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NOTES OF BIRDS RECORDED IN NEPAL, 12 NOVEMBER 1988 to 2 FEBRUARY 1989



(Order and Nomenclature follows Fleming et al 1984)

ITINERARY

- 12/11 Budhanilkantha (c 1500m) - secondary scrub with Pinus roxburghii on lower slopes of Sheopuri (Kathmandu Valley).
- 19/11 Surjabinayka (c 1500m), near Bhaktapur (Kathmandu Valley) - subtropical forest.
- 23/11 - 31/12 Investigation of forest birds in the Tamur and Mai valleys in eastern Nepal.
- 9.68/23/11 Dhankuta to Basantapur - mixed broadleaved forest (Quercus and Castanopsis spp) on Patek Danda east of Chitre (c 2400m), grassland and cultivation.
- 10.68/24/11 Basantapur - Patek Danda and mixed broadleaved forest (Quercus and Castanopsis spp) west of Basantapur (c 2300m), grassland and cultivation.
- 9.68/25/11 Basantapur to Tinjure Danda - Quercus semicarpifolia, Rhododendron forest (c 2750m) and grassland.
- 9.68/26/11 Tinjure Danda to Chauki - Abies spectabilis, Rhododendron, (Quercus semicarpifolia forest (2450 - 2950m) and grassland.
- 9.68/27/11 Chauki - mixed broadleaved and Rhododendron forest (2450 - 2900m), Quercus lamellosa forest (below 2450m) and grassland.
- 6.8/28/11 Chauki to Paunthak - mainly cultivation and groves with subtropical forest (1500m) along Kharanga Khola.
- 6.8/29 - 30/11 Poklabang Danda - Quercus lamellosa forest (2000 - 2450m) and grassland.
- 10.68/1/12 Poklabang Danda to Khamlalung (Milke Danda) - Quercus lamellosa forest (below 2450m) and mixed broadleaved and Rhododendron forest (2450 - 2750m).
- 6.9/2/12 Khamlalung - Quercus lamellosa (with Castanopsis spp) forest (c 2450m).
- 1.9/3/12 Khamlalung (2300m) to Dobhan (c 1000m) - Quercus lamellosa forest on steep north face of Milke Danda, cultivation and groves in Sabuwa valley.
- 6.9/4/12 Dobhan - rivers (Majhwa Khola and Tamur River), cultivation and groves.
- 6.9/5/12 Dobhan to Taplejung (1798m)- cultivation and groves.
- 6.9/6/12 Taplejung to Suketar (2515m) - cultivation, groves and grassland.

- 69 7/12 Surke Danda - Quercus lamellosa forest (c 2500m), mixed broadleaved/  
Rhododendron forest (above 2500m) and grassland.
- 69 8/12 Surke Danda to Phawa Khola (c 1500m) - Quercus lamellosa forest, culti-  
vation and groves.
- 69 9/12 Phawa Khola to Shikaicha (c 2300m) - cultivation and groves.
- 69 10/12 Shikaicha to Sinam (c 1000m) - Quercus lamellosa forest, cultivation and  
groves.
- 69 11/12 Sinam (Kabeli Khola) to Gopetar (c 2000m) - cultivation and groves.
- 69 12/12 Gopetar to Yektin (c 1500m) - Quercus lamellosa forest, cultivation,  
groves, grassland and river (Hinwa Khola).
- 69 13/12 Yektin (Hinwa Khola) to Luwaphu (c 2000m) - cultivation and groves.
- 69 14/12 Luwaphu to Ghorli (c 2500m) - Quercus semicarpifolia forest.
- 69 15/12 Ghorli to Halhale (c 2750m) - mixed upper temperate forest (Quercus  
semicarpifolia, Lithocarpus spp, Tsuga dumosa, Abies spectabilis and  
Rhododendron spp) and grassland.
- 69 16/12 Halhale to Maimajhuwa (Mai Khola) - mixed upper temperate forest  
(2500 - 3000m), cultivation, groves and scrub in Mai valley (c 1500m).
- 69 17/12 Maimajhuwa to Jamuna (1830m) - cultivation, groves, scrub and river.
- 69 18/12 Jamuna to Hangatham (2135m) - cultivation and groves (bamboo).
- 70 19 - 25/12 Hangatham - Quercus lamellosa and mixed broadleaved forest  
(Lithocarpus spp, Castanopsis spp, Rhododendron spp) with bamboo under-  
storey (some grassland and cultivation).
- 70/60/71 26/12 Hangatham to Ilam (1300m) - cultivation, groves (bamboo) and river.
- 77 27/12 Ilam to Chisapani Bridge (Mai Khola) - cultivation, groves, and subtrop-  
ical forest along river (450m).
- 77 28/12 Chisapani Bridge to Lodia (150m) - cultivation, groves and tropical sal  
forest.
- 77 29/12 Lodia to Goruwa (100m) - tropical sal forest, scrub (disused tea estate),  
cultivation, groves and river.
- 77 30/12 Goruwa to Sunischare (150m) - tropical evergreen forest, cultivation,  
groves and river.
- 77 31/12 Sunischare to Birtamod (75m) - cultivation and groves.

- 7/1 Surjabinayka (c 1500m), near Bhaktapur (Kathmandu Valley) - subtropical forest.
- 8-9/1 Kosi Barrage.
- 10/1 Kosi Barrage to Sukhani (150m) - cultivation, groves, river and marsh.
- 11/1 Sukhani - tropical evergreen forest.
- 12/1 Sukhani to Lodia (150m) - tropical evergreen and sal forest, scrub (disused tea estate), cultivation, groves, and river.
- 13/1 Lodia to Chisapani Bridge (Mai Khola) - tropical sal forest, cultivation, groves and subtropical forest along river.
- 14/1 Chisapani Bridge (450m) - subtropical forest and river.
- 15/1 Chisapani Bridge to Soyang Bridge (Mai Khola) - subtropical forest, cultivation and groves.
- 16/1 Soyang Bridge (Mai Khola) - subtropical forest (750m).
- 17/1 Soyang Bridge to Nayabazar (c 2000m) - subtropical forest, cultivation and groves.
- 18/1 Nayabazar to Jolbari (2800m) - Quercus lamellosa and Lithocarpus pachyphylla forest and grassland.
- 19/1 Jolbari - Quercus lamellosa (Lithocarpus spp, Castanopsis spp) forest and grassland.
- 20/1 Jolbari to Hangatham (2135m).
- 21-27/1 Hangatham - Quercus lamellosa and mixed broadleaved forest (Lithocarpus spp, Castanopsis spp, Rhododendron spp) with bamboo understorey (some grassland and cultivation).
- 28/1 Hangatham to Ilam (1300m) - cultivation, bamboo groves and wooded ravines.
- 29/1 Ilam to Dharan (370m).
- 30-31/1 Dharan - tropical sal forest.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS

GREAT CRESTED GREBE Podiceps cristatus

1 Kosi Barrage

LITTLE GREBE Podiceps ruficollis

2 Kosi Barrage

LARGE CORMORANT Phalacrocorax carbo

2 Dobhan (Tamur River), c 50 Sinam (Kabeli Khola) and flocks of up to c 500 at Kosi Barrage.

LITTLE CORMORANT Phalacrocorax niger

Several at Kosi Barrage.

GRAY HERON Ardea cinerea

Several at Kosi Barrage.

PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea

Several at Kosi Barrage.

POND HERON Ardeola grayii

1 Budhanilkantha, common in tarai (Lodia to Birtamod, Kosi Barrage and Dharan) and several in lower Mai valley.

CATTLE EGRET Bubulcus ibis

Fairly common in tarai (Kosi Barrage and Birtamod to Lodia) and lower Mai Valley (c 15 near Chisapani bridge 14/1).

LARGE EGRET Egretta alba

Several at Kosi Barrage.

INTERMEDIATE EGRET Egretta intermedia

Several in tarai (Kosi Barrage and Birtamod to Lodia).

LITTLE EGRET Egretta garzetta

Fairly common in tarai (Kosi Barrage and Birtamod to Lodia) and a single in lower Mai valley (15/1).

OPEN-BILLED STORK Anastomus oscitans

Common near Kosi Barrage.

WHITE-NECKED STORK Ciconia episcopus

2 in lower Mai valley near Jamuna (26/12 and 28/1) and several Birtamod to Lodia.

BLACK STORK Ciconia nigra

1 Goruwa (29/12), Sukhani (30/12), 1 Kosi Barrage and 2 in lower Mai valley near Jamuna (28/1).

LESSER/

LESSER ADJUTANT STORK Leptoptilos javanicus

Several in tarai (Kosi Barrage and Birtamod to Lodia).

WHITE IBIS Threskiornis melanocephala

Several near Kosi Barrage.

BLACK IBIS Pseudibis papillosa

Several Birtamod to Lodia.

EURASIAN SPOONBILL Platalia leucorodia

22 Kosi Barrage (9/1)

LESSER WHISTLING TEAL Dendrocygna javanica

Large flocks (500+) at Kosi Barrage.

RUDDY SHELDUCK Tadorna ferruginea

Common (100+) at Kosi Barrage and 2 Sunischare (10/1).

PINTAIL Anas acuta

Several at Kosi Barrage.

COMMON TEAL Anas crecca

c 100 Kosi Barrage.

SPOTBILL Anas poecilorhyncha

Several at Kosi Barrage.

MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos

Common (200+) at Kosi Barrage.

GODWALL Anas stepera

100+ Kosi Barrage.

FALCATED TEAL Anas falcata

4 Kosi Barrage (9/1)

EURASIAN WIGEON Anas penelope

100+ Kosi Barrage.

SHOVELER Anas clypeata

100+ Kosi Barrage

WHITE-EYED POCHARD (Ferruginous Duck) Aythya nyroca

20 Kosi Barrage

COTTON TEAL Nettapus coromandelianus

100+ Kosi Barrage

MERGANSER (Goosander) Mergus merganser

20+ Mai Khola (Chisapani Bridge).

BLACK/

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE Elanus caeruleus

2 Kosi Barrage.

HONEY KITE (Honey Buzzard) Pernis ptilorhyncus

2 Morahang, 2 Goruwa.

BLACK KITE Milvus migrans

Common in Kathmandu, 2 Morahang, 3 Yektin, 3 Ilam, 1 Kosi Barrage, 1 Goruwa, 1 Lodia.

GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis

1 Poklabang Danda, 1 Halhale, 1 Maimajuwa, Hangatham (occasional).

CRESTED GOSHAWK Accipiter trivirgatus

1 Sukhani

SPARROW HAWK Accipiter nisus

Single birds at Budhanilkantha, Patek Danda, Tinjure Danda, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Gopetar, Maimajhuwa, Hangatham (occasional), Surjabinayka.

BESRA SPARROW HAWK Accipiter virgatus

Singles at Poklabang Danda and Khamlalung.

SHIKRA Accipiter badius

2 Kosi Barrage

LONG-LEGGED BUTEO Buteo rufinus

Single at Kosi Barrage.

EURASIAN BUTEO Buteo buteo

Singles at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Nesum, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Ghorli, Maimajhuwa, Hangatham (occasional), Jamuna, Chisapani, Soyang, Jolbari.

WHITE-EYED HAWK Butastur teesa

1 Sinam

CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE Spilornis cheela

Singles at Taplejung, Jamuna, Sukhani, Goruwa, Chisapani Bridge, Soyang Bridge.

MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE Spizaetus nipalensis

Pair displaying over Poklabang Danda (30/11). Singles at Surke Danda, Luwaphu, Halhale, Hangatham (occasional).

BONELLI'S EAGLE Hieraetus fasciatus

Singles at Tinjure Danda and Ghorli.

IMPERIAL EAGLE Aquila heliaca

2 Kosi Barrage

STEPPE/

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1 Budhanilkantha, 7 migrating (east to west) Patek Danda (23/11), 2 Basantapur,  
2 Tinjure Danda, 1 Jamuna (17/12), 4 Hangatham (east to west 18/12).

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE Aquila pomarina

1 Sukhani (10/1).

WHITE-TAILED SEA EAGLE Haliaeetus albicilla

3 Kosi Barrage

BLACK EAGLE Ictinaetus malayensis

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Chauki, Gopetar (displaying), Hangatham (Displaying  
18/12, pair 27/1), Jamuna (26/12), Chisapani (13/1).

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus

1 Kosi Barrage

CINEREOUS VULTURE (European Black Vulture) Aegypius monachus

3 Kosi Barrage

HIMALAYAN GRIFFON Gyps himalayensis

2 Patek Danda, 6 Tinjure Danda, Chauki (several), 1 Poklabang Danda,  
4 Milke Danda, 4 Shikaicha, 1 Luwaphu.

WHITE-BACKED VULTURE Gyps bengalensis

Singles in tarai at Birtamod, Kosi Barrage and Dhoran.

INDIAN GRIFFON VULTURE Gyps indicus

10 Birtamod

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus

Singles at Sinam, Luwaphu, Jolbari (25/12), Ilam (27/12 and 28/1), Soyang  
and 2 at Kosi Barrage.

PIED HARRIER Circus melanoleucos

Single males at Kosi Barrage (8 and 9/1) and near Ilam (28/1).

MARSH HARRIER Circus aeruginosus

Fairly common at Kosi Barrage.

RED-THIGHED FALCONET Microhierax caerulescens

2 Soktim, singles at Garuwa, Sukhani and Chisapani bridge, 2 Dharan.

PEREGRINE FALCON Falco peregrinus

Singles at Tinjure Danda and Chisapani (13/1).

EURASIAN KESTREL Falco tinnunculus

Singles at Chitre, Tinjure Danda, Morahang, Poklabang Danda, Nesum, Dobhan, Luwaphu,  
Jamuna, Hangatham, Ilam, Chisapani, Sunischare, Garuwa, Soyang, Nayabazar and  
Jolbari.

COMMON/



COMMON HILL PARTRIDGE Arborophila torquelo

2 Hangatham (22/1).

KALIJ PHEASANT Lophura leucomelana

2 Surjabinayka, 2 Basantapur,<sup>2 Chouki,</sup> 2 Poklabang Danda, 2 Khamlalung, 2 Phawa Khola,  
2 Gopetar, 1 Halhale, Hangatham (occasional), 2 Sukhani.

COMMON PEAFOWL Pavo cristatus

1 Sukhani (11/1)

RED JUNGLE FOWL Gallus gallus

1 Sukhani

WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN Amaurornis phoenicurus

2 Birtamod

PURPLE GALLINULE Porphyrio porphyrio

50+ (single flock) Kosi Barrage.

COOT Fulica atra

1 Kosi Barrage

PHEASANT-TAILED JACANA Hydrophasianus chirurgus

10 Kosi Barrage

BRONZE-WINGED JACANA Metapidius indicus

20+ Kosi Barrage.

RED-WATTLED LAPWING Vanellus indicus

Several at Kosi Barrage.

EURASIAN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus

60 (single flock) Kosi Barrage.

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING Vanellus spinosus

2 Mai Khola (Chisapani bridge), 2 Sunischare, 1 Garuwa, 2 Lodia.

LITTLE RING PLOVER Charadrius dubius

5 Garuwa, 4 Sunischare, 1 Lodia.

KENTISH PLOVER Charadrius alexandrinus

6 Kosi Barrage, 1 Sunischare.

CURLEW Numenius arquata

c 50 Kosi Barrage.

GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia

c 50 Kosi Barrage, 1 Sunischare, 2 Garuwa.

GREEN/

GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus

6 Garuwa, 2 Sunischare, 5 Kosi Barrage, 1 Lodia, 2 Mai Khola (Chisapani bridge).

COMMON SANDPIPER Tringa hypoleucos

1 Kabeli Khola (Sinam), 1 Sunischare, 5 Kosi Barrage, 1 Garuwa.

TEMMINCK'S STINT Calidris temminckii

2 Garuwa, c 20 Sunischare, 1 Kosi Barrage.

FANTAIL SNIPE Capella gallinago

1 Kosi Barrage, 1 Garuwa.

WOOD SNIPE Capella nemoricola

1 Jolbari (19/1).

EURASIAN THICK KNEE (Stone Plover) Burhinus oedicnemus

4 Dharan

GREAT THICK KNEE (Great Stone Plover) Esacus magnirostris

6 Kosi Barrage

GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL Larus ichthyaetus

10 Kosi Barrage

BLACK-HEADED GULL Larus ridibundus

10 Kosi Barrage

BROWN-HEADED GULL Larus brunnicephalus

2 Kosi Barrage

CASPIAN TERN Hydroprogne caspia

5 Kosi Barrage

GULL-BILLED TERN Gelochelidon nilotica

1 Kosi Barrage

BLACK-BELLIED TERN Sterna acuticauda

Several at Kosi Barrage

PINTAIL GREEN PIGEON Treron apicauda

5 Lodia (29/12), 6 Sukhani (11/1), 5 Chisapani bridge (15/1).

WEDGE-TAILED GREEN PIGEON Treron sphenura

3 Poklabang Danda, 1 (21/12) and 2 (24/12) Hangatham.

BENGAL GREEN PIGEON Treron phoenicoptera

5 Lodia (29/12), 4 Chisapani bridge.

BLUE ROCK PIGEON Columba livia

Common in Kathmandu valley.

ASHY/

ASHY WOOD PIGEON Columba pulchricollis

1 Khamlalung, 15 Surke Danda, 5 Gopetar, Hangatham (occasional, 15 25/12),  
6 Nayabazar.

RUFIOUS TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia orientalis

2 Gopetar, 1 Luwaphu, 4 Jamuna, Hangatham (fairly common), 4 Ilam, 2 Chisapani,  
1 Sunischare, 3 Soyang.

INDIAN RING DOVE Streptopelia decaocto

2 Sunischare, 3 Kosi Barrage.

SPOTTED DOVE Streptopelia chinensis

5 Nesum, 3 Lodia, 3 Kosi Barrage, 3 Sunischare, 2 Sukhani, 3 Chisapani,  
4 Dharan.

EMERALD DOVE Chalcophaps indica

1 Sukhani, 2 Chisapani bridge.

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET Psittacula krameri

10 Ilam, Sukhani to Sunischare (common).

LARGE PARAKEET Psittacula eupatria

10+ Dharan, 1 Sunischare.

ROSE-BREASTED PARAKEET Psittacula alexandri

1 Lodia, 5 Dharan.

BLOSSOM-HEADED PARAKEET Psittacula cyanocephala

50+ Dharan

HIMALAYAN CUCKOO Cuculus saturatus

Single near Mabu in upper Mai valley (17/12).

BANDED BAY CUCKOO Cacomantis sonneratii

1 Sukhani (30/12), 1 Saktim (13/1) and 2 Dharan (2/2).

LARGE GREEN-BILLED MALKOHA Rhopodytes tristis

Singles at Surjabinayka, Budhanilkantha, Sukhani and 2 Chisapani bridge.

SMALL COUCAL Centropus toulou

1 Kosi Barrage

BARRED OWLET Glaucidium cuculoides

Singles at Chisapani bridge, Ilam and Jamuna.

COLLARED PIGMY OWLET Glaucidium brodiei

Single calling at Hangatham (21-27/1).

SPOTTED OWLET Athene brama

2 Sunischare and 1 Saktim.

SHORT/

SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus

Singles at Patek Danda, Tinjure Danda and Kosi Barrage.

LONG-TAILED NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus macrurus

2 Phawa Khola

JUNGLE NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus indicus

3 Chisapani bridge

RED-HEADED TROGON Harpactes erythrocephalus

Single females at Chisapani bridge (14/1) and Soyang bridge (16/1).

INDIAN ROLLER Coracius benghalensis

4 Garuwa and singles at Sunischare, Birtamod and Ilam.

HOOPOE Upupa epops

1 Dharan

LARGE PIED KINGFISHER Caryle lugubris

2 Majhwa Khola, 1 Chisapani bridge, 2 Soyang bridge.

SMALL PIED KINGFISHER Caryle rudis

Several at Kosi Barrage.

EURASIAN KINGFISHER Alcedo atthis

Singles at Kabeli Khola, Sunischare, Birtamod, Chisapani bridge, Soyang bridge and several at Kosi Barrage.

STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER Pelargopsis capensis

Single near Kosi Barrage.

WHITE-BREASTED KINGFISHER Halcyon smyrnensis

Singles at Dobhan, Sunischare, Surjabinayka and several at Kosi Barrage.

CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATER Merops leschenaulti

10 Saktim, 2 Garuwa, 3 Sukhani.

BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER Nyctyornis athertoni

Singles near Chisapani bridge, Soyang bridge and Dharan.

GREEN BEE-EATER Merops orientalis

Several near Sunischare, 2 Birtamod, 6 Kosi Barrage.

PIED HORNBILL Antracoeros malabaricus

2 Lodia, 2 Sukhani and 1 Dharan.

GREAT/

GREAT HIMALAYAN BARBET Megalaima virens

1 Surjabinayka, 3 Poklabang Danda, 2 Khamlalung, 1 Surke Danda, 1 Shikaicha, Hangatham (fairly common 19-25/12), 1 Chisapani bridge, 1 Soyang bridge, 2 Jamuna.

LINEATED BARBET Megalaima lineata

6 Lodia, Sukhani (several) and 2 Dharan.

BLUE-THROATED BARBET Megalaima asiatica

Singles at Surjabinayka, Dobhan, Gopetar, 2 Hangatham (24/12), 2 Sukhani, Soktim, Chisapani bridge, Ilam, Soyang bridge, Soyang and 4 Dharan.

CRIMSON-BREASTED BARBET Megalaima haemacephala

Singles at Surjabinayka, Lodia and Ilam.

HIMALAYAN HONEYGUIDE Indicator xanthonotus

Single at Hangatham (23/12)

SPOTTED PICULET Picumnus innominatus

Single at Morahang, Chisapani bridge and Surjabinayka.

GRAY-CROWNED PIGMY WOODPECKER Dendrocopus canicapillus

2 Garuwa, 3 Soktim, 1 Chisapani bridge, 1 Januna and common at Dharan.

BLACK-NAPED WOODPECKER Picus canus

Singles at Surjabinayka, Tinjure Danda, Shikaicha, Chisapani bridge, Hangatham (20/1) and 5 Dharan.

LARGE YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER Picus flavinucha

1 Chisapani bridge, 2 Lodia, 2 Soyang bridge, 2 Hangatham (20/1) and 6 Dharan.

SMALL YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER Picus chlorolophus

1 Surjabinayka, 2 Sukhani, 2 Lodia and 5 Dharan.

LARGE GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER Chrysocolaptes lucidus

2 Garuwa, 2 Sukhani, 1 Lodia, 1 Chisapani bridge, 3 Soyang bridge and 6 Dharan.

DARJEELING PIED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos darjellensis

Pair Tinjure Danda and singles at Chauki, Khamlalung, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (occasional in December, 2 on 24/12) and Jolbari.

FULVOUS-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos macei

Singles at Surjabinayka, 3 Jamuna, Chisapani bridge, Soktim, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani, 2 Soyang bridge, Soyang and 4 Dharan.

SMALL CRIMSON-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos cathpharius

Hangatham (occasional in January, 2 on 25/1)

## RED-EARED/

RED-EARED RUFIOUS WOODPECKER (Bay Woodpecker) Blythipicus pyrrhatis  
Singles at Hangatham (24 and 25/1).

BROWN WOODPECKER Micropternus brachyurus  
2 Dharan.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED SAPSUCKER Hypopicus hyperythrus  
2 Tinjure Danda

LONG-TAILED BROADBILL Psarisomus dalhousiae  
10+ (single flocks) Chisapani bridge (27, 28/12 and 14/1) and 20 (Single flock)  
Sukhani (11/1).

BUSH LARK Mirafra assamica  
1 Sunischare and 2 Kosi Barrage.

SAND LARK Calandrella raytal  
10+ Sunischare

HOUSE SWIFT Apus affinis  
Common in Kathmandu and Birtamod.

CRESTED SWIFT Hemiprocne longipennis  
Several at Saktim, Garuwa, lower Mai valley near Chisapani bridge, and Dharan.

EDIBLE NEST SWIFTELET Collocalia brevirostris  
20+ Dobhan, 10 Luwaphu, 1 Hangatham, 1 Garuwa, several Chisapani bridge and  
c 30 Dharan.

PALM SWIFT Cypsiurus parvus  
6 Birtamod

ALPINE SWIFT Apus melba  
10 Kosi Barrage

SAND MARTIN Riparia paludicola  
Several at Garuwa, Sunischare, Kosi Barrage.

BARN SWALLOW Hirundo rustica  
Common in Kathmandu, Kosi Barrage and Ilam.

STRIATED SWALLOW Hirundo daurica  
Several at Budhanilkantha, Sunischare, Kosi Barrage and Garuwa.

ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN Delichon dasypus  
Singles at Garuwa (12/1), Ilam (15 and 29/1).

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN Delichon nipalensis  
Flocks of 10+ at Chitre, Nesum, Dobhan, Taplejung, Gopetar, Yektin, Luwaphu,  
Sukhani, Garuwa, Lodia, Saktim, Ilam.

BLACK/

BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE Lanius schach

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Dobhan, Phawa Khola, Sinam, Gopetar, Hangatham (occasional), 4 Kosi Barrage, Garuwa, Lodia, Ilam, Jamuna.

GRAY-BACKED SHRIKE Lanius tephronotus

2 Ilam, 1 Soktim, 2 Lodia, 1 Garuwa, 2 Surjabinayka, 2 Sunischare, 2 Sukhani, 1 Chisapani bridge, 1 Soyang.

BROWN SHRIKE Lanius cristatus

Singles at Jamuna, Garuwa, Birtamod, Kosi Barrage, Sukhani.

BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE Oriolus xanthornus

1 Chisapani bridge, 2 Sukhani, 2 Kosi Barrage, 1 Lodia and common at Dharan.

MAROON ORIOLE Oriolus traillii

1 Patek Danda, 2 (pair) Khamlalung, Hangatham (occasional), 2 Chisapani bridge, 1 Sukhani, 1 Lodia, 1 Soktim.

WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO Dicrurus caerulescens

10 Dharan

SMALL RACQUET-TAILED DRONGO Dicrurus remifer

1 Garuwa, 2 Sukhani, 1 Lodia and 2 Dharan.

LARGE RACQUET-TAILED DRONGO Dicrurus paradiseus

1 Chisapani bridge, 2 Sukhani, 1 Lodia and 1 Dharan.

HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO Dicrurus hottentottus

Fairly common in lower Mai valley (near Chisapani and Soyang bridges), between Garuwa and Sukhani and at Dharan.

ASHY DRONGO Dicrurus leucophaeus

1 Shikaicha, Hangatham (occasional), 2 Sukhani, 2 Chisapani bridge, and 3 Dharan.

BLACK DRONGO Dicrurus adsimilis

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Morahang, Nesum, Shikaicha, Sinam, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Jamuna, Ilam, Lodia, Garuwa, Sunischare, Birtamod, Kosi Barrage, Sukhani, Soyang and Dharan.

LITTLE BRONZED DRONGO Dicrurus aeneus

Fairly common in lower Mai valley (near Chisapani and Soyang bridges) and Garuwa to Sukhani. Single at Dharan.

GRAY-HEADED MYNA Sturnus malabaricus

2 Birtamod and common at Kosi Barrage.

PIED MYNA Sturnus contra

Common at Sunischare, Birtamod and Kosi Barrage.

COMMON/

COMMON MYNA Acridotheres tristis

Several at Morahang, Dobhan, Taplejung, Phawa Khola, Sinam, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Jamuna, Ilam, Chisapani, Lodia, Garuwa, Sunischare, Birtamod, Surjabinayka, Kosi Barrage, Soyang and Dharan.

JUNGLE MYNA Acridotheres fuscus

Fairly common Kathmandu valley, Birtamod and Sunischare.

TALKING MYNA Gracula religiosa

20 Lodia (29/12)

EURASIAN JAY Garrulus glandarius

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Basantapur, 2 Khamlalung, 2 Surke Danda and Hangatham (occasional).

GREEN MAGPIE Cissa chinensis

Singles near Ilam (27/12) and Chisapani bridge (28/12 and 14/1)

RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE Cissa erythrorhyncha

4 Surjabinayka, 2 Paunthak, 4 Dobhan, 2 Taplejung, Yektin (flock), 5 Luwaphu, 4 Ilam, 2 Dharan.

YELLOW-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE Cissa flavirostris

2 Patek Danda, 3 Tinjure Danda, 3 Poklabang Danda, 5 Khamlalung, 6 Surke Danda, 2 Halhale, Hangatham (fairly common), 2 Nayabazar.

INDIAN TREE PIE Dendrocitta vagabunda

Single at Kosi Barrage.

HIMALAYAN TREE PIE Dendrocitta formosae

1 Budhanilkantha, 2 Surjabinayka, 1 Chitre, 2 Chauki, Morahang (several), 1 Poklabang Danda, 2 Shikaicha, Sinam (several), Gopetar (several), Yektin (several) 5 Luwaphu, Hangatham (fairly common), 4 Jamuna, Ilam (several).

NUTCRACKER Nucifraga caryocatactes

2 Tinjure Danda, 1 Milke Danda, 3 Khamlalung, 1 Halhale, 1 Jolbari.

HOUSE CROW Corvus splendens

Several at Surjabinayka, Kosi Barrage and Birtamod.

JUNGLE CROW Corvus macrorhynchos

Common in Kathmandu valley and throughout eastern Nepal.

LESSER WOOD-SHRIKE Tephrodornis pondicerianus

c 30 Dharan

LARGE WOOD-SHRIKE Tephrodornis gularis

20+ Chisapani bridge, 10 Sukhani, c 30 Lodia and 10 Dharan.

PIED/



PIED WOOD-SHRIKE Hemipus picatus

20+ Chisapani bridge, Garuwa (several), Sukhani (several) and 5 Dharan.

LARGE CUCKOO-SHRIKE Coracina novaehollandiae

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Sinam, Surjabinayka (pair displaying 7/1), Sukhani, Chisapani, Ilam, Soyang and Jamuno, 5 Dharan.

DARK CUCKOO-SHRIKE Coracina melaschistos

Singles at Surjabinayka, Hangatham (21/12), Chisapani bridge, Sukhani (several) and Dharan.

SHORT-BILLED MINIVET Pericrocotus brevirostris

Flocks at Chisapani bridge, Lodia, Garuwa and Sukhani.

LONG-TAILED MINIVET Pericrocotus ethologus

Flocks at Budhanilkantha, Kharanga Khola, Nesum, Shikaicha, Halhale, Jamuna, Ilam and Soyang.

SCARLET MINIVET Pericrocotus flammeus

Flocks at Surjabinayka, Dobhan, Chisapani bridge, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani, Soyang bridge, Ilam, Jamuna and Dharan.

SMALL MINIVET Pericrocotus cinnamomeus

c 20 Dharan

LORA Aegithina tiphia

Fairly common Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani, Soyang bridge and Dharan.

GOLDEN-FRONTED LEAF BIRD Chloropsis aurifrons

Fairly common Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Garuwa, Sukhani, Lodia, Saktim and Dharan.

ORANGE-BELLIED LEAF BIRD Chloropsis hardwickii

2 (pair) Phawa Khola, 1 Hangatham (19 and 21/12), 1 Sukhani and 4 Soyang bridge.

FAIRY BLUEBIRD Irena puella

6 Sukhani (11/1).

BLACK-HEADED YELLOW BULBUL Pycnonotus melanicterus

Several at Chisapani bridge, Garuwa, Sukhani, Saktim, Soyang bridge and Dharan.

RED-WHISKERED BULBUL Pycnonotus jocosus

Several at Lodia, Sukhani and Kosi Barrage.

WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL Pycnonotus leucogenys

Several at Budhanilkantha, Morahang, Nesum, Dobhan, Taplejung, Phawa Khola, Sinam, Gopetar, Yektin, Luwaphu, Jamuna, Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Garuwa, Sukhani, Lodia, Saktim, Soyang bridge and Dharan.

STRIATED/

STRIATED BULBUL Pycnonotus striatus

6 Chauki, 5+ Poklabang Danda, 2 Khamlalung, 1 Ghorli, Hangatham (occasional 3 on 22/12 and 2 on 24/12).

RED-VENTED BULBUL Pycnonotus cafer

Several at Budhanilkantha, Nesum, Dobhan, Ilam, Chisapani, Soktim, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani, Kosi Barrage, Soyang bridge.

WHITE-THROATED BULBUL Griniger flaveolus

10 Garuwa, 10 Sukhani and 1 Chisapani bridge.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED BULBUL Hypsipetes virescens

3 Khamlalung, 1 Surke Danda.

GRAY BULBUL Hypsipetes madagascariensis

Flocks at Surjabinayka, Kharanga Khola, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Shikaicha, Luwaphu, Hangatham (occasional in December), Soktim, Chisapani bridge, Soyang bridge.

BROWN-EARED BULBUL Hypsipetes flavalus

5 Chisapani bridge, 1 Nayabazar.

SPOTTED BABBLED Pellorneum ruficeps

2+ Chisapani bridge, 6+ Sukhani, 1 Lodia and 1 Soyang bridge.

SLATY-HEADED SCIMITAR BABBLED Pomatorhinus schisticeps

1 Soyang bridge.

RUFIOUS-NECKED SCIMITAR BABBLED Pomatorhinus ruficollis

Hangatham (occasional in January).

RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR BABBLED Pomatorhinus erythrogeus

2+ Surjabinayka, 1 Shikaicha and 1 Soyang bridge.

SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR BABBLED Xiphirhynchus superciliaris

Hangatham (occasional in January) and a single in bamboo grove near Jamuna (28/1).

SCALY-BREASTED WREN BABBLED Pnoepyga albiventer

2 Surke Danda, Hangatham (occasional), 1 Sukhani and 1 Soyang bridge.

RED-HEADED BABBLED Stachyris ruficeps

2 Khamlalung, 1 Surke Danda, 1 Gopetar, 2 Ghorli, Hangatham (fairly common).

YELLOW-BREASTED BABBLED Macronous gularis

Fairly common at Sukhani and 4+ Chisapani bridge.

BLACK-CHINNED BABBLED Stachyris pyrrhops

1 Budhanilkantha, 6+ Surjabinayka.

BLACK/

BLACK-THROATED BABBLER Stachyris nigriceps

5+ Chisapani bridge and 2+ Soyang bridge.

NEPAL PARROTBILL Paradoxornis nipalensis

Flocks at Poklabang Danda and Hangatham (fairly common).

JUNGLE BABBLER Turdoides striatus

2+ Ilam, 10 Jamuna and 8 Dharan.

SPINY BABBLER Turdoides nipalensis

Single at Budhanilkantha.

STRIATED BABBLER Turdoides earlei

20+ Kosi Barrage

STREAKED LAUGHING-THRUSH Garrulax lineatus

1 Khamlalung, 3 Jamuna, Hangatham (occasional), 1 Ilam..

WHITE-THROATED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax albogularis

Flocks at Basantapur, Khamlalung, Surke Danda and Shikaicha.

LARGE NECKLACED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax pectoralis

Flocks at Chisapani bridge and Sukhani.

STRIATED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax striatus

Flocks at Patek Danda, Tinjure Danda, Poklabang Danda, Surke Danda and Hangatham (common).

WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax leucolophus

Flocks at Kharanga Khola, Phawa Khola and Chisapani bridge.

WHITE-SPOTTED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax ocellatus

Hangatham (2 on 19/12 and 1 on 25/1)

RUFIOUS-CHINNED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax rufogularis

Single at Surjabinayka.

PLAIN-COLOURED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax subunicolor

Flocks at Poklabang Danda and Hangatham (common).

RED-HEADED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax erythrocephalus

Flocks at Patek Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Gopetar, Halhale, Jamuna, Hangatham (common) and Nayabazar.

BLACK-FACED LAUGHING THRUSH Garrulax affinis

Flocks at Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (common) and Nayabazar.

SILVER/

SILVER-EARED MESIA Leiothrix argentauris

30+ (2 flocks) near Chisapani bridge (14/1) and 20+ (2 flocks) near Soyang bridge (16/1) in lower Mai valley.

FIRE-TAILED MYZORNIS Myzornis pyrrhoura

Hangatham (occasional, one singing 21/1) and 1 Jolbari (19/1).

RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX Leiothrix lutea

Flocks at Surjabinayka, Khamlalung, Shikaicha, Hangatham (22/12), Ilam, Soyang and Jamuna.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED SHRIKE BABBLER Pteruthius rufiventer

Single female at Hangatham (27/1).

RED-WINGED SHRIKE BABBLER Pteruthius flaviscapis

Singles at Chauki, Khamlalung and Chisapani bridge.

GREEN SHRIKE BABBLER Pteruthius xanthochloris

1 Chauki, Hangatham (occasional, 4 on 23/1), 1 Nayabazar and 2 Jolbari.

CHESTNUT-THROATED SHRIKE BABBLER Pteruthius melanotis

2 Kharanga Khola, 1 Khamlalung, Hangatham (occasional), 3 Surjabinayka, 1 Soyang bridge and 2 Jolbari.

SPECTACLED BARWING Actinodura egertoni

10 (single flock) at Hangatham (21/1).

HOARY BARWING Actinodura nipalensis

Flocks at Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Halhale, Hangatham (common), Nayabazar and Jolbari.

RED-TAILED MINLA Minla ignotincta

Flocks at Basantapur, Dobhan, Sinam, Hangatham (24/12 and 20/1), Jamuna, Chisapani bridge, Soyang and near Ilam.

BAR-THROATED MINLA Minla strigula

Flocks at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Halhale, Hangatham (common), Nayabazar, and Jolbari.

BLUE-WINGED MINLA Minla cyanouroptera

Flocks near Ilam, Soyang bridge and Jamuna.

YELLOW-NAPED YUHINA Yuhina flavicollis

Flocks at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Hangatham (common) and Soyang bridge.

STRIPE/

STRIPE-THROATED YUHINA Yuhina gularis

Flocks at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (common), Nayabazar and Jolbari.

WHITE-BELLIED YUHINA Yuhina zantholeuca

Several at Chisapani bridge, Sukhani, Garuwa, Surjabinayka and Soyang bridge.

RUFIOUS-VENTED YUHINA Yuhina occipitalis

Flocks at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Hangatham (common) and Nayabazar.

GOLDEN-BREASTED TIT BABBLER Alcippe chrysotis

Flocks at Hangatham (occasional, 20/12, 24/12, 22/1 and 23/1)

CHESTNUT-HEADED TIT BABBLER Alcippe castaneiceps

Flocks at Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Kharange Khola, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Gopetar, Hangatham (common), Nayabazar and Jolbari.

WHITE-BROWED TIT BABBLER Alcippe vinipectus

Flocks at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (common), Nayabazar and Jolbari.

ABBOTT'S BABBLER Trichastoma abbotti

c 10 Sukhani (11/1).

X NEPAL BABBLER Alcippe nipalensis

1. Khamlalung, Gopetar (flock), Luwaphu (flock) and 1 Hangatham (24/1).

BLACK-CAPPED SIBIA Heterophasia capistrata

Common at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham and Nayabazar.

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa parva

Fairly common Sukhani to Garuwa, Lodia to Chisapani and Dharan. Singles at Chisapani bridge, Ilam, Soyang and Surjabinayka.

ORANGE-GORGETTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa strophata

Singles at Surjabinayka, Chauki, Khoranga Khola, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Phawa Khola, 2 Shikaicha, Jamuna, Hangatham (occasional), Ilam, Lodia, 2 Chisapani bridge.

LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa westermanni

1 Nesum, 3 Luwaphu, 1 Sukhani, 1 Ilam, 1 Soyang.

RUFIOUS/

RUFOUS-BREASTED BLUE FLYCATCHER Muscicapa hyperythra

1 Khamlalung, 1 Chisapani bridge (28/12), 2 Sukhani (11/1)

RUSTY-BREASTED BLUE FLYCATCHER Muscicapa hodgsonii

Single male at Khamlalung (2/12)

PIGMY BLUE FLYCATCHER Muscicapella hodgsoni

Singles at Soyang (30/12) and Chisapani bridge (14/1).

SAPPHIRE-HEADED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa sapphira

3 Chisapani bridge (14/1) and 2 Soyang bridge (16/1)

LARGE NILTAVA Muscicapa grandis

2 (pair) Chauki and singles at Hangatham (21/12 and 20/1)

SMALL NILTAVA Muscicapa macgrigoriae

Singles at Majhwa Khola, Phawa Khola, Sukhani and Chisapani bridge.

BEAUTIFUL NILTAVA Muscicapa sundara

Singles at Morahang, Nesum, Dobhan, 4 Chisapani bridge, Sukhani, Soyang bridge (several), Hangatham (21/1) and 2 Jamuna.

VERDITER FLYCATCHER Muscicapa thalassina

1 Ilam, 2 Sukhani and 1 Dharan.

BROOK'S FLYCATCHER Muscicapa poliogenys

Singles at Sukhani, Saktim and Chisapani bridge.

YELLOW-BELLIED FANTAIL FLYCATCHER Rhipidura hypoxantha

2 Surjabinayka, 1 Patek Danda, 1 Basantapur, 2 Khoranga Khola, 1 Poklabang Danda, 3 Khamlalung, 2 Dobhan, 1 Majhwa Khola, 1 Gopetar, 1 Yektin, 2 Luwaphu, Hangatham (fairly common), 2 Jamuna, Ilam (several), Chisapani bridge (several), 1 Chisapani, Soyang bridge (several), 4 Jolbari.

WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL FLYCATCHER Rhipidura albicollis

Singles at Poklabang Danda, Hangatham (occasional), Jamuna, 2 Chisapani bridge, Saktim, Ilam, 3 Soyang bridge, Soyang.

GRAY-HEADED FLYCATCHER Culicicapa ceylonensis

Surjabinayka, 1 Morahang, 1 Majhwa Khola, 2 Dobhan, 2 Gopetar, 2 Yektin, 1 Luwaphu, Ilam (several), Chisapani bridge (several), Garuwa to Sukhani (fairly common), Soyang bridge (several), 2 Jamuna and common at Dharan.

SLATY-BELLIED GROUND WARBLER Tesia cyaniventer

Singles at Sukhani (11 and 12/1), Chisapani bridge (13/1) and Soyang bridge (16/1).

CHESTNUT-HEADED GROUND WARBLER Tesia castaneo-coronata

Hangatham (fairly common) and 2 Soyang bridge.

STRONG/

STRONG-FOOTED BUSH WARBLER Cettia fortipes

2 Hangatham (19/12), 1 near Ilam (27/12).

BLANFORD'S BUSH WARBLER Cettia pallidipes

Singles at Soyang bridge (16/1) and Hangatham (22/1).

RUFIOUS-CAPPED BUSH WARBLER Cettia brunnifrons

2 Mabu (17/12), 1 near Ilam (27/12)

GRAY-CAPPED PRINIA Prinia cinereocapilla

1 Soyang bridge and 1 Soyang.

PLAIN PRINIA Prinia subflava

1 Lodia

YELLOW-BELLIED PRINIA Prinia flaviventris

1 Kosi Barrage

BROWN HILL PRINIA Prinia criniger

1 Sinam, 2 Mabu, 1 Ilam, 1 Chisapani

BLACK-THROATED HILL PRINIA Prinia atrogularis

Singles at Hangatham (23 and 25/1)

TAILOR BIRD Orthotomus sutorius

1 Jamuna, 2 Ilam, Chisapani bridge (several), Sektim (several), Garuwa to Sukhani (several), 1 Soyang.

BROWN LEAF WARBLER (Chiffchaff) Phylloscopus collybita

Singles at Hangatham (19/12, 25/12 and 24/1), Sukhani, Lodia, Chisapani bridge, and 5 Dharan.

DUSKY LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus fuscatus

Fairly common at Kosi Barrage, 1 Sunishare.

GRAY-FACED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus maculipennis

Chauki (several), 2 Morahang, 1 Khamlalung, 2 Dobhan, 2 Surke Danda, 1 Shikaicha, 1 Luwaphu, Mabu (several), Hangatham (common), 2 Jamuna, Ilam (several), Jolbari (several).

DULL GREEN LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus trochiloides

1 Surjabinayka (19/11), 2 Sukhani, 1 Chisapani bridge and 5 Dharan.

LARGE-BILLED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus magnirostris

1 Mabu (17/12)

PLAIN LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus inornatus

Basantapur (several), 2 Morahang, 1 Surke Danda, 2 Luwaphu. Several at Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani and Surjabinayka.

ORANGE/

ORANGE-BARRED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus pulcher

Basantapur (several), Tinjure Danda (common), Chauki (common), 1 Khamlalung, 2 Surke Danda, 2 Phawa Khola, 1 Shikaicha, Gopetar (fairly common), Luwaphu to Maimajhuwa (fairly common), Hangatham (common), 2 Nayabazar and Jolbari (several).

YELLOW-RUMPED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus proregulus

Several at Budhanilkantha and Surjabinayka, 1 Poklabang Danda, 4 Dobhan, 1 Surke Danda, 2 Phawa Khola, 6 Luwaphu, Hangatham (common), Ilam (several), Sukhani (several), Chisapani bridge (several), 2 Soyang bridge, Soyang (several), 2 Nayabazar and 1 Jamuna.

CROWNED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus reguloides

1 Chisapani, 2 Chisapani bridge (14/1) and 1 Dharan.

YELLOW-THROATED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus cantator

1 Chisapani bridge (13/1)

YELLOW-EYED WARBLER Seicercus burkii

Several at Surjabinayka, Shikaicha, Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Garuwa, Sukhani, Soyang bridge, Jamuna and Dharan.

GRAY-HEADED WARBLER Seicercus xanthoschistos

Several at Budhanilkantha and Surjabinayka, 1 Chauki, 2 Morahang, 3 Khamlalung, 2 Dobhan, 2 Surke Danda, 1 Yektin, 2 Luwaphu, Mabu (several), Hangatham (occasional), 1 Jamuna, Ilam (several), Chisapani bridge (several), Soyang bridge (several).

CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER Seicercus castaniceps

Basantapur (several), 1 Chauki, 1 Khamlalung, 2 Luwaphu, Hangatham (fairly common), 1 Chisapani bridge, 1 Sukhani, 1 Surjabinayka, 1 Soyang bridge and 2 Jolbari.

YELLOW-BELLIED WARBLER Abroscopus superciliaris

Single at Chisapani (13/1)

BLACK-FACED WARBLER Abroscopus schisticeps

2 Chauki and 10+ (single flock) at Hangatham (22/12).

GOLDCREST Regulus regulus

2 Halhale, Hangatham (occasional), 1 Nayabazar and 3 Jolbari.

BLUETHROAT Erithacus svecicus

Fairly common at Kosi barrage.

WHITE-BROWED BUSH ROBIN Erithacus indicus

1 Ghorli, 1 Halhale, Hangatham (fairly common) and 3 Jolbari.

ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH ROBIN Erithacus cyanurus

Fairly common Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung and Surke Danda. 2 Shikaicha, 3 Gopetar, 1 Luwaphu, 1 Ghorli, 1 Halhale, 2 Mabu, Hangatham (common), 2 Jamuna, 1 Ilam, 2 Soyang, Nayabazar (fairly common), Jolbari (several) and 2 Sukhani (11/1).

GOLDEN/



GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN Erithacus chrysaeus

1 Maimajhuwa, 2 Mabu and singles at Hangatham (22 and 24/1).

RUFIOUS-BELLIED BUSH ROBIN Erithacus hyperythrus

Singles at Milke Danda (1/12) and Hangatham (occasional).

SHAMA Copsychus malabaricus

Several at Chisapani bridge, Garuwa to Sukhani, Lodia to Saktim and Dharan.

ROBIN DAYAL (Magpie Robin) Copsychus saularis

1 Budhanilkantha, 2 Surjabinayka, 2 Sinam, 1 Sunischare, 1 Sukhani, 1 Ilam, 1 Soyang, 2 Jamuna.

BLUE-HEADED REDSTART Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus

3 Surke Danda.

BLACK REDSTART Phoenicurus ochruros

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Kosi Barrage and Chisapani.

HODGSON'S REDSTART Phoenicurus hodgsoni

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Majhwa Khola and Soyang bridge.

BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART Phoenicurus frontalis

Common at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Morahang, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Maimajhuwa, Mabu, Hangatham, Jamuna, Ilam, Soyang, Nayabazar and Jolbari.

WHITE-CAPPED RIVER CHAT Chaimarrornis leucocephalus

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Khoranga Khola, Sabuwa Khola, Majhwa Khola (Common), 2 Phawa Khola, Kabeli Khola, Hinwa Khola, 2 Mabu, 2 Jamuna, Chisapani bridge (several), 2 Lodia, Soyang bridge (several), Jolbari and Hangatham (22/1).

WHITE-THROATED REDSTART Phoenicurus schisticeps

Several at Tinjure Danda, 3 Chauki, 3 Poklalang Danda, Milke Danda, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (occasional) and Jolbari.

PLUMBEOUS REDSTART Rhyacornis fuliginosus

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Khoranga Khola, Sabuwa Khola, Majhwa Khola (common), 2 Phawa Khola, 2 Kabeli Khola, 2 Hinwa Khola, Maimajhuwa, Mabu, Hangatham (23/12), Jamuna, Chisapani bridge (several) and Soyang bridge (several).

LITTLE FORKTAIL Enicurus scouleri

Singles at Majhwa Khola, Phawa Khola, 2 Hinwa Khola, Hangatham (occasional), Chisapani bridge, 2 Soyang bridge.

BLACK-BACKED FORKTAIL Enicurus immaculatus

10+ Sukhani

SLATY/

SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL Enicurus schistaceus

Several at Chisapani bridge, Soyang bridge and 1 Ilam.

SPOTTED FORKTAIL Enicurus maculatus

1 Poklabang Danda, Hangatham (occasional).

COLLARED BUSH CHAT (Stone Chat) Saxicola torquata

1 Budhanilkantha, 2 Morahang, 4 Dobhan, 2 Taplejung, 1 Phawa Khola, 2 Shikaicha, 1 Luwaphu, 1 Jamuna, Ilam (several), Lodia (several), Kosi Barrage (several), Sunischare (several), 2 Soyang.

DARK-GRAY BUSH CHAT Saxicola ferrea

2 Soyang, Singles at Paunthak, Dobhan, 2 Shikaicha, Hinwa Khola, Mabu, Jamuna (several, Ilam (several), Chisapani.

PIED BUSH CHAT Saxicola caprata

Singles at Nesum, Shikaicha, Kosi Barrage (several).

BLUE-HEADED ROCK THRUSH Monticola cinclorhynchus

2 Chisapani bridge (13/1).

CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK THRUSH Monticola rufiventris

2 (pair) at Budhanilkantha.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH Monticola solitarius

Singles at Majhwa Khola, Chisapani bridge, Kosi Barrage, Sukhani, Saktim, Soyang bridge and 3 Dharan.

ORANGE-HEADED GROUND THRUSH Zoothera citrina

Single at Dharan (31/1)

PLAIN-BACKED MOUNTAIN THRUSH Zoothera mollissima

Singles at Poklabang Danda, Surke Danda, Hangatham (occasional).

LONG-TAILED MOUNTAIN THRUSH Zoothera dixonii

Singles at Hangatham (occasional), Nayabazar and 2 Jolbari.

SPECKLED MOUNTAIN THRUSH Zoothera dauma

Singles at Surjabinayka and Chisapani bridge.

LARGE LONG-BILLED THRUSH Zoothera monticola

Single at Sukhani (11/1).

WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD Turdus albocinctus

Several at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda (common), Khamlalong (fairly common), Surke Danda, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (occasional), Nayabazar and Jolbari.

GRAY/

GRAY-WINGED BLACKBIRD Turdus boulboul

2 Patek Danda, Hangatham (2 24/12 and 1 25/12) and 5 Dharan.

WHISTLING THRUSH Myiophoneus caeruleus

Singles at Budhanilkantha, 2 Khoranga Khola, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Dobhan, Majhwa Khola, Surke Danda, Phawa Khola, Shikaicha, Kabeli Khola, Hinwa Khola, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Mabu, Jamuna (several), Hangatham (fairly common), Chisapani bridge, Sukhani.

GRAY-HEADED THRUSH Turdus rubrocanus

Hangatham (3 25/12, 1 20/1 and 1 24/1) and 1 Nayabazar (18/1).

BLACK-THROATED THRUSH Turdus ruficollis

Several at Surjabinayka, Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Dobhan, Surke Danda, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (occasional), Jamuna, Kosi Barrage, Sunischare, Nayabazar and Jolbari.

DUSKY THRUSH Turdus naumanni

Single showing intermediate features of T.n. eunomus and T.n. naumanni at Jolbari (19/1).

WREN Troglodytes troglodytes

2 Tinjure Danda, 1 Chauki, 2 Ghorli, 4 Halhale, Hangatham (singles on 19/12, 22/1 and 27/1) and 2 Jolbari.

BROWN DIPPER Cinclus pallasii

Majhwa Khola (several), 2 Phawa Khola, 2 Kabeli Khola, 3 Hinwa Khola, Hangatham (2 22/12 and 1 26/1), 1 Jamuna, several at Chisapani bridge and Soyang bridge (nest with eggs).

ALTAI ACCENTOR Prunella himalayana

Flock (10+) Tinjure Danda.

ALPINE ACCENTOR Prunella collaris

2 Tinjure Danda

RUFIOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR Prunella strophiatea

2 Ghorli, 1 Halhale, Hangatham (occasional).

MAROON-BACKED ACCENTOR Prunella immaculata

Small flocks at Chauki, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Hangatham (fairly common) and Jolbari.

GRAY TIT Parus major

Several at Budhanilkantha, Nesum, Dobhan, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Luwaphu, Jamuna, Ilam, Lodia, Garuwa, Sukhani, Sunischare, Chisapani, Chisapani bridge, Soyang bridge and Dharan (common).

GREEN/

GREEN-BACKED TIT Parus monticolus

Fairly common at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Dobhan, Surke Danda, Sinam, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Maimajhuwa, Mabu, Hangatham (common), Januma, Ilam, Soyang, Nayabazar.

YELLOW-CHEEKED TIT Parus xanthogenys

Several at Budhanilkantha, Surjabinayka, Morahang, Luwaphu, Chisapani bridge and Soyang bridge.

BLACK-SPOTTED YELLOW TIT Parus spilonotus

Hangatham (occasional) and several at Chisapani bridge (14/1).

COAL TIT Parus ater

Several at Patek Danda, Tinjure Danda, Surke Danda, Halhale, Nayabazar, and 2 Hangatham (25/1)

SIKKIM BLACK TIT Parus rubidiventris beavani

Small flock at Hangatham (19/12)

CRESTED BROWN TIT Parus dichrous

Singles at Jolbari (20/1) and Hangatham (24 and 25/1).

RED-HEADED TIT Aegithalos concinnus

Flocks at Patek Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Shikaicha, Luwaphu, Hangatham (common), Jamuna, Ilam and Jolbari.

YELLOW-BROWED TIT Parus modestus

Several at Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Halhale, Hangatham (common), Jamuna, Ilam, Nayabazar and Jolbari.

RUFIOUS-FRONTED TIT Aegithalus iouschistos

Flocks at Halhale, Hangatham (19 and 25/12) and Jolbari.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH Sitta castanea

Several at Surjabinayka, Chisapani bridge, Garuwa to Sukhani, Sektim and Dharan (common).

VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH Sitta frontalis

2 Surjabinayka, 1 Khoranga Khola, Garuwa to Sukhani (several), 1 Chisapani bridge and 6 Dharan.

WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH Sitta himalayensis

2 Patek Danda, 1 Tinjure Danda, Chauki (several), 1 Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung (several), 1 Dobhan, 1 Surke Danda, 2 Shikaicha, Gopetar (several), 2 Ghorli, 6 Halhale, Hangatham (common), Jolbari (several) and Nayabazar (several).

WALL CREEPER Tichodroma muraria

Singles at Chitre, Majhwa Khola, 2 Kabeli Khola and Mabu.

NEPAL/

NEPAL TREE CREEPER Certhia nipalensis

2 Basantapur, 1 Khamlalong, 2 Surke Danda, 1 Gopetar, 2 Ghorli, 2 Halhale, Hangatham (fairly common), 1 Nayabazar and 2 Jolbari.

HODGSON'S TREE PIPIT Anthus hodgsoni

Flocks at Patek Danda, Chauki, Morahang, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalong, Dobhan, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Yektin, Halhale, Mabu, Hangatham (common), Jamuna, Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Sukhani, Surjabinayka, Kosi Barrage, Lodia, Soktim, Soyang, Nayabazar and Jolbari.

UPLAND PIPIT Anthus sylvanus

4 Ilam (27/12).

PADDYFIELD PIPIT (Richard's Pipit) Anthus novaeseelandiae

Several at Kosi Barrage, Sunischare, Garuwa and Lodia.

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava

Several at Kosi Barrage.

GRAY WAGTAIL Motacilla caspica

Singles at Budhanilkantha, Khoranga Khola, Majhwa Khola, Yektin, Mabu, Hangatham (occasional), Jamuna, Sukhani and Ilam.

YELLOW-HEADED WAGTAIL Motacilla citreola

Singles at Kosi Barrage and Garuwa.

PIED WAGTAIL Motacilla alba

Several at Lodia, Garuwa, Sunischare, Kosi Barrage, Sukhani and Chisapani bridge.

LARGE PIED WAGTAIL Motacilla maderaspatensis

Singles at Majhwa Khola, 2 Chisapani bridge, 2 Kosi Barrage, Sunischare, Garuwa and Lodia.

PLAIN-COLOURED FLOWERPECKER Dicaeum concolor

2 Chisapani bridge (28/12)

FIRE-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER Dicaeum ignipectus

1 Surjabinayka, 1 Chauki, Poklabang Danda (several), Khamlalong (several), 2 Surke Danda, 2 Shikaicha, 2 Gopetar, Hangatham (occasional in December), 1 Jamuna, 1 Soyang bridge.

FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD Aethopyga ignicauda

1 Patek Danda, 2 Surke Danda, Hangatham (2 18/12, 2 22/1), Chisapani bridge (several), Soyang bridge (several).

Mrs GOULD'S SUNBIRD Aethopyga gouldiae

Single at Hangatham (20/12)

NEPAL/

NEPAL SUNBIRD Aethopyga nipalensis

Several at Patek Danda, Basantapur, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Surke Danda, Shikaicha, Gopetar, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Hangatham (common in December, uncommon in January), Ilam, Jolbari, Jamuna.

BLACK-BREASTED SUNBIRD Aethopyga saturata

5 Soyang bridge.

SCARLET-BREASTED SUNBIRD Aethopyga siparaja

2 Dobhan, 1 Shikaicha, Garuwa to Sukhani (several), Lodia (several), Chisapani bridge (several) and 2 Dharan.

RUBYCHEEK Asthreptes singalensis

1 Chisapani bridge (27/12), 4 Sukhani (11/1)

PURPLE SUNBIRD Nectarinia asiatica

Several at Dobhan, 1 Chisapani bridge.

LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER Arachnothera longirostris

1 Sukhani (12/1), Lodia (1 12/1 and 2 13/1)

STREAKED SPIDERHUNTER Arachnothera magna

Chisapani bridge (several), 1 Sektim, Garuwa to Sukhani (fairly common), Lodia (several), 2 Soyang bridge and 5 Dharan.

WHITE-EYE Zosterops palpebrosa

1 Surjabinayka, 1 Morahang, 2 Dobhan, 2 Phawa Khola, 2 Luwaphu. Several at Ilam, Chisapani bridge, Garuwa to Sukhani, Lodia, Soyang bridge and Dharan.

HOUSE SPARROW Passer domesticus

Several at Birtamod, Surjabinayka, Kosi Barrage, Sunischare and Ilam.

TREE SPARROW Passer montanus

Several at Nessum, Yektin, Birtamod, Surjabinayka and Ilam.

RED MUNIA Estrilda amandava

Flocks at Kosi Barrage.

SHARP-TAILED MUNIA Lonchura striata

Flocks at Sukhani and Ilam.

SPOTTED MUNIA Lonchura punctulata

Flock at Dobhan

ALLIED GROSBEAK Mycerobas affinis

12 (single flock) at Halhale.

HODGSON'S MOUNTAIN FINCH Leucosticte nemoricola

Flocks at Halhale and Hangatham (occasional).

COMMON/

COMMON ROSE FINCH Carpodacus erythrinus

1 Sukhani

NEPAL ROSE FINCH Carpodacus nipalensis

Flocks at Maimajhuwa, Hangatham (fairly common) and Nayabazar.

PINK-BROWED ROSE FINCH Carpodacus rhodochrous

Flocks at Patek Danda, Tinjure Danda, Chauki, Khamlalung, Hangatham (occasional) and Jolbari.

SCARLET FINCH Haematospiza sipahi

Single (female) at Hangatham (27/1)

RED-HEADED BULLFINCH Pyrrhula erythrocephala

Small flocks at Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Khamlalung, Shikaicha, Hangatham (occasional) and Nayabazar.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING Emberiza aureola

Large flock (200+) at Kosi Barrage.

LITTLE BUNTING Emberiza pusilla

Flocks at Chauki, Poklabang Danda, Shikaicha, Luwaphu, Ghorli, Maimajhuwa, Hangatham (fairly common), Ilam, Soyang and Nayabazar.

CRESTED BUNTING Melophus lathami

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