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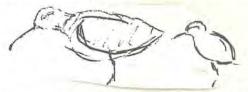
Itinerary

- 1. Kathmandu. Arrival at Tribuvan Airport 12.30.
- 2. Kathmandu. Center of town and by foot to Swayambhunath.
- 3. Naubise west of Katmandu (stop en route to Narayangath) 09.30 10.15.
- 4. Gokarna Safari Park 09.45 13.15.
- 5. Flooded fields right southwest of Tribuvan Airport.
- 6. Fields around Manohara-bridge.
- 7. Godavari Botanical Garden 08.15 10.00.
- 8. Pulchowki 10.00 sunset. A rather chilly day with clouds around the top. Birds were very active along the first 3-4 km of the road, but afterwards the forest literately seemed empty probably an effect of decreasing temperature.

Comments:

Laggar Chasing pigeons over Durbar Square.

<u>Painted Snipe</u> A male followed by two pullus of less than half the size of the adult. Seen down to app. 50 m distance. My sketch form the notebook:



Strix sp Seen very briefly right above me in the streetlights at Durbar Square. My first thought was Barn Owl, but the underwing showed distinct dark mark at the carpal joint what exclude this species.

Brown Dipper A pair with a newly fledged juvenile.

Bank Mynah Rested shortly before they flew of again

Tibetan Serin A flock feeding in a stand of Alnus-trees.

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Species	9/2	10/2	11/2	19/2	19/2	19/2	20/2	20/2
Indian Pond Heron Cattle Egret Black Kite Or. White-backed Vulture Long-billed Vulture	1 100+	2 ++	3	4	4 9 2			
Northern Sparrowhawk Shikra Long-legged Buzzard Steppe Eagle Imperial Eagle	1	1	1 2 juv	2	juv			·
Common Kestrel Laggar Painted Snipe Little Ringed Plover Grey-headed Lapwing		1	ad		3	1 2 23		
Temminck's Stint Pintail Snipe Green Sandpiper Ashy Woodpigeon Oriental Turtle Dove					4 2	7		54 1
Barred Cuckoo-Dove Strix sp Asian Barred Owlet Ring-necked Parakeet Alpine Swift	1	h					1	1
Little Swift Whitebreasted Kingfisher Bluethroated Barbet Oriental Skylark Barn Swallow	5 r 5	70 1 25	10		1	2 1 25	2	
Red-rumped Swallow Paddyfield Pipit Olive-backed Pipit Rosy Pipit White Wagtail			2	2	1	3 5 11	11	1
Minivet sp Scarlet Minivet Long-tailed Minivet White-cheeked Bulbul Red-vented Bulbul		20		1 4			4 2 15	4 25 5
Mountail Bulbul Black Bulbul Orange-bellied Leafbird Brown Dipper Sibirian Rubythroat			3	5			1	1 59 1

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Species	9/2	10/2	11/2	19/2	19/2	19/2	20/2	20/2
Orange-flanked Bluetail Asian Magpie Robin Black Redstart		10	1				1 2	
Hodgson's Redstart Plumbeous Redstart			3				2	2
Blue Whistling Thrush Scaly Thrush				4			5	1
Black-throated Thrush Spotted Forktail Chestnut-headed Tesia							12 2	3 1
Grey-bellied Tesia Grey-sided Bush Warbler Common Tailorbird Golden-speckeled Warbler Chestnut-crowned Warbler				1				1
		3		2				4 3
Grey-hooded Warbler Black-faced Warbler				10			10	50 2 5
Orange-barred Leaf Warbl Grey-faced Leaf Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler	ler			2			2	1 3
Yellow-browed Warbler Rufous-bellied Flycatch	er			2			2	1
Orange-gorgetted Flycat Red-breated Flycatcher Grey-headed Flycatcher	cher	1		1			1 2	5
Yellow-bellied Fantail Rusty-cheeked Scimitar- Streak-breasted Scimita Black-chinned Babbler Grey-throated Babbler	Babb1 r-Bab	er bler		2			2	2 2 4 2
Striated Laughing-Thrus Red-billed Leiothrix Black-eared Shrike-Babb Chestnut-tailed Minla Rufous-winged Fulvetta								6 20 1 2-3 12
Nepal Fulvetta Black-capped Sibia Whiskered Yuhina Stribe-throated Yuhina White-bellied Yuhina				2				12 14 2 1 1
Black-throated Tit Green-backed Tit		•					8	2
Black-lored Tit Velvet-fronted Nuthatch Chestnut-bellied Nuthat				6 2 2			10 1	12

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Greentailed Sunbird Black-throated Sunbird Fire-tailed Sunbird Buff-bellied Flowerpecke Oriental White-eye	er			4 6			4 2	3 2 4 14 15
Oriole sp. Brown Shrike Black-headed Shrike Grey-backed Shrike Black Drongo		1 17	1	1	1 24	1		lh
Bronzed Drongo Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie House Crow Jungle Crow	++ 1	++					2 9 ++	7
Common Mynah Bank Mynah Jungle Mynah House Sparrow Eurasian Tree Sparrow	++	11	5		2			
Tibetan Serin							20)

MAMMELS:

Hoary-bellied Himalayan Squirrel

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OBSERVATIONS EN ROUTE KATMANDU - CHITWAN AND VICE VERSA

11/2 <u>Kathmandu - Muglin</u> Cattle Egret 1, Long-legged Buzzard 1.

> Muglin - Narayangath Black Kite 8, Oriental White-backed Vulture 1, Black-headed Shrike 1, Black Drongo 1.

Narayangath - Muglin
Great Cormorant 3, Alpine Swift 7 - in social flights in front of rock-wall near Muglin, Plumbeous Redstart 1.

Muglin (short stop)
Grey Treepie 2, Red-rumped Swallow 1.

Muglin - Kathmandu Cattle Egret 10, G-Cormorant 12, Common Kestrel 2, Crested Kingfisher 1, Crag Martin 1, Rufous Treepie 1.