most of the time at Dhorpatan (9500'). None from there ~~At~~ to Tarakot where seen twice. Then none until Birethanti (3000') on return journey. Most had moderately conspicuous white patches under wings.

Goshawk, Accipiter gentilis. One at Tarakot (11500'), on 16 Apr. Flying over spruce forest at camp and one stooped very fast over camp.

? Sparrow hawk, Accipiter nisus. A rather pale, small hawk at Dhorpatan on 5 Apr probably this species but not seen very closely.

Black eagle, Ictinaetus malayensis. One at Lumsum (7500') on 25 Mar., flying very low over forest and scrub. Also one at Chitre on 6 May - similar altitude and habitat. One at Dhorpatan 3000m (K44)

? Grey-headed fishing eagle, Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus (or possibly Himalayan grey-headed fishing eagle, I. nana, but clearcut black and white tail would seem to make former more likely.) One perched on low branch overhanging weedy jeel at Chitwan, 21 May. (I. nana likely, to be I. nana according to R.C. Flaming p.) (in litt. 20/12/74)

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* One near Jomjosong, 2 May (KHH)

Black vulture, *Torgos calvus*. One soaring with other species SW of Pokhara, 9 May. Red face and white flank spot clearly seen.

Himalayan griffon vulture, *Gyps himalayensis*. Seen intermittently from Pokhara all the way to Tarakot and the Barbung Khola but not noted between there and near Jomosom. One found recently dead in the Barbung Khola.

Long-billed vulture, *Gyps indicus*. One overhead $\frac{1}{2}$ at Chitwan.

Indian white-backed vulture, *Gyps bengalensis*. Two at the tiger kill at Chitwan.

Egyptian vulture, *Neophron percnopterus*. Several at Pokhara and on the first day's march, thereafter none until Tarakot (11000') where there was one around camp on several days; then one at Sangdah (12000') and several between Tatopani and Pokhara. Not noted at Chitwan.

Lammergeier, *Gypaetus barbatus*. First seen at Darapani (?6000'). Daily at Dhorpatan and thereafter most days right up to the Mula pass where one seen at about 15000'. One seen closely on ground at the campsite at Kakkot in the Barbung Khola. One at Chandrakot 8 May.

Pale harrier, *Circus macrourus*. One at Dhorpatan, flying low over flat pasture by river (2 Apr).

Pied harrier, *Circus melanoleucas*. Two flying low over paddyfields, and perching on banks, in the Gabung Khola on our first day out from Pokhara (15 Mar).

Crested serpent eagle, *Spilornis cheela*. One perched on low branch in forest at Chitwan. (20 May)

Indian hobby, *Falco severus*. One circling over the lodge at Chitwan, feeding on termites during a mass emergence of flying forms. Very russet below (21 May).

Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*. Single birds intermittently from near Pokhara to 12000' in the Barbung Khola. On the return journey noted only near Birethanti. One at Dhorpatan seemed very pale.

Tibetan snowcock, *Tetraogallus tibetanus*. Snowcock seen and heard at summit of Jangla Pass, on east side of Mula Pass and near Sangdah. Last appeared to be this species but not seen very closely.

Chukor, *Alectoris chukor*. One by Uttar Ganga at c.7000'. Several at Tarakot (up to 6 at once).

Monal pheasant, Lophophorus impejanus. Several at Tarakot.

Kaleej pheasant, Lophura leucomelana. Single males seen on three occasions in broadleaved forest at Lumsum.

Red jungle fowl, Gallus gallus. Several in woodland at Chitwan.

Indian peafowl, Pavo cristatus. Common at Chitwan. 1 male and 7 females walking to river bank in early morning.

Demoiselle crane, Anthropoides virgo. One at Tarakot on 16 Apr - flew in from SW and circled over valley. Departed to east along Barbung Khola (कुवा) Waterhen, Gallinula chloropus. One at Chitwan.

White-breasted waterhen, Amaurornis phoenicurus. One at lodge at Chitwan.

Red-wattled lapwing, Vanellus indicus. Several with young on the small river at Chitwan.

Spur-winged lapwing, Vanellus spinosus. One by Rapti River, Chitwan.

Little ringed plover, Charadrius dubius. Two on sandbank at lodge at Chitwan.

Redshank, Tringa totanus. One on bank of Rapti River, Chitwan, 19 May.

Greenshank, Tringa nebularia. One on bank of Rapti River, 19 May.

Green sandpiper, Tringa ochropus. One or two seen daily on river at Dhorpatan 1-7 Apr.

Woodcock, Scolopax rusticola. One flushed from a gully with stream and a few shrubs on an otherwise grassy hillside near Ramnagaon, Pelma Khola.

Ibisbill, Ibidorhyncha struthersi. A pair on the river at Dhorpatan on 30 and 31 March.

Great stone plover, Esacus magnirostris. Five on pebble riverbank of Rapti River, Chitwan, 20 May.

Small Indian pratincole, Glareola lactea. Numerous on sandy banks of Rapti River, Chitwan, 19 May.

Indian river tern, Sterna aurantia. Two or three on Rapti River and on small river at Chitwan.

Black-bellied tern, Sterna acuticauda. Two or three on Rapti River.

Orange-breasted green pigeon, Treron bicincta. One near lodge at Chitwan.

(250 + fine KHU)

Snow pigeon, Columba leuconota. Flocks of up to 100 around Dhorpatan 30 Mar - 7 Apr., sometimes settling in fallow fields. A few in the Barbung Khola 22 Apr but only singly or in pairs. Flocks of up to 20 NW of Jomosom on 1 May.

Blue rock pigeon, Columba livia. Kathmandu. Also a flock of c.40 in fallow field at Sangdah (14 000 ft), all but one dark-rumped.

Hill pigeon, Columba rupsestris. Sangdah - one amongst blue rock pigeons.

Eastern turtle dove, Streptopelia orientalis. Several around Lumsum, at Dhorpatan (singing in open pine/juniper woodland) and at Tarakot and lower Barbung Khola.

Spotted dove, Streptopelia chinensis. Common at Chitwan.

Emerald dove, Chalcopteryx indica. One at Chitwan.

Large parakeet, Psittacula eupatria. Several at Chitwan.

Rose-ringed parakeet, Psittacula krameri. Common at Chitwan, small groups of about 5-10 flying around very fast.

Red-breasted parakeet, Psittacula alexandri. One at lodge, Chitwan.

? Himalayan slaty-headed parakeet, Psittacula himalayana. A green parakeet flying over forest at 7500 feet at Lumsum. Probably this species but not seen clearly.

Indian cuckoo, Cuculus micropterus. First heard at Chitre on 7 May and from there all the way to Pokhara.

Cuckoo, Cuculus canorus. Heard and seen near Ramnagaon on 11 April. Not again until near Chitre on 6 May and from there all the way back to Pokhara.

Himalayan cuckoo, Cuculus saturatus. One calling in Petma Khola 11 Apr.

Common coucal, Centropus sinensis. Common at Chitwan, in elephant grass by river.

Lesser coucal, Centropus toulou. Seen and heard by river at Chitwan. peculiar double call.

Jungle nightjar, Caprimulgus indicus. Calling nightly at Lumsum (and seen on dry scrubby hillside). Also at most camps between Dhorpatan and Jangla Pass.

Long-tailed nightjar, Caprimulgus macrurus. Calling at Kanjre (last camp before returning to Pokhara) - 8 May.

? Little nightjar, *Caprimulgus asiaticus*. Several disturbed by elephants from clearings amongst the elephant-grass at Chitwan were probably this species. Seemed small and short-tailed with rather prominent buff mark near wing-tip.

Himalayan swiftlet, *Collocalia brevirostris*. Several feeding over fields of wheat between Tatopani and Chitre, 6 May. Brown, tails not forked.

Common swift, *Apus apus*. First seen on 21 Apr in Barbung Khola - 20-30 flying around a cliff. Again on 23 Apr c20 near confluence of Mukut and Barbung Khola (c12,000 ft) and on 1 May NW of Jomosom.

Himalayan white-rumped swift, *Apus pacificus*. Many white-rumped swifts in gorge of Kali Gandaki between Ghasa and Dana seemed as large as common swifts and were probably this species.

House swift, *Apus affinis*. Several large colonies of nests under eaves in Pokhara.

Indian pied kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis*. Several on Rapti River and small river at Chitwan.

Small blue kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis*. Several on small river at Chitwan. Only one Alcedo kingfisher seen in hills, between Beni and Darapani on 20 March but not seen clearly enough to recognize species.

Brown-headed stork-billed kingfisher, *Pelargopsis capensis*. One or two near lodge at Chitwan.

White-breasted kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis*. Pokhara (lake and fields) - several on 12 May.

Chestnut-headed bee-eater, *Merops leschenaulti*. Several near lodge at Chitwan.

Blue-tailed bee-eater, *Merops philippinus*. Several at Chitwan, by river and in forest.

Small green bee-eater, *Merops orientalis*. Several at Chitwan, especially on isolated trees amongst the elephant-grass.

Indian roller, *Coracias benghalensis*. Only seen around Pokhara and immediately to west (on both outward and return journeys).

Broad-billed roller, Eurystomus orientalis. One or two near lodge at Chitwan.

Hoopoe, Upupa epops. One just below Tarakot on 21 Apr - on very dry dusty ground near village. Two in garden in Kathmandu 16 May.

Great pied hornbill, Buceros bicornis. A pair in flight seen on several occasions at Chitwan.

Great barbet, Megalaima virens. One seen closely between Tatopani and Chitre on 6 May, in isolated tree amongst cultivation. Probably this species heard in many places between Tatopani and Pokhara.

Green barbet, Megalaima zeylanica. One seen closely near lodge at Chitwan. Bill appeared quite a bright pink.

Speckled piculet, Picumnus innominatus. One in shrubby growth on edge of clearing in forest between Ghorepani and Ulleri.

Scaly-bellied green woodpecker, Picus squamatus. Boys at Lumsum had one they had taken from a nest while collecting browse - they said they were going to eat it.

Golden-backed three-toed woodpecker, Dinopium shorii. One seen closely, and other probably the same, near the lodge at Chitwan.

Brown-fronted pied woodpecker, Picoides auriceps. One in Rhododendron/oak wood above Darapani on 20 Mar. One same habitat in Pelma Khola 10 Apr.

Fulvous-breasted pied woodpecker, Picoides macei. One near lake at Pokhara, 12 May.

Himalayan pied woodpecker, Picoides himalayensis. One at edge of spruce/pine forest at ~~Dhorpatan~~ Dhorpatan, 31 Mar.

Indian pitta, Pitta brachyura. One in forest at Chitwan.

Horned lark, Eremophila alpestris. Several on flat grassy ground at 16,000 feet east of the Mula Pass. Agree with description of E.a.elwesi.

Indian grey-throated sand martin, Riparia paludicola. Many around the pension camp at Pokhara.

Crag martin, Hirundo rupestris. First seen in Barbung Khola on 22 April. Again in Mukut Khola on 24 Apr and in several places between Sangdah and ~~Imasen~~.

Common swallow, *Hirundo rustica*. Abundant in Kathmandu, few elsewhere. None at Lumsum nor Dhorpatan. Abundant at Takbachhi 9 Apr (no red-rumped). No swallows at Tarakot. Four flying fast to west in upper Barbung Khola 23 Apr. Several at Lumle 8 May.

Red-rumped swallow, *Hirundo daurica*. Less common than *H. rustica* in Kathmandu but commoner in villages beyond Pokhara. None at Lumsum and not noted again until Patopani on return journey. Thereafter abundant.

House martin sp., *Delichon urbica/nipalensis*. Several daily at Lumsum. Again NW of Jomosom, on 1 May.

Rufous-backed/black-headed shrike, *Lanius schach*. Black-headed near Beni 19 Mar., both forms at Lumsum and between Dhorpatan and Pelma Khola. Two rufous-backed at Tarakot on our last day only (20 Apr) - probably just arrived. One rufous-backed in Barbung Khola 22 Apr. and at Dangarjong (N of Jomosom) 2 May.

Black-headed oriole, *Oriolus xanthornis*. Several at Chitwan, near lodge.

Black drongo, *Dicrurus adsimilis*.

Grey drongo, *Dicrurus leucophaeus*. Drongos seen intermittently from Pokhara (black) to Tarakot (grey), not identified with certainty at other localities. None higher than Tarakot, where seen on edge of spruce forest.

Crow-billed drongo, *Dicrurus annectens*. Several near lodge at Chitwan, in forest.

Grey-headed mynah, *Sturnus malabaricus*. Several $\frac{1}{2}$ at Chitwan, bathing in shallow river and flying up to tree-tops. Also one in gorge south of Kathmandu, 25 May.

Brahminy mynah, *Sturnus pagodarum*. One near lake at Pokhara 12 May.

Indian mynah, *Acridotheres tristis*. Abundant until a little short of Lumsum but none there and none again until south of Jomosom.

Jungle mynah, *Acridotheres fuscus*. Common at Chitwan along with about equal numbers of *A. tristis*.

Indian tree pie, *Dendrocitta vagabunda*. Several near Beni 18 Mar.

Nutcracker, *Nucifraga carvocatates*. One near Sehra 9 Apr., twice in Pelma Khola
and several at Tarakot

Yellow-billed chough, *Pyrrhocorax graculus*. First seen at mouth of Mukut Khola (flock of 20-30) on 24 Apr. Also between Mukut and Mula Pass and on east side of pass around Sangdah (with about equal numbers of red-billed at Sangdah).

Red-billed chough, *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*. First seen at Dhorpatan - about 5 near camp but only on one occasion after snow showers on the hills. Common in valley of Uttar Ganga west of Dhorpatan (one flock of 22). A flock of c.70 in lower Saure Khola on 13 Apr. Several around Jangla Pass (all those seen closely were red-billed). One at Tarakot. Two in Mukut Khola below village but all those above village seemed to be yellow-billed. Several at Sangdah and between there and Jomosom.

House crow, *Corvus splendens*. Common at Kathmandu and Pokhara but not elsewhere. First one seen on return journey was about 5 miles west of Pokhara.

Jungle crow, *Corvus macrohynchus*. At Pokhara and all the way from there to the Barbung Khola and at Mukut. Mostly in ones and twos but up to 20 together at Dhorpatan.

Raven, *Corvus corax*. One at Kakkot in Barbung Khola, a very tame individual waiting to scavenge as we vacated camp. One east of Mukut at c.14,000 ft.

? Short-billed minivet, *Percrocotus brevirostris*. The first minivet seen, west of Beni, seemed to be this species, judging by the single, oval red patch on the closed wing. Minivets were seen all the way to Tarakot but others not examined closely. High altitude ones probably long-tailed minivets, *P. ethologus*.

Rosy minivet, *Percrocotus roseus*. One in forest at tented camp, Chitwan.

Red-whiskered bulbul, *Pycnonotus jocosus*. Several near lodge at Chitwan, edge of forest.

White-cheeked bulbul, *Pycnonotus leucogenys*. First seen at Naudanda. Common in upper part of forest at Lumsum (7500 ft), in Rhododendron/oak forest. Not noted again until above Tatopani (6 May).

Red-vented bulbul, *Pycnonotus cafer*. Naudanda 16 Mar. Several in riverside grass at Chitwan.

Black bulbul, *Hypsipetes madagascariensis*. Two at Babiya Chaur, west of Beni. Several near Ramnagar on 12 Apr (broad-leaved forest by river). Several between ^{Tatopani and Chitre 6 May}

White-throated laughing thrush, Garrulax albogularis. Conifer forest by Uttar Ganga E. of Sehra 8 Apr. - several noisy parties but difficult to see clearly. Two in broadleaved forest at Kanre 8 May.

Striated laughing thrush, Garrulax striatus. Two at Lumsum, on shrubby hillside.

Variagated laughing thrush, Garrulax variagatus. Common at Dhorpatan, in low scrubby pine as well as in spruce forest. Also at edge of spruce forest at Tarakot.

Streaked laughing thrush, Garrulax lineatus. Pair in scrub near village by Uttar Ganga, E. of Sehra.

Stripe-throated yuhina, Yuhina gularis. One in rhododendron/oak forest at Lumsum, probing rhododendron flowers.

Black-capped sibia, Heterophasia capistrata. Several in scrub and edge of forest at Lumsum.

Sooty flycatcher, Muscivora sibirica. One at Tarakot, 20 April. Making feeding flights from extreme top of an isolated spruce.

Orange-gorgeted flycatcher, Muscivora strophilata. One at edge of forest, Lumsum, 23 March.

White-browed blue flycatcher, Muscivora superciliosus. One amongst rhododendron/oak in Pelma Khola (7000 ft) 10 Apr; one male at Tarakot (spruce/pine forest) and a pair in the Barbung Khola below Kakkot.

Verditer flycatcher, Muscivora thalassina. Several in bushy area near forest at Lumsum. Several in Pelma Khola. Also in forest near Ghorepani 7 May.

Grey-headed flycatcher, Culicivora ceylonensis. First seen at Dhorapani. Abundant at Lumsum especially where forest bordered the river. None at Dhorpatan but seen again just before entering Saure Khola (again in broad-leaved trees bordering river). Not noted on return journey.

Yellow-bellied fantail flycatcher, Rhipidura hypoxantha. Several on edge of broad-leaved forest at Lumsum. Also in open juniper/pine woodland at Dhorpatan.

Brown hill warbler, Prinia criniger. One in scrub by river below Ramnagaon, 11 April.

Tickell's leaf warbler, Phylloscopus affinis. Common in juniper clumps in Mukut Khola, 12 000 - 13 000 ft.

Pallas's leaf warbler, Phylloscopus proregulus. Several in scrub at edge of forest at Lumsum. Probably also at and west of Dhorpatan.

Orange-banded leaf warbler, Phylloscopus pulcher. One west of Dhorpatan, 8 April

- Small Crowned leaf warbler, Phylloscopus reguloides. One mummified specimen picked up at about 15 500 ft between Mukut and the Mula on 26 Apr. Identified by Derek Godwin and prepared as a skeleton for the BM collection.
- Grey-headed flycatcher warbler, Seicercus xanthoschistos. One carrying food to a nest of four young in a grassy bank under a Berberis bush between terraced fields west of Pandur on 16 March. Also a pair near Sehra 8 Apr and at Ramnagaon 11 A. r.
- Chestnut-headed flycatcher warbler, Seicercus castaniceps. One in forest at Lumsum.
- Goldcrest, Regulus regulus. Edge of spruce forest at Dhorpatan and at Tarakot.
- Bluethroat, Erithacus svecicus. One ♀ in forest above and W of Lumsum, 29 Mar.
- Himalayan rubythroat, Erithacus nectoralis. One in forest at Lumsum.
- Red-flanked bush-robin, Erithacus cyanurus. Several at edge of forest at Lumsum; common at Dhorpatan in open and dense forest; one female at Tarakot and one further up Barbung Khola.
- Magpie robin, Copsychus saularis. Common at Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- Blue-headed reustart, Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus. One in open pines at Tarakot, several in Barbung Khola and one near Mukut.
- Black redstart, Phoenicurus ochrurus. Several in Barbung Khola, at Mukut and up to 16 000 ft on the east side of the Mula.
- Hodgson's redstart, Phoenicurus hodgsoni. One in Mayangde Khola above Beni, 19 March. Probably also at Lumsum.
- Blue-fronted redstart, Phoenicurus frontalis. One in scrub at Lumsum. Common in open pine/juniper woodland at Dhorpatan. One near Jangdah (14 000 ft) on 30 Apr.
- White-throated redstart, Phoenicurus schisticeps. One in Mukut Khola ^{24 Apr.} ~~19 Mar.~~
- Guldenstadt's redstart, Phoenicurus erythrogaster. One pair at 17 000 ft and another at 16 000 ft east of the Mula.
- Plumbeous redstart, Rhyacornis fuliginosus. Common on all rivers through Lumsum and Dhorpatan and to the upper part of the Saure Khola. None in the Barbung Khola.
- Little forktail, Enicurus scouleri. First seen by small stream in forest at Lumsum. One by large river at Ramnagaon 11 Apr then abundantly in the upper Saure Khola where it was the commonest bird on the river boulders.
- ? Black-backed forktail, Enicurus immaculatus. One long-tailed forktail on the main river just west of Birethanti (8 May) - watched for some time but rather distant and species not certainly determinable from my notes.
- Spotted Forktail Enicurus maculatus Two at Lumsum 25 March (KHH)

Collared bush chat, Saxicola torquata. Several near Darapani and at Lumsum but not at Dhorpatan. Seen again one day west of Dhorpatan and one singing in the village at Tarakot. One at Mukut 25 Apr and one singing at Sangdah 30 Apr.

Pied bush chat, Saxicola caprata. Singing at Pension Post at Pokhara on outward journey (14-15 Mar.) - still present but not singing on return in May. Not seen elsewhere.

Dark grey bush chat, Saxicola ferrea. Singing by river at Lumsum and common amongst open pine/juniper woodland at Dhorpatan. One amongst pines at Tarakot.

White-capped redstart, Chaimarrornis leucocephalus. Common on the rivers all the way from Pokhara to Lumsum, Dhorpatan and into the upper Saure Khola. Only two sightings in Barbung Khola, one at Kakkot and a pair below Tareng. Not seen again until near Tukuche.

Blue-headed rock thrush, Monticola cinclorhynchus. One amongst scattered trees on hillside near Ramnagaon, 12 Apr.

Blue rock thrush, Monticola solitarius. One by river between Babiya Chaur and Darapani, 20 Mar. One on field wall at Sangdah 30 Apr.

Whistling thrush, Myiophonus caeruleus. First seen by Kali Gandaki near Aramati on 18 Mar. and frequently from there through Lumsum and Dhorpatan into the Pelma Khola. In the Barbung Khola seen only on the first day out of Tarakot and not again until below Tukuche on the Kali Gandaki.

Black-throated thrush, Turdus ruficollis. Several at Dhorpatan, in pines and birch by river and in fields. Seemed to increase during the week we were there (30 Mar - 7 Apr). Behaved very like fieldfares. Also some red-throated (KUH) white-collared blackbird, Turdus albocinctus, 3 in conifer woods w. of Dhorpatan, 8-Apr.
Wren, Troglodytes troglodytes. One amongst low bushes in Saure Khola at about 13 000 ft.

Brown dipper, Cinclus pallasi. Two on banks of Kali Gandaki near Aramati on 18 Mar. were lightly spotted all over and presumably juveniles. Thereafter frequent to Dhorpatan (where a pair were carrying food) and up the Pelma Khola and Saure Khola to about 12 000 ft. Only one on the Barbung Khola, below Tareng, 23 Apr. Not noted on return journey.

Rufous-breasted accentor, Prunella strophiatea. Several in juniper scrub above Sangdah (14 000 ft) 30 Apr.

Altai accentor, Prunella himalayana. Two at Tarakot.
Grey tit, Parus major. One in forest at tented camp at Chitwan.

Crested black tit, Parus melanolophus. Several seen closely at Dhorpatan along with following species. Spotted wing bars were clearly seen. Also at first camp west of Dhorpatan and common in forest at Tarakot.

Rufous-bellied crested tit, *Parus rubidiventris*. Present at Dhorpatan (one caught in mouse-trap). One at upper camp in Saure Khola (in birch wood) was only passerine seen there. Probably one in forest at Tarakot but not certain. One in juniper above Sangdah (c. 14 000 ft).

Brown crested tit, *Parus dichrous*. One on watershed (rhododendron etc) before descending into Saure Khola.

Green-backed tit, *Parus monticolus*. Several in bushes around camp at Lumsum. Also in forest at Dhorpatan, at Tarakot and last noted one day west of Tarakot.

Yellow-cheeked tit, *Parus xanthogenys*. First seen in scattered trees at Babiya Chaur on 19 Mar. Also at Darapani.

Fire-capped tit, *Cephalopyrus flammiceps*. One in rhododendron/oak in Pelma Khola. Probably also at Dhorpatan.

Red-headed tit, *Aegithalos concinnus*. Several at Darapani and in Pelma Khola, both times in scrubby broad-leaved forest with rhododendron.

White-cheeked nuthatch, *Sitta leuconsis*. One in spruce forest at Tarakot (12 000 ft) on 20 April. This was the only nuthatch I saw. It agreed closely with the description of the western race, *S.l.leucopsis*, given by Salim Ali & Ripley who do not record it as far east as Nepal. I was able to watch it under reasonable conditions for several minutes and noted the white underparts and the very sharply contrasting bright orange/rufous lower belly and under tail coverts.

Wall creeper, *Tichodroma muraria*. One on west side of Mula Pass, at about 16 000 ft, apparently feeding at a most improbable site, on an icicle-covered bank of a stream - a steep wall of crumbly shale with no vegetation visible.

Himalayan tree-creeper, *Certhia himalayana*. Common in conifer forest at Dhorpatan; one at a nest in a crevice of the bark of a pine in the Pelma Khola; several at Tarakot. The barred tail of the species was clearly seen.

? Paddyfield pipit, *Anthus novaeseelandiae*. In wheat-stubble outside Kathmandu.

Vinaceous-breasted pipit, *Anthus roseatus*. Several watched closely at Mukut on 25 Apr. Probably the same species at Dhorpatan but there seemed to be a variety of species there and insufficient notes were taken to sort them out.

Grey wagtail, *Motacilla casnica*. Abundant on all the main rivers from Pokhara through Dhorpatan and the Uttar Ganga west of Dhorpatan but noted to be absent in the Saure Khola although redstarts and dippers remained common. None in the Barbung Khola and not seen again until Tukuche.

Pied wagtail, *Motacilla alba*. Several in first few days out from Pokhara but none at Lumsum. Abundant on river at Dhorpatan, both black- and grey-

~~Backed forms, Commonly perching on top of small pines. Also on Uttar~~
Ganga at Sehra but not seen again until the Barbung Khola where they were the only common river bird. Not seen between there and the Kali Gandaki above Jomosom.

Large pied wagtail, Motacilla maderaspatensis. Several on river near lodge at Chitwan.

Fire-breasted flower-pecker, Dicaeum ignipectus. One in Rhododendron/oak forest in Pelma Khola, 10th April.

Purple sunbird, Nectarinia asiatica. One on 20 Mar. between Mayandi Khola and Lumsum.

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Yellow-backed sunbird, Aethopyga nipalensis. One at ~~Chitwan~~ Lumsum, in forest.

Himalayan black-breasted subbird, Aethopyga saturata. One in shrubs at Ghasa, Kali Ghandaki.

Indian yellow-backed sunbird, Aethopyga siparaja. One at Chitwan (distinctive dark moustache on red face).

White-eye, Zosterops palpebrosa. One in rhododendron/oak in Pelma Khola.

House sparrow, Passer domesticus. Common Kathmandu and Pokhara, not noted elsewhere and certainly none seen at Lumsum, Dhorpatan nor Tarakot; noted as absent at Dangarjong and Jomosom.

Tree sparrow, Passer montanus. A few around Kathmandu and Pokhara, common in most villages thereafter. Not noted at Dhorpatan but present at Sehra and abundant at Tarakot, Dangarjong and Jomosom.

Cinnomon sparrow, Passer rutilans. Common around houses between Babiya Chaur and Darapani (20 Mar) and again in coniferous forest east of Dhorpatan. Not again until Tatopani (6 May).

Baya weaver bird, Ploceus philippinus. Nesting colony near Britannia House, Kathmandu, in tall trees.

Allied grosbeak, Mycerobas affinis. One in spruce forest at Tarakot, ~~two in juniper bushes above Mukut 26 Apr.~~

White-winged grosbeak, Mycerobas carnifex. Two in juniper above Mukut, 26 Apr.

Himalayan greenfinch, Carduelis spinoides. On south of Tukuhe on 4 May on dry hillside with comoneaster and berberis.

Red-fronted serin, Serinus pusillus. Two or three in upper Barbung Khola near mouth of Mukut Khola. On rose bushes near river. (SA&R do not record it east of Garhwal.)

Plain-coloured mountain finch, Leucosticte nemoricola. One at 15 500 ft, 27 Apr, east of Mukut.

?Common rosefinch, Carpodacus erythrinus. Several in open juniper/pine woods at Dhorpatan. Several in Barbung Khola, common at Mukut and one at 15 000 ft east of Mukut. Again around Sangdah. (Could have been several other closely related species.)

Great Rosefinch Carpodacus rubicilla One male in Barbung Khola on 22 Apr.
Brown birds at Mukut probably the same (these were very pale and were therefore likely to be C. rubicilla - males could have been C. rubicilloides.)

Meadow bunting, Emberiza cia. Abundant at Dhorpatan, Tarakot, the Barbung Khola and Mukut. Not seen higher than Mukut and noted again near Dangarjong.

Little bunting, Emberiza pusilla. One at camp east of Mukut, 15 000 ft, 27 Apr.

Crested bunting, Melophus lathami. Several around Darapani and at Lumsum. not seen again until south of Tukuche.

Red-headed bullfinch, Pyrrhula erythrocephala. One at edge of forest at Dhorpatan, a very confiding male watched closely as it fed on herbaceous seed-heads. A group of two males and three females between Tukuche and Ghasa on 4 May, on berberis bushes amongst pines.

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