



"Selected Notes from a Brief Avian Survey of Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve and Periphery, West Nepal, during November 1985."

I. New Records for West Nepal (i.e. W of Kali Gandaki R.):

✓ 1). Black-headed Munia (Lonchura ~~monarch~~ <sup>malacca</sup> rubroniger)  
 ≥ 5 adults with ~10-15 other munias (juvenile Spotted Munias) in tall grass patch amongst fields between Baidi & Mangaragadi villages, Bardia district; ~150m elev.; 03 Nov '85. Outside Reserve; grid square either C-5 or D-5.

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✓ 2). Kentish Plover (Charadrius alexandrinus)  
 a flock of 8 along a quiet pool (cul-de-sac) of the Gerwa (lower Karnali R.). Across from Manaughat village, W bank of river; birds flushed to E bank ∴ Inside Reserve; ~75m elev.; 08 Nov. '85. grid sq.: C-5.

3). ♂ Slaty-blue Flycatcher (Muscicapa leucomelanura)  
 Two (2) reports: ① a ♀ in tall grass & thick bordering acacia woodlands ~ 2 Km W of Reserve HQ at Thakurdwara; ~80 m elev.; 08 Nov. '85.  
 (5 NW) ② ≥ 1 ♂ (possibly 2 ♂) at thicket and forest edge (i.e. right along the barbed-wire fence) adjacent to cleared fields N Amreini village 10 Nov. '85; ~100m elev. (?); Inside Reserve; grid sq ① C-4; ② C-5

✓ 4). Caspian Tern (Hydroprogne caspia)  
 single along Gerwa (lower Karnali R) in late afternoon; ~1.5 Km W of Reserve HQ at Thakurdwara; ~80-90m. elev.; Inside Reserve

grid square: C-5. 08 Nov. '85.

- 5). Nepal Babbler (*Aleippe nipalensis*)  
A small flock ( $\geq 3$ ) in village outskirts  
thickets < 1 km E of Narsinghkanda village,  
crest of the Siwaliks; just Outside Reserve;  
altitude  $\sim 1200$  m; 15 Nov. '85; grid sq.: C4.  
 $\sim 200$  m within Surkhet district + N of Reserve boundary.
- 6). Slatey-bellied Ground Warbler (*Tesia cyaniventer*)  
a single in dense, fairly damp mixed *Shorea*  
*robusta* forest 1.5-2 km S of Danawatal Guard  
Post, Inside Reserve; in undergrowth and amongst  
fallen deadwood; not shy; easily lured for  
excellent views; elevation  $\sim 250$  m; 16 Nov '85; <sup>grid sq.</sup> # C4.
- 7). Plain Warbler (*Cettia flavolivacea*)  
a single 10 km N of Lathiyapat border post:  
along Lower Karnali R; Outside Reserve; only  
 $\sim 20$  m N of Indian border; 17 Nov '85; in  
*Zizyphus* & <sup>tall</sup> grass clumps amongst thin acacia;  
grid square C-5.

New Records for Bardiya WR and/or Adjacent Grid Squares:  
Plus Interesting Observations:

- 1) Black-chinned Babbler (*Stachyris pyrrhops*)  
party of 3-5 in bushes & thickets just E of (< 1 km)  
Narsinghkanda village;  $\sim 1200$  m alt.; easily lured  
into view: N slope, crest of Siwaliks, Bardia dist-  
rict; outside Reserve by  $\sim 200$  m; 15 Nov '85; sq: C-4.
- 2) Brown Hill Prinia (*Prinia criniger*)  
single seen just over Siwalik crest Inside Reserve

(C-4)

✓ ~1250m ; 15 Nov. '85 ; grid sq.: G-4 ; above Narsingkanda village, ~~B~~ Surkhet district, (but inside Bardia district,

✓ 3) Spiny Babbler (Turdoides nipalensis) party of 3 (maybe 4) birds ~ 1-2 Km W of Narsingkanda village Inside Reserve - just across Siwalik crest dividing Bardia & Surkhet Districts. Elev. ~ 1250-1300m ; 14 Nov. '85. Another sighting next day (15/11/85) also along the crest, this time 2 individuals and 1-2 km E of previous day's sighting ; alt. ~1250m. Inside Reserve grid square: C4

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4) Steppe Eagle (Aquila nipalensis) noted on E → W migration along the crest of the Siwaliks, N boundary of Bardia Wildlife Reserve. On 14 Nov. '85 near Sukarmala village, some birds circling briefly over peaks, then moving right along the ridge contours. Total of 33 birds counted ; none seen early in the day, but from 11 AM a continuous string ; On 15 Nov. '85 ≥ 4 others (maybe 1 of which was a Greater Spotted Eagle but not sure) noted while descending to bhabar from Harekanda. None seen in AM, although very likely that more migrated along the ridge in afternoon, but due to our walking through fairly thick canopied forest much of the way we couldn't obtain open views of the ridge + sky above. No other raptors noted with these 31 in flight, but a pair of Mt. Hawk Eagles were seen along the ridge crest on 14 Nov. '85 (one bird perched + calling to its circling mate). At times the Steppes were over Bardia Reserve.

altitude : ~1300-1500m.

grid sq: C4



5) Red-billed Blue Magpie (Cissa erythrorhyncha)  
[grid square previously recorded but new for  
Wildlife Reserve?]. Along crest of Siwaliks In  
& Out of Reserve, 14 Nov 85; ~1200 m. - 1250 m.  
raucous in late afternoon; ~1 km W Narsinghkanda.

✓ 6) Himalayan Tree Pie (Dendrocitta formosae)  
One just outside reserve on 15 Nov. 85 ~1 km  
E Narsinghkanda village; ~1250 m.; grid sq: C4

✓ 7) Yellow-cheeked Tit (Parus xanthogenys)  
≥3 with mixed hunting party of tits/minivets/warblers  
along leafy ravine above Sukarmala village, 14 Nov. '85.  
~1200-1250 m. alt.; square C4. Outside Reserve

8) Cinnamon Sparrow (Passer rutilans)  
flock of ≥10♂ in bushes ca. fields outside Sukarmala  
~1200 m elev. Outside Reserve; 14 Nov. 1985.

! 9) Spot-winged Black Tit (Parus melanocephalus)  
≥3 with other twerps in mixed hunt. party in bushes  
adjacent damp ravine; 14 Nov '85; rufous below  
bend of wing + on flanks well seen; also good views  
of the double row of wing spots; Outside Reserve; ~1200 m alt.  
This record a new minimum altitude and first  
winter record for the species in Nepal (?). Above  
Sukarmala village, Surkhet district, crest of Siwaliks.

not new  
winter record  
grid square C4  
check 1985.

✓ 10) Vinaceous Rose Finch (Carpodacus vinaceus)  
Splendid view of a ♂ on the ground in thick  
bushy ravine-side vegetation, same site and square  
as #9. A ~~bird which~~ ♀ rose finch which perched momen-  
tarily for a quick glimpse on a nearby bush top

grid square C4

appeared to be this species. No doubt, however, ca. the ♂, which appear shy once he spotted me & immediately bolted into undergrowth. Beautiful, uniform wine upperparts with tertial pink/white spots clearly visible. ~1200 m. alt. 14 Nov '85; Outside Reserve

C4

11) Dull Green Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus trochiloides)  
✓ ≥ 1 with others at same site as #9/10. ~1200 m. 14 Nov. '85. Above Sukarmala. Outside Reserve.

C4

12) Orange-banded Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus pulcher)  
✓ ≥ 1 with others as in #9-11 mix hunt party. 14 Nov. '85. ~1200 m. Outside Reserve. Siwalik crest

C4

13) Grey-faced Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus maculipennis)  
✓ with #5 9-12 same site; 14. Nov '85; ~1200 m alt.

14) Blue-fronted Redstart (Phoenicurus frontalis)

✓ very near site as in #9-13, but apparently this lone ♂ not associated with mix hunt party; in ravine as preceding sp's (here bushy, damp with bamboo and lianas) above Sukarmala village, 14 Nov '85; ~1200 m. Outside Reserve. No ♀ noticeable; sq.: C4

15) Black Redstart (Phoenicurus ochruros)

✓ ♂ perched at edge of field, Sukarmala village Surket dist., just over crest of Siwaliks; Outside Reserve. ~1150-1200 m elev. 14 Nov. '85; square C4.

16) White-throated Laughing Thrush (Garrulax albogularis)

✓ ≥ 6 < 1 km W of Sukarmala village, in outside reserve <sup>s</sup> slope of Siwaliks; square C4; 14 Nov. '85  
~1250-1300 m altitude; Bardiya district. Siwalik crest.



17) Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (Dicaeum ignipectus)

3 ♂♂ with Scarlet-breasted Sunbird + others including Red-headed Tits, Grey-headed Warbler, long-billed Minivets, & Grey Tits; E of Gainikanda & ~ 2 Km W of Sukarmala villages Surkhet district, but over the crest of ✓ Siwaliks + Inside Bardia Reserve (& district) ~ 1250-1300m. 14 Nov. '85. Square C4.

18) Mountain Hawk Eagle (Spizaetus nipalensis)

✓ A pair along crest of Siwaliks, one perched in a pine ~ 1200m. just Inside Reserve, another circling nearby - calling to latter bird. Not shy when perched. Excellent close-range views of crest + underparts. 14 Nov. '85; sq.: C4; between Gainikanda and Sukarmala villages.

19) Black-throated Jay (Garrulus lanceolatus)

✓ 2 birds in mixed temperate forest N slope of Siwaliks ~ 3 Km W Gainikanda ~ 1200m. alt. 14 Nov. '85. One later flew on its own accord across crest Into Reserve, although forest habitat drier + not as dense. Later in day one bird seen in coppiced village tree on N slope ~ 1100m; square C4

20) Pink-browed Rosefinch (Carpodacus ~~rhodochrous~~ rhodochrous)

✓ Where? single ♂ in bushes + cutover forest just E (~ 1 Km) from Gainikanda; 14 Nov. '85. Outside Reserve, ~ 1150m. N slope Siwalik crests, Surkhet dist

21) Gray-capped Prinia (Prinia cinereocapilla)

at least 2, probably more in tall grass in very open and steep sal forest (S slope) ~ 500m alt; 13 Nov. '85

✓ trail from Chisapani to Grainikanda; Inside Reserve  
grid sq. C4;

22) Blue-throated Barbet (Megalaima asiatica)  
single in lanky tops of fairly dense mixed sal  
forest; S slope of Simaliks; Inside Reserve;  
✓ ~700-800m elev.; 13 Nov '85; ~4 km E of Graini-  
kanda, Surkhet (but site in Bardia dist + res) sq: C4

23) Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (Sitta frontalis)  
Seen 2X on 13 Nov. '85; ① a pair w/ Himalayan  
Trecreeper in tall forest at edge of Chisapani gorge  
E bank ∴ Inside Reserve; altitude ~~3~~ ~200m (?).  
✓ ↳ i.e. forest edge of Karnali at foothill base gorge.  
grid square C4; ② also W of Grainikanda ~5 km  
1/2 500-600m alt. in S slope dry sal forest C4

24) Himalayan Trecreeper (Certhia himalayana)  
with # 23 at same site 13 Nov. '85 in a company  
1/2 1/2 km of # 23, Lesser Wood-shrikes, Chestnut-bellied Woodshrikes  
and other small birds. grid square C4; ~200m (?) alt.  
↑ not new sq, but new alt. minimum.

25) Sharp-tailed Munia (Lonchura striata)  
≥ 4 in tall grass clumps at trailside ~5-6 km  
SE of Chisapani along forest reserve trail towards  
✓ Mottipur, Inside Reserve + within fairly thick,  
continuous stretch of sal forest, except for open dry  
ravines + grass clumps; grid square C4; ~250-  
300m altitude 11 Nov. '85

26) Pale-footed Bush Warbler (Cettia pallidipes)  
a single in tall grass + thickets, clumps amongst



(Inside Reserve)

not new sp. sal forest ~ 4 Km SE of Chisopani along trail towards Mothipur; grid square: C4. Alerted to its presence by explosive song (+ call of 2 notes added to end) when ~ 2m away. Most unusual to hear song in Nov. isn't it? Alt: ~ 250 m.; 11 Nov. '85.

27) Snowy-browed Blue Flycatcher (Muscicapa hyperythra)  
♂ in dark understory with bushes + lianas of mixed sal forest, more bhalur-like than terai; ~ 5 Km SE of Chisopani - same trail as #25-26; soft "sip-sip" call with its wings drooped abit; late afternoon of 11 Nov. '85; grid square C4; alt: ~ 250 m. Inside Reserve.

not new sp. 28) Silver-eared Mesia (Leiothrix argentauris)  
4 parties seen between Chisopani + Mothipur Guard Post, 11 Nov. '85; grid square C4; all sightings ~ 8-11 kms S & E of Chisopani in thick tangles and bushes with some grass; all parties appeared monospecific #1 ~ 8 birds; #2 6-8 birds, #3 ~ 15; #4 ~ 6; Inside Reserve between 200-250 m altitude. (not a new grid square?)

✓ 29) Yellow-eyed Warbler (Seiurus burkii)  
at least 1 in a mixed hunting party ( Tits, warblers, minivets, flycatcher) N of Mankapur village Inside Reserve; 11 Nov. '85; ~ 200 m (?) altitude. sq. C4

check 30) Black-backed Forktail (Enicurus immaculatus)  
single along the damp Erite Khola (virtually no flow, some pools) N of Bakuwa Bazaar ~ 1-2 Km; just Outside Reserve by ~ 20m (!); grid sq C4 (not new one) but only 2nd record for Nepal? Note still H<sub>2</sub>O habitat + low alt. of ~ 200m. Central-west Bardiya District. ~



31) Little Bronzed Drongo (Dicrurus aeneus)  
 single with mixed hunting party of small birds; ~2km  
 NW of Bakuwa Bz; grid sq. C4 - not new one  
 for Nepal, but as Inside Reserve, maybe new record  
 for the Reserve, 10 Nov '85; ~200m. alt.

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32) Pintailed Green Pigeon (Treeron apicauda)  
 a lone ♂ in fairly thick mixed forest (sal mostly)  
 along small flowing stream 100m W of Bagora  
 Phanta, Bardia Wildlife Res; 10 Nov '85; ~150-200m  
 alt.; grid square C4. Inside Reserve

33) Himalayan Rubythroat (Euthraeus pectoralis)  
 ♂ having a splash bath in a small, calm cut-de-  
 sue. adjoining lower Gerwa R. (Karnali) ~2 km W of  
 Thakkurdwara (HQ); 09 Nov '85; alt.: ~100-150m?  
 grid square C5; Inside Wildlife Reserve; also  
 seen again (another ♂) on 16 Nov. N-NW of  
 Danawital Guard Post inside res. sq. C4; ~200m alt

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34) Black-backed Woodpecker (Chrysocolaptes festivus)  
 A pair at dusk in acacia-simal-shisham forest/  
 woodland (specifically, ~1/2 way up a simal [Bambax malabar-  
icum trunk]); ~1.5-2 km W of Thakkurdwara HQ  
Inside Reserve; grid sq C5 - not new one for Nepal,  
 but possibly a slight ~~W~~ Eastward extension of range  
 as the site was E banks of Gerwa (Lower Karnali)  
 R; ~150-180m from littoral; ~150m alt.; 08 Nov '85

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35) White-tailed Bush Chat (Saxicola leucura)  
 ♂ in tall grass bordering Gerwa R (Lower Karnali)  
 ~1.5 km SW of Thakkurdwara HQ; 08 Nov '85; grid  
 sq. C5; Inside Reserve; ~100-150m altitude. Note

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that Collared Bushchat ♂+♀ also in vicinity and v. similar habitat + less shy than #35.

36) Dark Grey Bushchat (Saxicola ferrea)

♂ in tall grass in dry woodland (with ♀?) ~ 1 Km W of Thakkurdwara; Inside Reserve; 08 Nov '85. ~ 150m alt.; grid sq. C5, "rare winter terai visitor".

37) Grey Heron (Ardea cinerea)

several along the Karnali; 4 or 5 along Lower Karnali, ~ 1.5-2 Km W of Thakkurdwara; 08 Nov '85 altitude ~ 100-120 m (?); Inside Reserve, sq. C5.

38) Great Black-headed Gull (Larus ichthyaetus)

single flying S along Lower Karnali ~ 2 Km W of Thakkurdwara opposite Manauhat; 08 Nov '85 alt ~ 100 m; Inside Reserve, grid sq. C5.

39) Plumbeous Redstart (Rhyacornis fuliginosus)

grid C5 → ① a ♀ adjacent to Thakkurdwara HQ along pebble strewn pool of Koraha R. on 06 & 07 Nov. '85.

grid C4 →  
with seen down  
gr. 0-7 Km

② another ♀ < 1 Km N of Danawatal Guard Post along Danawatal Khola 16 Nov. '85. Alt for sighting #1 ~ 120 m (?); for #2 ~ 200m. Both records new minimum altitude + grid squares for Nepal. Both sites Inside Reserve.

40) Crested Swift (Hemiprocne longipennis)

① ≥ 1 over dryish woodland ~ 1 Km W Thakkurdwara 06 Nov. '85; ~ 100-120m alt; grid sq. C4

② several (≥ 5) with white-rumped Needle-tails ~ 1 Km W of Danawatal Guard Post; 16 Nov '85; ~ 200m elev; sq. C4



41). Whistling Thrush - (Myiophonus caeruleus)  
one along the Kerchi R., Bardia district,  
~~outside~~ <sup>inside</sup> the reserve on 06 Nov '85; alt  $\sim 100-150$  m.  
new grid square C5; new record for Bardia  
Wildlife Reserve; site is stream 100m W of Res. HQ.

42). Lesser Woodshrike (Tephrodornis pardicerianus)  
A flock of 6 with other spp.  $\sim 1$  Km W of  
Reserve HQ. 06 Nov. '85. Alt.  $\sim 120-150$  m. Inside  
Reserve; grid sq C5.

43). Red Munia (Estrilda amandava)  
a group of  $\sigma\sigma$  in very tall red-capped  
(i.e. red flowering) grasses; in shorter grasses, too  
06 Nov '85; grid square C5;  $\sim 2$  Km WNW of  
Reserve HQ. Inside Reserve; alt. 100-150 m.

44). Black-naped Green Woodpecker (Picus canus)  
06 Nov '85 ♀ low on a tree trunk in woodland W of  
Reserve HQ  $\sim 2$  Km WNW. ~~of HQ~~; grid square C5  
Alt.  $\sim 100-150$  m. (only 20m from Red Munias) Inside Reserve

45). Grey-headed Warbler (Seicercus poliogenys)  
1 with Ioras, White-eyes, Grey Tits, Crowned Leaf  
Warbler(?) et al. in sal forest  $< 1$  Km W of Thakkur-  
dwara HQ. 05 Nov '85. Alt.  $\sim 100-150$  m. Inside  
Reserve.

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46). Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)  
flock of  $\sim 4-3$  mostly resting & preening on soft  
sand banks of Kerchi R (E of Thakkurdwara + W of  
Nyaulapur, Bardia; 05 Nov. '85. Outside Reserve; alt.  
 $\sim 100-120$  m; grid square C5.

- 47). Blue Rock Pigeon (Columba livia)  
around thatch housetops + sheds W of  
Nyaulapur, Bardia ~ 3 Km. 05 Nov. '85. Mixed  
✓ with white-raced birds, so unsure if a 'wild'.  
Outside Reserve; grid square C5; alt. ~150m.
- 48). Little Skylark (Alauda gulgula)  
≥ 1 ~ 50m from W bank of Babai River  
E of Bagna village; alt. 100-120m. 04 Nov. '85.  
✓ Outside Reserve; grid sq. C5; W-central Bardia dist.
- 49). Green Sandpiper (Tringa ochropus)  
single along banks of open, pebbly stream  
✓ running parallel to Babai R. - just east (2-3 Km)  
of Bagna village, <sup>west</sup> central Bardia district; altitude  
~100-120m; 04 Nov. '85; grid square C5. Outside Reserve.
- 50). Eurasian Wryneck (Jynx torquilla)  
single flushed from old channel with ripening  
✓ rice, then perched <sup>low</sup> close by for several minutes in  
a channel bank bush. Nice views while perched, +  
also when a flight with rapid bursts of wingbeats.  
Rice + lentil fields + scrub grasses in area E of  
Bagna ~ 2-3 Km; Outside Reserve; 04 Nov '85.  
altitude ~ 120m (?); grid sq. C5. (<sup>~ 200m to W</sup> bank of Babai)
- 51). Brown Shrike (Lanius cristatus)  
✓ In same area as wryneck above; more in  
the open; just W of Babai R. + E of Bagna  
village, Bardia dist.; 04 Nov '85; sq C5.  
Outside Reserve, another on 09 Nov. just Inside  
Reserve in grassy patch atop a bush opposite Lathuwa  
village ~ 15' alt



52). Black-naped Flycatcher - (Muscicapa azurea)

Two (2) new squares can now have reports:

- 1) C-5: a ♂ in a mixed hunting party E of Jamuni-gau: (village) (~1km E of Forest Rest House) in Bardia district (but not Inside Reserve?) on 04 Nov. '85. ~150m alt; and 2) C-4 Inside Reserve ~50m from Danawatal Guard Post 16 Nov. '85 ~250-300m alt. Resplendent blue w/ black colouration....

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5 square  
is possibly  
DS ✓

53). Red-breasted Flycatcher (Muscicapa parva)

1) single seen on 03 Nov '85 ~ 150m alt; sq. either C-5 or D-5. Hard to say as Forest Rest House E of Jamuni-gau not on maps. Site of obs ~1/2 km further E of Rest House - Outside Reserve (?). Tail of this bird excellent field mark when viewed dorsally being preened!

2) another single ~~earlier in day (03 Nov '85)~~ NW of Kothiyaghat on 17 Nov. '85; Outside Reserve ~100m alt in scrubby dry forest; square is C5.

(and W of  
Jaynagar →  
sev. kms)

54). Golden-fronted Leafbird (Chloropsis aurifrons)

a single in a clump of Woodfordia mistletoe of an acacia tree, dry open country - scrub forest. Same site as Black-headed Munias (#1 <sup>on</sup> this list) OF NEW RECORDS FOR W. NEPAL. Between Baidi & Mangaragadi villages, Bardia district; Outside Reserve; ~150m elev. 03 Nov '85. grid sq. either C5 or D5.

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55). Crested Serpent Eagle (Spilornis cheela)

In same location as #54. Would be a new sq. if site turns out to be D5. 03 Nov. '85.

called

56). Grey Wagtail (Motacilla caspica)  
 single along forested stream w/ high sand banks  
 and fallen limbs/trunks 1-2 kms E of Bangai  
 (02) 02 Nov. '85. Square appears to be C5, but if  
 not W enough, then DS is new square. Outside  
Reserve; alt ~ 150m.

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57). Stork-billed Kingfisher (Pelargopsis capensis)  
 only 20m from site in #56. Would be new  
 sq. if DS. Location is fairly thick sal forest  
 ~2 km E of small village of Bangai, Bardia.  
 Alt. ~150m. 03 Nov. '85. Outside Reserve.

58). Lesser Whistling Teal (Dendrocygna javanica)  
 In small (~2ha) pond in sal forest ~1 km E  
 of Bangai 02 Nov. '85. Would be new square  
 if DS (but may be C5). Flock of 11, difficult  
 to flush, moving to pond center. ~150m alt. Outside  
Reserve, but good forest habitats.

59) Great Slaty Woodpecker (Mulleripicus pulverule)  
 Three (3) separate reports for the trip: (1) in same  
 location as #58 above. In fairly thick sal forest—  
 mature but no standing deadwood! A flock of 5  
 (♂♂ + ♀♀) at dusk, loudly calling + tapping. Quite shy,  
 once observer is noticed. (C5? DS?) 02 Nov. '85.

(2) at least 2 in forest W of Sukargau: (village)  
 05 Nov '85; between Horehi and Babai R.'s ~150m (?)  
 square is C5. (3) S of Danawatal Guard Post  
 in thick mixed sal w/ standing deadwood; 16 Nov. '85  
 grid sq C4; alt ~250m. Inside Reserve.  
 ± 2 with Lesser Golden-back Woodpecker in vicinity.

outside Reserve →

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60) Spangled Drongo (Dicrurus hottentotus)

One calling melodically at dusk < 1 Km E of Bangai, Bardia 02 Nov. '85; ~150m alt. Would be new square if DS, but site may be CS. Outside Reserve.

61) Blossom-headed Parakeet (Psittacula cyanocephala)

① flock of 7 in cutover sal forest E of Bangai, Bardia 02 Nov. '85. (sq. CS? DS.); ~150m alt.

② small flock (3-4) just E (~1km) of Gangapat village and again ~3-4km NE of Kothiyaghat, Bardia 17 Nov '85; grid sq.: CS; alt. ~100m. Outside Reserve.

62) Indian Tree Pie - (Dendrocitta vagabunda)

noted 1-2km WNW of Thakkurduwara HQ., inside Reserve on 07 Nov. '85; ~100m (?) alt.; grid sq. CS.

63) Lesser Golden-back Woodpecker (Dinopium benghalense)

seen < 1km E of Māchhāgal village, Bardia district on 02 Nov. '85 in patch of chopped over sal forest; may be new square if site is DS; alt. ~150m (?) Outside Reserve. (Close to CS/DS border!). E-W Highway

64) Brown Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus collybita)

same site as #63; either CS or DS; 02 Nov. '85.

65) White-breasted Fantail (Rhipidura aureola)

same site as #63; either CS or DS; 02 Nov. '85.

(?) 66) Fulvous-streaked Prinia (Prinia gracilis)

Pairs in 2 different locations; pale, not very streaked on back, but noticeable; pink/red legs; whitish face; in grass clumps among borders of ripening rice fields; ~10km W of Kohalpur, Barke - but in Bardia district - outside

reserve. ~150m elevation.

67) Collared Bush Chat (Saxicola torquata)  
on riverside logs + in tall grass, Lower  
Karnali (Gerwa R.) ~1.5 Km - 2.0 Km SW of Reserve  
HQ, just inside park. ♂ + ♀. Not shy; grid square  
CS is new one; alt ~80m (?). 08 Nov. '85.

68) Green Bee-eater (Merops orientalis)  
several scattered over forest edge/harvested fields  
~6 Km WNW of Kohalpur, Banke district;  
01 Nov. '85; grid square DS - (new for sq. 1) ~150m

69) Sirkeer Cuckoo (Taccocua leschenaultii)  
≥3 in open country (fallow + harvested fields),  
flying between leafy crown of mango trees; ~5 Km  
WNW of Kohalpur, Banke; 01 Nov. '85; ~150m (?)  
alt.; grid sq. DS is new sq. for species in Nepal.

70) Changeable Hawk Eagle (Spizaetus limnaeetus)  
single in dead tree top at virtually same site  
as #69 above, perhaps only 1/2 Km WNW Kohalpur,  
Banke; great views - difficult to flush; 01 Nov. '85  
alt. ~160m; grid square = DS.

71) Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher (Muscicapa strophliata)  
Two (2) new sq. records: (1) along the Danawatal  
SQ C4 → Khola, ~1 Km W of Danawatal Guard Post 16 Nov '85;  
a ♂ with hunting party of tits/minivets/warblers; ~250-  
300m elev. Inside Reserve; (2) a ♂/♀ pair seen along  
Indian border outside Kothiyaghat, Bardia on 17 Nov. '85  
SQ C5 → In Zizyphus/grass understory of Gerwa R. (Lower Karnali)  
acacia border; alt ~80m. Seen well in late afternoon.

72) White-rumped Needletail (Chaetura sylvatica)  
Flock of  $\geq 5$  circling over forest + Danawatal  
Khola with Crested Swifts in early morning;  $\sim 1$  Km  
NW of Danawatal Guard Post inside Reserve; not a new  
sq. (C4) but note the winter record: 16 Nov. '85.  
alt.  $\sim 250-300$  m.

73). Brown Woodpecker - (Micropternus brachyurus)  
a ♀  $\sim 20$  m. outside Bardia Reserve in open sal  
forest, late afternoon; S of Gangapatta village  $\sim 1$  Km  
and  $\sim 5$  Km NE of Nyaulapur village; 16 Nov. '85.  
✓  $\sim 150$  m (?) alt.; grid sq. C5.

74). Plain Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus inornate)  
 $\geq 1$  with other small birds in a mixed hunting party  
2-3 Km S of Danawatal Guard Post, inside Bardia  
Reserve, 16 Nov. '85. Grid sq.: C4; new record  
for Reserve as well?; alt.  $\sim 200-250$  m.

75). Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus ruficollis)  
Subspecies T.r. atrogularis. A ♀ seen in leafy  
Coppiced sal tree near houses at edge of 'sal' forest  
stripped of undercover. S of Baganaha, Bardia  
✓  $\sim 2$  Km. 17 Nov. '85; sq. C5; outside Reserve;  $\sim 120$  m. alt.

76) Grey-backed Shrike (Lanius tephronotus)  
single at edge of Baganaha village, Bardia  
district (southern Bardia); outside Reserve; 17 Nov '85;  
grid sq. C5 new one for the sp. in नेपाल.





### III. Additional Observations of Note

① Brown-headed Barbet (Megalaima lineata)

Good views of a pair in cutover acacia-simal forest, edge of Jamunigau, Bardiya - grid square C5. 04 Nov. '85 may be the western-most record for Nepal. Several other sightings of this species while in Bardiya district 04-17 Nov. '85, but none for Green Barbet (M. zeylanica).

② Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (Muscicapa tickelliae)

① A ♀ lined into view amongst streamside thickets ~ 200m W of Jamunigau, Bardiya on 04 Nov. '85. Loud call + alarm. Much tail-cocking. Elevation as in above report is ~ 150m. ② A ♂ just E of Gangapatta village (sq. C5) in dry, chopped over woodland with small stream + ravine nearby. ♂ was singing from a branch ~ 5m above ground in winter! 17 Nov. '85.

③ Small Pratincole (Glareola lactea)

At least a flock of 120 (probably more) seen in several, partial fly offs from a pebbly sandbar 100m N of Nepal-India border in mid Karnali R. (opposite Kothiyaghat checkpoint). Nearly dusk on 17 Nov. '85. Alt. ~ 80-100m. Grid sq. C5. Bardiya District.

④ White-bellied Drongo (Dicrurus caerulescens)

This species appeared very common throughout my search of forested habitats in Bardiya district. 02-17 Nov. '85. In both thin + thick sal/mixed sal stands. Elevations ranged 100-300m.

⑤ Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpeckers (Dendrocopos nanus)  
vs. Grey-capped (D. canicapillus)

The former noted <sup>on</sup> several (≥ 8) occasions in and around the Reserve in Bardiya District; yet, no sightings of the latter during same course: 03-17 Nov. '85. altitudes ~ 120-180m.

