

BIRDS RECORDED IN NEPAL, 1st JULY, 1978 to 5th AUGUST 1978.

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SPECIES	NO.	LOCALITY	DATE	ALT.	NOTES
Pond Heron		Pokhara			Numerous.
Night Heron	10+	Kathmandu	7/7/78		
Little Gambel's Egret.	2+	Phewa Tal, Pokhara Kathmandu	7/7/78		Common.
Chestnut Bittern	2 5	Nautanwa Begnas Tal	30/6/78 4/7/78	1000' 3000'	
White-necked Stork	7 9	Begnas Tal Begnas Tal	4/7 5/7		
Black-necked Crane	1	Begnas Tal	4/7 5/7	3000'	Seen well - photo enclosed. Presumed adult but note some brown feathering on back. Full details sent to Flemming and Bombay N.H.S.
Ruddy Shelduck	1	Begnas Tal	4/7 5/7		
Cattle Egret		Pokhara Kathmandu			Common Common
Pintail	15+	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Garganey	2(?)	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Mallard	5+ 11	Begnas Begnas	4/7 5/7		

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Gadwall	2	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Wigeon	10 ⁺	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Shoveler	2 (♂, ♀)	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Common Teal	2 (♂, ♀)	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Brahminy Kite	1 ad.	Phewa Tal, Pokhara	1/7		
Crested Serpent Eagle.	1	Begnas	5/7		Common
	4	Godaveri, K.V. Pokhara → Naudanda	13/7	6,000' 3000' -4500'	
	2	Khare	27/7	6000'	
Black Kite	5+	Pokhara	2/7		
	2	Tokha hospital, K.V.	13/7	5000'	
	1	Khare	27/7	6000'	
Mountain Hawk Eagle	2	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	6000'	
	1	Gokarna, K.V.	3/8	4500'	
Bonelli's Eagle	2	Poon hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
Black Eagle	2	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	6000'	
	1	Pokhara	19/7		
	3	Khare	20/7	6,000'	
Himalayan Gull Vulture		Pokhara			Small numbers noted during July.

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Eurasian Griffon Vulture	1 ad.	Pokhara	3/7		
Lammergeier		Pokhara to Ghorepani.			One's or two's seen, the lowest being at Pokhara. Also one at Begnas
Black (King) Vulture.		Begnas, Pokhara. → Ghorepani			Small numbers throughout.
White-necked Vulture		Pokhara			Numerous.
Egyptian Vulture.	Sev. 1	Pokhara Ulleri	21/7	7000'	
Kestrel.		Balaju, K.V Pokhara Ulleri Poon Hill			} singles. 2
Kulij Pheasant.	1♂	Gokarna Forest KV	4/8		Rather tame.
Water Cuck	1♂	Begnas Tal	4/7 5/7		Seen only.
	3 (2♂, ♀)	Bagmati River	3/8		Seen well and heard 'singing' in paddyfields.
	4 (3♂, ♀)	by Gokarna forest, K.V.	4/8		Both areas outside that given by Flemming.
Coot	6+	Begnas Tal	5/7		
Bronze-winged Jacana	5	Begnas Tal	5/7	3000'	

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Red-wattled Lapwing	10+	Beypur Tal	5/1		
Common Tern	1 (imm)	Phewa Tal, Pokhara	30/1		
	2 (imm s)	"	31/1		
	5 (2 ads, 3 imm s)	"	1/8		
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	2	Godaverri, KV	13/1	6000'	
Blue Rock Pigeon	50+	Pokhara			
Rufous-tufted dove.	2	Tirkendhunge	20/7 25/7	4500'	
Red-tufted dove	2	Gokarna Forest, KV	4/8		
Indian Ring dove	Sev.	Terai near Birganj	5/8		
Red dove		Pokhara Kathmandu Valley			Common.
	1	Tirkendhunge	25/7	4500'	Common.
Large Hawk Cuckoo	1	Nagarjung Hill, K.V.	10/7	5,500'	
Eurasian Cuckoo	1	Ulleri	21/7	7000'	
Indian Cuckoo	1	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5000'	
Drongo cuckoo	1	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5000'	
Emerald Cuckoo	♀	Gokarna forest, K.V. 4/8.	4/8	4,500'	In tops of trees. Seen well - rufous brown head and otherwise mainly bottle-green upperparts separate from similar species.

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Large Green-billed Malkoha	1	Nagarjung, K.V.	10/7	5000'	
Koel Cuckoo	1♂	Gokarna, K.V.	4/8		
Barned Owllet.	1	Pokhara	29/7		
Spotted Owllet	1	Pokhara	1/7		
Indian Roller.		Pokhara + surrounding area.			Small numbers.
Large Pied Kingfisher.	1	Birathanti	26/7	3,500'	
Small Pied Kingfisher.	1	Phewa Tal, Pokhara			Seen throughout July.
Eurasian Kingfisher.	1	Begnas Tal	4/7		
	1	Balaju, K.V.	7/7		
	2	Pokhara	18/7		
	2	Birathanti	26/7	3,500'	
White-breasted Kingfisher.		Begnas Pokhara Kathmandu Valley			} fairly common.
Green bee-eater	5	Phewa Tal, Pokhara	1/8		
Great Himalayan Barbet.	2+	Godaveri, K.V. Pokhara → Ghorepani	13/7		Not noted above Tirkendhunga (< 5000')
Blue-throated Barbet.		Pokhara → Ghorepani			Not seen above 6,000'
	✓	Gokarna, KV	3/8		

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Spotted Piculet.	1	North of Balaju (K.V.)	9/7	5,500'	
	2	Gokarna Forest (K.V.)	3/8	4,500'	
Black-naped Woodpecker	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	1	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5000'	
	1	Birethunti	26/7	3,500	
Large Golden-backed Woodpecker	1	Phewa Tal, Pokhara	3/7		
Darjeeling pied woodpecker.	2	Ghorepani	24/7	9000'	
Brown-fronted pied woodpecker	18	Tokha hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
Fulvous-breasted pied woodpecker	2	Tokha hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
	3	Pokhara	29/7		
House swift		Pokhara K.V.			Common Common.
Crested Treeswift	sev.	Near Birganj	5/8	4000'	
Edible nest swiftlet.		Pokhara			Small no.s, maximum 20 on 18/7
	2	Uleri	21/7	6000'	
	20	Ghorepani	24/7	9000'	
(Pale) Sand Martin		Pokhara			Common. Max. count of 50 on 2/7

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Barn Swallow		Pokhara			Common.
Hindled Swallow		Pokhara			Common.
Nepal House Martin	20+	between Tirkendhunge and Ulleri	21/7	5,500'	
Rufous-backed Shrike		Pokhara			Common
		K.V.			Common
	2	Khare	20/7	5000'	
Golden Oriole		Pokhara			Small numbers
	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
Maroon Oriole	♂	Near Chandrakot	26/7	4,500'	
Hair-crested drongo	1	Birethanti	20/7	3,500'	
			26/7		
	2	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5000'	
Ashy drongo	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Pokhara → Ghagani			
Black Drongo	✓	Pokhara			
	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
Little browned drongo	6	Phera Tal, Pokhara	3/7		
Brahminy myna	3	Pokhara	2/7		
Gray-headed myna		Pokhara			Common
	✓	Kathmandu Valley			

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Pied Myna	✓	lowlands near Birganj			
Common Myna		Pokhara Pokhara → Ghorepani			Common Seen up to Tirkendhunge (5000')
Jungle Myna	✓ ✓	Pokhara Begnas Tal.	3	3000' 3000'	
Eurasian Jay	1	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	5,500'	
Red-billed Blue Magpie	4	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5000'	
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	1	Ghorepani	22/7	9000'	
Indian Tree pie	1	Begnas tal	4/7	3000'	
Himalayan Tree pie	✓ ✓	Pokhara (Phewa Tal) Kathmandu Valley Pokhara → Ghorepani			Seen as far as Tirkendhunge (5,000')
Nuthatch	2	Ghorepani	22/7	9000'	
House Crow	✓	Pokhara			
Jungle Crow	✓ 6	Pokhara Poan Hill, Ghorepani	10 23/7	10,000'	
Pied Wood Shrike	2	Gokarna Forest, K.V.	3/8		

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Large Cuckoo-Shrike	1	Near. Chandrakot	26/7	5000'	
Dark Cuckoo-shrike	✓	Pokhara			
	✓	Kathmandu valley			
Long-tailed Minivet	✓	Kathmandu valley			
	4	Popa Hill, Ghorepani	22/7	10,000'	
Scarlet Minivet	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Pokhara			
	6	Birechauti	25/7	3,500'	
	6	Ulleri	21/7	6,000'	
Lora	2	Pokhara	1/7		
	3	Pokhara	3/7		
Orange-bellied leaf bird	8	Tirkeadhunge	21/7	5000'	
White-checked bulbul		Pokhara → Ulleri 3000' → 6000'			Common
Striated bulbul	5	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	5000'	
	1	Ulleri → Ghorepani	22/7	7,500'	
Red-vented bulbul		Kathmandu Valley			Common
		Pokhara			Common
	✓	Khare	20/7	5,500'	
Rufous-bellied bulbul	1	Ulleri	21/7	6000'	
Gray bulbul.	20+	Godaveri, K.V. Pokhara → Ghorepani	13/7	6000'	seen as far as Ulleri (6000')

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Rusty-checked Scimitar Babbler.	2	Near Balaju, K.V.	9/7	5000'	
	4	Tokha hospital, K.V.	14/7	6,000'	
Black-chinned Babbler.	1	North of Balaju, K.V.	9/7	5000'	
Spiny Babbler.	2	Tokha hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
	1	Near Khare	20/7	5,500'	
Streaked laughing thrush	6	Near Ulleri	21/7	6000'	
White-throated laughing thrush	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Khare → Ghoepani			
Striped laughing thrush	3	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	5,500'	
Rufous-chinned laughing thrush	2	Tokha hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
Wain-coloured laughing thrush	2	Ghoepani	25/7	9000'	Seen well, including yellow in wing.
Red-headed laughing thrush	1	Khare	20/7	5,500'	
	2	Ghoepani → Ulleri	25/7	8,000'	
Black-faced laughing thrush	1	Ghoepani	24/7	9000'	
	5	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	23/7	10,000'	
Red-billed Leiothrix	1+	Ghoepani → Ulleri	25/7	7,500'	
Bar-throated Minla	8	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	24/7	10,000'	
Yellow-rumped Yuhina	2	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	5,500'	
	✓	Ulleri → Ghoepani			6,000' → 10,000'
Strip-throated Yuhina		Ghoepani/Poon Hill	22/7	9000' -10,000'	Quite common.
White-bellied Yuhina	1	Gokarna Fort, K.V.	3/8	4,500'	

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Rufous-Vented Yuhina		Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	Common.
Chestnut-headed tit babbler	2+	Ghorepani to Uleri	25/7	8,000'	
White-browed tit babbler	2	Ghorepani	22/7	9,000'	
	2	Poon Hill	24/7	10,000'	
Nepal babbler	3	North of Balaju, K.V.	9/7	5,000'	
Red-capped Bibia		Godawari, K.V.	13/7	5,000'	Common
	2+	Uleri to Ghorepani	22/7	8,000'	
Sooty flycatcher.	2	Uleri to Ghorepani	22/7	8,000'	
	3	Ghorepani	24/7	9,000'	
Orange-gorgetted flycatcher.		Ghorepani and surrounding area.	23/7	9,000' to 10,000'	4 seen (8+)
White-browed blue flycatcher.	1♂	Godawari, K.V.	13/7	6,000'	
Small Niltava	2	Khare	27/7	5,500'	
Identified Niltava	1♂	Ghorepani → Uleri	25/7	7,500'	
Verditer Flycatcher	✓	Kathmandu Valley			Quite Common.
	2	Uleri	21/7	6,000'	
	1	Ghorepani → Uleri	25/7	7,500'	
Paradise Flycatcher.	3	Balaju to Trisuli, K.V.	9/7	5,500'	
Yellow-bellied fantail flycatcher	3	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
White-throated fantail flycatcher	1	Gokarna Forest, K.V.	3/8	4,500'	
Grey-headed flycatcher	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Tirkendhunge to Ghorepani			5,000' to 10,000'

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Abberant bush warbler	2	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	23/7	10,000'	
Rufous-capped bush warbler	1	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	24/7	10,000'	
Zitting cisticola	1	Begnas Tal	5/7	3,500'	
Brown Hill Prinia	✓ 4 2	Kathmandu Valley Khare to Chandrekot. Ulleri	20/7 21/7	5,000' 6,000'	
Tailor bird.		Pokhara Kathmandu			Fairly Common Fairly Common.
Gray faced ^{leaf} warbler		Ulleri to Ghoepani	7,000' to 10,000'		Fairly common.
Dull-green leaf warbler	4	Ghoepani to Ulleri	25/7	7,500'	
Yellow-rumped warbler	✓	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	22/7 23/7	10,000'	
Green-headed leaf warbler	3	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	24/7	10,000'	
Yellow-eyed warbler	1	Poon Hill, Ghoepani	24/7	10,000'	
Gray-headed warbler		Kathmandu Valley Pokhara to Ghoepani			Common Seen as far as Tirkendhunge, 5000'
Chestnut Crowned Warbler	1	Ghoepani to Ulleri	25/7	7,500'	
Robin Dayal	✓ ✓	Kathmandu Valley Pokhara			
Plumbeous Redstart.	2 ✓	Godavari, KV Tirkendhunge to Ghoepani	13/7 5,000 to 9,000'	5,000'	

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Little Forktail.	1	Tirkendhunge	21/7	5,000'	
	1	Uleri to Ghorepani	22/7	7,500'	
Black-backed forktail.	1	Phewa Tal, Pokhara	3/7	3,000'	
Slaty-backed forktail.	4	Birekhandi	26/7	3,500'	
Spotted forktail.	1	Nagarjung, K.V.	9/7	5,000'	
	1	Ghorepani	22/7	9,000'	
Collared bush chat.	✓	Kathmandu Valley.			
	3	Khare	27/7	5,500'	
Dark grey bush chat	1	Godavari, K.V.	13/7	6,000'	
	10+	Uleri	21/7	6,000'	
	4	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
Red bush chat.	2	Pokhara	1/7		
Blue-headed rock thrush	18?	Tshika Hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
Chestnut-bellied rock thrush	1	Uleri to Ghorepani	25/7	7,500'	
	6+	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
Speckled mountain thrush.	1.	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
White-collared blackbird	5+	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
Whistling thrush	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Pokhara to Uleri		to 6,000'	
Mistle Thrush	3	Poon Hill	23/7	10,000'	
Brown Dipper.	1	Tirkendhunge	25/7	5,000'	
	1	Uleri to Ghorepani	22/7	7,500'	
Grey tit	✓	Pokhara			
	1	Tshika hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	

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Green-backed tit.	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
	✓	Khare		5,500'	
	✓	Tirkendhunge		5,000'	
Yellow-checked tit.		Kathmandu Valley			Common
	✓	Pskhara to Poon Hill, Ghorepani			Seen up to 10,000'
Coal tit	3	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	23/7	10,000'	
Rufous-breasted black tit.	1	Ghorepani	24/7	9,000'	
	1	Ghorepani to Ulleri	25/7	7,500'	
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	✓	Kathmandu Valley			
Velvet-backed Nuthatch	1.	Gokarna Forest, K.V.	3/8	4,500'	
White-tailed Nuthatch.	8+	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	6,000'	
	3	Ghorepani to Ulleri	25/7	7,500'	
Engous Tree pipit.	15+	Poon Hill, Ghorepani	22/7	10,000'	
Upland Pipit.	3	Telcha hospital, K.V.	14/7	5,500'	
	2+	Khare	20/7	5,500'	
Paddyfield Pipit.	✓	Pskhara			
	✓	Begnas			
Grey Wagtail.	1	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	6,000'	
	2	Ulleri	21/7	6,000'	
	1	Poon Hill, Khare	23/7	10,000'	
Yellow-bellied Flowerparker	1♀	Ghorepani	24/7	9,000'	
Plain-colored Flowerparker.	✓	Kathmandu Valley			

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Five-breasted flowerpecker	✓	Kathmandu Valley			Common at Godaveri
Five-tailed Sunbird	2	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	6,000'	
Nepal Sunbird.	✓	Ulleri to Poon Hill, Ghaeapani		6,000' to 10,000'	
Scarlet-breasted Sunbird	2	Bitethanti	26/7	3,500'	
White-eye		Kathmandu Valley			Common.
	✓	Pskhara to Ghaeapani		3,000' to 9,000'	
House sparrow		Pskhara.			Common.
Tree sparrow.		Pskhara			Common.
Cinnamon Sparrow	c50	Ulleri	25/7	6,500'	
Baja weaver	3	K.V.	14/7	4,500'	
Sharp-tailed Munia	5	Pskhara	15/7		
	4	Near Ulleri	25/7	6,000'	
Spotted Munia	2	Godaveri, K.V.	13/7	5,000'	
	7	Pskhara	29/7		
Himalayan Goldfinch.	4	Ulleri	21/7	6,500'	
	3+	Poon Hill, Ghaeapani	24/7	10,000'	
Red-browed finch.	1	Poon Hill, Ghaeapani	24/7	10,000'	Tame and seen well. Thought to be immature ♂
Nepal Rose finch	✓	Poon Hill, Ghaeapani	23/7 25/7	10,000'	At least 2 singing ♂♂
Pink-browed Rosefinch	2	Ghaeapani	25/7	9,000'	
Brown Bullfinch.	4	Poon Hill, Ghaeapani	24/7	10,000'	
Crested bunting	3	Pskhara	29/7	3,500'	