

Notes on birds recorded in Nepal
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7. 12. 85 LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT - NEW DELHI
8. 12. 85 NEW DELHI - KATHMANDU
9. 12. 85 GOKANA.
10. 12. 85 GOAVARI + PHULCHOWKI
11. 12. 85 BUS FROM KATHMANDU - POKHARA.
12. 12. 85 START OF TREK. POKHARA - NAGDANDA.
13. 12. 85 NAGDANDA - BIRETHANTI
14. 12. 85 BIRETHANTI - TIKHEDHUNGA
15. 12. 85 TIKHEDHUNGA - GHORAPANI
16. 12. 85 GHORAPANI
17. 12. 85 GHORAPANI - TATOPANI
18. 12. 85 TATOPANI - GHASA
19. 12. 85 GHASA.
20. 12. 85 GHASA - LARJUNG.
21. 12. 85 LARJUNG - JOMOSOM
22. 12. 85 JOMOSOM - MUKTINATH
23. 12. 85 MUKTINATH
24. 12. 85 MUKTINATH (THORUNG LA PASS)
25. 12. 85 MUKTINATH - JOMOSOM.
26. 12. 85 JOMOSOM (SNOWED IN WITH SLIZARDS)
27. 12. 85 JOMOSOM
28. 12. 85 JOMOSOM
29. 12. 85 JOMOSOM - KALO PANI
30. 12. 85 KALO PANI - GHASA
31. 12. 85 GHASA - TATOPANI
1. 1. 86 TATOPANI - GHORAPANI
2. 1. 86 GHORAPANI - HILLE
3. 1. 86 HILLE - CHARNDRAKOT
4. 1. 86 CHARNDRAKOT - SUKHEP. (JEEP - POKHARA.)
5. 1. 86 POKHARA. PHEWA TAL.
6. 1. 86 BUS POKHARA - KATHMANDU.
7. 1. 86 PHULCHOWKI
8. 1. 86 BUS KATHMANDU - METALWA (DID RIVER FOR IBIS GILLS DIPPED)

9. 1.86 HETAUDA. (RIVER FOR IRIS BILLS STILL DIPPED)
BUS HETAUDA - TARDI BAZAR. THEN WALKED TO
SAURAHA.
10. 1.86 SAURAHA
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12. 1.86 SAURAHA
13. 1.86 SAURAHA. - KATHMANDU.
14. 1.86 GOKANA.
15. 1.86 GODAVARI + PHULCHOWKI
16. 1.86 KATHMANDU VALLEY; HUAMATE RIVER.
17. 1.86 KATHMANDU. - NEW DELHI
18. 1.86 NEW DELHI - LONDON.

Names as per Fleming + Fleming - 'Birds of Nepal.'

West Palearctic areas as usual. (BG) = Botanical Garden.

Great Crested Grebe	A few on Phewa Tal
Cormorant:	Common at Sauraha
Little Green Heron:	1 Phewa Tal; 1 Sauraha
Pond Heron:	Common.
Cattle Egret:	Common in Tarai
Large Egret:	" " "
Intermediate Egret:	" " "
Little Egret:	" " "
Open-billed Stork	20+ Sauraha.
White-necked Stork	2 Sauraha.
Black Stork	6 Sauraha.
Lesser Adjutant Stork	2 Sauraha.
Black Ibis	2 Sauraha 1 Hetaulda
X Bean Goose.	1 Sauraha (1 st for Nepal.)
Ruddy Shelduck	Common Sauraha.
Mallard	Common Phewa Tal
Gooseander	15+ Hetaulda + 20 Sauraha.
Honey Kite	5+ Sauraha.
Black Kite	Common.
Sparrow Hawk	Several seen of Trek + Tarai
Accipiter sp.	Several on Trek + Sauraha (either Shikra or Boreal)
Upland Buzzard	1 Jomson.
Long-legged Buzzard	1 Charndrakot - Nagaulanda.
Buzzard	Several seen of Trek, up to Kato Pani
Mountain Hawk Eagle	1 Suikhet.
Bonelli's Eagle	Several seen of Trek.
Golden Eagle	8+ on Trek, all above Ghorapani.
X Imperial Eagle.	1 Pokera; 1 Nagaulanda - Birethanti;
Tawny Eagle.	4+ Sauraha.
Steppe Eagle.	Fairly common on Trek before Ghorapani.

- 7) Greater Spotted Eagle. 1 Ghara - Tetopani
- 8) Lesser Spotted Eagle 2 Suitket.
- Black Eagle 1 Ghorapani - Hille; 1 Phulchowki.
- Himalayan Gray-hd Fishing Eagle 1 Sauraha
- Osprey Several Sauraha.
- Black Vulture. Fairly common Treks + Sauraha.
- Eurasian Griffon Vulture Common on lower part of Treks.
- Himalayan Griffon Vulture. Common above Ghorapani
- Bearded Vulture Common Treks.
- Black (King) Vulture. Common Treks
- White-backed Vulture few Treks; Common Sauraha.
- Indian Griffon 8+ Sauraha.
- Egyptian Vulture Common Pokara + 1 Sauraha.
- Hen Harrier Common.
- Marsh Harrier 1♀ Sauraha.
- [Lagger Falcon 1 Kathmandu]
- Hobby 1 Sauraha.
- Kestrel. Common.
- Chukor 5+ Tukuche 1 Ghara.
- Gray Partridge. 1 Sauraha.
- [Crimson Horned Pheasant] 1♂ captive in a lodge at Hille.
sold to a tradesman for 500 rs.
- Kalij Pheasant 2♂ Phulchowki.
- Common Peafowl Several Sauraha.
- Red Jungle Fowl 6+♂ Sauraha.
- White-breasted Waterhen 1 Sauraha.
- Morhen Several Sauraha.
- Gray-hd Lapwing 7 River Huamate Kathmandu.
- Red Wattled Lapwing 10 Sauraha.
- Lapwing 5 River Huamate Kathmandu.
- Spur-winged Lapwing Several Sauraha + Hetaunda.
- Little Ringed Plover Common Sauraha + Hetaunda.
- Long-billed Plover 3+ Hetaunda.

- [Jungle Nightjar] 2 prob this species Sauraha.
- Indian Roller : Common in lowlands.
- Hoopoe : 4+ Hetanda.
- Large Pied Kingfisher : 2 Birethanti
- Small Pied Kingfisher : 4+ Sauraha.
- Kingfisher : singles at Birethanti; Pokara + Sauraha.
- Stork-billed Kingfisher : 1 Sauraha.
- White-breasted Kingfisher : Common in lowlands + Kath V.
- Green Bee eater : Common Sauraha + 6+ Hetanda.
- Pied Hornbill : 3 Sauraha.
- Giant Hornbill : 5 Sauraha.
- Great Himalayan Barbet : Common Gokarna, Phulchowki + a few Trek
- Blue Th Barbet : 1 Chandrakot; common Gokarna.
- Crimson-breasted Barbet : 1 Pokara 1 Tibetan Refugee Camp.
- Himalayan Honeyguide : 2 Ghorapani, 1 Ulleri
- Wrenneck : 1 Tibetan Refugee Camp; 1 Sauraha
- Spotted Piculet : Several on Trek + Gokarna + Phulchowki
- Grey crowned Pinyon Woodpecker : 1 ♀ Sauraha
- Brown ~~crowned~~ ^{frontal} ~~Pinyon~~ ^{Pied} Woodpecker : 1 ♂ Phulchowki.
- Small Scaly-bellied Woodpecker : 1 Sauraha.
- Grey hd Woodpecker : 1 Hille 1 Godavari (BG) 1 Gokarna.
- Large Yellow-rumped Woodpecker : 1 Birethanti 1 Hille
- Small Yellow-rumped Woodpecker : 1 Suitchat.
- Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker : Several Sauraha.
- Three-toed Golden Backed Woodpecker : Several Sauraha.
- Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker : 2 Ghorapani and Sauraha
- Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker : A few at Gokarna, Phulchowki
- Small Crimson-br. Pied Woodpecker : 1 Ghorapani - Tatopani + 1 Ghesa.
- Ashy crowned Finch Lark. 10+ Tardi Bazar - Sauraha
- Bush Lark 1 Sauraha.
- Little Sky Lark 4 Nagdamda, 6 Manpha, common Sauraha.
- Sand Lark 25+ Sauraha.
- Little Swift 20 Kathmandu, Common Pokara + Hetanda.

Kentish Plover : A few at Hetaunda + Sauraha.
 Greenshank : Common Hetaunda + Sauraha.
 Green Sandpiper : 1 Mukthinath, Several Hetaunda.
 Common Sandpiper : 2 Pokera, Several Hetaunda.
 Temminck's Stilt. Hetaunda + Sauraha max 15+ Hetaunda.
 Solitary Snipe 3 Karjuna + 3+ Mukthinath.
 Woodcock 1 Gotama.
 Stone Curlew 2 Hetaunda 20+ Sauraha.
 Small Pratincole 8+ Sauraha.
 Great Black hd Gull 1 ad + 1 Seel with Sauraha.
 Indian River Tern 1 Sauraha.
 Black-bellied Tern 2 Sauraha.
 Snow Pigeon 100+ Birehanti; 2 Mukthinath 10+ Marpha.
 Hill Pigeon 30 Mukthinath; 1st Tomason - Kalopani
 Blue Rock Pigeon 20+ Tomason.
 Wood Pigeon 130 Nagdanda.
Rufous Turtle Dove 1 Nagdanda + 1 Sauraha.
 Ash Wood Pigeon 15 Gotama.
 Red Turtle Dove 1 Sauraha.
 Collared Dove Common Sauraha.
 Spotted Dove Common Sauraha.
 Rose-ringed Parakeet Common
 Rose-breasted Parakeet 20+ Sauraha.
 Blossom-hd. Parakeet 80+ Hetaunda.
 Slaty-hd Parakeet 100 Birehanti + A few at Gotama.
 Common Hawk Cuckoo 1 Sauraha.
 Large Green billed Malkoha 1 Sauraha
 Large Cuckoo 1 Sauraha
 Brown Fish Owl 2 Sauraha.
 Barred Owl : 1 Birehanti; 1 Bera Tal; 1 Godavari (GG)
 Jungle Owl; 1 Sauraha.
 Collared Pigma Owl 1 Tikhedhunge - Ghorepani
 Spotted Owl 1 Kathmandu; 1 Hetaunda; 1 Sauraha

Crested Tree Swift	6+ Sauraha.
Edible Nest Swift	Common Pokera + lower part of Trek.
Sand Martin	Common Phewa Tal + Tarai.
Crag Martin	Several on Trek above Ghorapeni
Red Rumped Swallow	Several. in Tarai + near villages. Kath-Pokera
Nepal House Martin	Common on Trek + in Tarai
Black-hd. Shrike	Common in Kath Valley + Tarai
Gray-bk. Shrike	A few at Gokarna, Phulchowki + Sauraha.
Brown Shrike.	1 Kathmandu; 2 Hetanda + 5+ Sauraha.
Black-hd. Oriole	8+ Sauraha.
Maroon Oriole	6+ Phulchowki.
White-bellied Drongo	2 Sauraha.
Small Racket tailed Drongo:	1 Phulchowki.
Hair-crested Drongo:	5+ Sauraha.
Ashy Drongo	4 on Trek Suikhet - Ghorapeni
Bronzed Drongo	A few on lower Trek + Godawari (BG)
Black Drongo	Common.
Ashy Wood-Swallow	25+ Sauraha.
Gray-headed Myna.	3. Kathmandu. Common Sauraha.
Pied Myna.	Common Sauraha.
Common Myna.	Common
Jungle Myna	Common.
Bank Myna.	Several Delhi Airport + a few Sauraha.
Jay	Common Phulchowki.
Green Magpie	2+ Suikhet.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	2 Nagalandu; 1 Tirkhedhunge (BG) 4+ Godawari
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	6+ Ghorapeni + 2 Ghosa.
Indian Tree Pie	Common Sauraha.
Himalayan Tree Pie	Common Pokera - Tirkhedhunge.
Nutaraker	Several Ghorapeni + Ghosa - Lete.
Chough	Common above Jomson.
Alpine Chough	5+ Jomson.
House Crow	Common

Jungle Crow	Common.
Raven	Several above Ghorapei or Trek.
Lesser Wood Shrike	1 Hetamda.
Pied Wood Shrike	Common Gokana + Phulchowki
Large Cuckoo Shrike	Several Hetamda + Sauraha.
Short billed Minivet	10 Phulchowki
Long hd Minivet	Several Phulchowki Gokana
Scarlet Minivet	Common. Trek, Phulchowki + Gokana.
Yellow-throated Minivet	8+ Phulchowki
Small Minivet	10 Sauraha.
Common Iora.	Several at Phulchowki, Gokana, Trek + Sauraha.
Orange bellied leafbird	1 ♀ Phulchowki
Red-wiskered Bulbul	Common Sauraha
White-checked Bulbul.	Common
Red vented Bulbul.	Several in many locations.
Rufous-bellied Bulbul.	20+ Phulchowki
Gray Bulbul	Common
Brown-eared Bulbul.	10+ Birethanti
Spotted Babbler	2 Sauraha
Slaty-hd Scimitar Babbler	2+ Suikhet
Rusty-checked Scimitar Babbler	8+ Phulchowki
Scaly Wren Babbler	1 Kalopei - Ghasa
Others heard not seen, could not sus-out the different call of L. S. Wren Babbler.	
Yellow-breasted Babbler	3+ Sauraha
Black-chinned Babbler	Common Godavari (BG) Several on Treks
Black-throated Babbler	1+ Phulchowki
Jungle Babbler	15+ Sauraha
Striated Babbler	2 Sauraha.
Streaked Laughing Thrush	Several Trek + Phulchowki
White-th. Laughing Thrush	Common Phulchowki + Godavari (BG)
Striated Laughing Thrush	Common Phulchowki
White crested Laughing Thrush	25+ Suikhet.

Variegated Laughing Thrush: Common on Trek above Ghorapani
 Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrush: 2 Phulchowki
 Red-headed Laughing Thrush: Common.
 Black-faced Laughing Thrush: Common between Ghorapani - Ghosa.
 Red-billed Leiothrix: 1 Birethanti - Chandrakot.; 6+ Godavari (BG)
 Nepal Cuckoo: 3+ Phulchowki
 Red-winged Shrike Babbler 1♂ Phulchowki
 Green Shrike Babbler 10+ Ghorapani
 Chestnut-throated Shrike Babbler Several Phulchowki
 Hoary Barwing 10+ Ghorapani & 6 Phulchowki
 Red-tailed Minla 1 Ghorapani
 Bar throated Minla. Common on Trek.
 Blue-winged Minla 6+ Godavari (BG)
 Yellow-naped Yuhina Several on Trek & Phulchowki
 White bellied Yuhina Several Gokarna & Phulchowki
 Stripe-throated Yuhina Common above Ghorapani on Trek.
 Rufous-vented Yuhina Common Ghorapani + Ghosa + a few Phulchowki
 Chestnut-hd Tit Babbler Several Phulchowki & a few on Trek.
 White browed Tit Babbler Several Ghorapani & Ghosa a few Phulchowki
 Nepal Babbler Several Trek Common Godavari^(BG) + Phulchowki
 Black-capped Sibra. Common Phulchowki & Trek above Ghorapani
 Red-breasted Flycatcher Several in many locations.
 Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher. Several in many locations
 Large Niltava 1♂ Phulchowki
 Small Niltava. Several on Trek + Phulchowki
 Beautiful Niltava Several on Trek. + 1 Gokarna
 Verditer Flycatcher 1♂ Sauraha.
 Yellow bellied Fantail Flycatcher Common.
 White-throated Fantail Flycatcher 1 Phulchowki; 1 Ghosa.
 Gray-headed Flycatcher Several on Trek & Kathmandu Valley.
 Chestnut-headed Ground Warb 2+ Birethanti
 Aberrant Bush Warbler A few on Trek.
 Gray capped Prinia. 1♂ Sauraha.

Brown hill Prinia.	Several on Trek.
Tailor Bird	Common
Blyth's Reed Warbler	1 Sawaha.
Lesser Whitethroat	1 Sawaha.
Chiff Chaff	A few Sawaha.
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	1 Ghorapani - Tatopani
Gray-faced Leaf Warbler	Common
Greenish Wab	Several on Trek & Gokana. Common Sawaha
Yellow-browed Wab	Common, several 'Humei'
Orange-barrred Leaf Wab	Common
Pallas's Warbler	Common max 50+ in one flock.
Crowned Leaf Wab	Several Gokana + Trek.
Yellow-eyed Warbler	Common
Grey-headed Warbler	Common
Grey-cheeked Warbler	2+ GOKANA + 1 Trek.
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Several on Trek + Kathmandu Valley
Black-faced Warbler	5+ Ghorapani - Hillc.
Goldenest	Several on Trek.
Stoliczka's Tit Warbler	Muktinath - Talopani 20+
Himalayan Rubythroat	1♂ Biranthi
Siberian Rubythroat	1♂ Sawaha.
Bluethroat	Several Sawaha.
Red-planked Bluetail	Common.
Shama	1♂ 1♀ Sawaha.
White-tailed Blue Robin	1♂ Biranthi
Robin Dayal	Common esp around Towns + Villages.
Blue-headed Redstart	Several on Trek.
Black Redstart	1♀ Larjung.
Hodgson's Redstart	A few on Trek + Godavari (BG)
Blue-fronted Redstart	Common
Gilchrist's Redstart	Common Muktinath - Tukuche
White-capped River Chat	Common on Trek.
White-throated Redstart	Common on Trek above Ghorapani

Plumbeous Redstart	Common
Little Forktail	8+ Birchanti; - Hille + 1 Godavari (36)
Slaty-backed Forktail	2 Birchant - Hille. GOKANA; Godavari (36)
Spotted Forktail	Singles at Phulchowki; Rutse Chhara; Hille +
Sib Storch	Common
Dark-gray Bush Chat	Several on Treks.
Red Bush Chat	Common esp around Torsos + Villages
Blue Rock Thrush	1 ♀ PokhARA + 1 Saurcha.
Plain-backed Mountain Thrush	1 Ghoraphi; 1 Hille.
White Thrush	10+ GOKANA. 2 Phulchowki.
Large long-billed Thrush	1 Godavari (36)
White-collared Blackbird	Several Ghoraphi + Phulchowki
Gray-winged Blackbird	8+ GOKANA.
Whistling Thrush	Common Treks.
Ticketts Thrush	4+ ♂ GOKANA.
Black Throated Thrush.	Common Gokana + Treks Ghoraphi + Jomosa
Red Throated Thrush	Common. - 40+ Jomosa + Several other Muktinath - Ghoraphi.
Wren	Several on upper Treks.
White-breasted Dipper	1 Muktinath
Brown Dipper	Common. From Pokhara - Muktinath.
Altai Accentor	Several. Jomosa. - Tukucha 100+ nr Durkin Ghara.
Alpine Accentor	4+ Muktinath
Robin Accentor	Common Muktinath + Several down to Marpha
Rufous-breasted Accentor	1 Marpha.
Brown Accentor	Several Jomosa - Muktinath
Maroon backed Accentor	15+ Ghara.
Gray Tit	A few Treks.
Green backed Tit	Common
Yellow-cheeked Tit	Common.
Coal Tit	A few Ghara - Larjung.

Spot-winged Black Tit	Several Ghara - Syang.
Simla Black Tit	1 Tutuche - Marpha.
Crested Brown Tit	Common Treks above Ghorapni.
Rufous-breasted Black Tit	Common above Ghorapni.
Red-headed Tit	Common Treks + Kathmandu Valley.
Yellow-browed Tit	Several Phulchowki + Treks.
Nuthatch	Several Kathmandu Valley
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch.	Several Treks + Kathmandu Valley
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Common Kathmandu Valley
White-tail Nuthatch	Common Treks + Several Phulchowki.
Wall Creeper	2 Pokhara + Common Jomsom. - Kalo Pani.
Northern Tree Creeper	Common Treks + Kathmandu Valley
Himalayan Tree Creeper	3+ Ghorapni
Nepal Tree Creeper	1 Phulchowki; a few Treks.
Olive-backed Pipit	Common.
Paddy Field Pipit	Several Suikhet, Kathmandu + Sauraha.
Rosey Pipit	2 Suikhet; 1 Pokhara Phew Tal.; 1 Sauraha
Rocks Pipit	1 Hetauda.
Water Pipit	1 Hetauda.
Gray Wagtail	Common
Pied Wagtail	Common
Large Pied Wagtail	Several Po. - Suikhet + Sauraha.
Citrine Wagtail	Several Sauraha
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Common Kathmandu Valley.
Fire-tailed Sunbird	Several Treks + Kathmandu Valley
Mrs Gould's Sunbird.	Common Phulchowki.
Nepal Sunbird	1 ♂ Ghara; a few Phulchowki.
Scarlet-breasted Sunbird.	1 ♂ Pokhara.
Purple Sunbird	3 + ♂ Sauraha.
White-eye	Several on Treks, Kathmandu Valley + Sauraha.
House Sparrow	Common
Tree Sparrow	Common
Cinnamon Sparrow	Several on Treks.

<u>Tibetan Snow Finch.</u>	8+ Kalo Pani
Chaffinch	a few on Trek
Baya Weavers	20+ Phew Tal.
Sharp-tailed Munia	30+ Tibetan Refugee Camp
Spotted Munia	50+ Saunaha.
<u>Spot-winged Grosbeak</u>	35+ Phulchowki
Himalayan Goldfinch	12 Tibetan Refugee Camp 5+ Kalo Pani
<u>Tibetan Siskin</u>	70+ Godawari (BG)
Red-fronted Serin	20+ Jomosa - Tukuche.
Hodgson's Mountain Finch	50 Jharkot.
Nepal Rose Finch	1♀ Ulleri; 30 Tatopani - Ghorapani
Pink-browed Rose Finch	1♀ Ulleri; 4♀ 6♂ Birathanti
Spot-winged Rose Finch	Several Ghosa.
Beautiful Rose Finch	Common
Great Rose Finch	4+ ♂ Muktinath.
Eastern Great Rose Finch	Common Jomosa - Muktinath
White-browed Rose Finch	1♂ 4♀ Ghorapani
Gold-crowned Black Finch	♂+♀ Phulchowki
Red-headed Bullfinch.	8+ Ghorapani
Rock Bunting	Common on Trek above Tatopani
Little Bunting	a few on Trek.
Crested Bunting	Common Tibetan Refugee Camp

