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Avian Tottings for Nepal

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1978

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I. Ardeidae

Ardea cinerea - noted only once, 13/12/78, at Jagdishpur Reservoir, central Kapilvastu. ⁽⁴⁸⁾ lone bird standing motionless in flooded khets adjacent to the reservoir. About 10 km N of Taulihawa 600'

Butorides striatus - not noticed in west-central ⁽³⁸⁾ terai. Finally one seen at Phewa Taal, Pokhara in April, 1981. 2700'

II. Ciconiidae

Ciconia ciconia - several seen at Jagdishpur Reservoir, 05/3/78; amongst swampy fringe in reeds and Eichornia. 12 km N Taulihawa, Kapilvastu ⁽⁴⁸⁾

III. Accipitridae

Aviceda leucophotes - a pair behind Butwal Guest House, 22/7/78. Mixed subtropical forest. ⁽⁴⁸⁾ A single, somewhat shrill cry in the air and upon take-off. Perched for a few moments in a leafless tree.

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Buteo hemilasius - single bird on rocky outcrop-
(28) ping, 14,500 - 15,000 ft, Kangopoghjun
Khola (Thak Khola tributary) SE of Tilichko
lake, 25/5/78.

Aquila clanga - at least one on migration
(71) with Aquila nipalensis, spiraling to the W
of Ilam bazaar ~ 4500 ft, 13/11/78.
(Easternmost point in Nepal that eagle migra-
tion noted - RLF, Jr.). Seen with Phil Hall

Gypaetus barbatus - at ~ 2000 ft. S of Tansen
(48 or 49) near cliffs bordering the large river there.
3 km. N of Ramdi, 22/4/78. (Tinau Khola?)

Circus pygargus - ♀ over ripening khets at outskirts
(97) of small village a few kms. N of Sunischara,
Shapa jilla; 17/11/78; ~ 600'.

IV. Falconidae

Falco jugger - seen with Lewis Underwood at
(52) Nagarjung, Kathmandu valley; date?
sitting on electric line. ~ 5,500'

1. Physical Features - The physical features of the region are very diverse. The terrain is mostly hilly and mountainous. The climate is semi-arid. The major rivers are the Godavari and Krishna. The soil is mostly black soil. The population is concentrated in the coastal and urban areas.

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2. Climate - The climate of the region is semi-arid. It is characterized by high temperatures and low rainfall. The annual rainfall is around 1200 mm. The temperature ranges from 15°C to 45°C. The humidity is high during the monsoon season.

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3. Vegetation - The vegetation of the region is mostly dry deciduous forest. There are some patches of evergreen forest in the Western Ghats. The major crops are cotton, sugarcane, and pulses. The forest cover is around 20%.

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4. Population - The population of the region is around 100 million. It is one of the most densely populated regions in India. The population is concentrated in the coastal and urban areas. The literacy rate is around 70%.

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5. Industry - The major industries of the region are cotton textile, sugar, and information technology. The IT industry is growing rapidly in the coastal cities. The major ports are Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata. The major airports are Chennai, Bangalore, and Hyderabad.

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Falco peregrinus - the oriental race (Shahin Falcon)

(41) individual spotted atop a large boulder in steep, grassy cliff country S of Syabrubesi, Trisuli R., 18/8/78. ~5,500'

Falco subbuteo - a pair in the pines at Nagarjung,

(52) Kathmandu valley, 13/6/78. Observed for almost one hour, during which time one of the birds devoured a mouse it had brought to its perch. ~5,250'

Falco vespertinus - a ♀ at close range over grassy ridge

(68) at dusk. Seen pursuing small bats a while later, 10/10/78; just W of Jorpani, Dhankuta district, near Sinduwa village at ~7000 ft. On 11/10/78 a few kilometers further east on Boranse Danda (same habitat) a ♀ seen twice more, this time in company with an immature ♂; latter site at ~7500 ft. (This ♂ had dark splotching on breast & abdomen, otherwise coloration as illustration: immature as described by King (1976).

V. Phasianidae

Francolinus pondicerianus - ♀ with brood of three (3) young

(48) in grass & thicket border to fields; 28/6/78. Few hundred meters N of Tilaurakot, central Kapilvastu.

Gallus gallus - abundant?? Only noted once in
(50) subtropical undergrowth outside Chitwan NP.

Heard on few other outings in west-central
terai. Local farmers claim many shot out in
recent years/decades.

VI. Rallidae:

Porphyrio porphyrio - 18-20 birds in center of Jagdishpur

(48) Reservoir, ~10 km N of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu;
13/12/78. Assembled into wide (30-ft-diameter)
circle to flap wings at the young marsh
harrier which was overflying the group.

VII. Charadriidae:

Tringa stagnatilis - solitary bird standing along shore of
(50) Rapti River, working slowly through littoral floaters.
Near Hotel Elephant Camp, 08/4/78.

Capella minima - solitary bird flushed from streamside
(52) thickets outside Bhaktapur; 28/12/78. KV.

VIII. Rostratulidae:

Rostratula benghalensis - three birds in shallow, water-
(48) filled depression E of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu,
near Rupendehi jilla border. 19/2/78.

IX. Laridae

Hydroprogne caspia - solitary bird at Kosi
(75 or 76) Barrage, 20/11/78.

Geochelidon nilotica - single bird with other terns
(75 or 76) and brown-eared gulls at Kosi Barrage,
21/11/78.

Columbidae -

Treeron bicincta - solitary bird 26/4/78 in tree top,
(50) W of Tamaspur village, Chitwan district (near
Nawal Parasi border) at streamside in tropical
evergreen forest; also noted in subtropical scrub
forest ~ 10 kms. N of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu in
August, 1978.

Caprimulgidae -

Caprimulgus asiaticus - single bird in clear-cut area
(48) scrub, north-central Kapilvastu district, seemingly
mesmerized by motorcycle headlamp, thus allowing
a noisy approach to within 12-ft! Seen a second
time outside subtropical forest & undergrowth at
Tilaurakot, ~ 6 km. N of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu.

Alcedinidae

Ceryle rudis - single bird seen hunting and hovering
(48) over flooded lehets outside Thuttipal fish farm,
July, '78. Quite far from stream or river.

Meropidae

Merops phillipinus - only noted once in Kapilvastu environs,
(48) & (47) but that sighting a migration spectacle. On 29/3/78
500-1000 birds noted over northern Kapilvastu
fields; also flying back & forth over Banganga R.

with groups of (exhausted?) birds noted resting on the ground in open fields and on electric wires. 29/3/78.

Bucerotidae

Buceros bicornis - single bird in tropical ever-

- (50) ♀ green forest along stream W of Tamaspur,
(77) Chitwan district at dusk; ~500 ft. elevation 25/4/78.
also noted along Sunischari-Ilam road near base of Churias, Ilam district, 15/11/78.

Picidae

Picus soumatus - ♂ seen amongst thickets and on

- (41) large boulders, just S of Langtang village. Throat and upper breast paler than Fleming illustration. Moustacial stripe not as wide as plate; habitat: on S slope amongst thorny scrub and boulders. No trees. Across canyon is dense conifer forest. 21/8/78 ~11,500 ft.

Dinopium shorii - noted frequently in west-central terai forests. "Occasional"? Also, 2♀ + 1♂ from 4000-4500' in E. Nepal outside Phidlim; (Fleming: 400-900')

(69) (47) (48)
(49) (50)

Chrysocolaptes lucidus - not noted in suitable terai habitats. "Common"?

Mulleripicus pulverulentus - a party of 4 or 5 amongst robust trees (with much standing deadwood) N of Dumre at ~1700 ft along

(50)

the Marsyandi River valley, in early AM fog.
Keeping to large dead trunks. 10/6/78.

X. Hirundinidae -

Hirundo smithii - appears to be fairly common
(49) in Kapilvastu and Rupendehi districts. Noted
several times in central Kapilvastu around
bridge abutments; also over ponds. Frequently
perched outside Thuttipal fish farm 3km
N of Bhairahawa. Noted year round. ~500ft.

XI. Laniidae -

Larus vittatus - noted only once, in a thin acacia
(48) grove. Restricted to this habitat? N Kapilvastu
~800' district

Lanius excubitor - appears to be fairly common
(47) & (48) in Kapilvastu district. Noted year-round in
(47) open country atop shrubs, often feeding
on grasshoppers. Not very shy. ~250-500'
Also

XII. Sturnidae

Saroglossa spiloptera - not noted in west-central
(53) terai habitats, but seen once outside Kabre
village 6500-7000 ft in April, 1981.

Sturnus vulgaris - single bird within a flock of
(60) S. pagodarum and Acridotheres tristis feeding
fallow, rural khets; 25/1/78. SE Kapilvastu
district, about 10 kms. from Taulihawa.

XIII. Irenid

Irena puella - a pair with a mobbing party of
(77) yellow-headed bulbuls, drongos, and golden-fronted leaf birds; excited by the presence of a Brown Fish Owl at midday. NW of Sukhani, Jhapa district ~1000ft, 17/11/78. Confiding, but active with other mob members.

XIV. Pycnonotidae

Pycnonotus melanicterus - Quite common along serpentine streams at the base of the Churias in N Morang ^{& Jhapa} districts in November, 1978. Amongst shrubs and mid-canopy trees in evergreen forests

XV. Timaliidae -

Pomatorhinus erythrogeus - usually very shy, but
(69) observed to be conspicuous at dawn while singing from bush tops 29/10/78, Taplejung district, E. Nepal. Can also be lured for a quick view with imitations of its contact note

Stachyris nigriceps - in ravine of alders and thick
(69 or 57) bushy undergrowth, 05 Nov. '78 between Yampodim and Khebung villages, East Nepal ~7000 ft. (Fleming: 2,000' - 6,000' range).

Chrysomma sinensis - single bird in grass & thickets
(48) N. of Rakot, ~6km. N of Taulihawa, (NE) ~450'

Kapilvastu district. Eye-ring red instead of yellow as described in Birds of Nepal; 12/12/78.

Turdoides caudatus - noted three times in same clump of Zizyphus bushes (28/6/78, August and (48) December 1978). In parties of 4-6 birds. Apparently very local, not very shy. One or two birds feeding amongst field clods while another acted as lookout from bush top. N of Tilaurakot, central Kapilvastu ~ 450 ft. elevation. (Noted before only at Nepalgunj airport, Banke jilla - Fleming).

Turdoides malcomi - a flock of ~10 birds noted in (59) scrub forest, South-central Kapilvastu, 10/8/78. About 4 km. N of the Indian border. Loud calls, keeping to cover of foliage. First record for Nepal. Open khets around this grove of trees and thickets. Seen in late afternoon.

Pteruthius melanotis - ♂ (with ♀?) seen in riverside (69) alders, upper Tamur River, 31/10/78; in mixed subtropical forest ~4500 ft N of Mithlung village. In upper parts of alders with yellow-eyed warblers.

Alcippe nipalensis - apparently very shy, because
(77) not noted from many jaunts into suitable
habitat. Finally seen in undergrowth of mixed
tropical forest with yellow-eyed warblers;
along streams in outer Churias of Thapa jilla
at ~1000ft, 19/11/78. (Fleming: 2,000' - 7,500')

Heterophasia annectans - single in amongst
(77) branches of large-crowned sub-tropical ever-
green trees outside Phidim, Panchtar district 10/11/78.
observed "bounding along branches like a cat"
as described by King. In same foraging party
as Black-capped Sibilias & Red-winged Shrike
Babbler. ~750ft above Phidim (i.e. ~4750ft).
Chestnut does not extend as far up back as
illustrated by King.

XVI. Muscicapidae

Muscicapa latirostris - a pair noted in open sal
(48) forest, Butwal Guest House, Rupendehi district;
11/4/78; also in abandoned fields.

Muscicapa ruificalda - single bird observed in bushes
(77) along steep banks at confluence of Kabeli and
Unwa rivers below Tarpu, Panchtar. Listed as
a summer visitor by Fleming, this bird seen
at ~2600 ft. on 07 November 1978.

Muscicapa tickelliae - single bird in branches near the ground of open acacia woodland near huxmighat, north-central Kapilvastu district ~15 km. N of Taulihawa. Approx. 600 ft. elevation, (Fleming: 600') Short song heard near dusk, 18/3/78.

Muscicapella hodgsoni - a lone ♂ at streamside amongst middle + upper branches of short, sub-canopy trees and in bamboo near the ground. At ~1000' in thick tropical forest NW of Sukhani, Thapa jilla, 17/11/78. Becomes the first lowland report of this species from Nepal. (Fleming: 5,000' - 9,800' in mixed oak/rhodo forest); however, Ali & Ripley report it at the base of the foothills in Assam during winter: appears to exhibit seasonal vertical migration in Nepal.

XVII. Sylviidae

Cettia pallidipes - solitary bird along sandy stream-banks in bushes, grass and short bamboo. At ~1000' N of Sukhani, Thapa; 16/11/78. Also heard Aug. '78 with Delos McCauley amongst bushes and tufts of grass behind Butwal Guest House; ~1000 ft. elevation.

Prinia sylvatica - several small parties seen in tall grass clumps and Zizyphus bushes N of Tilaurakot, central Kapilvastu; 12/11/78

Prinia subflava - a small party in same location (and habitat) as P. sylvatica; 12/12/78.

Prinia atrigularis - young bird or ♀ seen in ravine bushes with Streaked Laughing Thrushes NE of Jaspire Bhanjyang ~4800 ft, Eastern Mahabharats. Excellent views of a ♂-♀ pair S of Kurumba on crest of Eastern Mahabharats, ~7000 ft. on 30/9/78. This latter sighting at same longitude as W limit of distribution as noted by Fleming. latter site: Gleichemā-covered crest.

Phragmaticola aedon - single bird on ground in grass & fallen willows at streambanks outside Bhaktapur, Kathmandu valley. ~4500 ft. 28/12/78. Silent. With Phylloscopus fuscatus

Phylloscopus fuscatus - ^{several} seen in same location and in association ^{with} Phragmaticola aedon and Phylloscopus collybita, 28/12/78.

Phylloscopus cantator - single bird (or more?) within a mixed hunting party of grey-headed warblers, yellow-eyed warblers, yellow-breasted babblers, and grey-headed flycatchers. Above the Kankai Mai River in Gola Kharka panchayat at ~2000 ft. Yellow throat and vent good field marks. Amongst low limbs of sub-tropical trees and shrubs. Previously listed by Fleming as in eastern terai in winter at 1000' ∴ becomes new maximum elevation and into foothills

Seicercus poli-nus - single bird in shed dendron and bamboo at Koping, atop Milke Danda, ~10,500'. (Fleming: only listed at 8000 ft.) 15/10/78

XVIII. Turdidae

Brachypteryx hyperythra - single ♀ seen in alder ravine

(77) amongst stream boulders, hopping along and flicking its wings. long, studied look at close range in good light and unobstructed. Tail longer than wren babbler. Not shy. Hopped into bankside bushes, ferns and bamboo. Back of right eye had white crescent, which is possibly tear in skin or feather bases. Back, a uniform olive/olive-brown. Below a golden bronze, brightest on chin, throat, and upper breast, grading into pale lower breast and whitish flanks and abdomen. Stout legs with conspicuously scaly appearance. Wings short and flicked. At ~7000 ft., 29 September, 1978. listed by Fleming as "scarce" in Sikkim (3,000'-9,500') "in forest undergrowth, reeds, and bamboo. First report for Nepal, and one of the rarest birds in the Himalaya. No call or contact note heard. Location: N upper slopes of the Mahabharats near Kurumba village, Phidim district. ~7000ft.

Erithacus chrysaeus - although very shy in winter,

(52) and (77) this bird can be lured from its cover by imitating the contact note. also, Christmas Count 12/78 K'du. Sheopuri

Erithacus hyperythra - a ♂ in thick undergrowth of

(41) mixed forest along the Langtang Khola, 20/3/78.

(54) → Also, a ♀ in shrubs near a tiny stream at ~10,000, just W of Lamjura Bhanjyang, Everest trek. ← April, 1981

Phoenicurus erythrogaster - ♂ seen hopping by
(28) grassy spot in high altitude dry alpine-
vegetation E of Thorang la, above Mukti^{nath}
~16,000 ft.; early AM 01 June 1978.

Phoenicurus schisticeps - ♂ in stunted juniper shrubs
(28) at dusk at ~12,000 ft. 23/5/78. Pumped
(dorsally) brown tail as it perched. Upper Longopoghyum R.
Thak Khola tributary (SE of Tilichho)

Hodgsonius phoenicuroides - two ♂♂ seen in dwarf
(28) juniper scrub at ~14,000 ft., 02/6/78 (in
territorial combat?) Thorang la; above Mukti-
nath

Saxicoloides fulicata - race around Kapilvastu
(48) district same as E. Nepal race. The glossy
black upperparts are replaced by brown
and the white patch at the bend of the
wing in the ♂ is lacking.

Oenanthe deserti - ♂ seen at banks of Thak Khola,
(28) just N of Jomosom at ~9300 ft, with Phil
Hall; 28/5/78. Very dry steppe country.

Zoothera wardii - ♀ seen in alder grove on ^{bird} N slope
(77?) of Mahabharat, ~10000 ft; 28/9/78; E of
Pulpa village, Pindim jilla. This bird only
seen twice by RLF, Sr. in his birding days
in Nepal ∴ not a common species there.

Turdus ~~chrysotis~~ - one bird in tall bush tops
(68 or 76) among ... of Danda Bazaar,
Dhaulagiri ... 6/10/78 ~5000-5500 ft.
(Fleming noted only as migrant at 7000 ft.)

XIX. Certhiidae

Certhia familiaris - solitary bird hitching up tree trunks along road outside Godavari botanical gardens; 03 December 1978; ~5000 ft. Appears to be the first record of this tree creeper for Kathmandu valley, and also represents a new low minimum elevation for the species in Nepal.

XX. Motacillidae

Motacilla citreola - single bird at pondside amongst Eichornia; outskirts of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu. ~460 ft. 23/1/78.

XXI. Dicaeidae

Dicaeum melanoxanthum - ♂ seen in trailside bushes at 6000-6500 ft. S of Darapani, Marsyandi river valley. 6/6/78.

XXII. Nectariniidae -

Aethopyga gouldiae - a pair of ♂♂ seen in leafy bushes, preening in early AM sun. A ♂ A. nipalensis noted a few moments earlier ±100m. away in similar habitat; ~6250 ft; Cut-over mixed temperate forest N of Baajdanda 18/8/78. Upper Trisuli R. (Fleming: 8,300-11,000 ft.)

Aethopyga saturata - single bird with red-headed tits in flowering bushes at ~7000 ft. 05/11/78. Near Yamphodim - Khebang area of E. Nepal; well into the hills. (Fleming: 1,000-6,000' "thin forests of the lowlands")

Anthreptes singalensis - a pair (♀+♂) noted in a mixed hunting party in trees along the Kamal Khola, outer Churia foothills of Northern Morang jilla. ~1,100'

In company with gray tits, ioras, white eyes, crimson-breasted sunbird and leaf warblers. ~1000 ft. 19/11/78. Seen again same day in same habitat with yellow-bellied warblers.

Aracnothera longirostris - solitary bird in thickets and lower parts of bushes at streamside N of Sukhani, outermost Churias of Thapa district. 16/11/78. Wild bananas in immediate vicinity. Tropical evergreen forest.

XXIII. Fringillidae -

Acanthis flavirostris - single bird at grassy camping spot in high altitude dry alpine ^{terrope} W of Thorang ka above Muktinath ~16,000 ft. Very tame! Approached to within 5 feet. 31/5/78.

Haematospiza sipahi - a pair in ^{leafless} bushy trees in a clearing of dense temperate forest at ~8300 ft. near Shyarpagaon, Langtang Khola; 24/8/78.

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AVIAN CHECKLIST OF SPECIES OBSERVED DURING 1978 IN THE
DISTRICT OF KAPILVASTU, CENTRAL TERAI

by Jack Cox

1. Gray Heron (Ardea cinera): 48 13/12/78. At Jagdishpur Reservior, about 10 km. N Taulihawa; approx. 600 ft. elevation.
2. Pond Heron (Ardea grayii): 47/48 July 1978 at Harihar village, about 15 km. N Bahadurgunj/ 11/1/78 1 km. N Taulihawa, about 450 ft. elevation.
3. Large Egret (Egretta alba): 47 01/2/78 2 km. W Taulihawa 450 ft.
4. Intermediate Egret (Egretta intermedia): 48 3 km. N Taulihawa, about 450 ft. elev. 20/1/78
5. Little Egret (Egretta garzeta): 48 12 km. W Taulihawa 08/1/78 about 450 ft.
6. Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis): 47/48 Jan. 1978 2 km. N Bahadurganj about 250 ft./ Jan. 1978 1 km. N Taulihawa 450 ft.
7. Open-billed Stork (Anastomus oscitans): 48 15/1/78 Jagdishpur Reservior about 600 ft.
8. White Stork (Ciconia ciconia): 48 05/3/78 Jagdishpur Reservior about 600 ft.
9. White-necked Stork (Ciconia episcopus): 48 06/4/78 W of Pukri village; about 500ft.
10. Lesser Adjutant Stork (Leptoptilos javanicus): 48 25/1/78 2 km. N Taulihawa about 450 ft.
11. Sarus Crane (Grus antigone): 48 near Pukri village about 450 ft. June 1978
12. Black-shouldered Kite (Elanus caeruleus): 48 15/1/78 near Luxmi-ghat on E-W highway about 700 ft. alt.
13. Dark Kite (Milvus migrans): 47/48 August 1978 3 km. S Bahadurganj about 250 ft./ 09/1/78 over Taulihawa 450 ft., where presence noted every month
14. Honey Kite (Pernis ptilorhynchus): 48 13/12/78 1 km. N Tilaurakot, 4 km. N Taulihawa about 500 ft.
15. White-eyed Hawk (Butastur teesa): 48 13/12/78 same as above
Tawny Eagle (Aquila rapax): 48 13/12/78 with two above species; also same location on 27/6/78.
17. Himalayan Grey-headed Fishing Eagle (Ichthophaga nana): 48 at foot-hill bases S of Barlabas about 600ft. 22/3/78.
18. White-backed Vulture (Gyps begalensis): 24/1/78 outside Taulihawa about 450 ft. (48)
19. Indian Griffon (Gyps indicus): March 1978 5km. E Taulihawa 450ft. (48)
20. Egyptian Vulture (Neophron percnopterus): 09/1/78 over Taulihawa 450 ft. alt. (48)
21. Hen Harrier (Circus cyaneus): presence noted but record where?
22. Pied Harrier (Circus melanoleucus): 47 01/3/78 several kms. SW of Taulihawa about 400 ft. along border road.
23. Marsh Harrier (Circus aeruginosus): 48/59 13/12/78 Jagdishpur Reservior 600ft.;/ in the Rangpur marshes 16/2/78 Atop India/Nepal border post (!) and venturing into Nepalese territory about 250 ft. alt.

24. Laggar Falcon (Falco jugger): 47 12/5/78 a pair near Dangri village, 6 km. S Taulihawa; about 350 ft.
25. Eurasian Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus): 48 presence noted.
26. Gray Partridge (Francolinus pondicerianus): 48 28/6/78 adult with 3 young 1 km. N Tilaurakot about 500ft.
27. Red Jungle Fowl (Gallus gallus): 48 presence noted.
28. Common Peafowl (Pavo cristatus): 47 April 1978 along the Banganga river, about 4 km. W Taulihawa.
29. White-breasted Water Hen (Amaurornis phoenicurus): 48 24/1/78 outskirts of Taulihawa about 450 ft.
30. Purple Gallinule (Porphyrio porphyrio): 48 13/12/78 Jagdishpur reservior 10 km. N Taulihawa about 600 ft.
31. Bronze-winged Jacana (Metopidius indicus): 48 19/2/78 about 5 km. E Taulihawa about 450 ft.
32. Yellow-wattled Lapwing (Vanellus malabaricus): 59 16/2/78 S of Rangpur village. Just on the Nepali side of the border (about 15 km. S Taulihawa)
33. Red-wattled Lapwing (Vanellus indicus): 48 27/1/78 near Dubaripur village SE Kapilvastu about 400 ft.
34. Little-ringed Plover (Charadrius dubius): 48 21/3/78 S Motipur village about 600 ft. (just S of E-W Hiway)
35. Greenshank (Tringa nebularia): 47 presence noted E Bahadurganj.
36. Common Sandpiper (Tringa hypoleucos): 48 27/3/78 near Harampur Central Kapilvastu about 600 ft. alt.
37. Temminck's Stint (Calidris temminckii): 48 27/3/78 same location as above
38. Pintail Snipe (Capella stenula): 48 13/12/78 Jagdishpur reservior 600 ft. about 10 km. N Taulihawa
39. Painted Snipe (Rostratula benghalensis): 48 19/2/78 about 5 km. E Taulihawa about 450 ft.
40. Little Tern (Rynchops albicollis): 47 16/2/78 over a pond about 6 km. S Taulihawa about 400ft.
41. Orange-breasted Green Pigeon (Treron bicincta): 48 August 1978 1 km. N Tilaurakot 5 km. N Taulihawa
42. Bengal Green Pigeon (Treron phoenicoptera): 48 15/2/78 same location as above
43. Blue Rock Pigeon (Columba livia): 48 26/2/78 flocks around Taulihawa 450 ft. alt.
44. Rufous Turtle Dove (Streptopilia orientalis): 48 16/5/78 Tilarakot woods 5 km. N Taulihawa about 500 ft.
45. Red Turtle Dove (Streptopilia tranquebarica): 48 06/4/78 near Dohani, C Kapilvastu, about 500 ft. .
46. Indian Ring Dove (Streptopilia decaocto): 47/48 outskirts of Jamuniya, S Central Kapilvastu on 25/1/78 450 ft./ In Tilaurakot woods presence frequently noted.
47. Spotted Dove (Streptopilia chinensis): 47/48 presence noted frequently during 1978.
48. Rose-ringed Parakeet (Psittacula krameri): 48 25/1/78 and almost every visit to Tilaurakot woods; 5 km. N Taulihawa about 500 ft. alt.

49. Large Parakeet (Psittacula eupatria): 48 15/2/78 in open woods along Banganga R. 6 km. N Taulihawa 400 ft. alt.
50. Blossom-headed Parakeet (Psittacula cyanocephala): 48 in woods near Tilaurakot, 5 km. N Taulihawa 400 ft. alt. on 17/2/78.
51. Plaintive Cuckoo (Cacomantis merulinus): 48 27/6/78 in bushes and along khet banks outside Tilaurakot; 4 km. N Taulihawa; about 450ft. (Fleming: 1,000-7,000ft.)
52. Large Green-billed Malkoha (Rhopodytes tristis): 48 14/2/78 at Tilaurakot; 5 km. N Taulihawa; about 450 ft.
53. Koel Cuckoo (Eudynamys scolopacea): 48 14/4/78 first seen in mixed woods about 8 km. N Taulihawa; heard circa-annual in Ficus tree at Taulihawa P.O.; about 450-500 ft. alt.
54. Sirkeer Cuckoo (Toccocua leschenaultii): 48 August, 1978. A pair at Tilaurakot woods; about 500 ft. alt.
55. Large Coucal (Centropus sinensis): 47 25/1/78 in a dahl field outside Unwalia village; South-Central Kapilvastu 400 ft.
56. Spotted Owlet (Athene brama): 48 05/5/78 a pair noted in daytime in leafless trees about 10 km. E Taulihawa; 400 ft.
- Barred Owlet (Glaucidium cuculoides): 48 08/5/78 one seen in Shorea and scrub about 6 km. N Taulihawa; about 550 ft.
58. Little Nightjar (Caprimulgus asiaticus): 47/48 29/3/78 seen SS. of Gorsinge; about 600 ft. after dark; also seen at Tilaurakot woods (48) on 27/6/78 about 450 ft. alt.
59. Franklin's Nightjar (Caprimulgus affinis): 48 19/3/78 several along E-W highway (under construction) at km. post 40 from Butwal; about 600 ft. alt.
60. Indian Roller (Coracias benghalensis): 47/48 presence noted frequently within these grids in Kapilvastu terai during 1978.
61. Hoopoe (Upupa epops): 47/48 noted frequently in Taulihawa environs during 1978, about 450ft.; also S-C Kapilvastu. 300-450 ft.
62. Small-pied Kingfisher (Ceryle rudis): 47 presence noted along Banganga R. W Taulihawa during 1978.
63. Eurasian kingfisher (Alcedo atthis): 48 presence noted S Taulihawa along canals repeatedly during 1978.
64. White-breasted Kingfisher (Halcyon smyrnensis): 47/48 presence noted in central Kapilvastu and N Taulihawa during 1978 at 350-500 ft. alt.
65. Blue-tailed Bee-eater (Merops philippinus): 47 29/3/78 hundreds of them on migration in central and NW Kapilvastu on this date; altitudes: 350-600ft.
66. Green-tailed Bee-eater (Merops orientalis): 48 15/1/78 several at sal forest edge along E-W highway at Lusum Van alt. about 700 ft.
67. Pied Hornbill (Anthracoceros malabaricus): 48 presence noted in Tilaurakot woods; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; 450 ft.
68. Gray Hornbill (Tockus birostris): 48 20/1/78 several seen in Tilaurakot woods; about 450 ft. 5 km. N Taulihawa
69. Green Barbet (Megalaima zeylanica): 48 20/1/78 at Tilaurakot woods; about 500 ft. alt. 5 km. N Taulihawa

70. Lineated Barbet (Megalaima lineata): 48 presence noted during 1978 in Tilaurakot woods
71. Blue-throated Barbet (Megalaima franklinii): 48 presence noted within district during 1978.
72. Crimson-breasted Barbet (Megalaima haemacephala): 48 22/1/78 in guava bush; Taulihawa, about 450 ft.
73. Gray-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos canicapillus): 48 14/4/78; in Tilaurakot woods; about 450 ft.
74. Brown-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos nanus) 48 18/2/78 noted in same area as no. 73.
75. Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker (Dinopium bengalense): 48 11/1/78 in a mango tree 4 km. N Taulihawa 450 ft.
76. Three-toed Golden-backed Woodpecker (Dinopium shorii): 48 presence noted at Tilaurakot during 1978.
77. Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker (Dendrocopos macei): 48 single bird in shimal forest N Motipur on 22/3/78 at about 600 ft. alt.
78. Yellow-fronted Pied Woodpecker (Dendrocopos mahrattensis): 48 a pair in open woodland N Tilaurakot near Banganga R. on 10 May 1978; about 400 ft. (Fleming: "800-900 ft.")
79. Ashy-crowned Finch Lark (Eremopterix grisea): 47/48 presence noted along Taulihawa-Bahadurganj road during 1978; first seen in grid 48 on 19/2/78 about 10 km. E Taulihawa on road to Lumbini.
80. Bush Lark (Mirafra assamica): 47/48 presence noted near Harahawa; first noted along Banganga canal about 4 km. N Taulihawa on 25/3/78; about 450 ft. alt.
81. Little Skylark (Alauda gulgula): 48 16/4/78 first noted on this date 2 km. E Kapilvastu/Rupendehi border; 400 ft.
82. Crested Lark (Galerida cristata): 48 19/2/78 first noted just outside Taulihawa in cleared field
83. Sand Lark (Calandrella raytal): 47 April 1978; noted along the shores of the Banganga R. 5 km. W Taulihawa; about 400 ft.
84. House Swift (Apus affinis): 47 29/3/78; a colony under the eaves in SW Kapilvastu, Gurchikawa village; about 450 ft.
85. Sand Martin (Riparia paludicola): 48 25/3/78; 20-30 along steep sand banks, Banganga R. tributary W of Motipur; 600 ft.
86. Wire-tailed Swallow (Hirundo smithii): 47/48 along Bahadurganj-Krishnanager road during 1978; first seen in grid 48 about 1.5 km. N Taulihawa 27/1/78; about 450 ft.; (Fleming: "scarce"). In Kapilvastu, status is occasional/fairly common, esp. around bridge abutments.
87. Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica): 48 first noted 11/1/78 in a grove of mangos 3 km. N Taulihawa about 450 ft.
88. Striated Swallow (Hirundo daurica): 59 13/1/78 seen near Funuwa about 1 km. from Indian border on rd. to Taulihawa about 400 ft. alt.
89. Bay-backed Shrike (Lanius vittatus): 48 18/3/78 single bird in dryish acacia grove near Luxmihat near E-W Highway; alt. about 650 ft.

90. Gray Shrike (Lanius excubitor): 47/48 first seen in grid 47 on 01/3/78 about 3 km. SW Taulihawa; first noted in grid 48 on 26/1/78 across from Tilaurakot, about 4 km. N Taulihawa.
91. Rufous-backed Shrike (Lanius schach): 47/48 first seen in grid 47 on 25/1/78 near Unwalia village, south-central Kapilvastu, about 400 ft.; presence noted in 48 near Tilaurakot several times during 1978.
92. Black-headed Shrike (Lanius schach): 48 presence noted around Taulihawa during 1978. (Interesting to note overlap of range with above sub-species.)
93. Brown Shrike (Lanius cristatus): 48 presence noted in Dec. 1978 near Tilaurakot, about 6 km. N Taulihawa. 450 ft.
94. Golden Oriole (Oriolus oriolus): 48 08/5/78 one seen in Shorea and scrub forest 6 km. N Taulihawa; about 550 ft.
95. Gray-backed Shrike (Lanius tephronotus): 48 10/3/78 single bird in bushes outside DADO's office Taulihawa. 450 ft.
96. Black-headed Oriole (Oriolus xanthornus): 48 11/1/78 noted in dry woodland about 6 km. N Taulihawa. 500 ft.
97. Large Racquet-tailed Drongo (Dicrurus paradiseus): 48 08/3/78 in open woods 4 km. N Taulihawa; about 500 ft.
98. Hair-crested Drongo (Dicrurus hottentotus): 48 20/1/78 noted in Tilaurakot woods 4 km. N Taulihawa 500 ft.
99. Ashy Drongo (Dicrurus leucophaeus): 48 19/2/78 one seen on electric wires at outskirts of Taulihawa; about 450 ft.
100. White-bellied Drongo (Dicrurus caerulescens): 48 20/1/78 seen in Tilaurakot woods; 5 km. N Taulihawa; 500 ft.
101. Black Drongo (Dicrurus adsimilis): 47/48 presence noted in grid 47 during 1978; first noted in 48 on 09/1/78 2 km. N Taulihawa along ox cart road.
102. Crow-billed Drongo (Dicrurus annectans): 47 noted away from forest just W Taulihawa and Banganga R. on Taulihawa to Bahadurganj road. 03/2/78; about 400 ft.
103. Brahminy Myna (Sturnus pagodarum): 48 first noted on 25/1/78 near sheds 1 km. N Taulihawa; about 450 ft.
104. Eurasian Starling (Sturnus vulgaris): 47 noted in a flock of Brahminy Mynas about 8 km. SW Taulihawa; about 400 ft. on 25/1/78. (Fleming: "scarce")
105. Pied Myna (Sturnus contra): 48 11/1/78 first noted 2 km. N Taulihawa in cleared khets; about 450 ft.
106. Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis): 47/48 first noted in 47 at Pradhan Panch's house, Bahadurganj; about 400 ft.; Feb. '78. first seen in 48 on 11/1/78 in khets N Taulihawa; 450 ft.
107. Bank Myna (Acridotheres ginginianus): 48 presence noted during '78.
108. Jungle Myna (Acridotheres fuscus): 48 presence noted during 1978.
109. Indian Tree Pie (Dendrocitta vagabunda): 48 02/2/78 first noted at Tilaurakot woods, 5 km. N Taulihawa; 500 ft.
110. House Crow (Corvus splendens): 47/48 first noted at Krishnanager for grid 47 in Feb. '78.; first noted for 48 all around Taulihawa in January, 1978.
111. Jungle Crow (Corvus macrorhynchos): 47/48 presence noted frequently for both grids during 1978.

112. Lesser Woodshrike (Tephrodornis pondicerianus): 18/3/78 single bird in acacias near Luxmighat, grid 48 near E-W highway; about 600 ft.
113. Large Woodshrike (Tephrodornis gularis): 48 presence noted during 1978.
114. Pied Woodshrike (Himacus picatus): 48 presence noted during 1978.
115. Scarlet Minivet (Pericrocotus flammeus): 48 presence noted in foothills to the north of Motipur, March, 1978 about 2,500 ft.
116. Small Minivet (Pericrocotus cinnamomeus): 47 17/1/78 at pondside in lower branches of a mango tree outside Basantpur about 5 km. S Taulihawa; about 400 ft.
117. Iora (Aegithina tiphia): 47 17/1/78 same site as above.
118. Golden-fronted Leaf Bird (Chloropsis aurifrons): 48 18/2/78 in mistletoe in a simal tree at Tilaurakot woods; about 6km. N Taulihawa. 500 ft. alt.
119. Red-whiskered Bulbul (Pycnonotus jocosus): 47 seen in mixed subtropical forest S-C Kapilvastu; about 450 ft. on 02/2/78.
120. White-cheeked Bulbul (Pycnonotus leucogenys): 48 24/3/78 seen outside Tarakot village, Argha Kanchi district at about 4000 ft.
121. Red-vented Bulbul (Pycnonotus cafer): 47/48 presence noted in various localities/occasions during 1978.
122. Gray Bulbul (Hypsipetes madagascariensis): 48 several birds seen just S Rihikot on 22/3/78; about 4000 ft. Argha Kanchi.
123. Yellow-eyed Babbler (Chrysoma sinensis): 48 12/12/78 in tall grass and Zizyphus bushes N of Tilaurakot; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; about 500 ft. alt.
124. Common Babbler (Turdoides caudatus): 48 seen on three different occasions outside Tilaurakot woods in scrub, Zizyphus; first on 28/6/78; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; small party
125. Striated Babbler (Turdoides earlei): 48 12/12/78 same location as number 123. Only single bird noted.
126. Jungle Babbler (Turdoides striatus): 47/48 seen 1 km. W Bahadurganj village June, 1978; noted frequently at Tilaurakot woods 5 km. N Taulihawa during 1978.
127. Large Grey Babbler (Turdoides malcomii): 59 10/8/78 a flock of about 10 birds in a patch of scrub forest about 4 kms. inside Nepal border on main road to Taulihawa. First record of this species from Nepal. altitude about 350 ft.
128. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (Muscicapa tickelliae): 48 18/3/78 single bird in acacia grove woods near Luxmighat; N Kapilvastu near E-W Highway; about 600 ft. (Fleming: altitude "1000 ft.")
129. Brook's Flycatcher (Muscicapa poliogenys): 48 presence noted at Tilaurakot woods during 1978; about 450 ft.
130. Verditer Flycatcher (Muscicapa thalassina): 48 presence noted at Tilaurakot woods during 1978; about 450 ft.
131. White-throated Fantail Flycatcher (Rhipidura albicollis): 47 seen in a mango grove along Bahadurganj-Taulihawa road; about 400 ft. Date?

132. White-breasted Fantail Flycatcher (Rhipidura aureola): 48 seen in underbrush at Tilaurakot woods, 5 km. N Taulihawa; date: 20/1/78
133. Grey-headed Flycatcher (Culicicada ceylonensis): 48 noted at Tilaurakot woods on 14/2/78; about 450 ft.
134. Rufous Prinia (Prinia rufescens): 48 16/5/78 in tall grass and acacia trees about 5 km. N Taulihawa near Banganga R.; 400 ft.
135. Jungle Prinia (Prinia sylvatica): 48 12/12/78 small parties in grass clumps and Zizyphus 1 km. N Tilaurakot; 500 ft.
136. Plain Prinia (Prinia subflava): 48 12/12/78 seen in same vicinity as number 135.
137. Hodgson's Prinia (Prinia hodgsonii): 48 presence noted during 1978.
138. Ashy Prinia (Prinia socialis): 48 presence noted in open woods and grassland N Tilaurakot during 1978.
139. Tailor Bird (Orthotomus sutorius): 48 27/2/78 noted first in backyard, Taulihawa; about 454 ft.
140. Brown Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus collybita): 48 01/5/78 single bird in Zizyphus bushes, Tilaurakot woods; 450 ft.
141. Dickell's Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus affinis): 48 noted in Tilaurakot woods 12/12/78; 5 km. N Taulihawa; 450 ft.
142. Grey-headed Warbler (Seicercus xanthoschistos): 48 presence in Kapilvastu or lower Argha Khanchi district noted during 1978.
143. Yellow-eyed Warbler (Seicercus burkii): 48 presence in Kapilvastu or lower Argha Khanchi noted during 1978.
144. Eurasian Rubythroat (Erithacus calliope): 48 09/3/78 a small party in woods about 6 km. N Taulihawa; about 450 ft.;
145. Bluethroat (Erithacus svecicus): 48 a male noted in littoral vegetation at Jagdishpur Reservoir; about 600 FT; March, 1978.
146. Shama (Copsychus malabaricus): 48 noted near Motipur in thick mixed forest at dusk; about 650 ft.; 21/3/78.
147. Robin Dayal (Copsychus saularis): 47/48 presence noted at Bahadurganj during 1978; first noted in grid 48 at Tilaurakot woods on 25/1/78 at about 450 ft.
148. Black Redstart (Phoenicurus frontalis): 48 both ♂ & ♀ observed outside Lumbini along the road to Bhairhawa; about 450 ft.; 02 April 1978; (Fleming: "5,000-15,000ft.")
149. Collared Bush Chat (Saxicola torquata): 48 15/2/78 first noted in grass & open woods along Banganga R.; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; about 400 ft.
150. Pied Bush Chat (Saxicola caprata): 48 15/1/78 noted at Jagdishpur Reservoir; about 600 ft. 10 kms. N Taulihawa
151. Indian Robin (Saxicoloides fulicata): 48 seen twice in Kapilvastu; first in scrub sal forest outside Patharkot, 24/3/78, about 700 ft. Also noted at Tilaurakot woods, 450 ft. In both instances race is the same as Fleming's description of the East Nepal race.
152. Gray-winged Blackbird (Turdus boulboul): 48 in open woods near Luxmihat; ~ 600 ft. alt. (near foothills & E-W highway).

153. Gray Tit (Parus major): 48 presence noted at Tilaurakot during 1978.
154. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (Sitta frontalis): 48 single bird in sal forest S Rihikot (Kapilvastu or Argha Khanchi district?) on 22/3/78; about 2000 ft.
155. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch (Sitta castanea): 48 single bird outside of Rihikot, Argha Khanchi; ~4000 ft. 23/3/78
156. Hodgson's Tree Pipit (Anthus hodgsonii): 48 presence noted in Kapilvastu during 1978.
157. Paddyfield Pipit (Anthus novaeseelandiae): 48 23/3/78 in cleared khets outside Tharakot, Argha Khanchi; 4000 ft.
158. Richard's Pipit (Anthus novaeseelandiae richardi): 48 one seen along road outside Lumbini; about 400 ft.; 19/2/78
159. Yellow Wagtail (Motacilla flava): 48 14/3/78 at edge of shallow, weed-clogged pond N Dohani village, Kapilvastu; 450 ft.
160. Gray Wagtail (Motacilla caspica): 48 presence noted along Banganga R. during 1978.
161. Yellow-headed Wagtail (Motacilla citreola): 48 one seen in amongst Eichornia at pondside Taulihawa; 23/1/78; 450 ft.
162. Purple Sunbird (Nectarinia asiatica): 48 15/2/78 in open woods N Tilaurakot, 6 km. N Taulihawa; about 500 ft.
163. House Sparrow (Passer domesticus): 48 10/1/78 noted next door in Taulihawa; 454 ft. alt.
164. Baya Weaver (Ploceus philippinus): 48 27/6/78 a small flock noted nesting in a mango grove about 3 km. N Taulihawa. About 450 ft.
165. Black-throated Weaver (Ploceus benghalensis): 48 noted nesting at Tilaurakot on same date as above report. Female studied clearly; about 500 ft.
166. White-throated Munia (Lonchura malabarica): 48 25/7/78 a scattered flock of 8-10 in Zizyphus scrub N Taulihawa outside Tilaurakot; 5 km. N Taulihawa; ~500 ft.
167. Spotted Munia (Lonchura punctulata): 48 presence noted during 1978.
168. Yellow-breasted Bunting (Emberiza aureola): 48 21/3/78 a flock of about 150 in fields of wheat & lentil S Motipur; about 600 ft. elevation.
169. Crested Bunting (Melophus lathami): 48 presence noted during 1978.