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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.

X 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.

X LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD

Tokha, Kathmandu, one on 2 March.

S of Kalapokhri on Nepal/India border (Darjeeling area), 2 on 23 Feb.

X 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, Meghauli, 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 Meghauli airfield, 6 March.

X 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.  
Meghauli, 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

Meghauli, adult by river, 6 March.

SPECKLED WOODPIGEON

Kalapokhri (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 Koepfel, 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.

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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.