

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED IN NEPAL (KATHMANDU VALLEY AND CHITWAN)

BETWEEN 25 AUGUST AND 8 SEPTEMBER 1986

STIRUP (1986)

Order follows that of Fleming's Birds of Nepal, although bird names for some species differ.

Abbreviations

K - Kathmandu

P. - Patan

M - Meghauri

TT - Tiger Tops

TV - Tharu Village

Little Green Heron

TV 1 on Narayani River, TT 1 near Rapti River

Indian Pond Heron

Fairly common throughout, including P, TT and TV

Night Heron

TT 1 ad

Cattle Egret

Common, although not recorded at TT. Flocks of c20 at TV, M and K airport. Several hundred flying north over K at dusk

Great White Egret

TT and TV several birds in flight thought to be this species

Intermediate Egret

TT 1 perched with Little Egret. A few flying birds each day probably this species

Little Egret

TT maximum count c5 per day

Chestnut Bittern

TT 3 seen, all in flight

Open-billed Stork

TT 2 singles

White-necked Stork

TT seen on several days, maximum 6 in trees at dusk

Lesser Adjutant Stork

TT 1 over Rapti and flock of 5 over Reu

Black Ibis

TT recorded most days, maximum count c15

Lesser Whistling Teal

TT recorded most days, maximum count c10

Black Kite

Common over K and P, maximum 10, TT 2 singles

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TT 3 unidentified small accipiters seen

Steppe Eagle
TT 1 probable second year

Grey-headed Fishing Eagle
TT 2 records

Osprey
TT 1 mobbed by Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters

White-backed Vulture
TT pair seen on two occasions

Red-thighed Falconet
TT 1 perched in dead tree flying out to catch dragonflies

Black Partridge
TT 1 heard near Rapti River

Common Peafowl
TT seen twice - F and 2 juvs, M in tree. Heard on three occasions

Red Jungle Fowl
TT a few seen each day with up to 5 on TT lawn. TV several seen

White-breasted Moorhen
TT 1 from bird hide

Red-wattled Lapwing
TT small numbers seen along rivers, daily maximum c20

River Lapwing
TT usually less common than previous species

Curlew
TT 1 or 2 heard

Greenshank
TT 10 - 15 recorded per day

Ruff
M c30 on airfield

Green Sandpiper
M 1 heard, TV 2

Common Sandpiper
TT 5 - 10 seen per day along rivers

Small Pratincole
TT flock of 15 recorded twice on Rapti River

Common Tern
TT a total of 5 along Rapti River, all first winters

Rock Dove
K and P small numbers

Rufous Turtle Dove
TV 2

Red Turtle Dove
TV 1 M

Collared Dove
TT 2

Emerald Dove
TT a total of 4

Spotted Dove
Common throughout

Ring-necked Parakeet
P 5, TV 8 and TT 10

Large Parakeet
TT 10 - 15 daily, TV 10

Rose-breasted Parakeet
TV c10

Drongo Cuckoo
TT 1 or 2

Koel Cuckoo
TT several heard

Small Coucal
TT several in elephant grass near Rapti River

Large Coucal
TT maximum day count 8
TV 2

Jungle Owlet
TT 1

Brown Hawk Owl
TT 1 roosting being mobbed by White-throated Fantail Flycatcher and White-bellied Yuhina

Franklin's Nightjar
TT 4 hunting over Reu River at dusk

Dark Roller
TT 1 - 5 daily, TV 1

Indian Roller
TT several seen, TV 1, M 1, M - Rampur 3

Hoopoe
TT 2 records

Large Pied Kingfisher
TT 2 with Small Pies at junction of Rapti and Reu Rivers

Small Pied Kingfisher
TT small numbers along Rapti and Reu Rivers, daily maximum 8

Kingfisher (European)
TT less than 5, Mugling - Dhark 1

Stork-billed Kingfisher
TT c3 seen

White-breasted Kingfisher

P 1 in garden

TT a couple per day, TV several

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

TT about 5 per day, TV 5

Blue-bearded Bee-eater

TT pair seen perched on bare branch at top of a tree

Green Bee-eater

TT small numbers, less common than Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, TV 3

Pied Hornbill

TT parties of 1, 3 and 4

Lineated Barbet

TT heard on several days, 1 seen

Small Scaly-bellied Woodpecker

TT 3 recorded on one day

Black-naped Woodpecker (= Grey-headed)

TT a total of 3

Three-toed Golden-backed Woodpecker

TT seen or heard most days

Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker

TT commonest woodpecker, up to 4 seen together

Indian Pitta

TT 1 heard

Sand Lark

TT party of 4 by Rapti River. Other unidentified passerines here and along Narayani River may have been this species

House Swift (= Little)

P c20 over city in evenings, K small numbers

Crested Swift

TT less than 5 on two occasions

Alpine Swift

TT seen on three dates, maximum 15

Sand Martin

TT several hundred along Rapti River

Barn Swallow

TT small numbers along rivers, maximum probably about 30

Striated Swallow (= Red-rumped)

Mugling c10

Black-headed Shrike

P 1 in garden

TT several seen, TV c5, M several

Golden Oriole

TT several

Ashy Drongo
TT 2

Black Drongo
Common throughout

Little Bronzed Drongo
TT 1

Crow-billed Drongo
TT 1

Grey-headed Myna
P several

Pied Myna
TV c10

Common Myna
Common throughout

Red-billed Blue Magpie
TT 1 heard

House Crow
Common throughout, but none at TT or TV

Jungle Crow
P 1
TT and TV common

Pied Wood-Shrike
TT 1

Dark Cuckoo-Shrike
TV 1

Scarlet Minivet
TT c10 in total

Iora
TT maximum day count 10

Red-whiskered Bulbul
TT 1 juv

Red-vented Bulbul
Common throughout

Spotted Babbler
TT 2

Yellow-breasted Babbler
TT 7

Red-capped Babbler
TT 2

Large Necklaced Laughing Thrush
TT 1 heard

White-bellied Yuhina

Black-naped Flycatcher

TT 2

Brook's Flycatcher

TT 3

Paradise Flycatcher

TT c7 juveniles/females, TV 1 second year male

White-throated Fantail Flycatcher

TT c10

Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler)

TV and M common

Grey-capped Prinia

TT 4, TV 1

Blyth's Reed Warbler

TV 1

Sharma

TT seen and heard daily. maximum flock 8

Magpie Robin

Small numbers throughout

Pied Bush Chat

Mugling-Dhark 3

Grey Tit

TT and TV less than 5 at each site

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch

TT common

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

TT 1

Richard's Pipit

M 3 by Rapti River

Grey Wagtail

M 1 heard

Pied Wagtail

TT a few along rivers

Mugling - Dhark 2

Large Pied Wagtail

TT 10 seen along rivers

Purple Sunbird

P several

TT and TV several

White-eye

TT and TV common

House Sparrow

Recorded at P and TT

Baya Weaver
TV 1

Red Munia
TT 2

Spotted Munia
TI c5

Black-headed Munia
M 2