Ardea cinerea - noted only once, 13/12/78, at Jagdhipur Reservoir, central Kapilvastu. Lone bird standing motionless in flooded khet adjacent to the reservoir. About 10 km N of Taulihawa. 600'.

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

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

Aquila clanga - a pair behind Butwal Guest House, 22/7/78. Mixed subtropical forest. A single, somewhat shrill cry in the air and upon take-off. Perched for a few moments in a leafless tree.
Buteo hemilasius - single bird in rocky outcropping, 14,500 - 15,000 ft, Hongpoghiyen Khola (Thak Khola tributary) SE of Tilicho lake, 25/5/78.

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

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

Circa pygargus - 7 over ripening khets at outskirts of small village a few kms. N of Sunischare, Shapa jaila; 17/11/78; ~600'.

IV. Falconidae

Falco jugger - seen with Lewis Underwood at Nagarjun, Kathmandu valley; date? sitting on electric line. ~5,500'
**Falco peregrinus** — the oriental race (Shahin Falcon) individual spotted atop a large boulder in steep, grassy cliff country S of Syabrubesi, Trisuli R., 18/8/78. ~5,500 ft.

**Falco subbuteo** — a pair in the pines at Nagansing, 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 ft.

**Falco vespertinus** — a ♂ at close range over grassy ridge at dusk. Seen pursuing small bats awhile later, 10/10/78; just W of Jorpani, Dhankuta district, near Sifruwa village at ~7000 ft. On 11/10/78 a few kilometers further east on Borame Danda (same habitat) a ♂ seen twice more, this time in company with an immature ♀; latter site at ~7500 ft. (This ♂ had dark splashing on breast & abdomen, otherwise coloration as illustration: immature as described by King (1976).)

**I. Phasianidae**

**Francolinus pondicerianus** — ♂ with bevy of three (♀) grazing in grass & thicket border to fields; 28/5/78. Few hundred meters N of Tilmanakot, central Kapilvastu.
Gallus gallus – abundant? Only noted once in subtropical undergrowth outside Chitwan NP. Heard on few other outings in west-central terai. Local farmers claim many shot out in recent years/decades.

V. Rallidae:
Porphyrio porphyrio – 18-20 birds in center of Jagdishpur Reservoir, 10 km N of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu, 13/12/78. Assembled into wide (30 ft. diameter) circle to flap wings at the young marsh churner which was overflying the group.

VII. Charadriidae:
Tringa stagnatilis – solitary bird standing along shore of Rapti River, working slowly through littoral floats. Near Hotel Elephant Camp, 08/11/78.

Capella minima – solitary bird flushed from streamside thickets outside Bhaktapur; 28/12/78. KV.

VIII. Rostratulidae:
Rostratula benghalensis – three birds in shallow, water-filled depression E of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu, near Rupendehi-Jilla border. 19/12/78.

IX. Laridae
Hydroprogne caspia – solitary bird at Kosi Barrage, 20/11/78.
Geocichlidon niloticus – single bird with other terns and brown-eared gulls at Kosi Barrage, 21/11/78.

Columbidae –
Treron bicincta – solitary bird 26/4/78 in tree-top, 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-cuttersub, 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 Kms. N of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu.

Alcedinidae
Ceryle rudis – single bird seen hunting and hovering over flooded dehets outside Thuthipal fish farm, July, ’78. Quite far from stream or river.

Meropidae
Merops philippinus – only noted once in Kapilvastu environs, but that sighting a migration spectacle. On 29/3/’78 500-1000 birds noted over northern Kapilvastu fields; also flying back and forth over Panganga 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 low-green forest along stream W of Tamsapur, Chitwan district at dusk; ~500 ft. elevation 25/11/78. Also noted along Sunischari-Imam road near base of Churia, Imam district, 15/11/78.

Picidae

*Picus squamatus*—6 seen amongst thickets and on large boulders, just S of Hangtang village. 800 ft. and upper breast paler than Fleming illustration. Monfacial stripe not as wide as plait; habitat: in S slope amongst thorny scrub and boulders. No trees. Across canyon is dense conifer forest. 21/8/78 ~11,500 ft.

*Dinopium shirii*—noted frequently in west-central tenai forests. "Occasional"? Also, 29+107 from 4000-4500' in E. Nepal outside Thimphu; (Fleming: 400-960')

*Chrysocaptes lucidus*—not noted in suitable tenai habitats. "Common"?

*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*—a party of 40+5 amongst robusta trees (with much standing deadwood) N of Dumre at ~1700 ft along
the Marjayandi River valley, in early AM fog. Keeping to large dead trunks, 10/6/78.

Hirundinidae —

*Hirundo smithii* — appears to be fairly common in Kapilvastu and Rupandehi districts. Noted several times in central Kapilvastu around bridge abutments, also over ponds. Frequently perched outside Thuttipal fish farm 3km N of Bharhawa. Noted year round, ~500 ft.

Laniidae —

*Honorius vittatus* — noted only once, in a thin acacia grove. Restricted to this habitat? N Kapilvastu ~800 ft. district

*Honorius exsulitor* — appears to be fairly common in Kapilvastu district. Noted year-round in open country atop shrubs, often feeding on grasshoppers. Not very shy. ~250-500 ft. Also

Sturnidae —

*Saroglossa spiratoria* — not noted in west-central terai habitats, but seen once outside Kabre village 6500-7000 ft in April, 1981.

*Sturnus vulgaris* — single bird within a flock of S. pagodarum and Acridotheres tristis feeding fallow, rural dehats; 25/1/78. SE Kapilvastu district, about 10 kms. from Taalchawa.
XIII. Irena

Irena puella— a pair with a mobbing party of yellow-headed bulbul, drongos, and golden-fronted leaf birds; excited by the presence of a Brown Fish Owl at midday, N.W. of Sakhani, Jhapa district ~1,000 ft, 17/11/78. Confiding, but active with other mot members.

XIV. Pycomotidae

Pycomotus melanisticus— Quite common along serpentine streams at the base of the Churia in N. Morang districts in November, 1978. Amongst shrubs and mid-canopy trees in evergreen forest.

XV. Timaliidae

Pomatorhinus erythrogenys— Usually very shy, but observed to be conspicuous at dawn while singing from bush tops, 29/10/78, Taplejung district, E. Nepal. Can also be heard for a quick view with imitations of its contact note.

Stachyris nigriceps— in ravine of alders and thick brushe undergrowth, 05 Nov. '78, between Yamjordim and Khebang village, East Nepal ~7000 ft. (Fleming: 2,000'-6,000' range).

Chrysoidea taenioides— single bird in grass & thickets, N. of Tikakot ~6 km. N of Taulekhet, (NE) ~450'
Kapilvastu district. Eye-ring red instead of yellow as described in Birds of Nepal; 12/12/78.

Turdoides caudatus— notated three times in same clump of Zizyphus bushes (28/6/78, August and December 1978). In parties of 4-6 birds. Apparently very local, not very shy. One or two birds feeding amongst field clover 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).


Pteruthius melanotis— ♂ (with ♀’) seen in riverside alders, upper Tamur River, 31/10/78; in mixed subtropical forest ~4,500 ft. N of Mitlung village. In upper parts of alders with yellow-eyed warblers.
Alcippe nipalensis - apparently very shy, because not noted from many jaunts into suitable habitat. Finally seen in undergrowth of mixed tropical forest with yellow-eyed warblers; along streams in outer Churia and Shapajilla at ~1000 ft., 19/11/78. (Fleming: 2000' - 7500').

Heterophae annectans - single in amongst branches of large-crowned sub-tropical evergreen 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 Sibias & Red-winged Shrike Babblers. ~750 ft above Phidim (~4750 ft.). Chestnut does not extend as far up back as illustrated by King.

XVI. Muscicapidae

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

Muscicapa rufulicauda - single bird observed in bushes along steep banks at confluence of Kabeli and Unwa rivers below Tarppu, Panchtar. Listed as a summer visitor by Fleming; this bird seen at ~2600 ft. on 07 November 1978.
**Musiciapa tickelliae**—single bird in branches near the ground of open acacia woodland near hunkmighat, north-central Kapilvastu district ~15 km. N of Taulihawa. Approx. 600 ft. elevation, (Fleming: 600') Short song heard near duck, 18/3/78.

**Musiciapa hoddsoni**—a lone B at streamside amongst middle and upper branches of short, sub-canopy trees and in bamboo near the ground. At ~1000' in thick tropical forest NW of Sukharni, Shapa jilla, 17/11/78. Becomes the first lowland report of this species from Nepal. (Fleming: 5,000'-9,800' in mixed oak/rodeo 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 pallideps**—solitary bird along sandy streambanks in bushes, grass and short bamboo.

At ~1000' N of Sukharni, Shapa; 16/11/78. Also heard Aug. '78 with Deos 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 Ziziphus bushes N of Tilaurakot, central Kapilvastu; 12/11/78.

**Prinia subflava**—a small party in same location (same habitat) as P. sylvatica; 12/12/78.
Prinia atricapilla— young bird or ? seen in ravine
brushes with streaked laughing Thrush, NE 20/9/78
of Jaspyre Bhanjyang ~4800 ft, Eastern Mahabharat
Excellent views of a Sp pair S of Kurumba
on crest of Eastern Mahabharats, ~7600 ft on
30/9/78. This latter sighting at same longitude
as W limit of distribution as noted by Flem-
ing. latter site: Gleicher—covered crest.

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

*Phylloscopus fuscatus*— seen in same location and
in association *Phragamaticola aedon* and
*Phylloscopus collybita*, 28/12/78.

*Phylloscopus cantator*— single bird (or more)
in a
mixed hunting party of grey-headed warblers,
yellow-eared warblers, yellow-breasted babblers,
and grey-headed flycatchers. Above the Kankai
Mai River in Gold Khanka 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 ~1800. It became
new maximum elevation and into foothills.

*Sericornis polio*— single bird in rhododendron
and bamboo at Koping, atop Milke Danda,
~10,500 ft. (Fleming: only, listed at 8000 ft.)
15/10/78.
Brachypterus hypertyra - single & seen in alder ravine amongst stream boulders, hopping along and flicking its wings. Long, studied look at close range in good light and unobstructed. Tail longer than upper breast. Not shy. Hopped into bankside bushes, ferns and bamboo. Back of right eye had white crescent, which is possibly tear in skin or feather base. 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, 1998. 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 Kuruumba village, Phidim district. ~7000 ft.

Fringilla chrysaetos - although very shy in winter, this bird can be lured from its cover by imitating the contact note. Also, Christmas 1978 Kolu Sheopuri.

Fringilla hypertyra - a ♂ in thick undergrowth of mixed forest along the Langtang Khola, 26/3/78. Also, a ♂ in shrubs near a tiny stream at ~10,000; just W of Lamjura Bhanjyang, Everest trek. 6 April, 1981.
Phoenicurus erythrogaster — 8 seen hopping by grassy spot in high altitude dry alpine-vegetation E of Thorang La, above Muktinath ~16,000 ft.; early AM 01 June 1978.

Phoenicurus schisticeps — 8 in stunted juniper shrubs at dusk at ~13,000 ft. 23/5/78. Pumped (dorsally) brown tail as it perched. Upper Hongpoghyun R. Thak Khola tributary (see Tilicho) L

Hodgsonius phoenicuroides — two 88 seen in dwarf juniper scrub at ~14,000 ft., 02/6/78 (in territorial combat?) Thorang La; above Muktinath.

Saxicoloides fulicata — race around Kapilvastu. distinct 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 88 is lacking.

Oenanthe deserti — 8 seen at banks of Thak Khola, just N of Jomson at ~9300 ft.; with Phil Hall; 28/5/78. Very dry steppe country.

Zoothera wardii — 8 seen in alder grove on N slope of Mahabhara; ~12000 ft.; 28/9/78; E of Pulpa village. Muktinath. This bird only seen twice by RF, Sr; in his binding days in Nepal; is not a common species there.

Turdus chrysostoma — seen ind in tall bush topa among north e. S of Danda Bazaar, Dhaulagiri distr. 8/10/78 ~5000-5500 ft. (Fleming noted only as immigrant at 7100 ft.)
XXI. Certhiidae

*Certhia familiaris* - solitary bird hatching up tree trunk 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 this species in Nepal.

XX. Motacillidae

*Motacilla citreola* - single bird at pond side amongst *Eichhornia*; outskirts of Taulihawa, Kapilvastu, ~460 ft. 23/1/78.

XX. Dicaeidae

*Dicaeum melanoxanthum* - 6* seen on trail side bushes at 6000-6500 ft. S of Darapani, Marsyandi river valley 6/6/78.

XXII. Nectariniidae

*Aethopyga gouldiae* - a pair of 6* seen in leafy bushes, preening in early AM sun. A 6* A. nipalensis noted a few moments earlier ±100 m away in similar habitat; ~6250 ft; Cut-off mixed temperate forest N of Bajidanda 18/8/78. Upp Trisuli R. (Fleming: 8,300-11,000 ft.)

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

Anthrastes singalensis - a pair (♀♂) noted in a mixed hunting party in trees along the Kamal Khola, outer Churia foothills of Northern Morang jile. ~1,100'
In company with gray tit, iris, white eye, crimson-breasted sunbird and leaf warblers. ~1000 ft. 19/11/78. Seen again same day in same habitat with yellow-bellied warblers.

**Araçnothera longirostris**—solitary bird in thickets and lower parts of bushes at streamside N of Sukhani, outermost Churen of Jhapa 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 tundra W of Thorang la above Muktinath ~16,000 ft. Very tame! Approached to within 5 feet. 31/5/78.

**Haematospiza sipahi**—a pair in bushy trees in a clearing of dense temperate forest at ~3300 ft. near Shijarpagaon, húngtang Khola, 24/8/78.
AVIAN CHECKLIST OF SPECIES OBSERVED DURING 1978 IN THE
DISTRICT OF KAPILVASTU, CENTRAL TERAI

by Jack Cox

1. Gray Heron (Ardea cinerea): 48 13/12/78. At Jagdishpur Reservoir, about 10 km. N Taulihawa; approx. 600 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.
7. Open-billed Stork (Anastomus oscitans): 48 15/1/78 Jagdishpur Reservoir about 600 ft.
8. White Stork (Ciconia ciconia): 48 05/3/78 Jagdishpur Reservoir about 600 ft.
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
15. White-eyed Hawk (Butastur teesa): 48 13/12/78 same as above
16. Tawny Eagle (Aquila rapax): 48 13/12/78 with two above species; also same location on 27/6/78.
18. White-backed Vulture (Gyps bengalensis): 24/1/78 outside Taulihawa about 450 ft. (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 melanoleucos): 47 01/3/78 several kms. S of Taulihawa about 400 ft. along border road.
23. Marsh Harrier (Circus aeruginosus): 48/59 13/12/78 Jagdishpur Reservoir 600 ft.; in the Rangpur marshes 16/2/78 Atop India/Nepal border post (4) and venturing into Nepalese territory about 250 ft. alt.
24. Lagger Falcon (Falco jugger): 47 12/5/78 a pair near Dangri village, 6 km. S Taulihawa; about 350 ft.
25. Eurasian Kestral (Falco tinnunculus): 48 presence noted.
27. Red Jungle Fowl (Gallus gallus): 48 presence noted.
32. Yellow-wattled Lapwing (Vanellus malabaricus): 48 16/2/78 S of Rangpur village, just on the Nepali side of border (about 15 km. S Taulihawa)
34. Little-ringed Tlover (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.
37. Temminck's Stint (Calidris temminckii): 48 27/3/78 same location as above
38. Pintail Snipe (Capella stenula): 48 13/12/78 Jagdishpur reservoir 600 ft. about 10 km. N Taulihawa
40. Little Tern (Rynchops albicollis): 47 16/2/78 over a pond about 5 km. S Taulihawa about 400 ft.
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 Tilaarokot 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, SCentral Kapilvastu on 25/1/78 450 ft./In Tilaarokot 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 Tilaarokot 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 Tilaaurakot; 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 Tilaaurakot; 4 km. N Taulihawa; about 450 ft. (Fleming: 1,000-7,000 ft.)

52. Large Green-billed Malkoha (Rhopodytes tristis): 48 14/2/78 at Tilaaurakot; 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.


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.

57. Barred Owlet (Glaucidium cuculoides): 48 03/5/78 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 S of Gorsinge; about 600 ft. after dark; also seen at Tilaaurakot woods (48) on 27/6/78 about 450 ft. alt.

59. Franklin's Nightjar (Caprimulgus affinis): 47/8 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.


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: 350-600 ft.

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 Tilaaurakot woods; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; 450 ft.

68. Gray Hornbill (Tockus birestris): 48 20/1/78 several seen in Tilaaurakot woods; about 450 ft. 5 km. N Taulihawa

69. Green Barbet (Megalaima zeylanica): 48 20/1/78 at Tilaaurakot woods; about 500 ft. alt. 5 km. N Taulihawa
70. Lineated Barbet (Megalaima lineata): 48 presence noted during 1978 in Tilaurakot woods.
72. Crimson-breasted Barbet (Megalaima haemacephala): 48 22/1/78 in guava bush; TaulihaWa; about 450 ft.
73. Gray-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos canalicillus): 48 14/4/78; in Tilaurakot woods; about 450 ft.
74. Brown-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos manus) 48 18/2/78 noted in same area as no. 73.
77. Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker (Dendrocopos macei): 48 single bird in shimal forest N Notipur 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 (Fremontierix 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 rayment): 47 April 1978; noted along the shores of the Banganga R. 5 km. W TaulihaWa; about 400 ft.
84. House Swift (Apis affinis): 47 29/3/78; a colony under the eaves in SW KapilVastu, Gurchi kaw village; about 450 ft.
86. Wire-tailed Swallow (Hirundo smithii): 47/48 along Bahadurganj-Krishnamanger 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 Kumwa 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 Luxmighat near E-W Highway; alt. about 650 ft.
90. Gray Shrike (Lanius excubitor): 47/48 first seen in grid 47 on 01/5/78 about 5 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 Umsali village, south-central kapilvastu, about 400 ft.; presence noted in 48 near Tilaurakot several times during 1978.


94. Golden Oriole (Oriolus oriolus): 48 03/5/78 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 DANO’s office Taulihawa. 450 ft.


97. Large Racquet-tailed Drongo (Dicrurus paradiseus): 48 08/2/78 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 caeruleascens): 48 20/1/78 seen in Tilaurakot woods; 5 km. N Taulihawa; 500 ft.


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 Pradan 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 ginsinianus): 48 presence noted during '78.


109. Indian Tree Pie (Dendrocitta vagabunda): 48 02/2/78 first noted at Tilaurakot woods, 5 km. N Taulihawa; 500 ft.


112. Lesser Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*): 16/3/78 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.


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. Lora (*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 Tilaurok woods; about 6 km. 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 Taraokot village, Argha Kanchi district at about 4000 ft.


122. Gray Bulbul (*Hypsipetes madagascariensis*): 48 several birds seen just S Rihkot 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 Tilaurok; about 5 km. N Taulihawa; about 500 ft. alt.

124. Common Babbler (*Turdoides caudatus*): 48 seen on three different occasions outside Tilaurok 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.


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 3500 ft.

128. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (*Muscicapa tickelliae*): 48 18/3/78 single bird in acacia grove woods near Luxmighat; W Kapilvastu near E-W Highway; about 600 ft. (Fleming: altitude "1000 ft.")

129. Brool's Flycatcher (*Muscicapa polioogenys*): 48 presence noted at Tilaurok woods during 1978; about 450 ft.

130. Verditer Flycatcher (*Muscicapa thalassina*): 48 presence noted at Tilaurok woods during 1978; about 450 ft.

131. White-throated Fantail Flycatcher (*Rhipidura albicolli*): 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 (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*): 48 noted at Tilaurakot woods on 14/2/78; about 450 ft.

134. Rufous Prinia (*Prinia rufascens*): 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.


139. Tailor Bird (*Orthotomus santorius*): 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. Rickell's Leaf Warbler (*Phylloscopus affinis*): 48 noted in Tilaurakot woods 12/12/78; 5 km N Taulihawa; 450 ft.


143. Yellow-eyed Warbler (*Seicercus burkii*): 48 presence in Kapilvastu or Lower Argha Khanchi noted during 1978.

144. Eurasian Rubythroat (*Eritractus calliceo*): 48 09/3/78 a small party in woods about 6 km. N Taulihawa; about 450 ft.

145. Bluethroat (*Eritractus 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 sularia*): 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: "5,000-15,000 ft.")

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 (*Saxicola fuscata*): 48 seen twice in Kapilvastu; first in scrub sal forest outside Patankot, 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 Luxmiganj; 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 (Lapilvastu or Argha Khanchi district?) on 22/5/78; 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 Lapilvastu during 1978.

157. **Faddyfield Pipit (Anthus novaeseelandiae)**: 48 23/3/78 in cleared rhets outside Tharakot, Argha Khanchi; 4000 ft.

158. **Richard's Pipit (Anthus novaeseelandiae richardi)**: 48 one seen along road outside Tumbini; 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, Lapilvastu; 450 ft.


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 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 5-10 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 (Melophas lathami)**: 48 presence noted during 1978.