TOMOSON TRIP 6.3.85 - 31.3.85

Day 1
Pokhara - Chandrakot (Raijputi, lodge)
(up by jeep from Shining Hospital to Suikhet cost 10000 heavy luggage. Stood walk up 1000 ft to Naundela. Along ridge via KAAVE, Lucule to Chandrakot.)

Wh-crest / Thrush (1), Chest-th Shrike Babbler (1),
Upland Ptarmigan (12), see Grubb notes for specific area. The call is distinctive 'like a squeaky door being opened and closed'.

Day 2
Chandrakot - Ulleri (Namaste Lodge)
Steep descent to Birethanti, where views converge. Along Shuangdi cola crossing just beyond Tikhekundi up to Ulleri.

(9) Malayan Trotter (1), Small Nihaula (16), Grey-side Shrike
(12) Arentse & North: Ewinson Sunbird, Pink-bowed R'bird (1),
Red-billed (1), Skirp (1), Moustached L. Thrush (1), Little Forktail (1),
(3) From the 2nd bridge beyond Tikhekundi, River Dipper.

Day 3
Ulleri to Chhopani (Mountain View Lodge)
Steep ascent (but not too steep) then scumble &
then forest all the way to Chhopani.

(1) Striated blk-tailed L. Thrush, Hoary-bellied (1),
chest-dark Fulvetta (1), Red-t. Bluebail (1), Little Forktail (2),
Large long-tailed Thrush (1).

Day 4
Chhopani

Chandung ridge is the best area but worth exploring
all around. Take a walk up to top hill for the

(1) jeeling-head Whippet (1), Maroon Ortolan (3), Whit-spot
L. Thrush (1), White-browed (c2), Red-th. Thrush (1),
(1) Painted-tail Cuckoo, Crested Tit, Brown Cuckoo, Crested Tit, Nepal Treecreeper (1),
Nepal li (1), Jumper Finch (1), Red-tailed Bunting (3),
Black-backed Snow-rob (1), Nepal Paurail-bill (1),
(1) Paurail Thrush (1), (1) Speckled E. Shrike (1),
Slat-winged E. Shrike (1), Black-tailed E. Finch (1).

Day 5
Chhopani - Tatopani (Kamala Lodge).

(1) An aerial view from a quick up-downer just
before Tatopani. Once crest-end not much

(1) Rose-crowned Vulture (1), Black-tailed Buzzard (19),
(1) White-tailed Buzzard (1), Spotted Forktail (1).
Day 7: Talapani - Ghara (Mustang Lodge)
Long, arduous walk with few birds
Tibetan Shrike (at Ghara)

Day 8: Ghara - Kalapani (See-You Lodge)
Easy walk
Scaly-throated Wren-breasted (2), Spot-winged Red Finch (1)

Day 9: Kalapani - Tukuche (Tukuche Peak Lodge)
Kept to west bank of Kali Gandaki, off main
Walk. Don't cross bridge about 3/4 hr beyond Kalapani.
Good area of fields next to ravine after
Boiled Stresemann's warbler. There's a plaque
Commemorating deaths of some climbers on
Dhaulagiri.
Blue-capped Redstart (1), Alpine, Put - breast, Brown + Red
in
Acceptors. Similar Silk Tit (1); in pines just before bridge
at narrowest point of river. Alts. bridge the river becomes
much wider with sand banks. Him. T'eepeen (1)
Beautiful Red Finch (2), Snow Pigeon (C20)

Day 10: Tukuche - Jomsom (Thak Khola Lodge)
Worth checking any vegetation. Nice setting
Wht - throat Redstart (9), Bl - head Redstart (11), Redstart -
Brown Acceptors, Stotic, Slaty tit Wash (5), Pine Bunting (1)
Eastern Skylark (2)

Day 11: Jomsom - Kagbeni (Red House Lodge)
Not too much time to 'do' fields at Jomsom +
Kagbeni upon arrival. Walk up + down the
Dales between fields, lots of goodies!
Bl - headed Redstart (18), Wht - thor Redstart (15), Garden Redstart (1), Bl - head Brown Acceptors, Beautiful Red Finch (1)

Day 12: Kagbeni - Mukhtinath (Muktinath Hotel full)
Fields around Kagbeni in the morning. Went back
Down toward Jomsom on the west side of
Valley to fields opposite Kagbeni Lodge, interesting
But the same stuff.
Eastern Skylark (3), Alpine, Green (C20), Wht - thor Redstart (1),
Garden Redstart, Redstart (2), Redstart + Brown Acceptors, Eastern
Wht - R. Finch (2), Slaty Tit (3), Crested Lark, Sand Martin (2), Little
Fulmar, Black Tern, Gannet, Goshawk, Buzzard, Peregrine, Eagle

Birds:
Day 13: Mulltawok - Thorngba - Mulltawok
Steep climb after walking up valley to tea houses.
Titikaka Snowcock (A), Huinc Snowcock (C), Cotton-top (C)
White-winged Grouse (C), Ground in fly, monsters on
north side in scrawny bushes. Red-breast. R'track. On
the way up to Thorngba, quite high. Stokgla. T. Web (R)
Day 14: Mulltawok - Maupha (Bassie Lodge)
Normally, unless you're lucky, walking into the
Teeth of a gust, blasting sand into your
face, Ugh!
Hill Figzen (F): in blocks of thought below Mufti
around Shkot.
Wallacepar (R)
Day 15: Maupha - Kalopani (See-Tour Lodge)
Maupha to lowing west side of valley. At
lowing across Bali Bardalei, along to
suspension bridge. Crossed bridge (C) to main
vein to east side of on to Kalopani.
Hill Figzen (F): in fields at Maupha. Stokgla. T. Web (R)
Rodgers Blue-throat, Bl-hd. Pheasant, Redstart,
Spotted Backyard (C), Altai, Pheasant, Brown Accentors
Day 16: Kalopani - Ghata (Mustang Lodge)
Short walk, first time to look around Kalopani
in the morning. Look west beyond lake.
Nutcracker (C), Spotted Backyard (C), sog-side. A. Wait (C)
Red-th. Bluestart (C), Bl-hd. Redstart (C), Five-capped (C)
Altai Grouse (C)
Day 17, 18, 19: Ghata
Basically just checking to Forest + wandering
about. Get up here early for pleasantries,
although they can go on calling beyond
mid-morning + stay about all day.
Booted Eagle (C), Frosty Pheasant, Lani Pheasant (C), Kali
Pheasant (C), White-winged Blue-throat (B), S. S. Backyard (C)
Altai Accentor, Upland Pipit (C), R.Tx Lap. (C)
Nutcracker, Scaly-footed Chick (C), Navigated C. Thrush (C)
Anton-beart Accentor (C), Brown Field Pipit (C), Mountain
Dark Accentor (C), along path up cricket, in main Juwane
beyond where it is steep + first the track to the left which goes
up the ridge along the edge of the forest.
Day 20  Ghara - Tatopani  (Kamala Lodge)
Around Ghara in the morning. In for Tatopani.
Tibetan Shrike (?), Grey-headed Starling (?),

Day 21  Tatopani - Ghorepani  (Mt. View lodge)
Long climb uphill. Not many birds until ya hit forest below Ghorepani.
Donelli Eagle (ad), Pacific Swift (CSS),

Day 22, 23, 24  Ghorepani
Explores! Everything is worth looking into.

Day 25  Ghorepani - Dhivethanti  (RiverMist lodge)
All downhill. Good forest as far as above Ghorepani. Scrub forest of way + stunted in river.
Large Yellow-naped W'pecker  (18), Sparrow - threaded Flycatcher  (3), White - backed Forktail  (1)  - in river below Dhivethanti - about 1/2 up stream.

Day 26  Dhivethanti to Pokhara  (Quiet View Guest House)
Steep climb to Chandicheot, Long ridge + Lakeside) Switch to Pokhara by jeep.
Barnet Owl (?), Blue - faced W'pecker (?), Around continue services at Dhivethanti, Bl. Harrier, Basket, Upland Pipit.