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Dear colleagues,

Please find enclosed an abstract of some ornithological observations made in Nepal on october and november, during a trek: Jomoson - Mustang (up to Lo Mantang-Garphu) - Marsyandi valley (down to Dharapani-Tonje) - Larkya Pass - Buri Gandaki valley - Gorkha.

This long trek (more than 400km in 27 days) had no ornithological purpose. The time devoted to bird observations was very short, especially at lower altitudes. As a result, my species list is rather minimal. But I have seen almost all the concerned species during previous trips in the Himalaya. At least, this short list can be considered as free of erroneous identifications. I gave up trying to include difficult species like the *Carpodacus* (problem of winter plumages).

I tried to distribute my records in the corresponding squares of your Nepal atlas of bird distribution (cf. "Birds of Nepal"). My itinerary and the dates are as following:

- Square "H3" : Giling - Gemi - Tsarang - Lo Mantang and back to Giling. (october 4th to 8th, 1992).
- Square "K4" : Larkya Pass - Samar - Namru (november 7th to 11th).
- Square "K5" : Buri Gandakhi valley down to Arughat Bazar (november 12th to 15th).

(According to your book, the square K4 was never visited by ornithologists, and the square H3 is almost empty with only 13 species).

I apologize for the modicity of this contribution to the ornithology of Nepal.

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Species names	Squares of the Nepal atlas		
	H3	K4	Other squares
Phalacrocorax carbo			K5
Milvus migrans			K5
Gypaetus barbatus	A		
Gyps himalayensis	A	A	
Aquila chrysaetos	A		
Falco tinnunculus		A	
Alectoris chukar	A		
Columba livia	A	A	
Columba rupestris	A		
Columba leuconota		A	
Eremophila alpestris	C		
Hirundo rupestris	A		
Motacilla alba	C		
Cinclus pallasii		A	
Troglodytes troglodytes	A	A	
Prunella fulvescens		A	
Prunella rubeculoides	A		
Phoenicurus erythrogaster	A	A	
Grandala coelicolor		A	
Chaimarrornis leucocephalus			J4, K5
Turdus ruficollis		A	
Enicurus scouleri		A	
Abroscopus schisticeps			J4
Regulus regulus		A	
Leptopoecile sophiae	A		
Garrulax variegatus		A	
Garrulax lineatus		A	
Heterophasia capistrata		A	K5
Parus rubidiventris	A	A	
Parus monticolus			K5
Tichodroma muraria	A	A	
Nucifraga caryocatactes		A	
Pyrrhocorax graculus	A	A	
Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	A	A	
Corvus macrorhynchos	A	A	
Corvus corax	A		
Passer montanus	A	A	
Serinus pusillus	A	A	
Leucosticte nemoricola		A	
Mycerobas carnipes	A	A	
Emberiza cia	A		

A: species new for the square considered

C: species already recorded on the square considered

Notes:

- *Hirundo rupestris*: 3800m between Samar and Gemi (Mustang), probably in migration.
 - *Cinclus pallasii*: up to 4400m (Larkya Pass).
 - *Phoenicurus erythrogaster*: up to 4000m (Larkya Pass).
 - *Serinus pusillus*: two observations in the upper Buri Gandakhi valley: foot of Larkya Pass (4000m), Samargaon (3500m); the most oriental records for this species in Nepal.
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The following additional species are mentioned in a list of bird by J. BLOWER, expert of a United Nation service for nature protection, from the Buri Gandaki (list given in annex in J.F. DOBREMEZ and C. JEST "Manaslu, hommes et milieux des vallées du Népal central", C.N.R.S. Paris 1976, 202p.).

This list (copy enclosed) gives no date and very few precise localisations but, considering the altitudes, it seems possible to distribute the new species of the list within two squares of the atlas:

- Can be attributed to the K4 square:

Tetraogallus tibetanus
Upupa epops
Rhyacornis fuliginosus
Motacilla alba
Ibidorhyncha struthersii
Corvus corax
Gypaetus barbatus

- Can be attributed to the K5 square:

Perdix hodgsoniae
Corvus splendens
Pycnonotus leucogenis
Pycnonotus cafer
Merops orientalis
Pericrocotus flammeus
Zosterops palpebrosa
Coracias benghalensis
Ceryle lugubris
Halcyon smyrnensis
Alcedo atthis
Cuculus micropterus
Copsychus saularis
Turdus boulboul
Muscicapa sibirica
Rhipidura hypoxantha
Acridotheres fuscus
Acridotheres tristis

- Referred to the locality "Kaltso" (not localised in my maps):

Carpodacus erythrinus
Certhia familiaris

(BLOWER's list, following)

- uncertain status, or no possible localisation: *Dicrurus longicaudatus*, *Urocissa* sp., *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*, *Aegithalos concinnus*, *Streptopelia orientalis*.

- Possible erroneous identification:

Dendrocopos himalayensis (confusion with *D. darjellensis*?).