BIRDQUEST 1986  Selected notes on Nepal tour observations.

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All observations confirmed by leaders unless stated otherwise

**ORIENTAL WHITE IBIS**
Between Biratnagar and Kosi barrage, 2 on 27 Feb.
Between Kosi barrage and Hetaura (ca 1/4 of the way from Kosi), 3 on 28 Feb.

**FALCATED DUCK**
Kosi barrage, 10 on 27 Feb.

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD**
Kosi barrage, 40 on 27 Feb.

**BAER'S POCHARD**
Kosi barrage, 2 on 27 Feb.

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK**
Kosi barrage, 100 on 27 Feb.

**WHITE-TAILED EAGLE**
Immature (early stages) soaring near Tiger Tops Tented Camp, 3 March.

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER**
Kosi barrage, 2 on 27 Feb.

**COMMON BUZZARD**
Hetaura, one on 28 Feb.
Kathmandu, between city & Godaveri, one on 1 & 2 March; 2 on 7 March.

**LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD**
Tokha, Kathmandu, one on 2 March.
S of Kalapokhri on Nepal/India border (Darjeeling area), 2 on 23 Feb.

**UPLAND BUZZARD**
Very fine bird soaring over Nepal side of border, en route to Sandakphu from Darjeeling, to S of Kalapokhri, 23 Feb (sq S7). Huge clear white primary uppersides, very white tail upperside too.

**GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE**
Adult at Kosi barrage, 27 Feb.
One soaring by Tiger Tops airfield, Meghauri, 6 March.

**TAWNY EAGLE**
South of Kosi barrage, one on 27 Feb.

**IMPERIAL EAGLE**
First winter bird between Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge & Tented Camp, 3 March.
BOOTED EAGLE
Dark phase near Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 3 March.
Dark phase at Meghaulí airfield, 6 March.

CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE
Kosi to Hetaura, one ca. 3/4 of way from Kosi, 28 Feb.
Tiger Tops, singles on 3 and 5 March.

RED-HEADED MERLIN
One at Kosi barrage, 27 Feb.

BENGAL FLORICAN
S of Kosi barrage, 2 flushed (pair), 27 Feb.

Tiger Tops, male to east of Jungle Lodge in usual area, 5 March.

COOT
One at Lami Tal, Tiger Tops area, 5 March.

IBISBILL
6 by river some 12 miles west of Hetaura, 28 Feb.

INDIAN COURSER
S of Kosi barrage, one on 27 Feb.

KENTISH PLOVER
Kosi barrage, ca. 250 plus, 27 Feb.

LITTLE STINT
Kosi barrage, 200 plus, 27 Feb.
Meghaulí, 3 by river, 6 March.

TEMMINCK’S STINT
Kosi barrage, 30 plus, 27 Feb.

DUNLIN
Kosi barrage, 30 plus, 27 Feb.

CURLEW
Kosi barrage, 300 plus, 27 Feb.

REDSHANK
Kosi barrage, 15 plus, 27 Feb.

GREENSHANK
Kosi barrage, 60, 27 Feb.

GULL-BILLED TERN
Kosi barrage, 30, 27 Feb.

WHISKERED TERN
Meghaulí, adult by river, 6 March.

SPECKLED WOODPIGEON
Kalapkhri (sq S7) one flew up from Nepal side of border, 24 Feb.
POMPADOUR GREEN PIGEON
Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge area, 4 on 6 March.

BANDED BAY CUCKOO
Tiger Tops Tented Camp, one seen, 5 March.

BROWN HAWK OWL
Kathmandu, heard calling regularly on east side of city at Dwarika's Hotel grounds, 1-2 & 7 March.

WHITE-RUMPED SPINETAIL
At least one over forest near Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 4 March.

BROWN-CAPPED PYGMY WOODPECKER
Party of 4 seen near Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 3 March.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW
Kathmandu, present in valley at this early date, ie. Godaveri, 2 on 1 & 7 March and 5 en route to Tokha on 3 March.

WHITE-TAILED BLUE ROBIN
Fine male at Godaveri botanical gardens, 7 March.

LARGE BUSH WARBLER
One at Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 4, 5 & 6 March.

ABERRANT BUSH WARBLER
Several about Tiger Tops, both Jungle Lodge & Tented Camp, 1-7 March.

GREY-SIDED BUSH WARBLER
Two near Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 5 March.

LANCEOLATED WARBLER
One reported by Tented Camp at Tiger Tops by Richard Koeppele, 4 March - good description, brief view of small warbler, heavily streaked above and below, flitted over path and skulked into bottom of dense grass by damp hollow. Sure its OK, we were stood near him at time trying to get to grips with something else in a tree. He has seen the species before.

LARGE GRASS WARBLER
I would like to retract our 1974 record of this species at Kosi, I feel that they must have been Striated Marsh Warblers. On the other hand they could have been there I suppose, the area we had them in in 1974 was in tall elephant grass to west of "pink tower" and this habitat has now changed a great deal from what I can remember. Sorry that this means an alteration to your book, but feel it safer especially as nobody else seems to have had it there.

LARGE CROWNED WARBLER
Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, a party of at least 6 on 5 March.

GREEN WARBLER
One in Godaveri botanical gardens, 1 March.
DUSKY WARBLER
At least 10 in scrub by Kosi barrage, 27 Feb.

SMOKY WARBLER
At least 4 in scrub by Kosi barrage, 27 Feb.
Singles at Tiger Tops Tented Camp on 3 & Lami Tal on 5 March.

TICKELL'S WARBLER
At least 2 by Kosi barrage, 27 Feb.

PALE BLUE FLYCATCHER
Female in Godaveri botanical gardens, 7 March.

RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR-BABBLER
Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 2 at a rather low altitude, 6 March.

SLENDER-BILLED BABBLER
Tiger Tops, ca.8 in "florican area" to east of the Lodge, 5 March.

BANK MYNAH
Kathmandu, 2 on outskirts of city on Godaveri road, 6-7 March.

STREAKED WEAVER
Kosi barrage, ca.20 on 27 Feb.