Tomorrow: Trek - crucial species

**Eared teal** - Phewa Tal (Pokhara). We saw 2-3 ft in with other ducks. Mark & Tim saw more, don't know how many, maybe 12+. Live boat + paddle out there.

**Red kniveyi - Begnas Tal ( narrower Pokhara).** We didn't see any, but we didn't go to this place. By bus, or bike? (maybe a bit too far).

**Tibetan snowcock** - Thovong ha (above Muktinath). We saw it high up but snow would force them down (ever). Up valley beyond the monastery to tea houses. From there path rises steeply up to pass (Mol & Moths) and boat boat saw him. Snow close to huts at head of valley.

**Himalayan snowcock** - see above. We saw 2.

**Blood pheasant** - all at chosa, although we only saw Kali, Koko & Chir. (They're the important ones!) Mol & Tim saw the other 3. See map. Kali also opposite lakeside at Pokhara in small ravine.

**Kalej pheasant**

**Koko pheasant**

**Chir pheasant**

**Sewaing snake** - Muktinath. We saw 2 along stream running down from monastery.

**Himalayan pied kingfisher** - Birethanti. We saw one here flying up & down river. Watch even bridge. Also saw 2 at Pokhara just thing over.

**Himal short toed lark** - Kaybeni area. Didn't see this, but Simon had a map from James Worshcraft of a site close to Kaybeni, on the plateau south of the path up to Minahi.
Pacific Swift - Tatopani. We saw flocks around high
winds opposite Tatopani.
Nepal House Mafen - anywhere on trek. We didn't see any.

lov. Rocket-tailed Drongo - for side of Deusa Tal.
Green Megpie - for side of Deusa Tal
Brown-crested Bulbul - for side of Deusa Tal
Wheat Paintbill - Choropani, along Chandragup Ridge. See map.

Great Paintbill as above. We didn't see either.
Brown Paintbill

White-spotted Laughing Thrush - Choropani, along Chandragup Ridge
Chestnut-breasted Shrike - Botabot - only one we saw were in small
flock above Sukhot to above Allen's

Happy Sweeping - between Allen's + Choropani we saw one.

Stoliczka's Tit - Woodpecker - anywhere beyond Turuche

White-breasted Bush Robin - Choropani,CHASE. We didn't see any but
Golden Bush Robin has better chance in mid-winter.

Eurasian's Redstart - Sonefon area. Possible
Gadwall and Redstart - Sonefon, Kapani, Multinath, Scratch the

White-throated Redstart - as above

Sticky-backed Forktail - along river route at Birethattu. We saw 1

Chestnut Tit - Choropani. qull the Mt.-St. Bird Tracks
Swinh's Black Tit - west banks of Kali Gandaki between Ghaila

and Kalapani

Spotted-winged Black Tit - Kalapani. We didn't see any. In forest to the
west of village. See map

Five-capped Tit - between Ghaila + Chorap off main track. We saw 2

see map

This Gould's Sunbird - Chorap, in forest

Red-billed Grosbeak - Choropani. Sun hill + Chandragup Ridge

White-winged Grosbeak - Multinath, in monastery grounds

Red-breasted Firetail - Choropani. We didn't see any
Hodgson's Mountain Finch - Multinolt area, didn't see any
Spot-winged Rosefinch - Chippewa, close Chocovry Ridge
Eastern Great Rosefinch - Jordon, Kapba, Multinolt Fields
Juniper Finch - Chippewa, we saw 2
Scarlet Finch - possible at Tinculung, we didn't see any
Brown Bullfinch - Chippewa, we didn't see any
Pine Bunting - Pokhara, swim saw a flock. Jordon saw 1 & out flock mid-winter
Yellow-fronted Bunting - Pokhara, in fields. Didn't see any
Black-bread Bunting - Pokhara, we saw 2 - 1f on migration

This covers everything of any importance. Some things may have been seen by others at different sites and/or in greater numbers, but these species are generally in the Jordon/Multinolt area & weather plays an important part. Other such as Snowbirds, Bick-its, Accentor + Eversmani's Redstart are vagrants, although seen they are the result of adverse weather conditions. Others such as Great + Brown Pardochill, you just have to have a little luck.
The view from the village is basically of three pieces of forest. Small triangle - ①, long and thin - ② and distant but large expanse - ③. Also, small piece on skyline - ③.

**PATH ①** - Begins in village opposite water-top 50 meters from Mustang lodge. Leads between buildings, follows stream to below waterfall, climbs to small ridge (Mason-tackled Accentor). Then continues into forest ② (Kokles + Impyeon Bleasants)

**PATH ②** - Branches around beginning of small ridge mentioned above, then edges around forest ② (Cheep + Kali Bleasants) to ridge ②, then continues across open ground above forest ④ and into distant forest ⑤ (Kokles)

**PATH ③** - Branches from path ① at base of same small ridge + climbs abruptly to ridge ① + into forest ① (Cheep)
LM Hill - path leads from back of Mt View Lodge + ascends steeply
another path branches to right about 30 metres 
elong path to LM Hill + continues over ridge +
along side of valley, overlooking dead trees
(woodpecker) + undergrowth.

Chandrung Ridge - part is signposted between buildings,
turn across camp site, keep to right-hand
side. Another signpost then ascends to
Chandrung Ridge. A couple of hours along
part of path descends out of forest to
a make shift lodge.

Area below Choropani village, towards Uleri, is also
good up to edge of forest.
Bhutan - interesting species

Lesser Whistling Teal - the only blocks I saw were always in the same place: on the east side, marked 2 on the map. In the corner where two bunds (raised path) meet, there was a small area of water. The ducks were usually hidden in the vegetation surrounding the water, but often showing through it out.

Eagles - anywhere really, much in evidence. Nothing else did I see such a concentration of vultures.

Pallas' Fishing Eagle - take the path round Ramthand. Excellent for birds generally. On the west side, look into the middle for dead tree, the nest is there. Birds usually emerge out in the evening.

Siberian Crane - there were 46 in total on my 2nd visit in early January. In last 2 years they've arrived late December. (See map). Easy to see, spread out in the boggy areas.

Himil Snipe - best time at dusk. I found best area to be along path to Python Point. Go through dry area, then just as dampen area begins, which is obvious, small posts by side of track. The nest I saw here was 6.

Capped Sops Oval - see map.

Buck Knock Oat - I found best area along main tarmac road from entrance to temple beyond. Just listen out for call 'choo, choo, choo, choo, choo' a bit like a steam engine beginning, then watch em clam. Pretty common throughout the reserve. Also saw them at the back of Ramthand + Python Point area.

Blyth's Reed Warbler - frequent bushes along bunds, Ramthand best area.

Siberian Rubythroat - I saw one at Kadam Kunj. Skulking about damp area on G side.

Eastern Red Whiskered - fields opposite entrance + outside opposite end of reserve (fields food & lots, fruits etc)
Spotted Coots (and) possible anywhere. Best to suss out where there's been
a recent sighting + gap along those. I didn't see
any, but a few places they were seen whilst I was
there are: behind forest lodge, on the former
road between checkpoint + temple, around temple,
down ponds on the left before you reach the
temple running parallel to the canal + opposite
the temple area (cross the canal on small bridge),
by the boat area + Kalam kinij. (As you can see,
just about everywhere!)

White-capped Bunting - in the dry areas. Look about through the
vegetation.

I found the best areas in general for birds were around Pantanal,
the swamp/forest on the east side, Mansaror + Kalam Kinij.
All these areas are worth repeated visits, which is not difficult on
a bike. Live them up soon!
x - Pandas' Bluff Eagle nest
Y - Siberian Cows
Road between checkpost + temple for Pushky Howled Owl
temple area for Coloured Scops Owl (see inset) - between open area + wall
with names + dates. There is an overhanging tree right on the corner, only roost here. Go right underneath + look up.
Z - Cey. Whistling Teal
Directions from Delhi - by bus from ISBT, stand 20 paying near bus stand (Rs 20). 4½ hour journey. Stay at Sadas Lodge, about ½ mile away.

Take bike in town (Rs 5 per day). The best restaurant at Sadas is good. You should try. You can look for good away. Don't eat there!

Eat in town. 3 good places. I recommend the left with. Usually had breakfast at Sadas. There's trouble to get food inside the venue, so stock up in town for lunch.
Delhi Sites
Best to suss out more information. I only went to Okhla Island. There's a couple of other good places such as Tulsi Lake/Barad, Buddha Jayanti Park, the Zoo. To reach Okhla Island its best to catch a scooter taxi (the yellow black three wheel job). You can catch the bus back to town.

\[ \text{Okhla Island} \]
\[ \text{good area} \]
\[ \text{Yamuna River} \]

\[ \text{x-boat to Okhla LS} \]
\[ \text{from this point} \]
\[ \text{good area comprises fields + scrub close to fields} \]

\[ \text{Shrieked Bobbler} \]
\[ \text{White-tailed Stonechat} \]
\[ \text{Small Pratincole} \]
\[ \text{Sand Lark} \]

\( \text{Okhla Island N.S. cost of beef vegetable} \)

\( \text{Sand beams after crossing towage (avoid sand and parallel to river as you get closer, view of mucky fields on the other side)} \)