that avstralia was fun.

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Best of our March 1983 Nepal Tour

MADGE (1983)

Lesser Adjutant 2, Gharial breeding project, Chitawan, 16.3.83

Crested Goshawk Pair, Tented Camp, Chitawan, 13.3.83

Shikra
Pair, botanical gdns., Godaveri, KV, 9.3.83

Booted Eagle One dark phase, at rest & in flight, Tiger Tops, 16.3.83

Spotted Eagle

Adult at rest & in flight, Tented Camp, Chitawan, 15.3.83 (really is OK)

White-tailed Eagle Imm. on shingle bank, Tented Camp, Chitawan, 15.3.83

Eurasian Griffon

Up to 10 daily, Tiger Tops area, 13-17.3.83 (plus G.indicus)

Himalayan Griffon

One over top Phulchowki, 10.3.83 plus 9% imm. by river at Kathmandu (near airport), 12.3.83 (seemed too big for G.fulvus)

Rufous-thighed Falconet One in forest near Tented Camp, Chitawan, 15.3.83

Grey-headed Fish Eagle (Greater)
Two near Gharial project, Chitawan, 16.3.83

Brown Crake

Up to 3 at Tiger Tops, 13-17.3.83.

Wood Sandpiper

One on bagmati river near Chobar Gorge, 9.3.83.

Great Black-headed Gull

Two first winters by Tented Camp, Chitawan, 15.3.83

Little Tern
Pair near Tented Camp, 15.3.83

Brown Fish Owl One, Gokarna, KV, WB-08 7 3 83

Red-headed Trogon

Female, Tiger Tops, 16.3.83

Wryneck

One near Tiger Tops, 17.3.83

Striated Bulbul

3, above Godaveri, 10.3.83

Slender-billed Babbler

2, "Florican area", Tiger Tops, 16.3.83

Brown Flycatcher

One, Tiger Tops, 15-3.83 (I'm afraid I can't remember this bird butxIxepperentlyxelsexsawxitxtexconfirmxt)x but I faintly recollect someone describing it to me, so prob. didn't see it)

Rufous-breasted Blue Flyc. (hyperythra)

Male at Gokarna, 12.3.83 .

Rusty-breasted Blue Flyc. (hodgsonii)

Female, botanical gdhs., Godaveri, 9.3.83

White-browed Blue Flyc.

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Male Swayambunath, KV, 11.3.83

Male Tented Camp, Chitawan, 14.3.83

Large Bush Warbler

Singles in different areas, Tented Camp, Chitawan, 12 & 13.3.83

Blyth's Reed Warbler

One, Tiger Tops, 15.3.83

Lesser Whitethroat

One by river, Kathmandu, 12.3.83 3 Neither seen by me but One near Tiger Tops, 13.3.83 wen described.

Smoky Warbler

3 in low vegetation by pools near Gharial breeding project, Tiger Tops, 16.3.83

White-throated Redstart
Pair at top of Pholchowki, plus another female below sumit,
8.3.83

Siberian Rubythroat One Tented Camp, 14.3.83

House Martin (considered to be Asiatic)
One over botanical gardens, Godaveri, KV, 9.3.83.

Wall Creeper One in Chobar Gorge, KV, 9.3.83

Nepal Tree Creeper One seen very well, half way up Phulchowki, 8.3.83

Richard's Pivit (large northern races)
Tiger Tops area, 4 on 16th and 2 on 17.3.83

Eurasian Tree Pipit

2 near Tiger Tops, seen and heard, 16.3.83 - also one probable heard on 13.3.83.

Red-throated Pipit (possible only)

One heard calling from burnt-over grassland near Tiger Tops on 16.3.83. Not re-located and only two calls heard.

Large Crowned Warbler (P. occipitalis)

Near Tented Camp, small party of maybe as many as 10 on 14.3.83 with at least one on 16.3.83 and two on 17.3.83 (latter at Tiger Tops) - moving through? Records OK.

Pine Bunting

Party of 40 in fields on outskirts Kathmandu, 9.3.83

Little Bunting

Party of 10 in botanical gardens, Godaveri, 9.3.83

Black-faced Bunting

Riverside scrub near Kathmandu, two on 12.3.83 with 3 there on 13.3.83 and a female near Tiger Tops on 13.3.83.

Steve madge