

NOTES ON BIRDS SEEN IN NEPALOCTOBER - DECEMBER 1977~~NOTES~~JOHN LEECE,JACKIE REECE

We entered Nepal on October 22nd from India crossing the border at Raxaul / Birganj. For most of our visit we were based in Kathmandu and made frequent visits to places in the Kathmandu Valley mentioned in 'Birds of Nepal' by Fleming et al. Gokarna forest, Godawari, Balaju and various points on the Bagmati River were the areas we covered regularly. In early November we climbed Nagarkot (nearly 7000 feet) on the eastern rim of the valley.

From 9th to 24th November we stayed in the lakeside village at Pokhara and explored the surrounding areas of the valley. Small passerine migration on a moderate scale was noted down the valley (especially in the dry valley north of the lake area). A very large falcon roost was also observed near the lakeside settlement.

After returning to Kathmandu in late November we booked a week at Gaida Camp in the Chitwan National Park. Our stay at Chitwan from 5th - 10th December was spectacular for the wildlife, including the one-horned Rhinoceros, and over 100 species of birds.

The bird list which follows gives a summary of positive sightings in the three areas visited - Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan. We still have numerous field notes of birds which were not positively identified at the time, and we hope one day to return to Nepal and to explore further into the country and have another opportunity to observe the wealth of wildlife.

NEPAL TRIP LIST

Oct 22 - Dec 18 1977

(Order of species follows 'Birds of Nepal' - Fleming, Fleming, Buzdel)

1. Large Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax Corbo*) - Pokhara ^{Lake} (13th Nov), 2-16th Nov;
Chitwan (Gaida Camp) - Dec 5th; Dec 6th; 60+ Dec 8th (single flock).
2. Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2, Dec 6th;
3. Little Green Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1, Dec 6th;
4. Pond Heron (*Ardeola grayii*) - Common: - Kathmandu Valley: Godawari and
Gokarna, Bagmati River, small numbers regularly observed; Pokhara Valley:
Lakeside area, 20 on Nov 11th (max); Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 50 on Dec 5th (max).
5. Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 22nd
6. Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - Pokhara Valley: 35 on Nov 11th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp):
20 on Dec 5th.
7. Large Egret (*Egretta alba*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th, 8th.
8. Intermediate Egret (*E. intermedia*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 8th, 10th
9. Little Egret (*E. garzetta*) - Kathmandu Valley: Common in small numbers near rivers;
Pokhara Valley near lakeside and rivers; Chitwan (Gaida Camp) beside river: 10 on Dec 5th.
10. Open billed Stork (*Anastomus oscitans*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 7 on Dec 6th, 12 on Dec 9th
11. White necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on 14th Dec;
Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 12 on Dec 6th, 5 on Dec 9th
12. Black Stork (*C. nigra*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 24th;
Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 3 on Dec 5th, 3 on Dec 7th.
13. Lesser Adjutant Stork (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp) 6 on Dec 5th, 4 on Dec 9th
14. Black Ibis (*Pseudibis papillosa*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 10 on Dec 6th, 4 on 7th, 9th.
15. Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*) - Pokhara Valley: 4 on Nov 17th;
Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 50 along river Dec 6th, 60 on Dec 7th,
16. Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) - Pokhara Lake: 4 on Nov 10th.
17. Goosander (*Mergus merganser*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 7 on Dec 6th, 3 on 7th.
18. Honey Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Balaju on Oct 31st
19. Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*) - Common around villages in Kathmandu Valley;
Pokhara Valley: max 55 on Nov 12th; and at Chitwan.
20. Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Balaju Nov 24th

21. Sparrowhawk (*A. nisus*) - Kathmandu Valley: Nagarjun Forest, 2 on Oct 28th
22. Shikra (*A. badius*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 8th
23. Long legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 17th, 18th, Dec 12th
24. Eurasian Buzzard (*B. buteo*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Oct 25th, 2 at Godaveri on Dec 1st, and 3 over Bagmati River on Dec 17th; Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 18th.
25. Crested Serpent Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 22nd, 2 on Dec 12th, 1 on 14th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th, 9th.
26. Mountain Hawk Eagle (*Spizaetus nipalensis*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 9th.
27. Short footed Eagle (*Circus gallicus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Nagarkot Nov 4th.
28. Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at the Airport Dec 18th.
29. Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Bagmati River on Nov 1st, 3 at Nagarkot on Nov 4th, 4 at Bagmati River on Nov 29th, 2 on Dec 17th; Pokhara Valley: 1 imm. on Nov 10th, 1 on Nov 15th.
30. Black Eagle (*Ictinaetus malayensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 at Nagarkot on Nov 4th, 6th.
31. Himalayan Grey kited Fishing Eagle (*Ichthyophaga nana*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 6th, 8th.
32. Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 over the Lake on Nov 15th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 6th, 2 on Dec 8th.
33. Eurasian Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 22nd; Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 30th, 2 at Bagmati River on Dec 17th.
34. Black (King) Vulture (*Torgys culurus*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 20th.
35. White backed Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 15th, 6 on Nov 17th, 4 on Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 3 on Dec 7th, 4 on Dec 10th.
36. Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) - Pokhara Valley: 3 on Nov 15th, 10 on Nov 20th, 3 on Nov 22nd.
37. Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) - Pokhara Valley: ♀ on Nov 10th, ♂ 2 ♀ on Nov 11th, 2 ♂ on Nov 21st, 1 on Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 7th.
38. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Pokhara Valley: Up to 5 birds seen in evening. Falcon roost in bamboo clumps near Lakinde village during November (10th to 23rd).
39. Eurasian Hobby (*F. subbuteo*) - Pokhara Valley: Up to 12 birds seen in evening. Falcon roost near Lakinde between Nov 10th - 23rd.
40. Red footed Falcon (*F. tinnunculus*) - Pokhara Valley: At least 6 birds seen in evening. Falcon roost near Lakinde between Nov 10th - 23rd.

41. Lesser Kestrel (*F. naumanni*) - Pokhara Valley: At least 5 birds identified in the evening Falcon roosts near Lakeside village between Nov 10th-23rd. (probably under-identified)
42. Eurasian Kestrel (*F. tinnunculus*) - Pokhara Valley: At least 70 birds regularly seen in evening Falcon roosts near Lakeside between Nov 10th-23rd, and 50 birds again on Dec 11th. Kathmandu Valley: seen in 1's and 2's occasionally Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 seen occasionally
- Falcon (sp) - Pokhara Valley: The regular evening falcon roost in trees and bamboo clumps near the Lakeside village was observed between November 10th and 23rd. Most of the birds were not identified because the light was fading and poor, and many birds were females and immatures. Most were only seen in silhouette, spiralling out of the sky before coming into roost. The commonest species seemed to be the Eurasian Kestrel. Total numbers of birds in the roost were: 50+ on Nov 10th, c. 300 on Nov 12th, 100's on Nov 13th, 50+ on Nov 17th, c. 100 on Nov 18th, 100's on Nov 19th, 40+ on Nov 23rd, and 60+ on Dec 11th.

These observations suggest the need for further research into falcon migration roosts

43. Black Partridge (*Francolinus francolinus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): A pair seen feeding near river on Dec 9th.
44. Common Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): Very common around riverside forest area near camp. About 50 birds estimated on Dec 5th.
45. Red Jungle Fowl (*Gallus gallus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): Common in forest area
46. White-breasted Waterhen (*Amuruzia phoeniceus*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 or 2 seen occasionally near Lakeside. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): up to 5 seen occasionally along river bank.
47. Red-wattled Lapwing (*Varellus indicus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 10 birds near Bokra Forest feeding near river on Oct 29th, 8 on Bagmati river on Nov 1st. Pokhara Valley: small numbers (3-4) seen at edges of streams. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): Common along river side, 50+ on Dec 6th.
48. Spur-winged Plover (*V. spinosus*) - Pokhara Valley: Common near Lakeside in parties of up to 10. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): Common near river side, max 50+ on Dec 6th.
49. Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*) - Kathmandu Valley: Common on rivers in small parties, at Bokra on Bagmati River 10+ on Oct 29th; on Bagmati near the city 20+ on Nov 24th. Pokhara Valley: near Lakeside seen regularly in November with 6 on 15th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 10 seen on river on Dec 6th.
50. Grasshark (*Tringa nebulosa*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 or 3 seen on Bagmati near Pokhara Valley: 1 at Lakeside on Nov 15th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp) Common on rivers, 30+ on Dec 6th.

51. Redshank (*T. totanus*) — Kathmandu Valley? 1 on Bagmati river on Nov 21st
Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 6th.
52. Green Sandpiper (*T. ochropus*) — Kathmandu Valley: Common in rivers and streams, 5 on Bagmati on Nov 1st. Pokhara Valley: 1 or 2 regularly seen near streams. Chitwan: seen regularly in small numbers, 5 on Dec 6th.
53. Common Sandpiper (*T. hypoleucos*) — Kathmandu Valley: seen on Bagmati river, max 10 on Nov 24th
Pokhara Valley: common near Lukade, max 6 on Nov 10th. Chitwan (Gaida camp): common on rivers with 20+ seen on Dec 6th.
54. Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): party of 6 seen on riverbank on Dec 6th.
55. Small Pratincole (*Glareola lactea*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): loose flock of about 30 birds seen resting on sand bars in river, and catching insects over the water on Dec 6th.
56. Blue Rock Pigeon (Rock Dove) (*Columba livia*) — common around towns and villages (feral pigeons)
57. Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): loose flock of at least 10 birds on Dec 9th, 10th.
58. Spotted Dove (*S. chinensis*) — Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Nov 1st. Pokhara Valley: small numbers near villages. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): At least 10 birds around camp.
59. Rose ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): commonly seen in small parties of up to 20 birds.
60. Large Parakeet (*P. eupatria*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 3 on Dec 6th.
61. Glossin headed Parakeet (*P. cyancephala*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 4 on Dec 8th.
62. Staty headed Parakeet (*P. himalayana*) — Pokhara Valley: flocks regularly seen near forests, eg. 50+ on Nov 18th; [400+ Parakeet (sp) on Nov 22nd seen in flight over forests were probably this species].
63. Pied crested Cuckoo (*Clamator jacobinus*) — Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 1st near Bagmati River.
64. Common Hawk Cuckoo (*Cuculus varius*) — Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 18th, 2 on Dec 12th.
65. Large Cuckoo (*Centropus sinensis*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 3 or 4 on Dec 8th, 9th.
66. Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) — Kathmandu: 1 in old buildings on Dec 4th.
67. Barn Owl (*Glaucidium cuculoides*) — Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 17th.
68. Jungle Owl (*G. radiatum*) — Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 8th, 9th.
69. Spotted Owl (*Athene brama*) — Pokhara Valley: 4 around Lukade village in mid Nov;
Kathmandu: heard calling at night from old buildings.

70. Indian Kestrel (*Circus binghami*) - Birgunj: 4 on Oct 22nd on route to Kathmandu; Pokhara Valley: Commonly seen in small numbers in Nov and Dec; Chitwan (Gaida Camp). Common in small numbers in Dec.
71. Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) - Birgunj: 2 on Oct 22nd beside road to Kathmandu. Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 1st near Bagmati River.
72. Large Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle leucorhoa*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 regularly seen near lakeside in Nov, a pair seen there on Dec 12th.
73. Small Pied Kingfisher (*C. rudis*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 pairs around lakeside in Nov and Dec. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common near rivers, 6 near camp on Dec 6th.
74. Eurasian Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Bagmati River on Nov 1st, 3rd. Pokhara Valley: occasional on rivers, 2 on Nov 18th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 6th.
75. Stork billed Kingfisher (*Pelargopsis capensis*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): Regularly seen near river side, a pair seen on Dec 9th.
76. Smyrna Kingfisher (*Holeypis smyrnensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: common near water in small numbers, 3 on Nov 1st near Bagmati River. Pokhara Valley: common. Chitwan: common near rivers.
77. Green Bee Eater (*Meropis orientalis*) - Birgunj: 5 on Oct 22nd on road north to Kathmandu. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): up to 6 round camp in Dec.
78. Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros malabaricus*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 6th.
79. Great Himalayan Babbler (*Megalaima virens*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 in Bokra forest on Nov 3rd.
80. Green Babbler (*M. zeylanica*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 6th.
81. Blue throated Babbler (*M. asiatica*) - Kathmandu Valley: 4 in Bokra forest on Nov 3rd. Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 13th.
82. Grimson breasted Babbler (*M. haemacephala*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 in Bokra forest on Nov 3rd. Pokhara Valley: occasional singles feeding on fruit trees.
83. Wren (*Tyrax torquilla*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Nagarkot on Nov 5th. Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 7th.
84. Small Scaly bellied Woodpecker (*Picus xanthopygus*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 9th, 10th.
85. Black naped Woodpecker (*P. canus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1♂ at Bokra forest on Nov 3rd.
86. Small Yellow naped Woodpecker (*P. chlorolophus*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 2 on Dec 8th.
87. Lesser Golden backed Woodpecker (*Dinopium benghalense*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 4 on Dec 6th, 9th.
88. Three toed Golden backed Woodpecker (*D. shreei*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 2 on Dec 9th.
89. Large Golden backed Woodpecker (*Chrysocolaptes lucidus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Bokra forest on Dec 29th. Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 8th.

90. Fulvous breasted Pied Woodpecker (*Dendrocybus macri*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 ♀ at Gokarna forest on Nov 3rd; Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 18th, 2 on Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th.
91. House Swift (*Apus affinis*) - Kathmandu Valley: common around settlements in late Oct, early November. Pokhara Valley: 4 on Nov 18th.
92. Alpine Swift (*A. melba*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 9th.
93. Plain Sand Martin (*Riparia paludicola*) - Kathmandu Valley: 5 over Bagmati River on Dec 17th. Pokhara Valley: occasionally seen over rivers courses, 6 on Dec 13th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 500+ along 2 miles of river Dec 6th.
94. Gray Martin (*Hirundo rupestris*) - Pokhara Valley: 4 on Nov 11th.
95. Barn Swallow (*H. rustica*) - Kathmandu Valley: 5 on Oct 22nd. Pokhara Valley: 10 near lakeside on Nov 10th, 5 on Nov 22nd, flock of 50 on Dec 14th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): flock of 50 on Dec 5th.
96. Striated Swallow (*H. daurica*) - Kathmandu Valley: commonly seen over cultivation in loose flocks. 50+ over Bagmati River on Nov 1st, Pokhara Valley: common near lakeside, 50+ on Dec 14th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): up to 10 near camp on Dec 9th, 10th.
97. Eurasian House Martin (*Delichon urbica*) - Kathmandu Valley: flock of about 100 over hills west of the city on Dec 14th.
98. Great Grey Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) - Birgunj: 1 seen on Oct 22nd along roadside.
99. Blackheaded Shrike (*L. schach*) - Kathmandu Valley: common, pairs recorded at Godawari, Bagmati River, Gokarna forest, Nagarkot; Pokhara Valley: 5 near lakeside on Nov 11th, Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common around camp in December.
100. Grey backed Shrike (*L. ~~schach~~ tephronctus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Gokarna forest on Oct 29th. Pokhara Valley: 2 near river gorge on Nov 22nd.
101. Brown Shrike (*L. cristatus*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 near lakeside on Nov 16th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 7th.
102. Blackheaded Oriole (*Oriolus xanthornus*) - Pokhara Valley: A pair near lakeside on Nov 23rd. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): A pair near camp Dec 7-10th.
103. White bellied Drongo (*Dicrurus caeruleus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th, 8th.
104. Ashy Drongo (*D. leucophaeus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Oct 27th at Godawari, 2 at Gokarna forest on Nov 3rd.
105. Black Drongo (*D. absimilis*) - Kathmandu Valley: common over cultivation and near villages; Pokhara Valley: common; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): a few near camp in December.

106. Ashy Wood Swallow (*Artamus fuscus*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 10 near riverside on Dec 9th.
107. Brahminy Myna (*Sturnus pagodarum*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 13th with large mixed flock of *Mynas* (sp).
108. Crested Myna (*S. malabaricus*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 13th with flock of *Mynas*. Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 10 on Dec 8th.
109. Pied Myna (*S. contra*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 4 on Dec 9th.
110. Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) - Kathmandu Valley: very common. Pokhara Valley: very common in large flocks, 100+ on Nov 13th; Chitwan (Gaidalamp): very common.
111. Jungle Myna (*A. fuscus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 4 on Dec 18th in the city; Pokhara Valley: common, large flock of 100+ near lakeside on Nov 13th; Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 6 on Dec 9th.
112. Red-bellied Blue Magpie (*Cissa erythrorhynchos*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Godaveri on Oct 27th, 4 at Balaju on Nov 29th.
113. Indian Tree Pie (*Dendrocitta vagabunda*) - Pokhara Valley: common in small numbers in forests around the lakeside. Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 2 pairs in trees near camp in December.
114. Himalayan Tree Pie (*D. formosae*) - Kathmandu Valley: 10 at Godaveri on Oct 31st, 4 at Gokarna forest on Nov 3rd; Pokhara Valley: 10 near lakeside on Nov 15th.
115. House Crow (*Corvus splendens*) - Kathmandu Valley: very common in large flocks. Pokhara Valley: very common.
116. Jungle Crow (*C. macrorhynchos*) - Kathmandu Valley: common in small numbers. Pokhara Valley: common in small numbers.
117. Large Wood Shrike (*Tephrodornis galensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 ♀ at Gokarna forest on Oct 24th.
118. Pied Wood Shrike (*Hemipus picatus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 ♂ at Gokarna forest on Oct 29th. 3 at Nagarkot on Nov 5th; Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 22nd.
119. Large Cuckoo Shrike (*Corucina novaehollandiae*) - ~~Kathmandu~~^{Pokhara} Valley: 1 on Nov 19th, Dec 11th. Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 6th, 9th.
120. Dark Cuckoo Shrike (*C. melaschistos*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 1 on Dec 9th, 10th.
121. Long-tailed Minivet (*Pericrocotus ethologus*) - Kathmandu Valley: party of 20 on Nov 3rd at Gokarna forest.
122. Scrub Minivet (*P. flammeus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 3 on Nov 3rd at Gokarna forest.
123. Yellow-throated Minivet (*P. solaris*) - Kathmandu Valley: a pair on Nov 24th at Balaju, a pair on Dec 1st at Godaveri.
124. Small Minivet (*P. cinnamomeus*) - Chitwan (Gaidalamp): 6 on Dec 7th.

125. Loon (*Aegithina tiphia*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 4 around camp on Dec 7th, 8th.
126. Red whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 pairs near camp from Dec 6-10th.
127. White checked Bulbul (*P. leucogenys*) - Kathmandu Valley: 15 at Nagarkot on Nov 5th, 8 at Balaju on Nov 29th, c. 50 around Godaveri on Dec 1st; Pokhara Valley: 6 on Nov 17th.
128. Red vinked Bulbul (*P. cafer*) - Kathmandu Valley: common, 50+ at Godaveri on Dec 1st. Pokhara Valley: common, flock of 60+ on Nov 17th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common, 20 on Dec 6th.
129. Rufous bellied Bulbul (*Myzopetes virescens*) - Kathmandu Valley: 10 on Oct 31st at Godaveri.
130. Grey Bulbul (*H. madagascariensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 12 on Oct 29th at Gokarna forest, flock of 100+ on Dec 1st at Godaveri.
131. Rufous necked Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus ruficollis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Nov 5th at Nagarkot.
132. Pink checked Scimitar Babbler (*P. erythrogenys*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 29th at Balaju, 1 on Dec 1st at Godaveri; Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 23rd.
133. Black chinned Babbler (*Stachyris pythops*) - Kathmandu Valley: 3 on Dec 1st at Godaveri.
134. Jungle Babbler (*Turdoides striatus*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common, 8 on Dec 6th, 10 on 9th.
135. Red breasted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa parva*) - Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 18th near lakeside, Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 8th, 9th, 10th.
136. Orange spotted Flycatcher (*M. strophilata*) - Pokhara Valley: a pair in dry valley on Nov 23rd.
137. Little Pied Flycatcher (*M. westermanni*) - Pokhara Valley: 1♂ in dry valley north of lakeside on Nov 23rd.
138. Slaty Blue Flycatcher (*M. leucomelanura*) - Pokhara Valley: 1♂ in dry valley on Nov 23rd.
139. Small Niltava (*M. macgrigera*) - Kathmandu Valley: a pair at Godaveri on Dec 1st. Pokhara Valley: 1♂ in dry valley on Nov 17th.
140. Beautiful Niltava (*M. sundara*) - Pokhara Valley: 1♂ in dry valley on Nov 23rd.
141. Verditer Flycatcher (*M. thalassina*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1♂ at Godaveri on Oct 31st. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1♂ on Dec 9th.
142. Brooks Flycatcher (*M. poliolegens*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 on Dec 9th.
143. Yellow bellied Fantail Flycatcher (*Rhipidura hypoxantha*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 29th at Balaju, 2 at Godaveri on Dec 1st; Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 17th in dry valley, 2 on Nov 23rd, 2 on Dec 12th.
144. White throated Fantail Flycatcher (*R. albicollis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Dec 1st at Godaveri. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 6th.
145. Grey headed Flycatcher (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Oct 29th at Gokarna forest, 2 on Nov 29th at Balaju; Pokhara Valley: common in valleys & near lakeside, 6 on Nov 23rd. Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 around camp Dec 6th-10th.

146. Tailor Bird (*Orthotomus sutorius*) - Kathmandu Valley: common in small patches
Pokhara Valley: 2 or 3 seen in dry valley on Nov 17th, 18th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): a pair near camp in Dec.
147. Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 on Nov 16th near lakeside
148. Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*) - Pokhara Valley: singles seen by rivers on Nov 18th, 23rd,
and in dry valley on Nov 23rd, Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 1 near camp on Dec 6th,
and 1 on Dec 13th.
149. Dusky Leaf Warbler (*P. fuscatus*) - Pokhara Valley: 1 seen feeding by lakeside on Nov 22nd,
150. Grey faced Leaf Warbler (*P. maculipennis*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Dec 1st at Godawari
151. Dull Green Leaf Warbler (*P. trochiloides*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): at least 2 on Dec 9th.
152. Plain Leaf Warbler (*P. inornatus*) - Kathmandu Valley: at least 2 on Oct 25th near Monkey Temple,
5 at Godawari on Dec 1st; Pokhara Valley: in dry valley north of lakeside, 5 on Nov 17th, 3 on Nov 23rd,
2 on Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 6th, 5 on Dec 9th.
153. Orange barred Leaf Warbler (*P. pulcher*) - Pokhara Valley: at least 2 on Nov 23rd in dry valley.
(note: several *Phylloscopus* warblers seen around Pokhara, especially in the dry valley north of the
lake, were not specifically identified through lack of previous experience with so many asiatic species.
Consequently this and other leaf warbler species were probably under-recorded.)
154. Pallas's Leaf Warbler (*P. proregulus*) - Kathmandu Valley: at least 2 on Dec 1st at Godawari;
Pokhara Valley: in dry valley, 3 on Nov 23rd, 2 on Dec 12th.
155. Crowned Leaf Warbler (*P. reguloides*) - Kathmandu Valley: 2 at Balaju on Nov 29th,
1 at Godawari on Dec 1st.
156. Yellow eyed Warbler (*Seiurus bairdi*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 at Balaju on Nov 29th;
Pokhara Valley: in dry valley, 2 on Dec 12th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 9th.
157. Grey headed Warbler (*S. xanthoschistos*) - Kathmandu Valley: common, at least 10 on Oct 29th
at Gokarna forest, 5 on Oct 31st at Godawari, 4 on Nov 6th near Nagarkot, 3 on Nov 29th
at Balaju; Pokhara Valley: in dry valley, 6 on Nov 17th,
158. Magnia Robin (*Copsychus saularis*) - Kathmandu Valley: common around the city;
Pokhara Valley: common around village and lakeside settlements; Chitwan (Gaida Camp):
fairly common around camp.
159. Hodgson's Redstart (*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Godawari, 2♂ on
Oct 31st, a pair on Dec 1st; at Nagarkot 1 on Nov 5th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside,
14 on Nov 21st, Dec 12th.
160. White capped Redstart (*Chamaetornis leucocapillus*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Godawari, 1 on Oct 27th
and Dec 1st; at Balaju 1 on Nov 29th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside, 3 on Nov 16th, 2 on many dates
in Nov, Dec; up river 6 on Nov 20th.

161. Plumbeous Redstart (*Rhyacornis fuliginosa*) — Kathmandu Valley: 2♂ on Nov 29th at Balaju; 1♀ beside Bagmati River on Dec 17th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside, 6 on Nov 16th, up to 4 on several dates in Nov, Dec; up river 11 on Nov 20th.
162. Little Forktail (*Ericurus scouleri*) — Pokhara Valley: up river north of the village on the 'Jomson Trail', 2 on Nov 20th.
163. Black backed Forktail (*E. immaculatus*) — Pokhara Valley: up river north of the village 1 on Nov 20th; down river below the lake, 1 on Nov 22nd.
164. Spotted Forktail (*E. maculatus*) — Pokhara Valley: up river north of the village, 1 on Nov 20th; Kathmandu Valley: at Godaveri, 1 on Oct 31st.
165. Collared Bush Chat (*Saxicola torquata*) — Kathmandu Valley: at Gokarna forest, 4 on Oct 24th; at Nagarkot, 3 on Nov 6th; Pokhara Valley: common, 2 or 3 seen daily in Nov, Dec; ~~6~~ Chitwan (Gaيدا Camp): 2 or 3 daily between Dec 8th-10th.
166. Pied Bush Chat (*S. caprata*) — Kathmandu Valley: pair on Nov 1st by Bagmati river; at Gokarna, 1 on Nov 3rd; Pokhara Valley: common, up to 4 seen almost daily in Nov, Dec; Chitwan (Gaيدا Camp): singles seen on Dec 5th, 10th.
167. Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*) — Pokhara Valley: down river gorge south of the lake, 1♂ on Nov 22nd.
168. Speckled Mountain Thrush (*Zosterora dauma*) — Kathmandu Valley: Gokarna forest, at least 10 on Nov 3rd in mixed thrush flock; at Balaju 2 on Nov 29th; Pokhara Valley: down river gorge south of the lake, 2 on Nov 22nd.
169. Grey winged Blackbird (*Turdus boulboul*) — Kathmandu Valley: 1♂ on Nov 3rd at Gokarna forest.
170. Whistling Thrush (*Mniophanes caeruleus*) — Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Oct 27th at Godaveri; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside, 1 on Nov 16th; in dry valley 1 on Nov 18th; up river north of Pokhara 3 on Nov 20th; down river south of lake 2 on Nov 22nd, 1 on Dec 13th.
171. Tickell's Thrush (*Turdus unicolor*) — Kathmandu Valley: in Gokarna forest, at least 4 on Nov 3rd in mixed thrush flock.
172. Black throated Thrush (*T. ruficollis*) — Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 23rd in dry valley.
173. Brown Dipper (*Cinclus pallasi*) — Pokhara Valley: up river north of the village, 4 on Nov 20th.
174. Grey Tit (*Parus major*) — Kathmandu Valley: common in Naya-jung forests. Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 17th up dry valley; Chitwan (Gaيدا Camp): pair around camp Dec 8th, 9th.
175. Green backed Tit (*P. menticus*) — Kathmandu Valley: 2 on Nov 6th at Nagarkot, 2 on Dec 1st at Godaveri.

176. Yellow checked Tit (*P. xanthogenys*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Gokarna 12 on Oct 29th, at Godaveri 10 on Dec 1st; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 2 on Nov 15th, 17th.
177. Red headed Tit (*Aegithalos concinnus*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Godaveri 2 on Oct 31st, 12 on Dec 1st, at Nagarkot 10 on Nov 5th.
178. Chestnut bellied Nuthatch (*Sitta castanea*) - Kathmandu Valley: near Monkey Temple 3 on Oct 25th, at Balaju 2 on Oct 28th, at Gokarna 5 on Nov 3rd, at Godaveri 3 on Oct 31st.
179. Velvet fronted Nuthatch (*S. frontalis*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Gokarna forest 10 on Oct 29th; Pokhara Valley: up dry valley 2 on Nov 23rd; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th, 9th.
180. Wallcreeper (*Tichodroma muraria*) - Pokhara Valley: down river below the lake, 1 on Nov 16th, 5 on Nov 22nd; up river north of Pokhara 3 on Nov 20th.
181. Hodgson's Tree Pipit (*Anthus hodgsoni*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Gokarna forest 4 on Nov 3rd, at Balaju 10 on Nov 29th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 2 on Nov 17th, 18th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 7th, 9th.
182. Paddyfield Pipit (*A. novaeseelandiae*) - Kathmandu Valley: Bagmati River near Gokarna, 8 on Nov 3rd; Pokhara Valley: in rice paddies near lakeside, 12 on Nov 11th, 6 on Nov 17th; up river 10 on Nov 20th.
183. Rose breasted Pipit (*A. roseatus*) - Kathmandu Valley: Nagarkot 5 on Nov 4th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 2 on Nov 11th.
184. Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla ^(cinerea) carpica*) - Kathmandu Valley: 1 on Nov 29th at Balaju, 2 on Nov 29th on Bagmati River; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside and up rivers, fairly common, 10 on Nov 16th.
185. Yellow headed Wagtail (*M. citreola*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): fairly common along rivers, up to 4 seen daily from Dec 5th to 10th.
186. Pied Wagtail (*M. alba*) - Kathmandu Valley: common along riverbanks; Pokhara Valley: common near lakeside and streams, 50 on Nov 16th up river from the lake; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common along rivers.
187. Large Pied Wagtail (*M. maderaspatensis*) - Kathmandu Valley: occasional along Bagmati River 1 on Oct 24th, 2 on Nov 1st, 3 on Dec 17th; Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 1 or 2 seen occasionally with 4 on Nov 16th. Chitwan (Gaida Camp). 2 seen daily Dec 5th-10th.
188. Fire breasted Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum ignipectus*) - Kathmandu Valley: 16 on Oct 31st at Godaveri, 2 on Nov 3rd at Gokarna forest.
189. Fire tailed Sunbird (*Aethopyga ignicauda*) - Kathmandu Valley: party of 3 winter ♂♂ and 1 ♀ on Nov 29th at Balaju.
190. Scarlet breasted Sunbird (*A. siparaja*) - Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 16 on Nov 12th, a pair on Nov 19th.

191. White-eye (*Zosterops palpebrosa*) - Kathmandu Valley: near Monkey Temple, 20 on Oct 25th, at Gokarna 5 on Oct 29th, at Balaju 10 on Nov 29th, at Godawari 8 on Dec 1st; Pokhara Valley: 2 on Nov 17th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 10 on Dec 9th.
192. House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - Kathmandu Valley: abundant; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): common around camp and nearby settlements.
193. Tree Sparrow (*P. montanus*) - Kathmandu Valley: abundant in countryside; Pokhara Valley: very common; ~~Chitwan (Gaida Camp)~~:
194. Shap-tailed Munia (*Zonchura striata*) - Kathmandu Valley: at Balaju 6 on Nov 29th, Pokhara Valley: near lakeside 10 on Nov 15th.
195. Spotted Munia (*Z. punctulata*) - Kathmandu Valley: near Bagmati River 2 on Nov 1st, flock of 30 on Nov 30th; Chitwan (Gaida Camp): 2 on Dec 9th.
196. Himalayan Goldfinch (*Carduelis spinoides*) - Pokhara Valley: 5 on Nov 19th near lakeside.
197. Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*) - Chitwan (Gaida Camp): large flocks seen in vegetation by river banks, 100+ on Dec 6th, 60 on Dec 9th.