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## GENERAL INFORMATION

This report is based on two trips : N. India from 4/2/'92 to 1/3/'92 and N. India & Nepal from 11/12/'93 to 11/5/'94.

During the first trip I was accompanied by P. Beirens and during the second one I was joined by D. van den Schoor & Co. from 20/12/'93 to 5/1/'94 and by R. Aberdein, S. Eke & J. Rodgers from 22/3/'94 to 17/4/'94.

In '92 we flew with Gulf Air; Brussels - Delhi - Brussels for 930 \$, in '93-'94 I flew with Bangladesh Biman Airlines from Amsterdam to New Delhi and from Kathmandu via Bangkok back to Amsterdam for 880 \$ (open return).

A one month visa for India cost 8 \$ in '92 and in '93 I bought a six month multiple entry visa for 28 \$. Visas for Nepal are much more expensive and the requirements seem to change very regularly. In '93 the Nepalese consulate in Antwerp issued 30 day visas for 55 \$. These 30 day visas can be extended for a further 60 days and this costs 2 \$ per day for the first month and 3 \$ per day for the second one. When you leave Nepal and want to re-enter the country within 30 days, you will have to buy a 70 \$ re-entry permit, after 30 days a new 55 \$ visa has to be obtained. A nepalese visa is only valid for Kathmandu, Pokhara and the Terai. If you intend to go trekking then you have to obtain a trekking permit first. In '94 trekking permits were issued in Kathmandu and Pokhara for 5 \$ per week.

It is no longer required to provide bank receipts to prove that you have changed a certain amount of money for each day you intend to go trekking. For trekking in the Annapurna region (e.g. Jomosom) one has to pay a 650 NRp. fee to the Annapurna Conservation Area Project. Trekking permits no longer automatically extend your visa.

Money : 1992 : 1 \$ = 25,35 IRp. (official)  
                  1 \$ = 28 IRp. (black market, cash only)  
          1993 : 1 \$ = 31 IRp. (official)  
                  1 \$ = 33 IRp. (black market)  
                  1 \$ = 49 NRp. (official)  
                  1 \$ = 51 NRp. (black market, also travellers'cheques)

I took most of my money in travellers' cheques (American Express and Thomas Cook) and had no problems cashing them.

I spent an average of 10 \$ per day, this includes visa fares and the domestic flight to Jomosom.

The following vaccinations/prophylactics are recommended : Havrix (Hepatitis A), Sabin (Polio), Tevax (Tetanos), Vivotif (Typhoid), Mencevax (Meningitis) and Nivaquine + Paludrine (Malaria). During my trip I met loads of tourists with stomach problems and quite a few with more serious health problems. Miraculously I didn't even contract the slightest stomach problem, but took great care in what I ate and especially in what I drank. Whilst trekking it is important to be aware of the symptoms of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS)(the health chapter in the Lonely Planet Guide "Trekking in the Nepal Himalaya" is very useful).

For getting around in India, one usually has the choice between train and bus. Trains tend to be more comfortable. In Nepal buses are the main form of public transport and they are cheap, very regular, very slow and sometimes extremely uncomfortable (due to the horrible state the roads are in).

Accommodation is cheap in India and very cheap in Nepal, varying from 100-150 IRp. for a single room in New Delhi, Naini Tal to 10-15 NRp. on the Jomosom trek.

Literature : A Pictorial Guide to the Birds of the Indian Subcontinent, A Guide to the Birds of Nepal, A Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia, Birds of Nepal, A Birdwatcher's Guide to Nepal, A Field Guide to the Rare Birds of Britain and Europe, Finches & Sparrows, an Identification Guide, Lonely Planet : Travel Survival Kits to India & Nepal, Trekking in the Nepal Himalaya. Trip report : Buckton & Morris '89  
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INTERESTING RECORDS

- Red-necked Grebe : Bharatpur, 1 on 18/12  
Slavonian Grebe : Ramnagar, 1 on 28/12  
Western Reef Egret : Jaisalmer, 2 on 20/1  
Falcated Duck : Kosi Barrage, 1 male on 19 - 21/2  
Bear's Pochard : Kosi Barrage, 6 on 18 - 21/2  
Red-headed Merlin : Bharatpur, 1 on 3/1  
Coot : Marpha, 1 swimming on the Kali Gandaki at  $\pm$  2.670 m.  
on 12/3  
Bengal Florican : Chitwan (Megauli), 1 male on 5/5  
Black-winged Stilt :  $\pm$  5 km. west of Kakarbhitta (E Nepal), 3  
on 17/2  
Redshank : Muktinath, 1 at  $\pm$  3.900 m. on 10/3  
Jack Snipe : Bharatpur, 1 on 3/1  
Speckled Woodpigeon : Lava,  $\pm$  5 on 13/2  
Asian Emerald Cuckoo : Lava, 1 on 21/4  
White-vented Needletail : Chitwan (Megauli), fairly common  
in May  
Black-capped Kingfisher : Bharatpur, 1 for the third consecutive  
winter  
Crag Martin : Bund Bharata (near Bharatpur), 2 on 4/1  
Stoliczka's Bushchat : Jaisalmer, 1 male on 19/1  
Hodgson's Bushchat : Kosi Barrage, 1 male on 31/3  
Dark-sided Thrush : Lava, 1 on 14/2  
Long-billed Thrush : Phulchowki, 1 on 29/3  
Dusky Thrush : Lava, 1 on 20/4  
Blue-capped Rock Thrush : Phulchowki, 1 male on 30/4  
White-bellied Redstart : Phulchowki, 1 male on 28/4  
Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin : Ghorepani, 1 pair on 24/3  
Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler : Ghorepani (fairly common  
end March), Sandakphu (common)  
Tiger Hill (fairly common).  
Cetti's Warbler : Bharatpur,  $\pm$  10 on 14/1  
Smoky Warbler : Bharatpur, 1 from 8/1  
Plain Leaf Warbler : Jaisalmer : 1 on 20 and 21/1  
Grey-cheeked Warbler : Lava, fairly common in Feb. (an average  
of 5 birds a day), only 1 in April  
Slaty-bellied Tesia : Lava, a few in April  
Golden Babbler : Lava, a few in Feb.  
Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler : Tiger Hill (fairly common)  
Tailed Wren-Babbler : Lava, 2 in Feb. and April  
Blue-winged Laughingthrush : Lava, 1 on 12/2  
Red-faced Liocichla : Lava, 1 on 14/2  
Yellow-throated Fulvetta : Lava, flocks of up to 50 birds in  
Feb., only a few in April  
Great Parrotbill : Ghorepani,  $\pm$  5, end March  
Mongolian Trumpeter Finch : Jomosom,  $\pm$  25 on 8 and 9/3  
Kagbeni,  $\pm$  20 on 9/3  
A flock of  $\pm$  60 was seen a week  
later by other birders (R. Aberdein)  
Vinaceous Rosefinch : Ghorepani, 1 on 22/3  
Red-headed Rosefinch : Lava, 3 on 10/2  
Scarlet Finch : Phulchowki, 1 on 23/2  
Lava, fairly common in April

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05/02/'92 : Delhi Zoo, Yamuna River, Buddha Javanti  
06/02/'92 : Agra (Taj Mahal)  
07-12/02/'92 : Bharatpur (Keoladeo National Park)  
13/02/'92 : Bund Bharata and Bharatpur  
14-15/02/'92 : Ranthambhor  
16/02/'92 : Delhi Zoo and Yamuna River  
17-18/02/'92 : Naini Tal  
19/02/'92 : Sat Tal  
20/02/'92 : Naini Tal  
21/02/'92 : Sat Tal  
22/02/'92 : Naini Tal - Kaladhungi  
23-24/02/'92 : Ramnagar  
25-26/02/'92 : Ramnagar - Kumeria (Quality Inn)  
27/02/'92 : Ramnagar and Dhikala (Corbett)  
28/02/'92 : Dhikala and Ganges River  
29/02/'92 : Okhla

11/12/'93 : Amsterdam - Delhi  
12/12/'93 : Delhi  
13-18/12/'93 : Bharatpur (Keoladeo National Park)  
19-20/12/'93 : Bharatpur - Delhi - Naini Tal  
21-22/12/'93 : Naini Tal  
23/12/'93 : Sat Tal  
24/12/'93 : Naini Tal  
25/12/'93 : Ramnagar  
26-27/12/'93 : Ramnagar + Kumeria (Quality Inn)  
28/12/'93 : Ramnagar  
29/12/'93 : Ramnagar - New Delhi  
30/12/'93-03/01/'94 : Bharatpur  
04/01/'94 : Bund Bharata  
05-14/01/'94 : Bharatpur  
15/01/'94 : Bharatpur - Jodhpur  
16/01/'94 : Jodhpur  
17/01/'94 : Jodhpur - Jaisalmer  
18-21/01/'94 : Jaisalmer  
22/01/'94 : Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - New Delhi  
23/01/'94 : Okhla  
24/01/'94 : Tughlaqabad  
25-27/01/'94 : Sultanpur  
28-29/01/'94 : New Delhi  
30-31/01/'94 : Okhla and Tughlaqabad  
01-02/02/'94 : New Delhi - New Jalpaiguri - Darjeeling  
03-04/02/'94 : Tiger Hill  
05/02/'94 : Darjeeling Zoo  
06/02/'94 : Tiger Hill  
07/02/'94 : Darjeeling - Lava  
08-15/02/'94 : Lava  
16/02/'94 : Tiger Hill  
17/02/'94 : Darjeeling - Itahari (Nepal)  
18-19/02/'94 : Kosi Barrage  
20/02/'94 : Kosi Tapphu  
21/02/'94 : Kosi Barrage and Kosi Barrage - Kathmandu  
22/02/'94 : Kathmandu  
23/02/'94 : Phulchowki  
24/02/'94 : Gokarna  
25/02/'94 : Nagarjung  
26/02/'94 : Phulchowki

27/02/'94 : Sheopuri  
 28/02/'94-01/03/'94 : Phulchowki  
 02/03/'94 : Nagarjung  
 03/03/'94 : Kathmandu - Pokhara  
 04-07/03/'94 : Pokhara  
 08-25/03/'94 : Jomosom trek  
     08/03 : Pokhara - Jomosom  
     09/03 : Jomosom - Kagbeni  
     10/03 : Kagbeni - Muktinath  
     11/03 : Muktinath  
     12/03 : Muktinath - Marpha  
     13/03 : Marpha - Kalopani  
     14/03 : Kalopani  
     15/03 : Kalopani - Ghasa  
     16-18/03: Ghasa  
     19/03 : Ghasa - Tatopani  
     20/03 : Tatopani - Ghorepani  
     21-24/03: Ghorepani  
     25/03 : Ghorepani-Birethante - Pokhara  
 26-27/03/'94 : Pokhara  
 28/03/'94 : Pokhara - Kathmandu  
 29/03/'94 : Phulchowki  
 30/03/'94 : Sheopuri and Kathmandu - Kosi Barrage  
 31/03/'94 : Kosi Barrage  
 01/04/'94 : Kosi Barrage - Darjeeling  
 02/04/'94 : Darjeeling Zoo  
 03-06/04/'94 : Tiger Hill  
 07/04/'94 : Darjeeling  
 08-15/04/'94 : Sandakphu trek  
     08/04 : Darjeeling - Manebhanjang - Megma  
     09/04 : Megma  
     10/04 : Megma - Kalipokhari  
     11/04 : Kalipokhari - Sandakphu  
     12-13/04: Sandakphu  
     14/04 : Sandakphu - Megma  
     15/04 : Megma - Manebhanjang - Darjeeling  
 16/04/'94 : Darjeeling  
 17/04/'94 : Tiger Hill  
 18/04/'94 : Darjeeling Zoo  
 19/04/'94 : Darjeeling - Lava  
 20-24/04/'94 : Lava  
 25-26/04/'94 : Lava - Kathmandu  
 27-28/04/'94 : Phulchowki  
 29/04/'94 : Sheopuri  
 30/04/'94 : Phulchowki  
 01-02/05/'94 : Kathmandu  
 03/05/'94 : Kathmandu - Chitwan  
 04-05/05/'94 : Chitwan  
 06/05/'94 : Chitwan - Kathmandu  
 07-10/05/'94 : Phulchowki and Sheopuri  
 11/05/'94 : Kathmandu - Bangkok

REGION VISITED



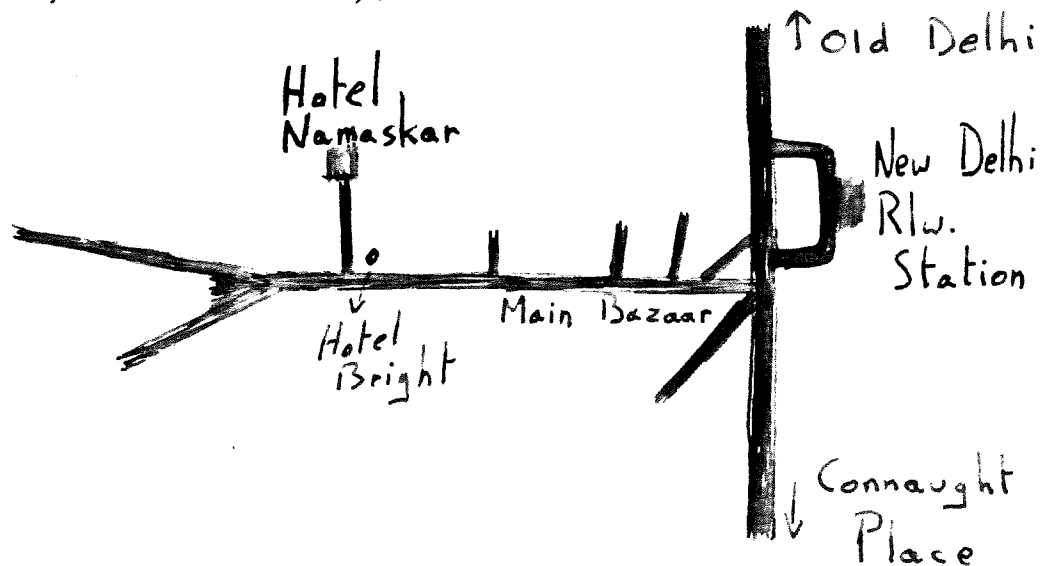
## SITES VISITED

### Delhi Zoo

Most easily reached by auto-rickshaw ( $\pm$  20 IRp. from Connaught Place). There are two areas in Delhi where cheap accommodation can be found : Janpath (south of Connaught Place) and Paharganj (directly opposite New Delhi railway station).

I stayed in Hotel Namaskar (Main Bazaar, Paharganj), where they charged 100 IRp. for a single.

Delhi Zoo is an interesting site to spend a few spare hours. Birds : Indian Shag (20 + on the small ponds near the entrance and near the Painted Storks colony), Brahminy Kite (seen twice near the Tiger cages), Brown Shrike (1 near the fort), Brown headed Barbet (common), Yellow-footed Green Pigeon (10 +) and several pelicans (25-30 Great White, but also one Spot-billed in winter '92, wild birds ???).



### Yamuna River

It is only a short walk from Delhi Zoo to the river.

Birds : Lots of waders, ducks, wagtails, starlings etc...

### Buddha Javanti Gardens

I took a rickshaw from New Delhi railway station to the entrance of the gardens for 40 IRp.

Not an essential site.

Birds : Yellow-crowned Pied Woodpecker, Bay-backed Shrike and White-browed Fantail.

### Okhla

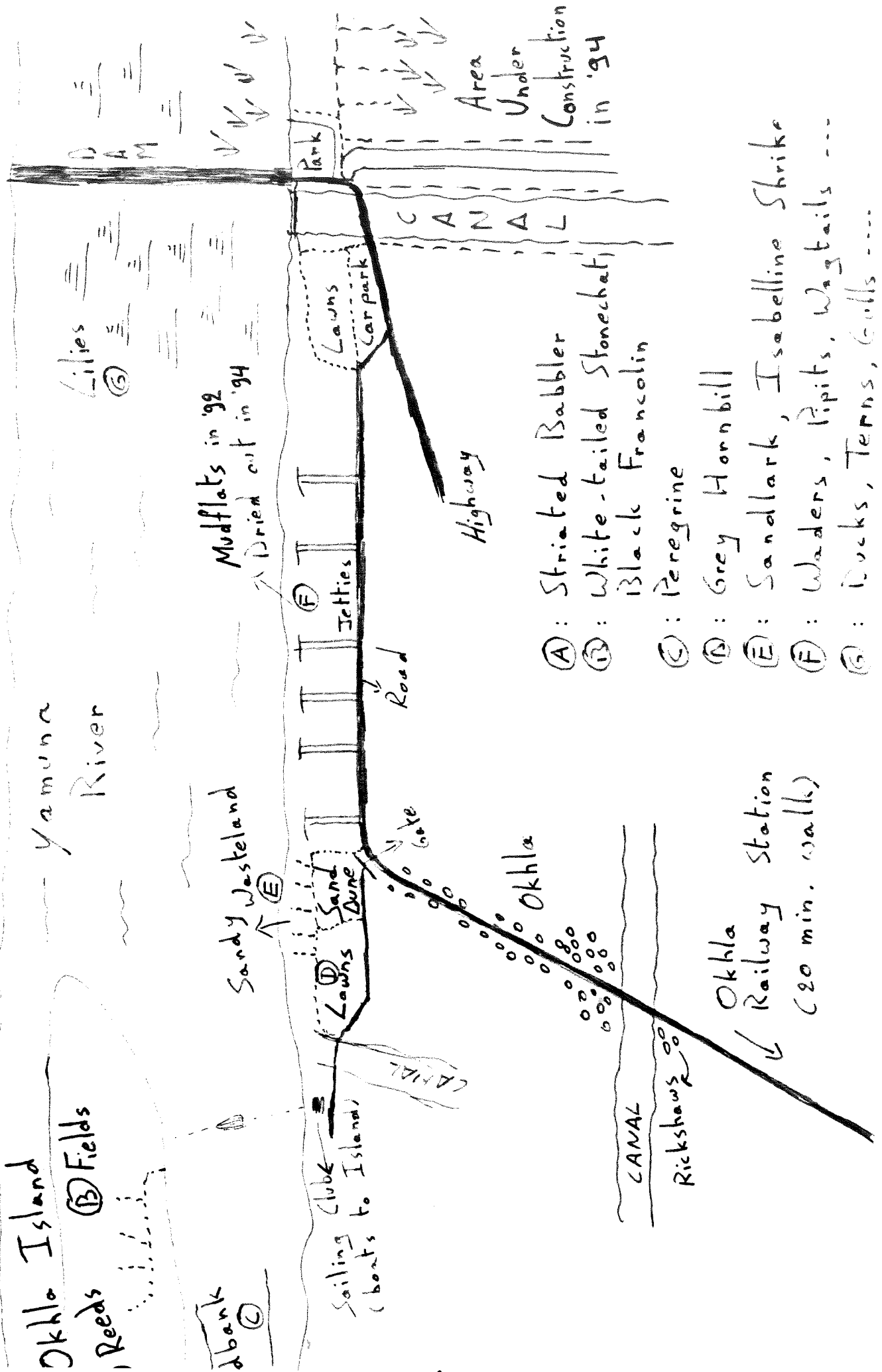
Can be reached by taking a train from New Delhi railway station to Okhla railway station (4 IRp.). From Okhla railway station to Okhla Sailing Club is a 20 min. walk. An auto-rickshaw from New Delhi railway station to Okhla should cost 40-50 IRp.

At the sailing club, I paid 50 IRp. for somebody to bring me to the island and back.

Birds : Indian Shag (around the dam), Black-necked Stork, Sandlark, Isabelline Shrike, White-tailed Stonechat (common on the island), Grey Hornbill (1 near the Sailing Club), Striated Babbler (common on the island), Black Francolin and Peregrine.



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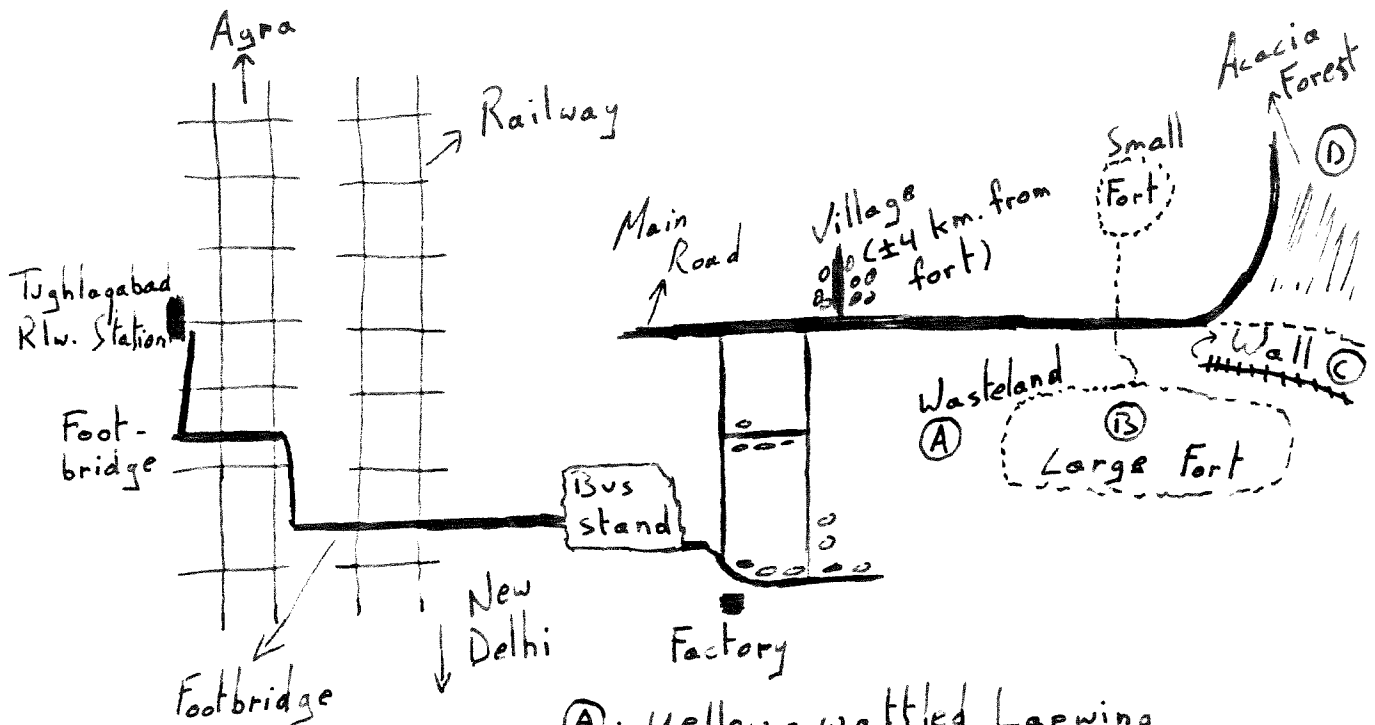
- A: Striated Babbler
- B: White-tailed Stonechat
- C: Black Francolin
- D: Peregrine
- E: Grey Hornbill
- F: Sandlark, Isabelline Shrike
- G: Waders, Pits, Wagtails
- H: Ducks, Terns, Gulls

### Tughlaqabad

Take a train from New Delhi railway station to Tughlaqabad railway station for 4 IRp. A rickshaw from the village near the railway station to the fort should cost 7 IRp.

I concentrated on the fort walls, the semi-desert inside the fort and the acacia forest.

Birds : Yellow-wattled Lapwing (10), Rufous-fronted Prinia (common), Brown-headed Barbet, Brook's Leaf Warbler (2) and Sulphur-bellied Warbler (2).



Ⓐ: yellow-wattled Lapwing

Ⓑ and Ⓒ: Sulphur-bellied Warbler

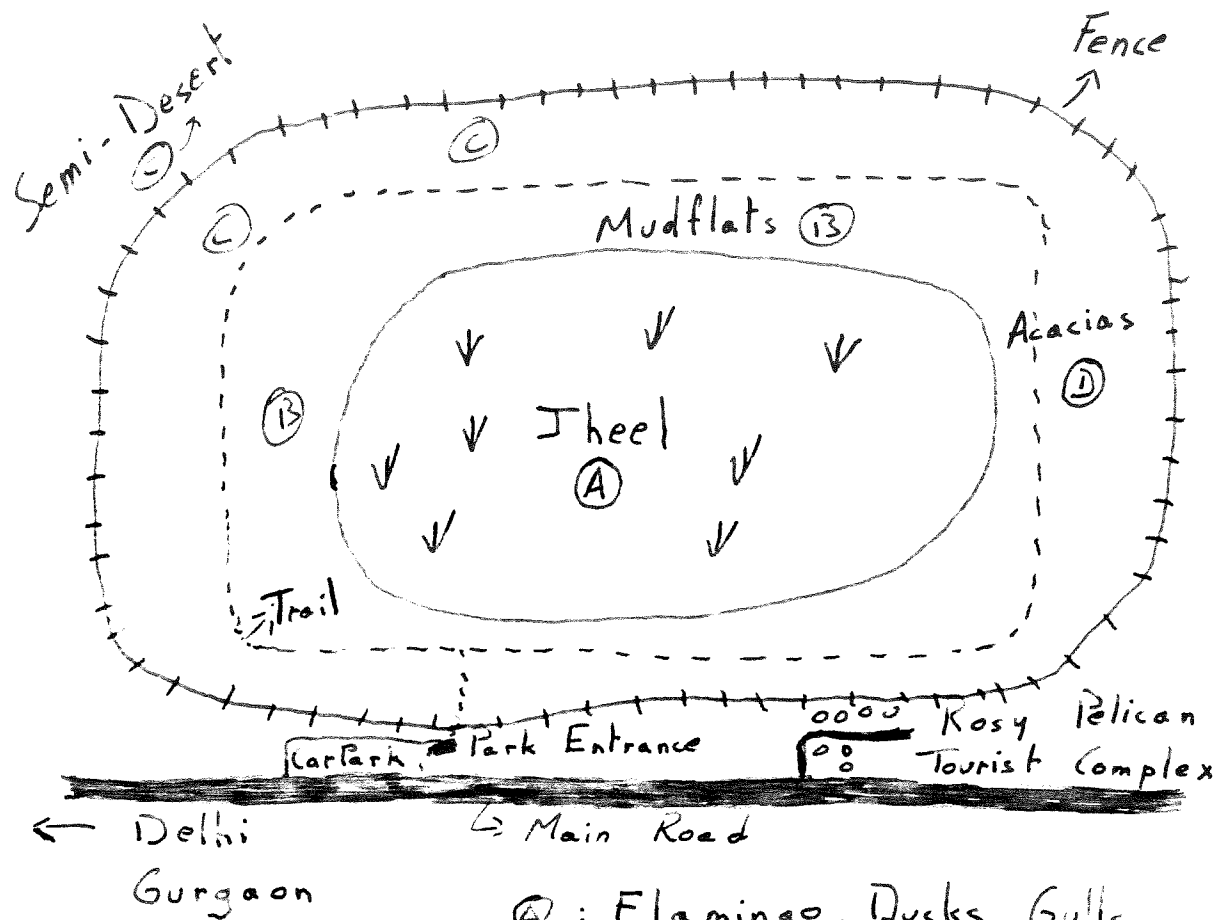
Ⓓ: Brook's Leaf Warbler

### Sultanpur

I took a bus from the Paharganj Police Station bus-stop to Gurgaon (12 IRp.) and then another one from Gurgaon to Sultanpur (8 IRp.). The only place to stay seems to be the Rosy Pelican Tourist Complex, where I paid 200 IRp. for a dirty bungalow.

Birds : Imperial Eagle, Pallid Harrier, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Flamingo, Isabelline Shrike, Bimaculated Lark and Brook's Leaf Warbler (3).

# Sultanpur



- Ⓐ : Flamingo, Ducks, Gulls ...
- Ⓑ : Waders
- Ⓒ : Larks, Isabelline Shrike
- Ⓓ : Brock's Leaf Warbler

## Agra

Trains operate very regularly between New Delhi railway station and Agra Cantonment railway station (3 hrs., 40 IRp. 2nd class). A rickshaw from Agra Cantonment railway station to the Taj Mahal cost 5 IRp. in '92. We stayed in the Pink Hotel (SE of the Taj Mahal) for 20 IRp. for a double.

We only spent a few hours birding around the Taj Mahal.  
 Birds : Red-naped Ibis (3 from the train between Delhi and Agra), Small Pratincole ( $\pm$  150 on the river), Grey Plover (1), Great Black-headed Gull (1), Common Koel and Grey Hornbill.

Bharatpur (Keoladeo Ghana National Park)

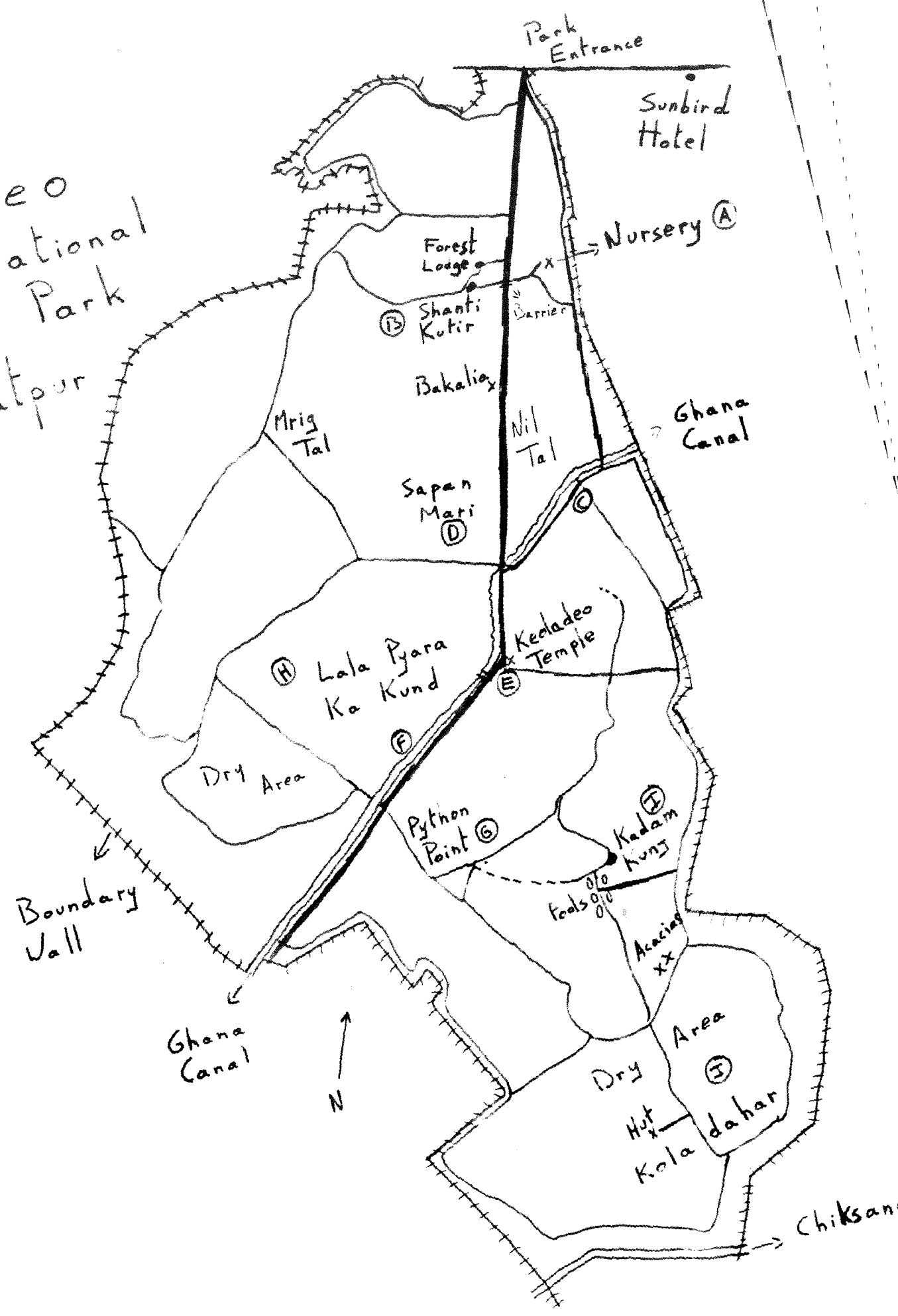
Reaching Bharatpur from New Delhi, takes 4 hrs. by train (50 IRp. in 2nd class). Buses from Agra to Jaipur stop in Bharatpur (2 hrs., 15 IRp.).

In '92 we stayed in the Shanti Kutir Lodge (200 IRp. for a double). In '93-'94 I paid 150 IRp. for a single in the Sunbird Hotel. The Sunbird Hotel is a very nice place to stay with a very helpful staff, clean rooms, hot showers and excellent food. Bicycles, which are essential for getting around in the park, can be hired for 25 IRp. a day. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are available near the Keoladeo Temple. At the park entrance, a 25 IRp. entrance fee is charged (3 IRp. extra for a bicycle).

Birds : The letters between brackets refer to the areas in the park (see map).

Red-necked Grebe (E, 1 in Dec. '93, a vagrant), Dalmatian Pelican (E, 1 in '92 and 1 in '94), Cinnamon Bittern (none in '92,  $\pm$  4 in '94), Yellow Bittern (none in '92,  $\pm$  5 in '94), Black Bittern (D and E, only in '94), Siberian White Crane (F and E, 6 in '92, none in '93-'94), Pallas's Fishing Eagle ( $\pm$  3 in '92, none in '93-'94), Pallid Harrier (H and J), Pied Harrier (J, one male in '92), Red-headed Merlin (H, 1 in '94), Painted Snipe (fairly common), Pintail Snipe (C, 1 in '92 and 1 in '94), Jack Snipe (I, 1 in '94), Sirkeer Malkoha (J, only a few), Brown Hawk-Owl (H, 1 in '92), Indian Scops Owl (D and E), Palm Swift (A and E, 2 in '94), Black-capped Kingfisher (D, 1 in '92 and the same individual still present in '93-'94), Black-hooded Oriole (A, 1 in '92), Indian Cliff Swallow (E, 5 in '92), Large Cuckoo-Shrike (I, 1 in '94 was unexpected), Marshall's Iora (fairly common), White-bellied Drongo (A and I), Spotted Grey Creeper (D and H, only a few), Siberian Rubythroat (A and D, 1 in '92 and  $\pm$  5 in '93-'94), Orange-headed Thrush (A and C, fairly common in '92, only a few in '93-'94), Tickell's Thrush (A,  $\pm$  5), Cetti's Warbler (a small influx in '94;  $\pm$  10 on 14/01/'94), Booted Warbler (rama) (fairly common; up to 10 birds a day), Smoky Warbler (D, 1 in Jan. '94), Brook's Leaf Warbler (J, fairly common; up to 10 birds a day), Golden-spectacled Warbler (B, 1 in '92), Black-naped Monarch (C, 1 in '94), Isabelline Shrike (fairly common in '92, none in '93-'94), Tree Pipit (A and I), Rosy Pipit (I,  $\pm$  5 in '94), Blyth's Pipit (J, 1 in '92 and 1 in '94), Streaked Weaver (G, a few in '94) and Indian Courser (1 pair in '92, J).

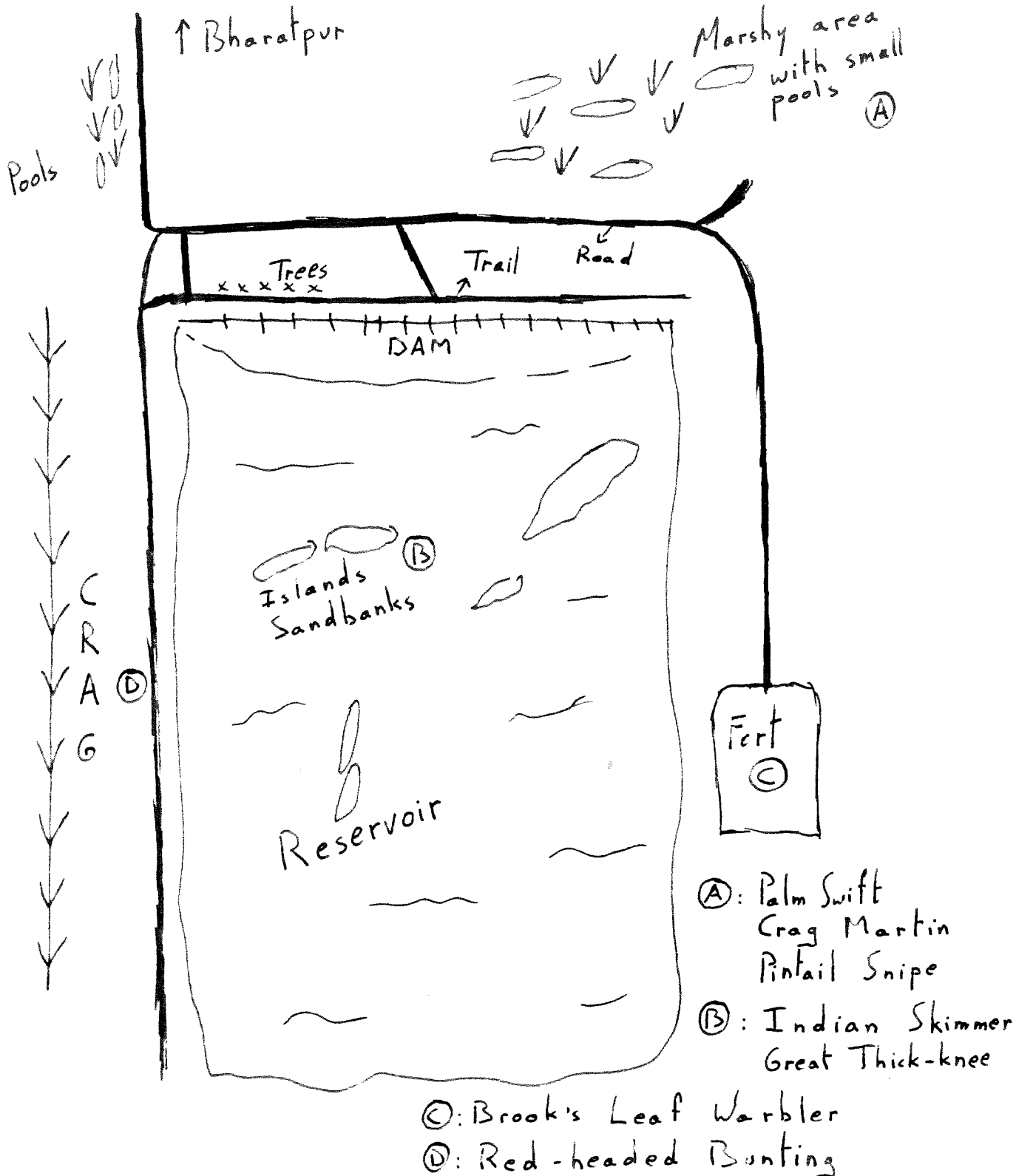
# Keoladeo National Park Bharatpur



Bund Bharata

It is probably possible to get there by bus, but we hired a jeep for 500 IRp. From Bharatpur it takes 1-2 hrs. to get there.

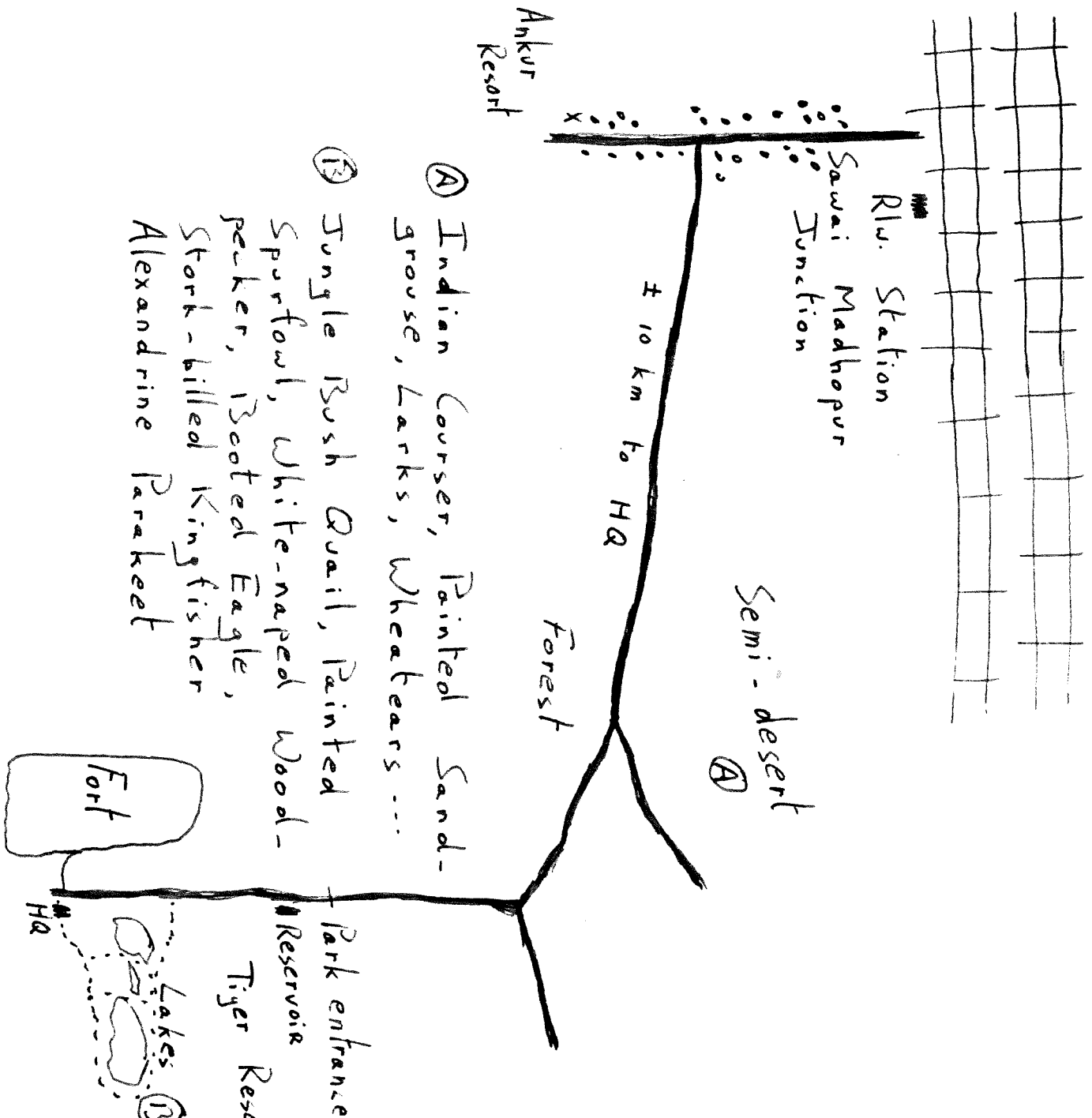
Birds : Great Thick-knee (a few on the sandbanks), Indian Skimmer (20 in '92, 3 in '94), Palm Swift (common in '94), Crag Martin (2 in '94, doesn't normally occur this far south) Pintail Snipe (2 in '94), Brook's Leaf Warbler (2 in '94) and Red-headed Bunting (one pair in '92),



Ranthambhor

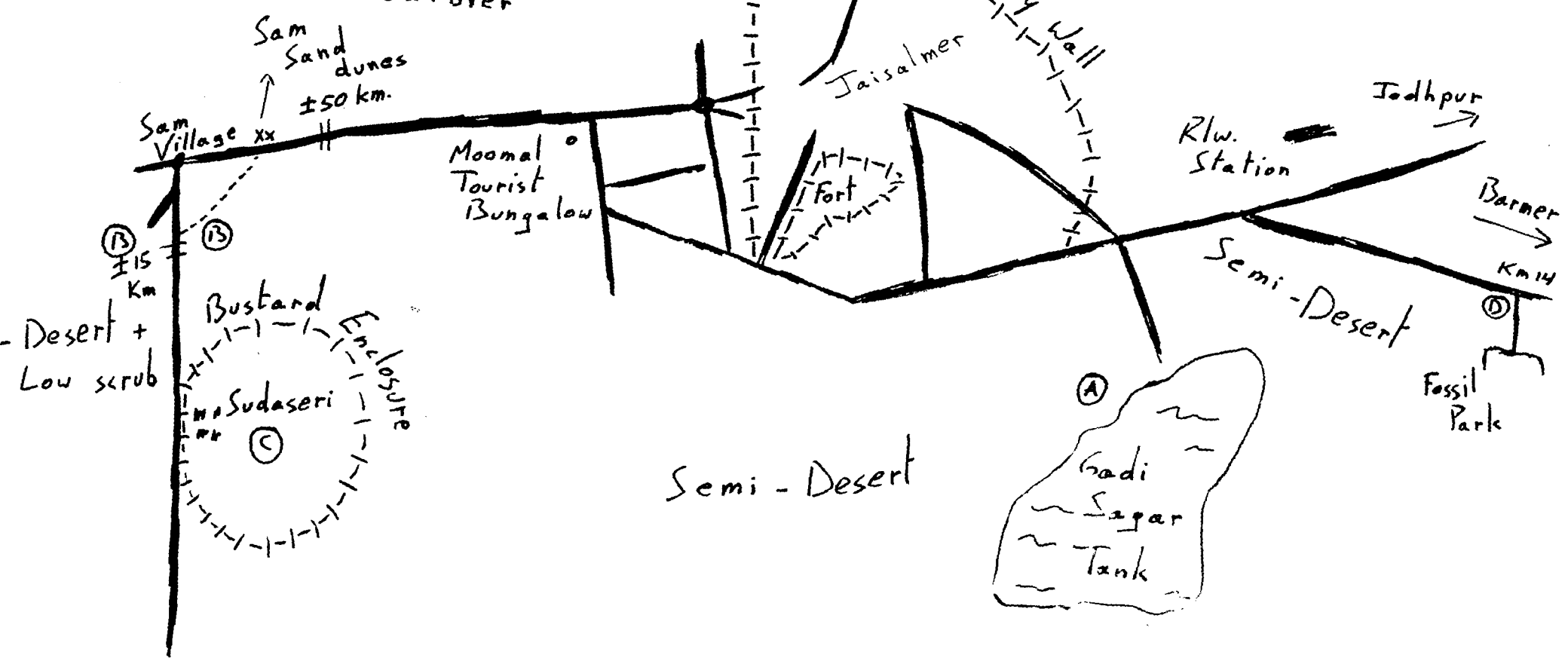
Take a train from Bharatpur to Sawai Madhopur Junction (40 IRp., 3-4 hrs.). We only visited this reserve in '92, when we stayed in the Ankur Resort (200 IRp. for a double). Access to the park is by jeeps only. Jeeps can be hired in the village for 150 IRp. (3 hours). Safari times are 7:00-10:00 and 14:30-17:30.

Birds : Jungle Bush Quail (common), Painted Spurrow (2 pairs), Indian Courser (6), Yellow-wattled Lapwing ( $\pm 20$ ), Painted Sandgrouse ( $\pm 20$ ), Stork-billed Kingfisher, White-naped Woodpecker, Rufous-fronted Prinia, Eastern Pied Wheatear and Booted Eagle.



# Jaisalmer

- Ⓐ: Western Reef Egret, Laggar, Bonelli's & Tawny Eagles ...
- Ⓑ: Stoliczka's Bushchat, Larks  
Short-eared Owl
- Ⓒ: Indian Bustard
- Ⓓ: Plain Leaf Warbler





### Jodhpur

The bus I took, left Bharatpur at 0:30 and arrived in Jodhpur at 12:00 (120 IRp.). I stayed in the Ghoomar Tourist Bungalow (100 IRp. for a single). I only spent a couple of hours birding in the Mandore Gardens and around Balsamand Lake. Birds : Quail (several near Balsamand Lake), Painted Sandgrouse (Mandore Gardens), Blue Rock Thrush and Eastern Pied Wheatear.

### Jaisalmer

A private deluxe bus links the Ghoomar Tourist Bungalow in Jodhpur and the Moomal Tourist Bungalow in Jaisalmer. This bus leaves Jodhpur at 6:00 and arrives 6 hrs. later in Jaisalmer (80 IRp.). A single in the Moomal Tourist Bungalow costs 100 IRp. It took me two full days to obtain the permit, required to enter the Desert National Park. I hired one of the Tourist Bungalow's jeeps for 550 IRp. a day.

Birds : Western Reef Egret (2 near Gadi Sagar Tank, completely unexpected), Tawny Eagle (fairly common), Bonelli's Eagle (1 near the Tank), Pallid Harrier (common), Laggar Falcon (2 near the Tank), Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse (300 + in the DNP), Black-bellied Sandgrouse (a few in the DNP), Short-eared Owl (1 in the DNP), Indian Bustard (6 in the DNP), Cream-coloured Courser (50 +), Black-crowned Finch Lark (fairly common in the DNP), Stoliczka's Bushchat (1 male in the DNP), Water Pipit (2 near the Tank) and Plain Leaf Warbler (1 on the main road Jaisalmer-Barmer, near the entrance of the Fossil Park).

### Ganges

On our way from Ramnagar to Delhi, we spent  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  hr. here (in '92).

Birds : Brown-headed Gull (5) and Sandlark (common).

### Naini Tal

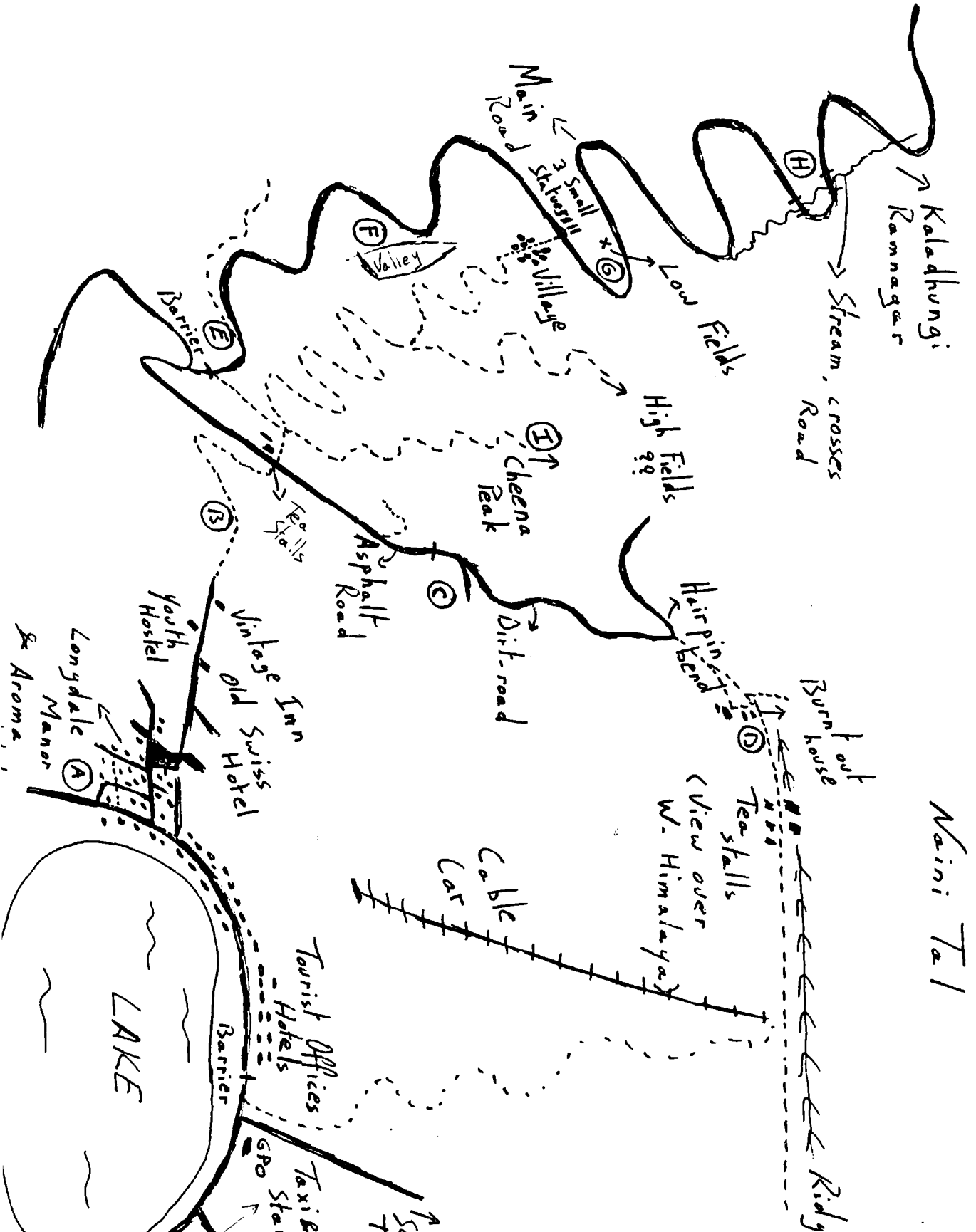
Most easily reached by taking a tourist bus from New Delhi (Paharganj) to Naini Tal ( $\pm$  14 hrs., 150 IRp.).

In '92 we stayed in Hotel Aroma (80 IRp. for a double).

In '93 we gave preference to the Longdale Manor (Malki Tal Naini Tal), where we paid 100 IRp. per person.

Birds : Himalayan Griffon Vulture (fairly common), Kalij Pheasant (one pair), Himalayan Pied Woodpecker (a few), Scaly-bellied Woodpecker, Lanceolated Jay (common), Red-billed Blue Magpie (a few), Spot-winged Tit (fairly common), Black-lored Tit (common), Himalayan Treecreeper (common), Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Striated Laughingthrush (2 in '92), White-throated Laughingthrush (very common in '92, only a few in '93), White-browed Shrike-Babbler (4 in '92), Green Shrike-Babbler (1 in '92), Golden Bush-Robin ( $\pm$  5 in '93), Blue-capped Redstart (common in '92, only a few in '93), Blue-fronted Redstart (common), Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush (a few), White-collared Blackbird (fairly common in '92, none in '93), Grey-winged Blackbird (fairly common in '92, none in '93), Black-throated Thrush (common in '92, none in '93),

Chestnut Thrush (a few in '92), Long-billed Thrush (1 in '92), Grey-sided Bush Warbler (fairly common), Tickell's Warbler, Golden-spectacled Warbler (a few), Grey-backed Shrike (1 in '92), Rufous-breasted Accentor (common), Altai Accentor ( $\pm 40$  in '92), Plain Mountain Finch (10 in '92), Dark-breasted Rosefinch (3 in '92) and Pink-browed Rosefinch (common).



Naini Tal :

- A : White-collared Blackbird, Grey-winged Blackbird, Dark-breasted Rosefinch.
- B : White-collared Blackbird, Grey-winged Blackbird, Chestnut Thrush
- C : Kalij Pheasant, Himalayan Pied Woodpecker.
- D : Chestnut Thrush, Altai Accentor, Plain Mountain Finch,
- E : Himalayan Pied and Scaly-bellied Woodpecker.
- F : Golden Bush-Robin, Tickell's Warbler, Grey-sided Bush Warbler.
- G : Grey-backed Shrike, Lanceolated Jay, Tickell's Warbler.
- H : Long-billed Thrush
- I : White-browed and Green Shrike-Babbler, Striated Laughing-thrush.

Sat Tal

In Naini Tal, we hired a minibus for 600 IRp. a day. Getting from Naini Tal to Sat Tal, takes  $\pm$  1 hr. Birds : Black Eagle (1 in '92), Blue-throated Barbet (common), Red-billed Blue Magpie (common), Grey Treepie (fairly common), Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush ( $\pm$  10 in '93), White-crested Laughingthrush ( $\pm$  15 in '93), Blue-winged Minla (5 in '93), Aberrant Bush Warbler, Grey-sided Bush Warbler, Tickell's Warbler, Ashy-throated Warbler (1 in '92), Rufous-bellied Niltava, Small Niltava (1 in '92), Rosy Pipit, Buff-bellied Flowerpecker, Black-throated Accentor (fairly common in '92, only 5 in '93).



Sat Tal

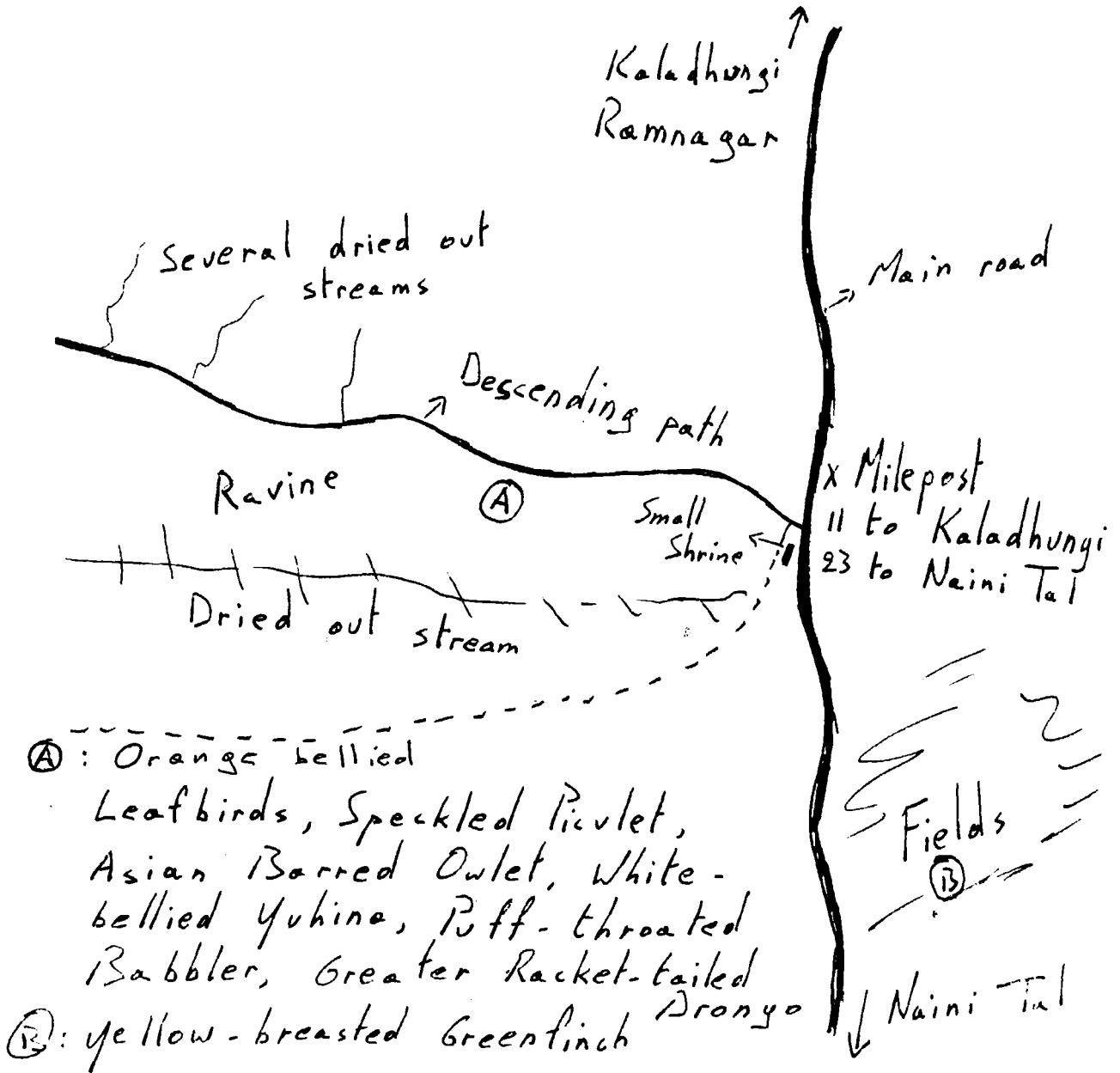
- A : Ashy-throated Warbler, Small Niltava, Rosy Pipit, Black-throated Accentor, Black Eagle.
- B : Blue-throated Barbet, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, White-crested Laughingthrush, Blue-winged Minla, Aberrant Bush Warbler, Tickell's Warbler, Buff-bellied Flowerpecker, Black-throated Accentor.

Kaladhungi

An interesting site on the way from Naini Tal to Ramnagar. (3/4 hrs. drive from Naini Tal).

We spent 1/2 a day here in '92.

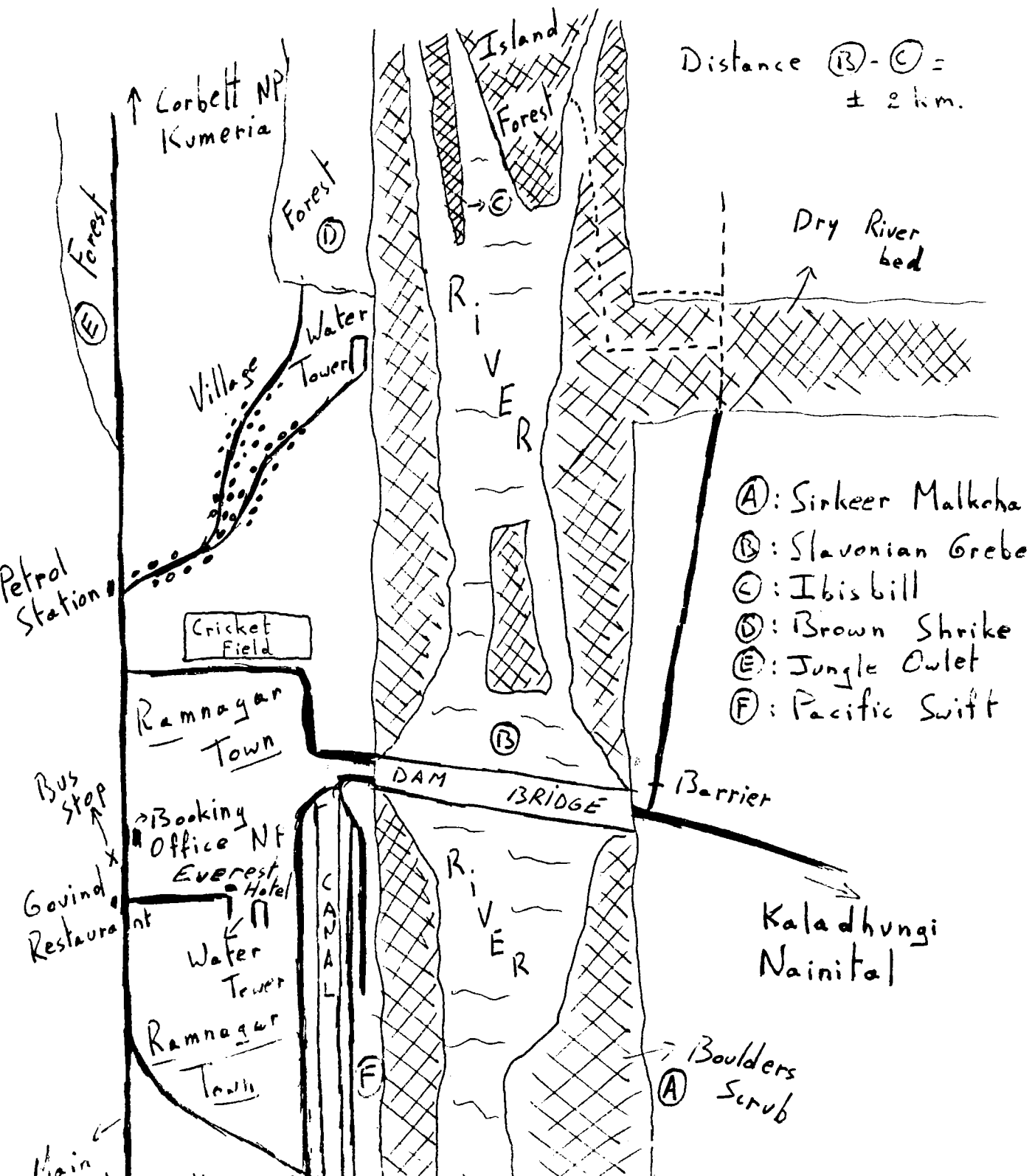
Birds : Orange-bellied Leafbird (a few), Bronzed Drongo, Puff-throated Babbler, Speckled Piculet, White-bellied Yuhina, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Barred Owlet and Yellow-breasted Greenfinch ( $\pm 100$ ). In '93 a flock of  $\pm 50$  Nepal House Martins was seen on the way from Naini Tal to Kaladhungi.



Ramnagar

We took a bus from Naini Tal to Ramnagar via Kaladhungi (4 hrs. 25 IRp.). The best place to stay in Ramnagar is Hotel Everest (150 IRp. for a double).

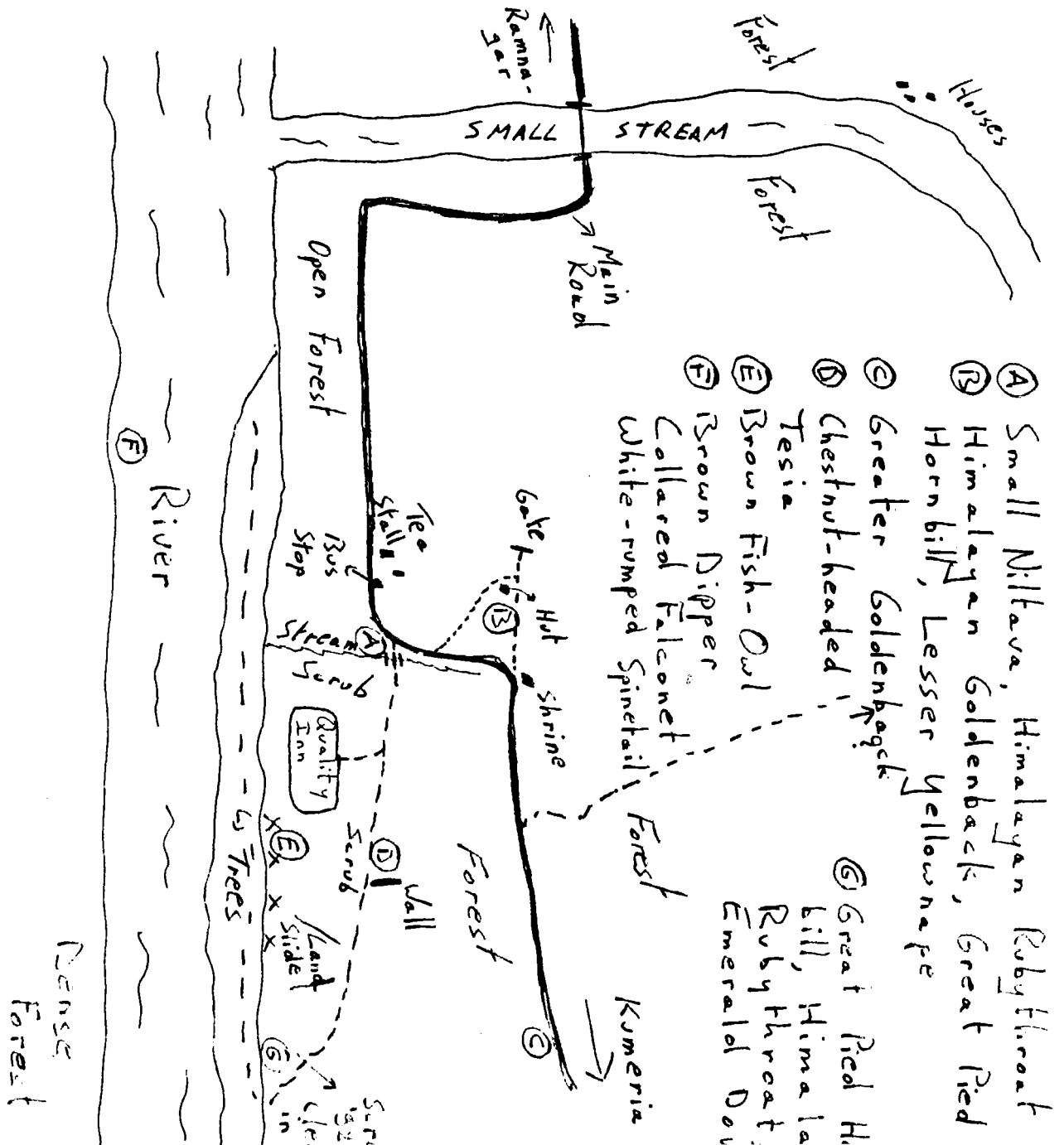
Birds : Slavonian Grebe (1 on the river, near the dam on 28th Dec. '93, only the 2nd record for the Indian Subcontinent), Changeable Hawk-Eagle (1 in '92), Sirkeer Malkoha (1 in '92, unexpected), Jungle Owlet (2 in '92), Ibisbill (2 in '92 and 2 in '93), Pacific Swift ( $\pm$  25 in '92), Brown Shrike, Rosy Pipit.



Kumeria (Quality Inn)

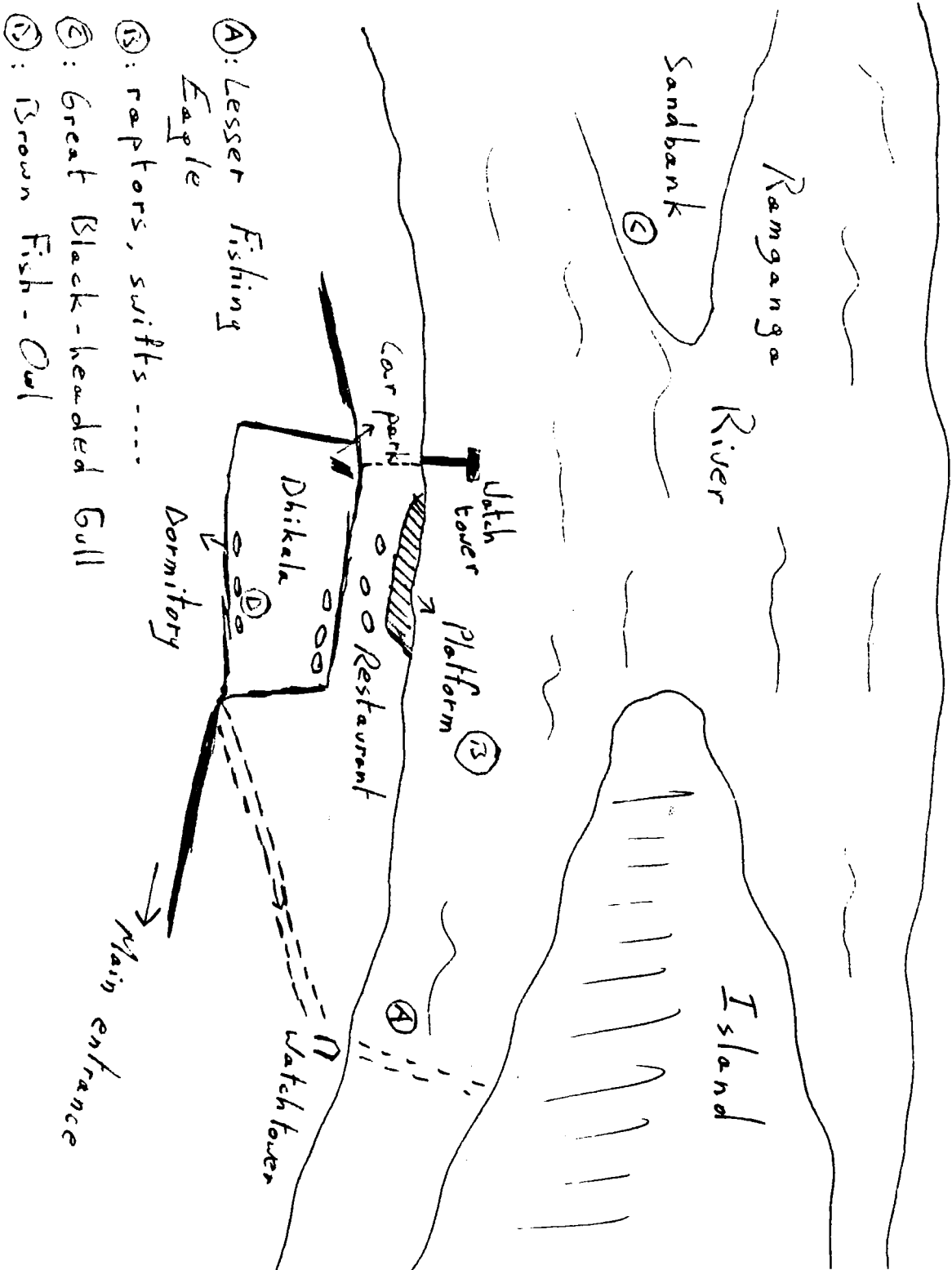
Take a bus from Ramnagar towards Kumeria, get off at the Quality Inn (10 IRp., 1 hr.).

Birds : Black Vulture, Changeable Hawk-Eagle (2 in '92), Collared Falconet (1 in '92), Kalij Pheasant (a few between Ramnagar and the Quality Inn), Emerald Dove (a few in '92), Slaty-headed Parakeet (common), Brown Fish-Owl (1 in '92 and 2 in '93), White-rumped Spinetail ( $\pm$  10 in '92), Crested Kingfisher, Great Pied Hornbill (4 in '92 and 3 in '93), Himalayan Goldenback (4 in '93), Greater Goldenback (2 in '93), Speckled Piculet, Black-crested Bulbul, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Puff-throated Babbler, Himalayan Rubythroat ( $\pm$  5 in '92 and only 1 in '93), Grey-sided Bush Warbler, Chestnut headed Tesia (2 in '93), Golden-spectacled Warbler, Small Niltava (1 in '93), Ashy Bulbul and Brown Dipper.



Corbett National Park (Dhikala)

Permits for an overnight stay in the park are issued by the Director of Project Tiger at the office in Ramnagar. Dhikala is the main accommodation centre in the park (51 km. from Ramnagar). In '92, entry to the park cost 35 IRp. We slept in a dormitory for 50 IRp. We hired a jeep (200 IRp.) to get from Ramnagar to Dhikala. Birds : Lesser Fishing Eagle (1), Brown Fish-Owl (2) and Great Black-headed Gull ( $\pm 10$ ).



## Darjeeling

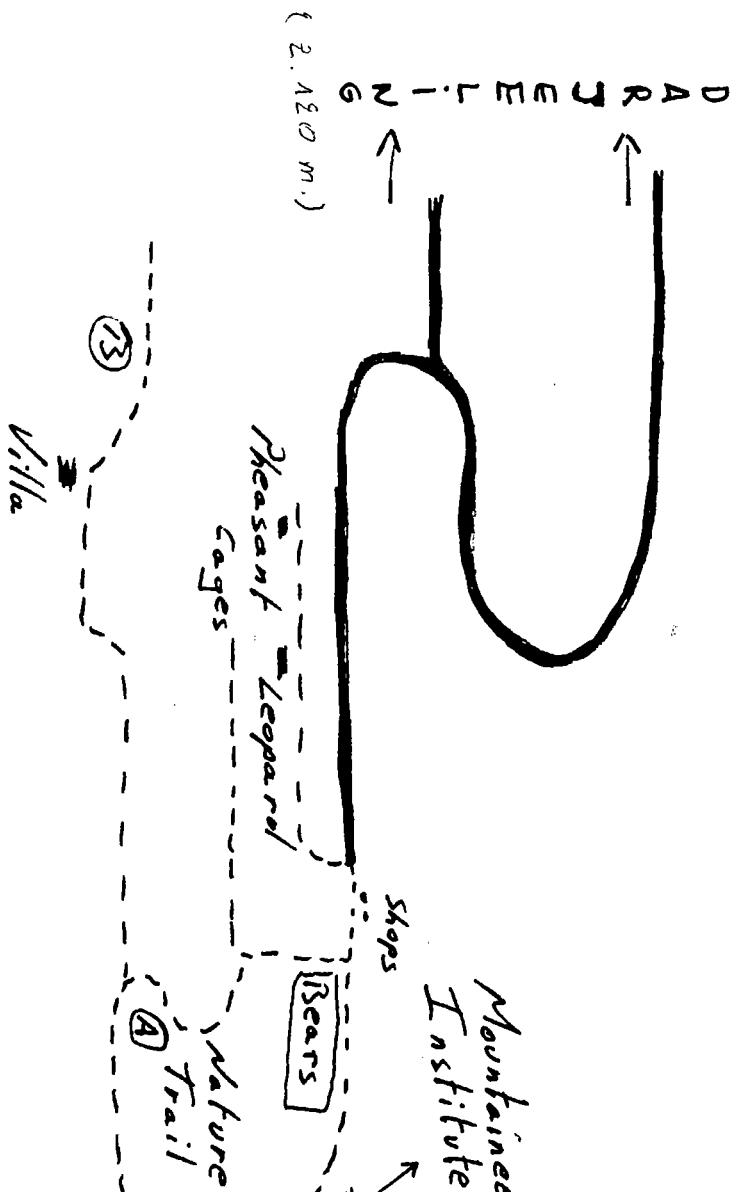
The NE Express is the fastest train between New Delhi and New Jalpaiguri (1.635 km., 260 IRp.,  $\pm$  30 hrs.). A rickshaw from New Jalpaiguri railway station to Siliguri costs 15 IRp. A jeep or minibus takes you in 3-4 hrs. from Siliguri to Darjeeling (40 IRp.). I paid 100 IRp. for a single in Hotel Prestige.

## Darjeeling Zoo

The zoological park is situated on the NW side of the city. The Zoo opens at 8:00 and closes at 17:00.

I concentrated on the Nature Trail.

Birds : Red-tailed Minla (fairly common), White-tailed Robin, Red-billed Leiothrix and Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler.



(A) White tailed Robin  
(13) Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler

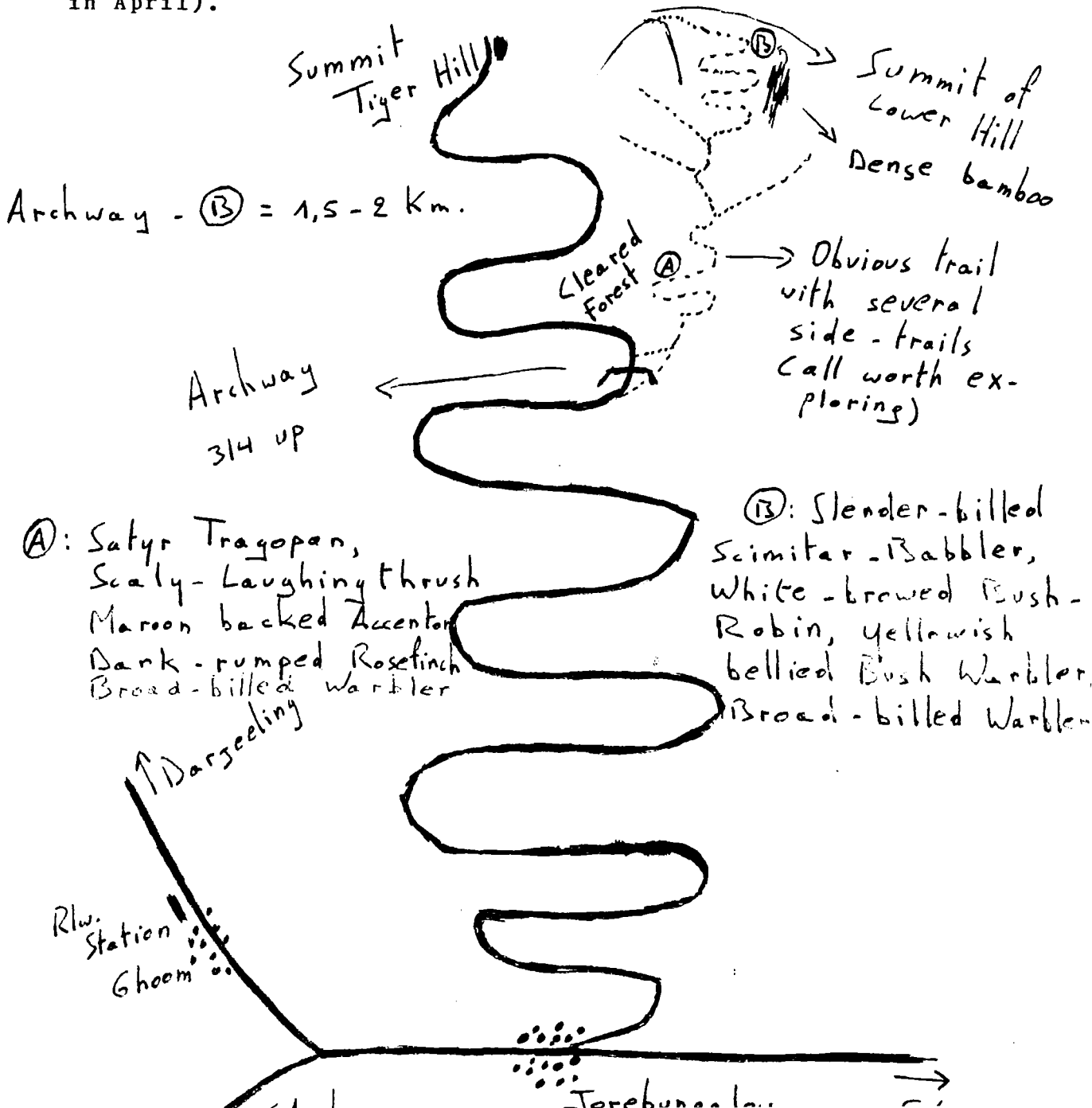


Tiger Hill

Tiger Hill is very popular with tourists for its magnificent views over Kanchenjunga (the 3rd highest mountain in the world). Take one of the many jeeps, leaving Darjeeling at 4:30 to bring tourists to the summit (25 IRp., one way).

Altitude : 2.590 m.

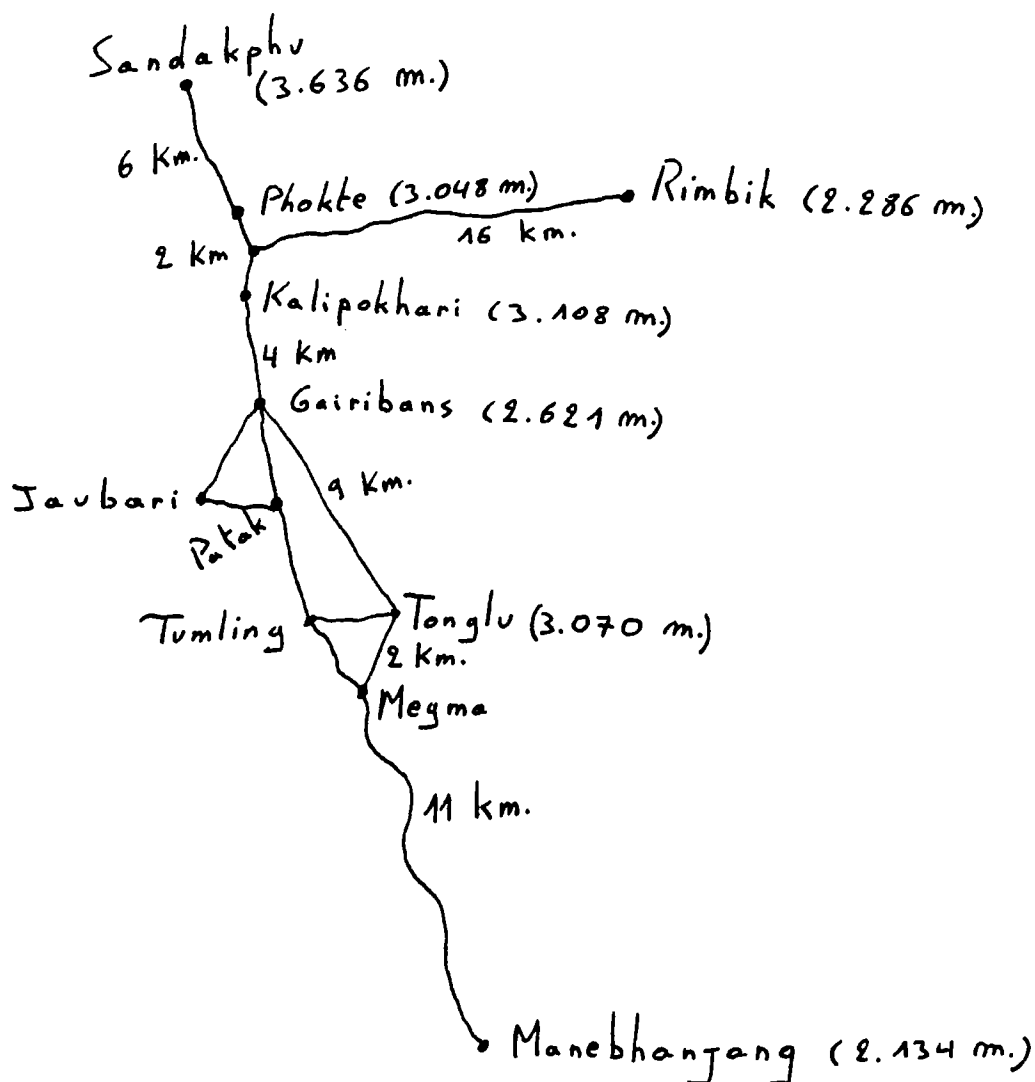
Birds : Satyr Tragopan (poor views of one bird on 3/4), Black throated Parrotbill (common), Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler (several heard, only 3 seen), Scaly Laughingthrush, Golden breasted Fulvetta (common), Golden Bush-Robin (fairly common in February), White-browed Bush-Robin (several in February, only a few in April), White's Thrush (a few in April), Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler (fairly common in April), Broad-billed Warbler (fairly common in April), Maroon-backed Accentor (fairly common), Dark-rumped Rosefinch (1 male in February, a few females in April) and Gold-naped Finch (several in April).



### Sandakphu Trek

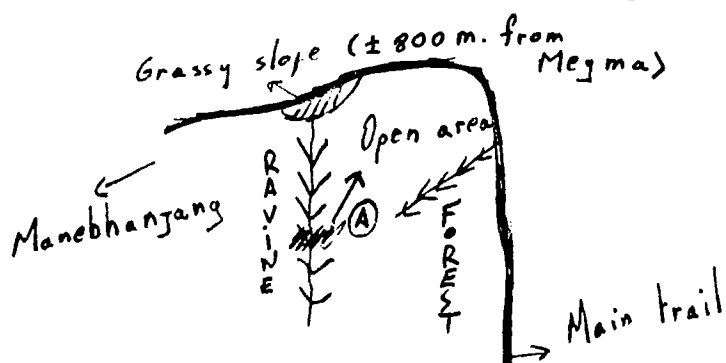
We took a bus from Darjeeling to Manebhanjang (26 km., 15 IRp., 2 hrs.). There is enough accommodation along the trekking route; bungalows or hostels can be found in Megma, Kalipokhari and Sandakphu ( $\pm$  20 IRp. per night).

Route : Manebhanjang - Megma - Kalipokhari - Sandakphu - Megma - Manebhanjang.



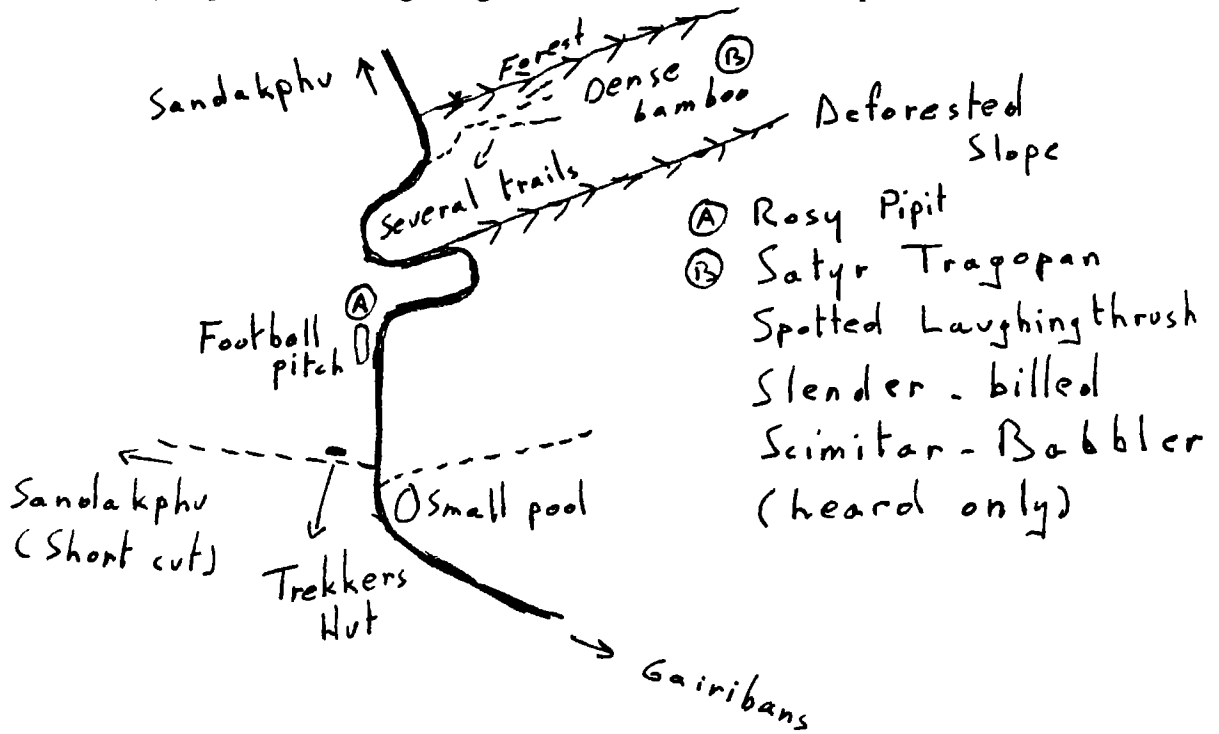
### Birds :

Megma : Satyr Tragopan (1 male, watched for several minutes), Common Hill Partridge (common), Black-browed Tit ( $\pm$  20), Black-faced Laughingthrush (fairly common), Spotted Laughingthrush ( $\pm$  5) and Dark-rumped Rosefinch (3).

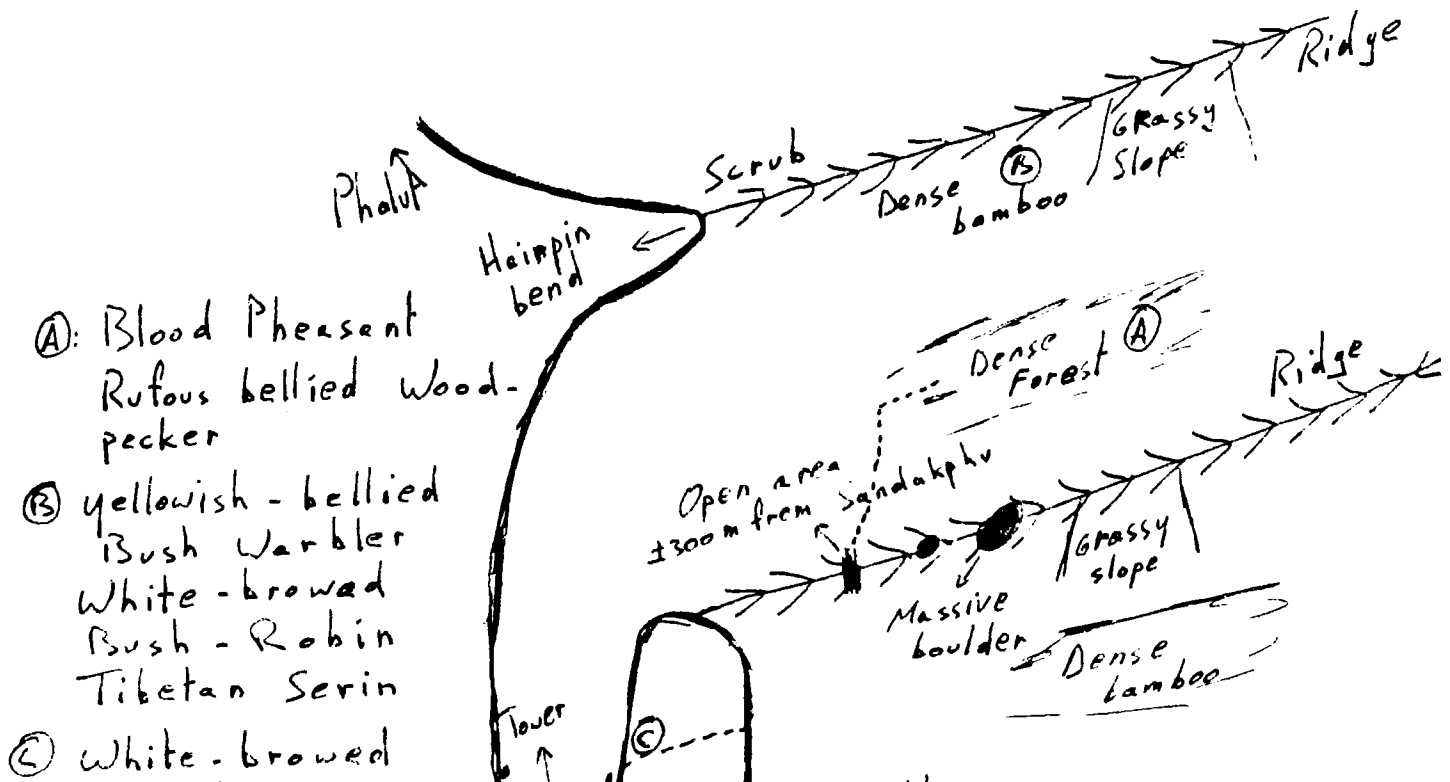


Ⓐ Satyr Tragopan  
(could be heard from  
the main trail)

Kalipokhari : Satyr Tragopan (1 male, flushed), Rosy Pipit (common), Spotted Laughingthrush and Dark-rumped Rosefinch.



Sandakphu : Blood Pheasant (1 pair, very tame), White throated Needletail (1), Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Spotted Laughingthrush, Black-faced Laughingthrush, Yellowish bellied Bush Warbler (fairly common), Golden Bush-Robin, White-browed Bush-Robin (fairly common, all females), Fire-tailed Sunbird, Red-headed Bullfinch, Tibetan Serin ( $\pm 50$ ), Dark-rumped Rosefinch (fairly common) and White browed Rosefinch (1).



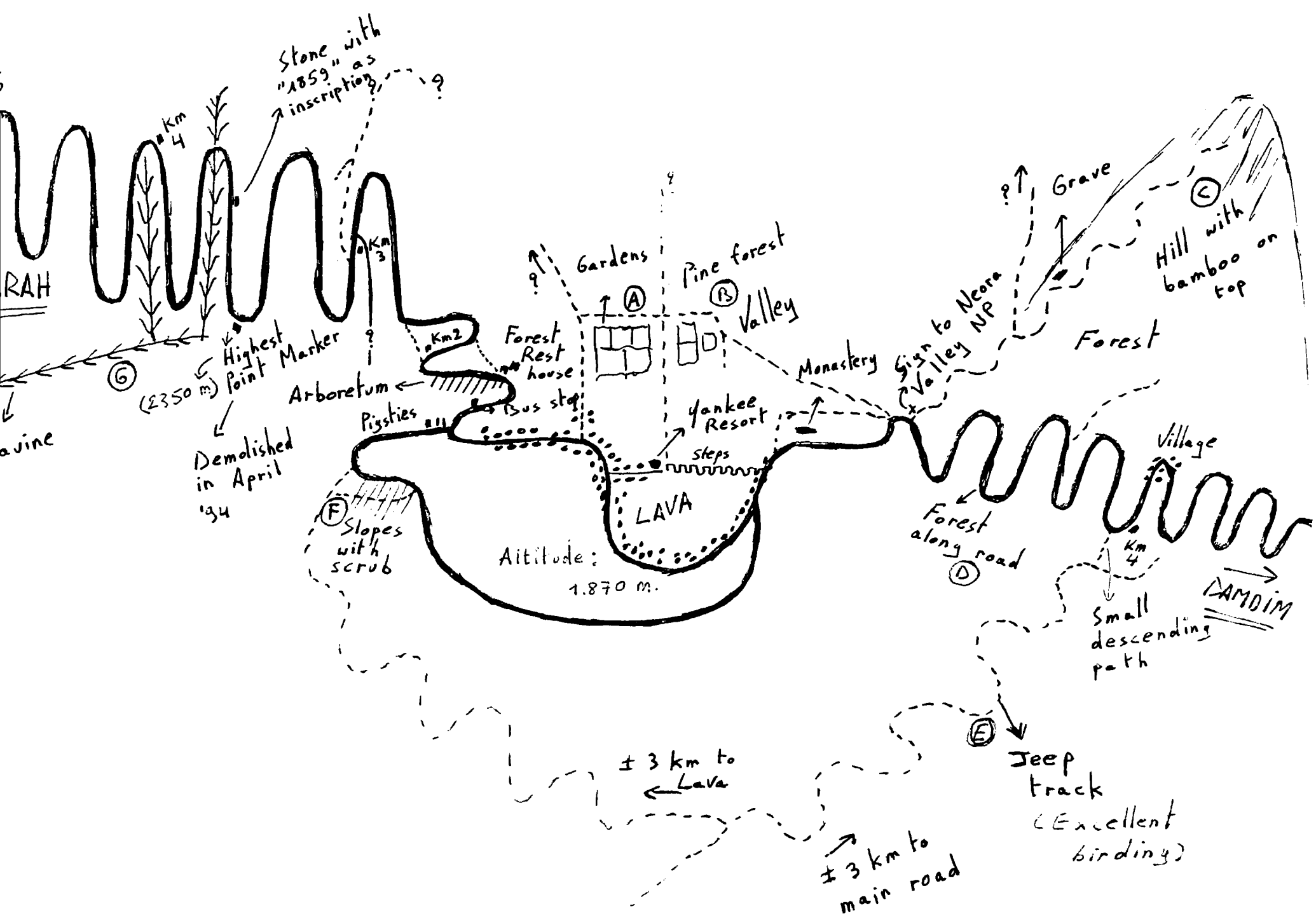
### Lava (Labha)

There are frequent jeeps and buses : from Darjeeling to Kalimpong (40 IRp., 3 hrs.). From Kalimpong to Lava, takes 1 hr. by jeep or bus (15 IRp.). It is no longer required to obtain a special permit for visiting this area. The only place to stay in Lava is the Yankee Resort (100 IRp.).

When I was in Lava in February, it rained continuously.

Birds : Black Eagle (A and D), Kalij Pheasant (E and G), Ashy Woodpigeon (common, along the road from Lava to Algarah), Speckled Woodpigeon (G, only in February), Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon (fairly common), Barred Cuckoo-Dove (fairly common along the road from Lava to Algarah), Asian Emerald Cuckoo (E, 1 in April), White-throated Needletail (H, 3 in April), Bay Woodpecker (D and E), Short-billed Minivet (D and G, a few pairs), Striated Bulbul (fairly common), Black Bulbul (common), Yellow-cheeked Tit (fairly common), Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler (C, D, E, F, fairly common), Golden Babbler (E, a few in February), Tailed Wren-Babbler (G, at least 2 in February and in April), Blue-winged Laughingthrush (E, 1 in February in a flock of  $\pm$  80 Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrushes and  $\pm$  20 White-throated Laughingthrushes), Grey-sided Laughingthrush (D, E and H), Red-faced Liocichla (E, 1 in February), Rusty-fronted Barwing (fairly common along the road from Lava to Algarah), Yellow-throated Fulvetta (E and G, flocks of up to 50 birds in February, only a few in April), Golden-breasted Fulvetta (C, 5 in April), Red-tailed Minla (B, C, D, E, fairly common), Indian Blue Robin (A, D, E, F and H, fairly common in April), White-tailed Robin (fairly common), White's Thrush (E, 2 in April), Plain-backed Mountain Thrush (E and G, fairly common), Dark-sided Thrush (E, 1 in February), Grey-winged Blackbird (F, 1 in April), Eye-browed Thrush (common in February, none in April), Dusky Thrush (F, 1 in April), Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler (common), Large-billed Leaf Warbler (B, only in April), Grey-bellied Tesia (G and H, fairly common), Slaty bellied Tesia (E, several in April), Grey-cheeked Warbler (C, D, E, G and H, an average of 5 a day in February, seen only once in April), Black-faced Warbler (fairly common in February), Ferruginous Flycatcher (E and F, only in April), Pygmy Blue Flycatcher (a few along the road from Lava to Algarah in April), Sapphire Flycatcher (H, 1 male in April) Snowy-browed Flycatcher (fairly common), Chestnut-tailed Starling (A, 4 in April), Gould's Sunbird (fairly common), Fire-tailed Sunbird (E, only a few), Maroon-backed Accentor (common in February), Yellow-breasted Greenfinch (A and B,  $\pm$  20 in April), Tibetan Serin (E,  $\pm$  40 in February, a few along the road from Lava to Algarah in April), Red-headed Rosefinch = Crimson browed Finch (C, 3 in February), Scarlet Finch (E and H, fairly common in April) and Gold-naped Finch (common, especially in April).

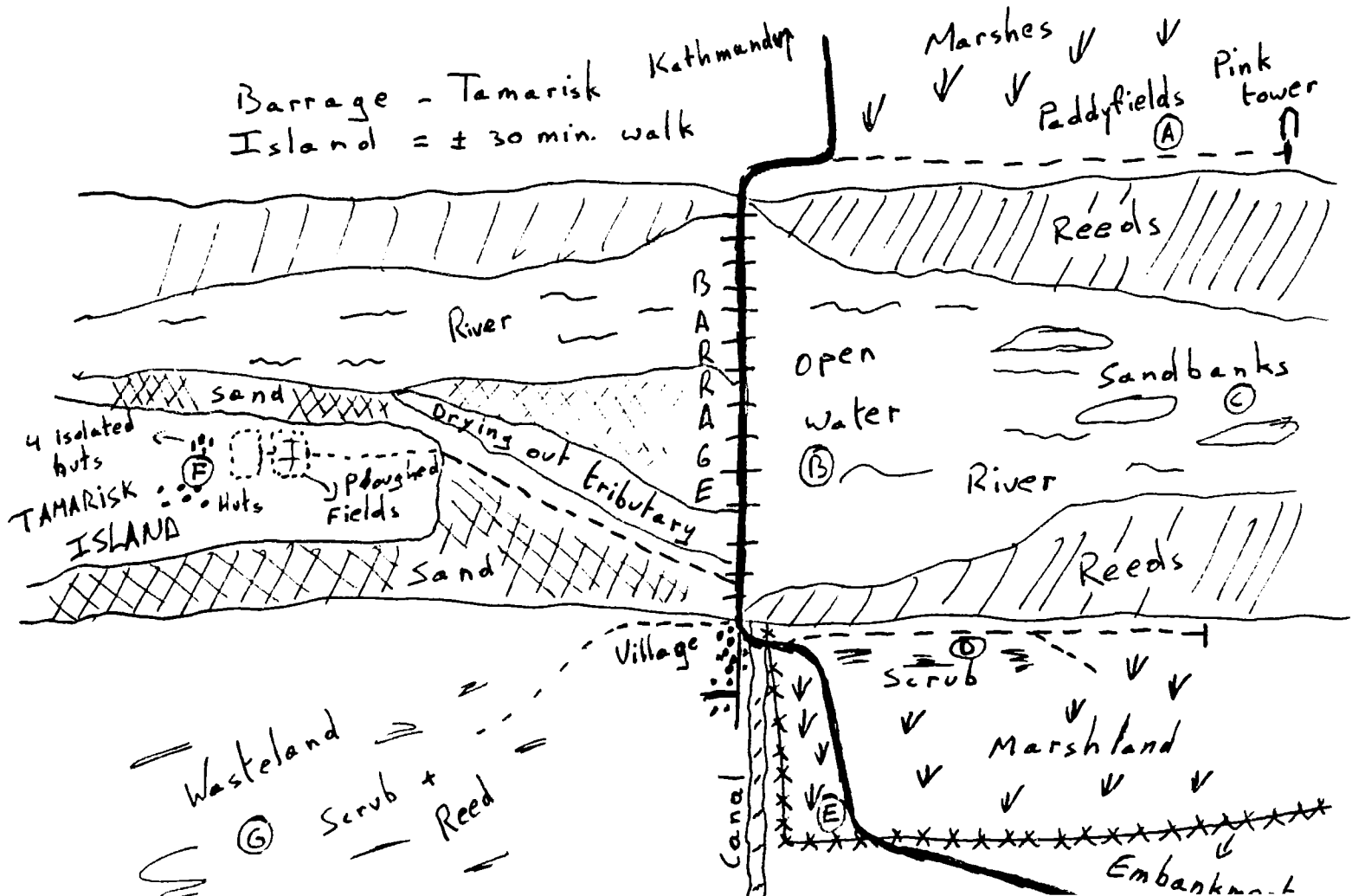
Lava is also a regular site for Blue-fronted Robin (unfortunately I dipped).



Kosi Barrage (Nepal)

I took a bus from Darjeeling to Siliguri (40 IRp., 3-4 hrs.) and then an auto-rickshaw from Siliguri to Kakarbhitta (40 IRp., 3/4 hrs.). Buses going from Kakarbhitta to Kathmandu, pass Kosi Barrage. I spent the night in Itahari and took a bus to Kosi next morning. The overnight buses from Kathmandu to Kakarbhitta, reach Kosi Barrage around 6:00. I paid 55 NRp. to get from Kakarbhitta to Kosi via Itahari and 180 NRp. for Kosi - Kathmandu. At Kosi Barrage there are no hotels, I stayed in a small shed provided by one of the tea stall owners (20 NRp.).

Birds : Lesser Adjutant (3 near the pink tower and 4 between Kosi Barrage and Kosi Tapphu), Red-naped Ibis (1 near the pink tower), Falcated Duck (1 male in February), Bear's Pochard (6 in February), White-tailed Eagle (1 ad. in February), Short-toed Eagle (1), Pied Harrier, Red-headed Merlin (1 near the pink tower in February), Black Francolin, Pintail Snipe, Small Pratincole, Great Black-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Little Tern, Sandlark, Richard's Pipit, Blyth's Pipit, Spotted Bush Warbler, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Paddyfield Warbler (fairly common), Yellow-bellied Prinia, Tickell's Warbler, Smoky Warbler, Grey-backed Shrike (1), White-tailed Stonechat (fairly common), Hodgson's Bushchat (none in February, 1 male in March), Black-headed Bunting (3 in February), Yellow breasted Bunting (common) and Black-faced Bunting (fairly common).



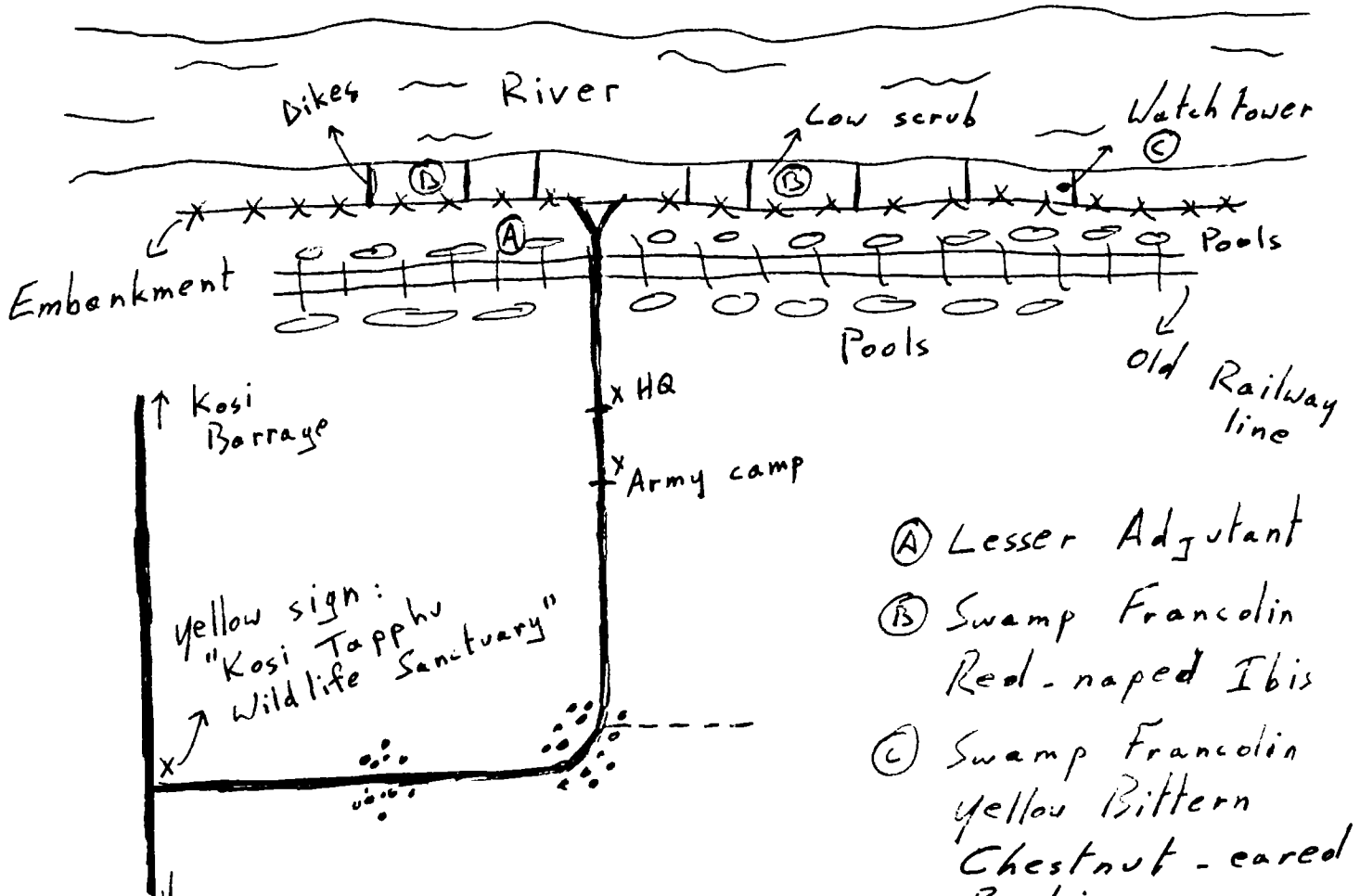
### Kosi Barrage

- A: Lesser Adjutant, Red-naped Ibis, Red-headed Merlin, Smoky Warbler, Black-headed, Yellow-breasted and Black-faced Buntings.
- B: Falcated Duck and Bear's Pochard.
- C: Great Black-headed Gull, Caspian Tern and White-tailed Eagle.
- D: Tickell's Warbler, Smoky Warbler, Paddyfield Warbler, Spotted Bush Warbler, Yellow-bellied Prinia, Grey-backed Shrike, Yellow-breasted and Black-faced Buntings.
- E: Pintail Snipe, Rosy Pipit, Spotted Bush Warbler, Yellow-breasted Bunting and Chestnut-eared Bunting
- F: Pied Harrier, Short-toed Eagle, Black Francolin, Small Pratincole, Little Tern, Richard's Pipit, Blyth's Pipit, White-tailed Stonechat and Hodgson's Bushchat.
- G: Pied Harrier and White-tailed Stonechat.

### Kosi\_Tapphu

Take an eastbound bus from Kosi Barrage and get off at the Kosi Tapphu sign ( $\pm 15$  km.). It is 2-3 km. from the sign to the HQ. Accommodation can be found at the HQ (30 NRp.). A permit for entering the park costs 650 NRp. (valid for two days). Since I only stayed for a few hours, I didn't have to pay the entrance fee at all.

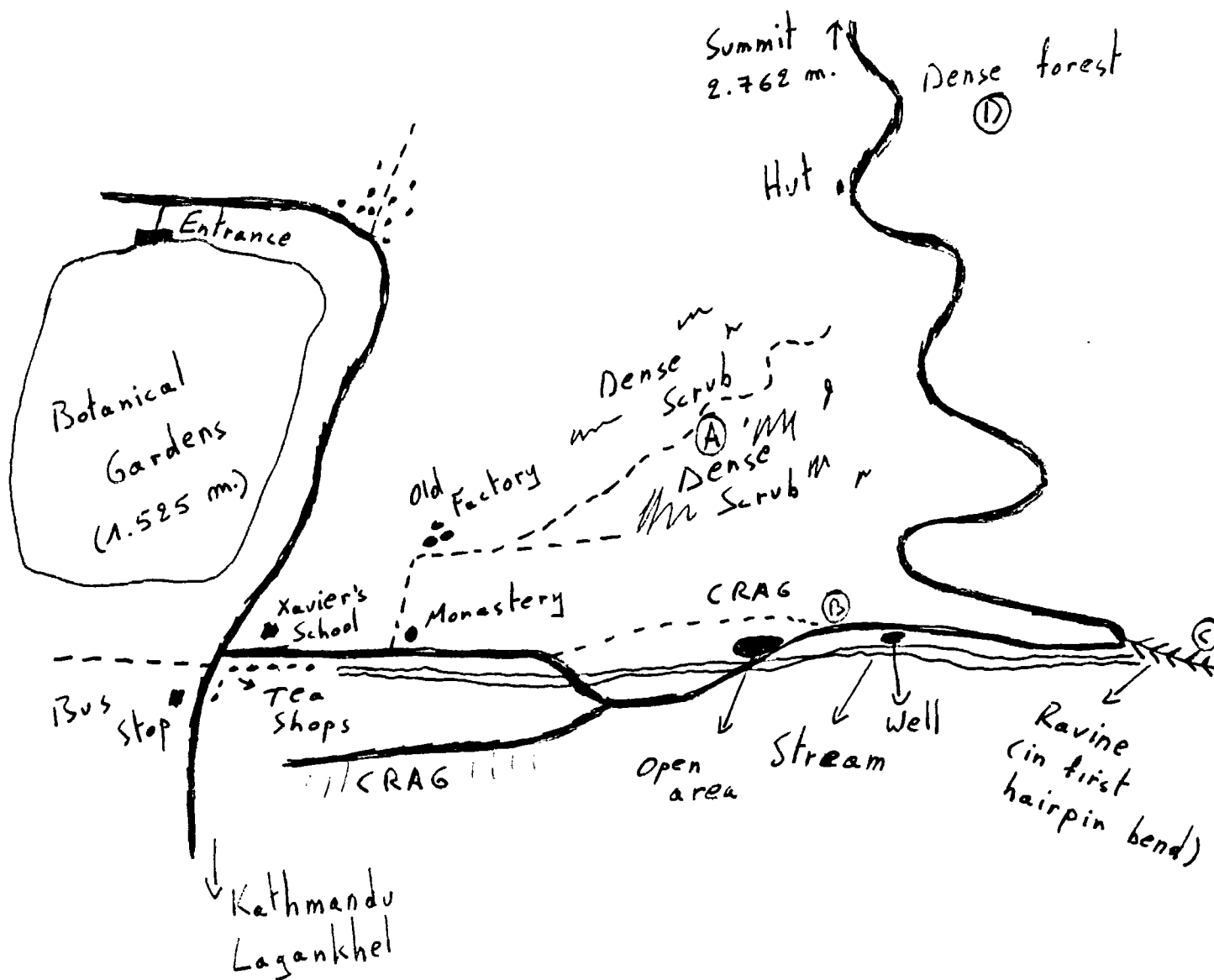
Birds : Yellow Bittern, Lesser Adjutant, Red-naped Ibis (6), Pied Harrier, Swamp Francolin (8), Stork-billed Kingfisher, Lesser Coucal, Black-hooded Oriole, Striated Babbler, Siberian Rubythroat and Smoky Warbler.



### Phulchowki and Godavari Botanical Gardens

Take a local minibus from Ratna Park (Kathmandu) to Lagankhel (2 NRp., 1/2 hr.) and then a bus from Lagankhel to Godavari (3 NRp., 3/4 hr.). The first bus for Godavari leaves Lagankhel around 7:00. Altitude : Summit Phulchowki : 2.762 m.

Birds : Mountain Hawk-Eagle (2), Common Hill Partridge, Grey-throated Babbler, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, Spiny Babbler, Nepal Fulvetta, Cutia (3), White-browed Shortwing, Indian Blue Robin, White-bellied Redstart (1 male in April), Spotted Forktail, Blue-capped Rock Thrush (1 male in April), Pied Ground Thrush (at least 4 in April), Long-billed Thrush (1 in March), Small Niltava, Scarlet Finch (1 female in February) and Gold-naped Finch.



- A : Spiny Babbler, Indian Blue Robin, Blue-capped Rock Thrush  
White-bellied Redstart.
- B : Pied Ground Thrush, Gold-naped Finch.
- C : Long-billed Thrush, Scarlet Finch, Grey-bellied Tesia.
- D : Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Cutia.

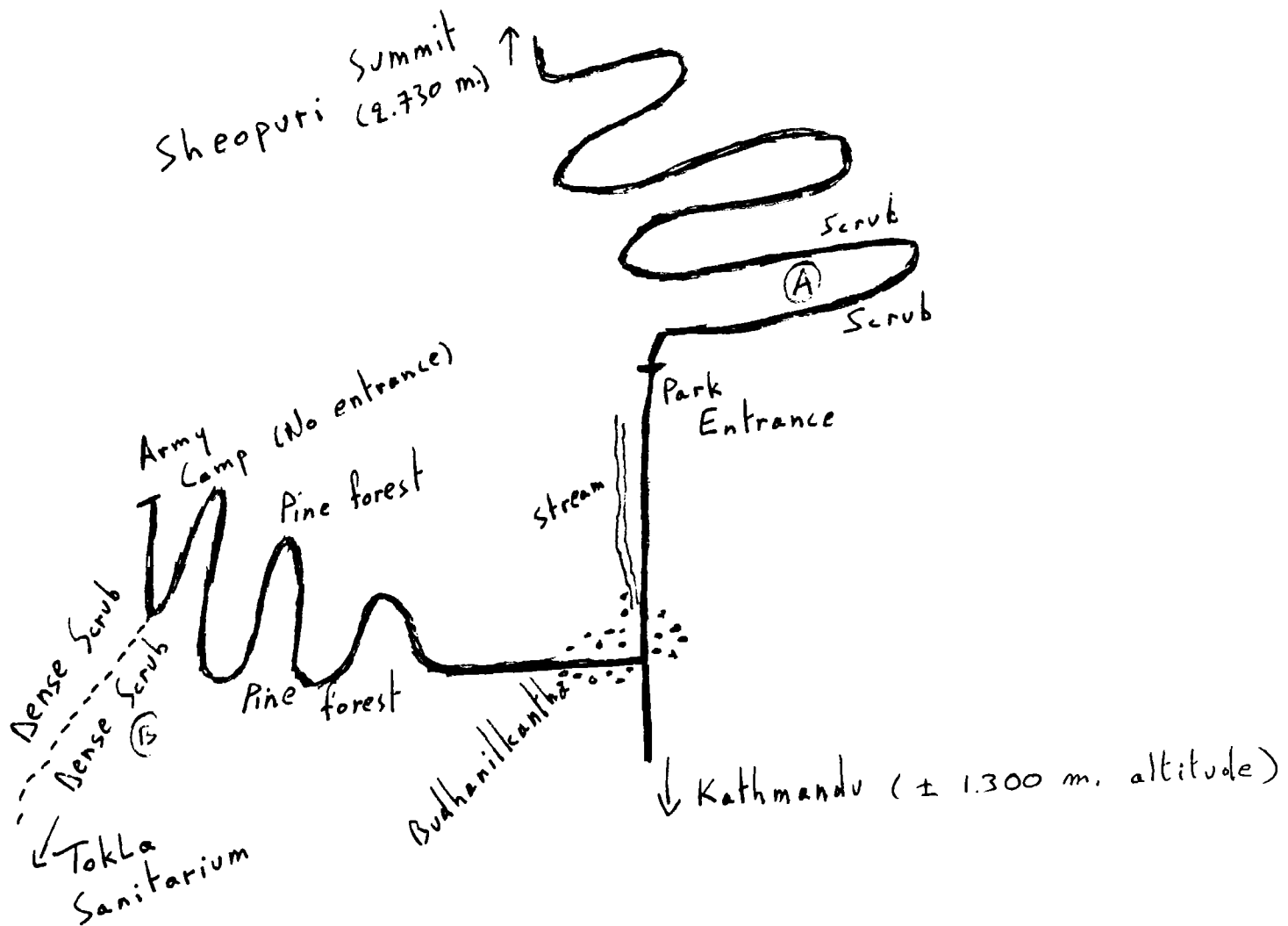


## Sheopuri

Easily reached by bus or tempo from Rani Pokhari (Kathmandu) to Budhanilkantha. It is only a short walk from Budhanilkantha village to the park entrance.

Altitude : Sheopuri summit : 2.730 m.

Birds : Spiny Babbler, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Slaty-backed Forktail, Speckled Piculet, Golden Bush-Robin and Gold-naped Finch.



(A): Spiny Babbler, Speckled Piculet, Gold-naped Finch

(B) Spiny Babbler

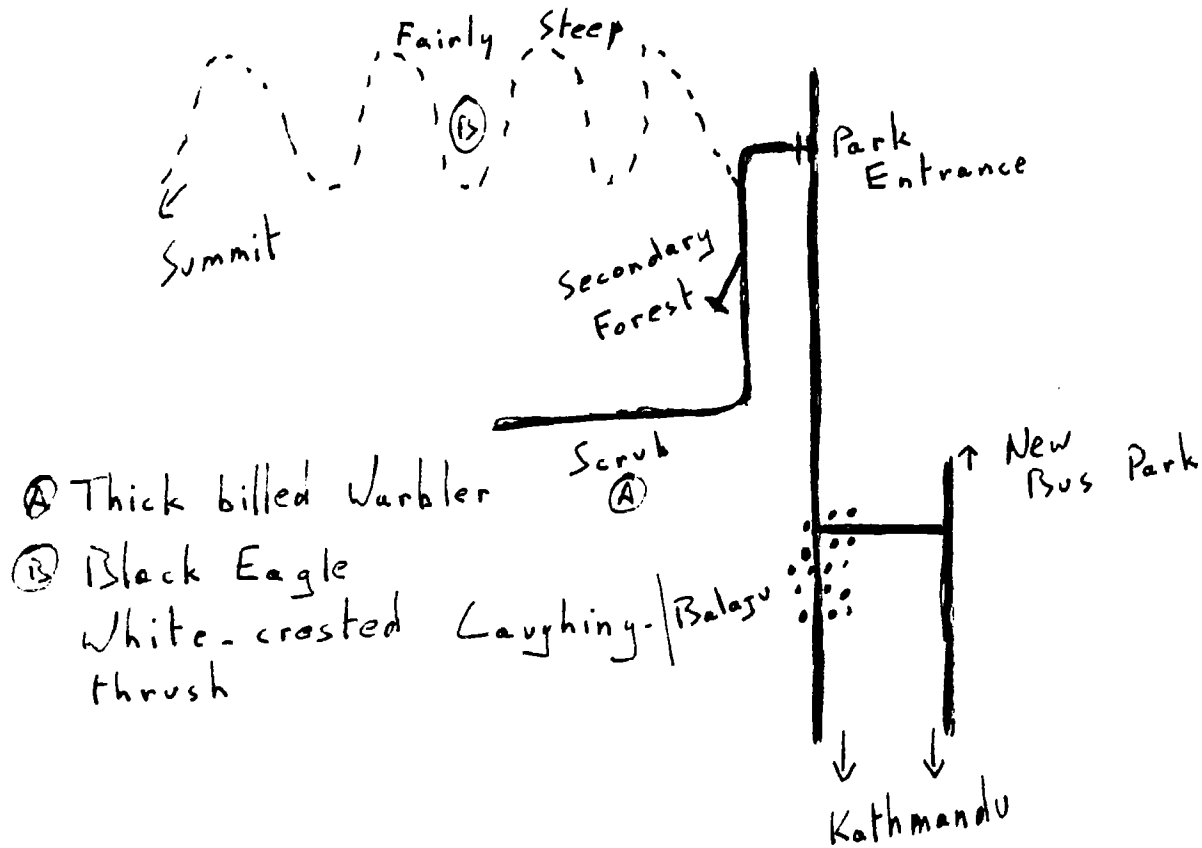
### Nagarjung

I took a rickshaw from Thamel (Kathmandu) to Balaju.

It is less than a km. from Balaju to the entrance.

Altitude : Nagarjung summit 2.105 m.

Birds : Thick-billed Warbler (1 in February was unexpected),  
White-crested Laughingthrush and Black Eagle.

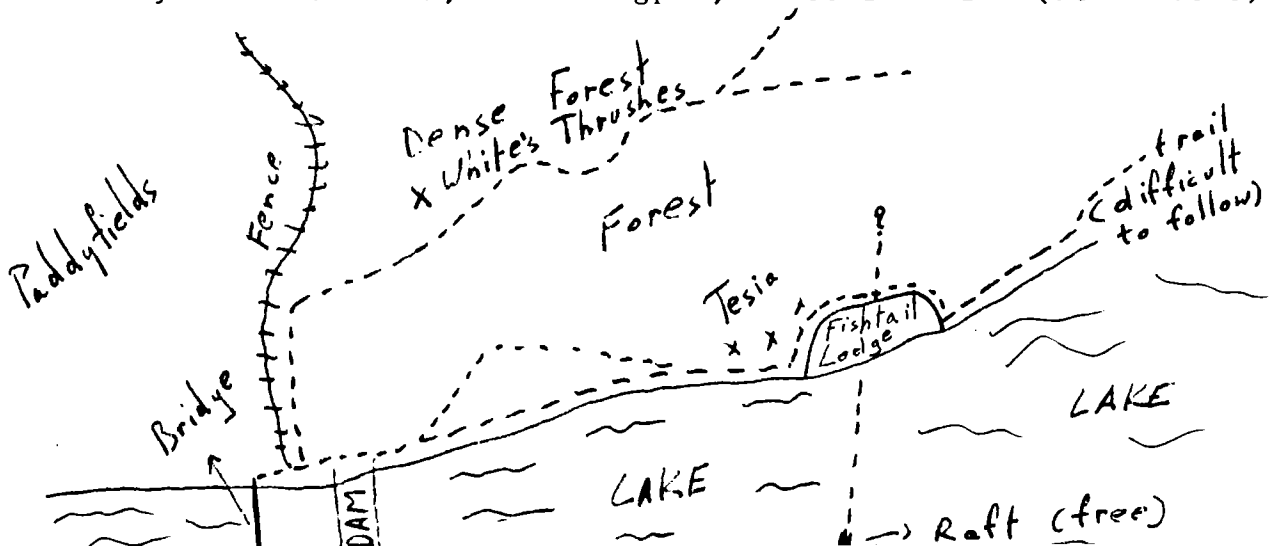


### Pokhara

Tourist buses operate very regularly between Thamel (Kathmandu) and Pokhara. Most buses leave Kathmandu around 7:00 and arrive in Pokhara around 14:00 (200 NRp.).

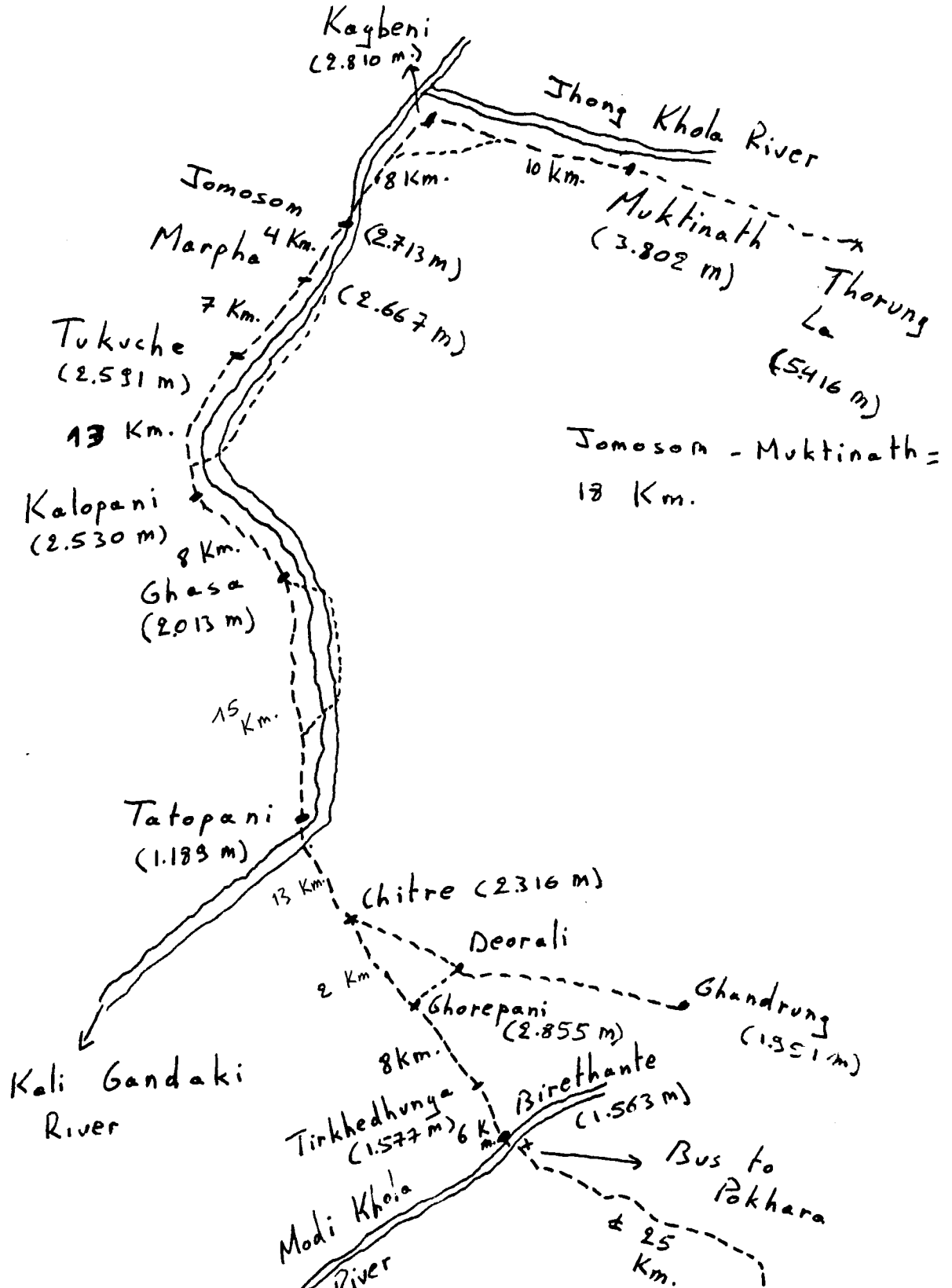
I stayed in Shubha Guest House (close to Pardi Dam), where I paid 150 NRp.

Birds : Maroon Oriole (common), Kalij Pheasant (fairly common), Grey-bellied Tesia, Green Magpie, White's Thrush (at least 8).



Jomosom Trek

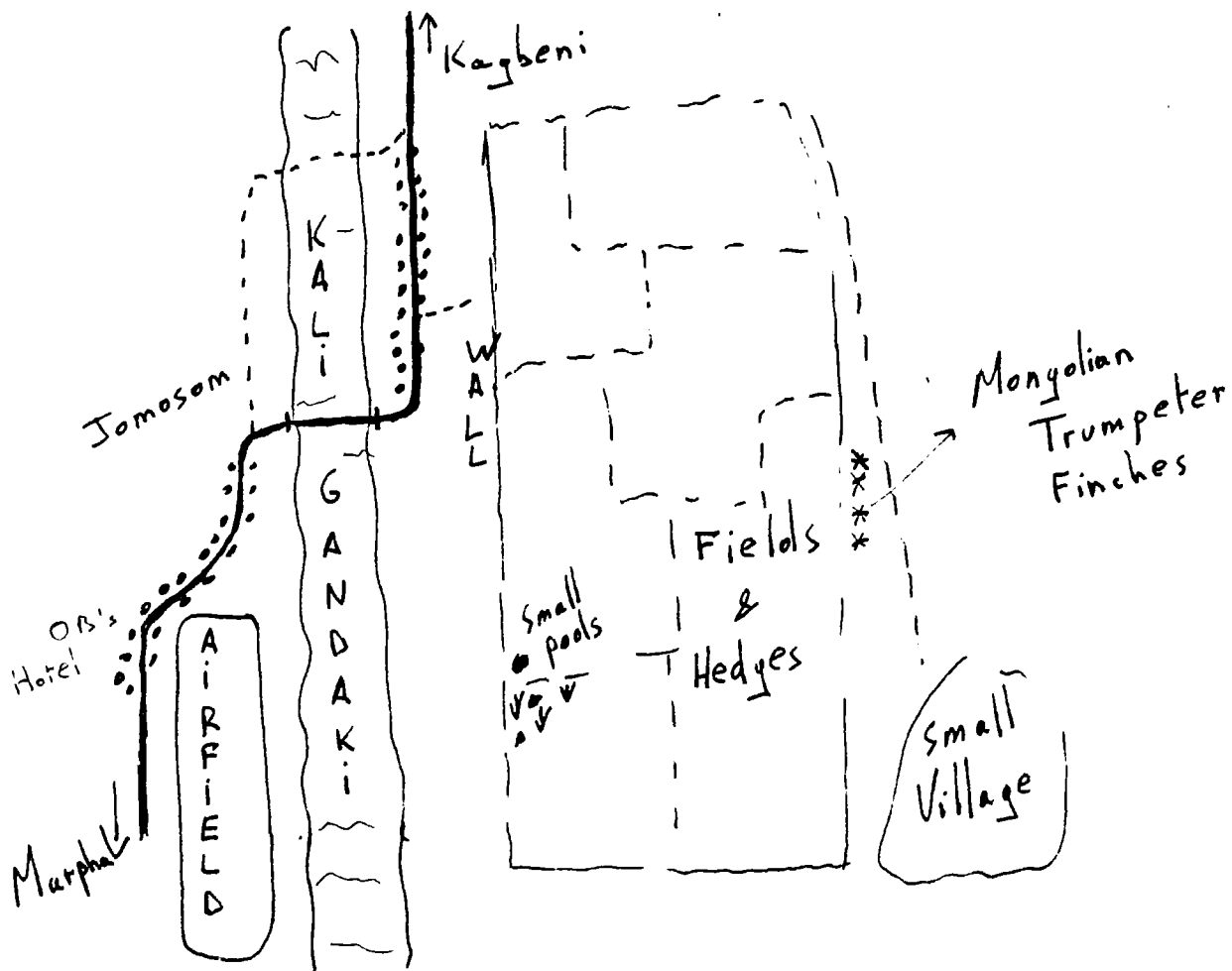
I flew from Pokhara to Jomosom for 50. \$. This trek offers the best trailside accommodation in Nepal (lodges are found in every village). Route : Pokhara- Jomosom - Kagbeni - Muktinath - Marpha - Kalopani - Ghasa - Tatopani - Ghorepani - Birethante - Pokhara. Despite all warnings and scare stories of theft and physical assault on the trail, I went trekking on my own and didn't encounter the slightest problem.



Jomosom (2.713 m.)

I stayed in OB's Hotel for 75 NRp.

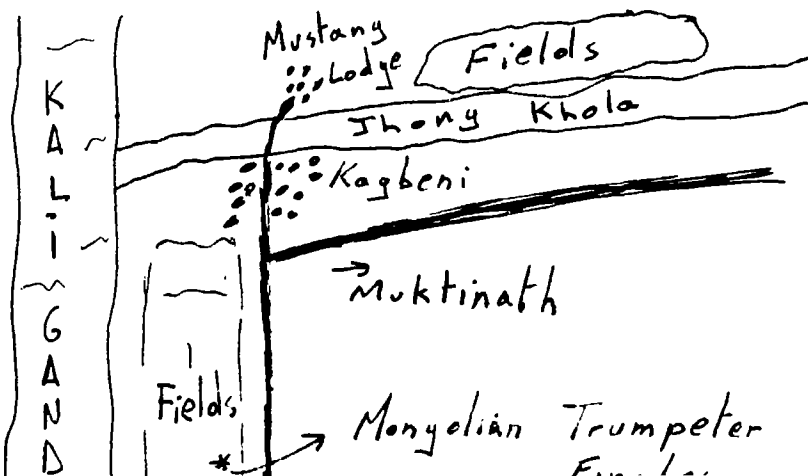
Birds : Chukar (common), Brown Accentor (common), Robin Accentor ( $\pm 30$ ), White-throated Redstart (fairly common), Guldenstadt's Redstart (fairly common), Beautiful Rosefinch (5), Eastern Great Rosefinch (common) and Mongolian Trumpeter Finch ( $\pm 25$ , a vagrant to Nepal, two weeks later, other birders saw a flock of more than 60 birds).



Kagbeni (2.810 m.)

Mustang Lodge : 15 NRp.

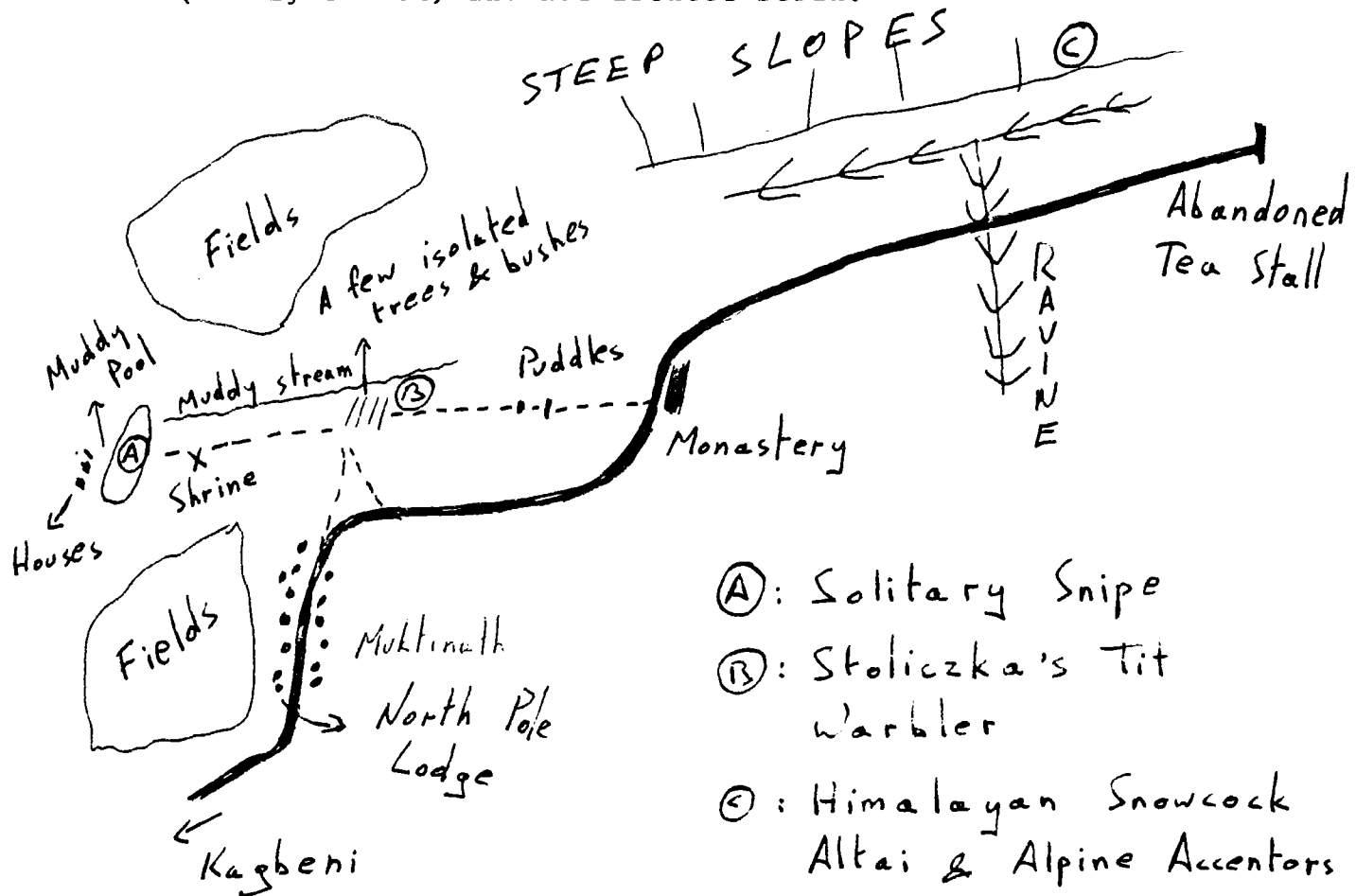
Birds : Brown Accentor, Robin Accentor, Guldenstadt's Redstart, Hill Pigeon ( $\pm 50$ ) and more Mongolian Trumpeter Finches ( $\pm 20$ ).



Muktinath (3.802 m.)

North Pole Lodge : 25 NRp.

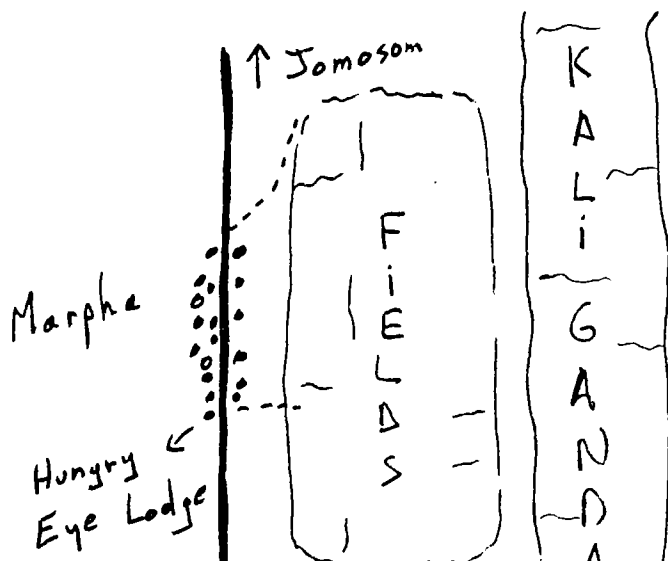
Birds : Himalayan Snowcock (5), Redshank (1), Solitary Snipe (6), Hill Pigeon ( $\pm$  200), Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler (fairly common) and Red-fronted Serin.



Marpha (2.667 m.)

Hungry Eye Lodge : 10 NRp.

Birds : White-throated, Guldenstadt's and Hodgson's Redstarts, Beautiful Rosefinch (common), Chiffchaff (high altitude) and Coot (1 swimming on the Kali Gandaki).



Tukuche (2.591 m.)

I only stayed here for a couple of hours.

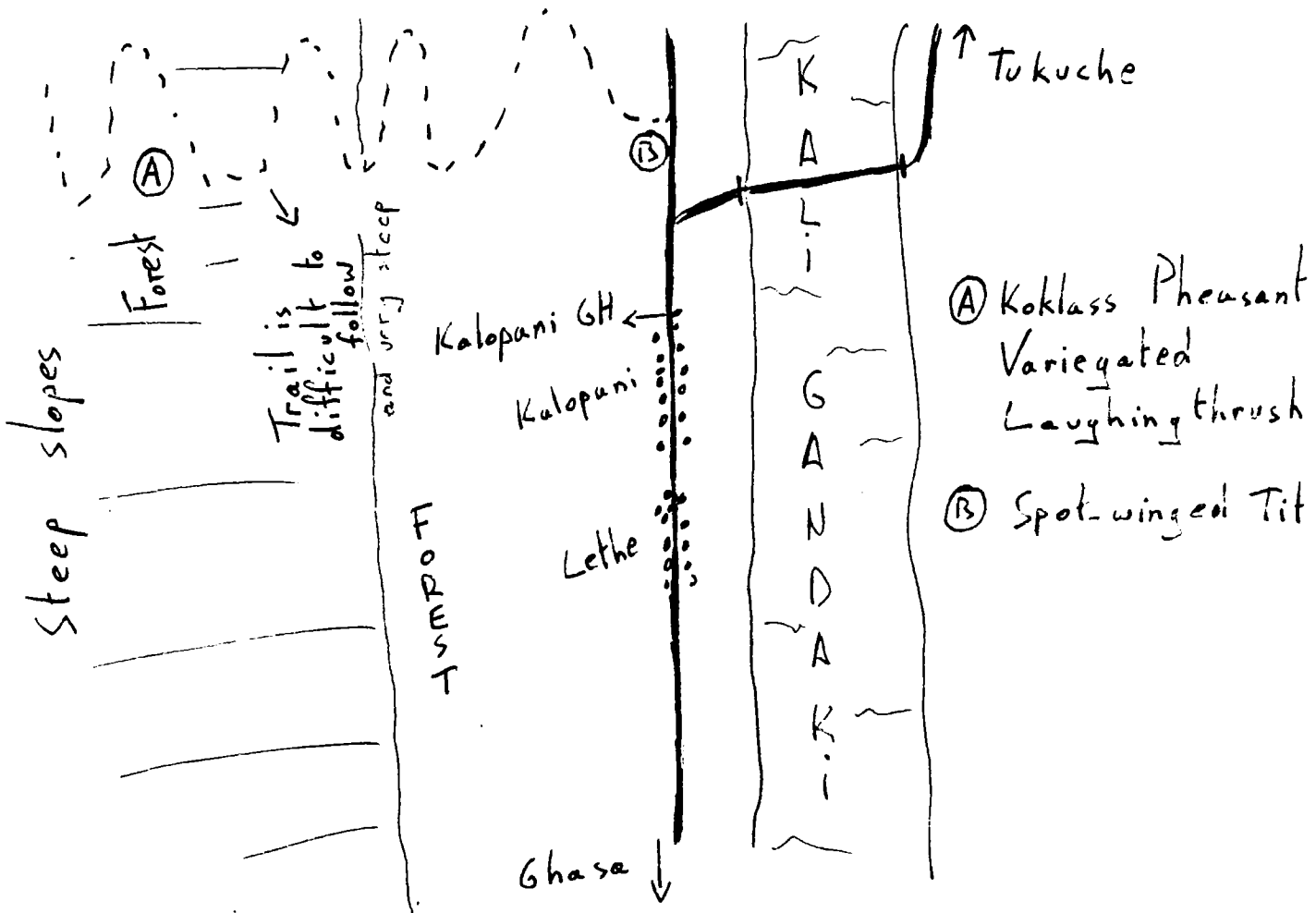
Explore the fields SW of Tukuche.

Birds : Nepal House Martin, Grey-crested Tit, Blue-capped Redstart and Snow Pigeon (20).

Kalopani (2.530 m.)

Kalopani Guest House : 25 NRp.

Birds : Brown Dipper, Blue-capped Redstart, Spot-winged Tit (2), Goldcrest, Variegated Laughingthrush, Kalij and Koklass Pheasants and Plain-backed Mountain Thrush.



Ghasa (2.013 m.)

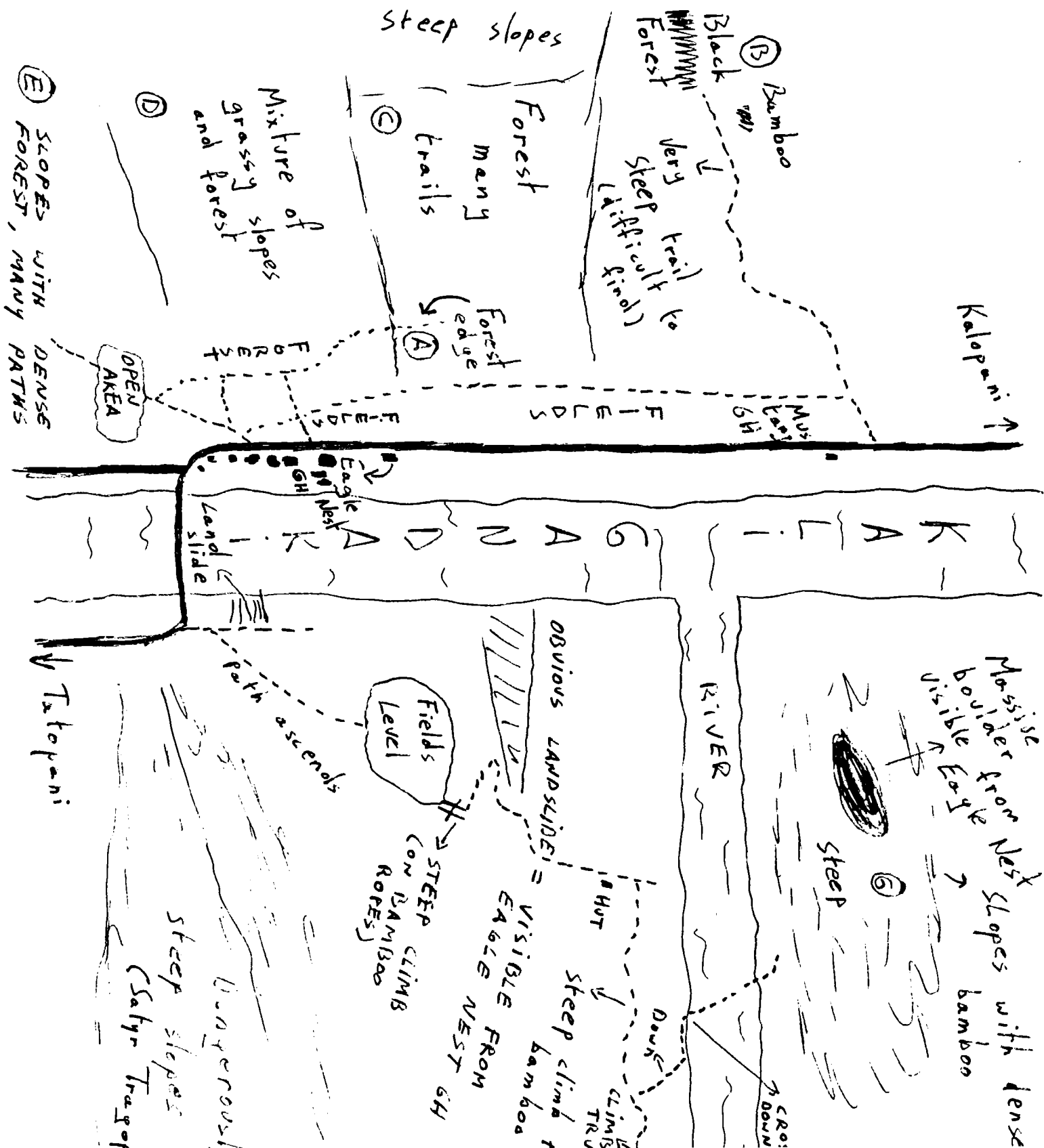
An excellent site : all Nepalese pheasants occur (Satyr Tragopan is difficult and Blood Pheasant almost impossible).

I stayed in the Eagle Nest Guest House (25 NRp.).

Climbing up the slopes (necessary for finding the pheasants) can be dangerous, especially the slopes on the eastern side of the Kali Gandaki are extremely steep.

Abinash Nepali, who works in the Eagle Nest Guest House, knows the pheasants very well and makes an excellent guide.

Birds : Cheer Pheasant (1 male seen, several more heard),  
 Kalij Pheasant (a few), Koklass Pheasant (1 seen, many heard),  
 Himalayan Monal (1 pair flushed), Common Hill Partridge  
 (common), Upland Pipit (fairly common), Black-faced Warbler,  
 Ultramarine Flycatcher, Spot-winged Rosefinch (4), Striated  
 Prinia (fairly common), Black-throated Parrotbill ( $\pm 100$ ) and  
 Golden Eagle.

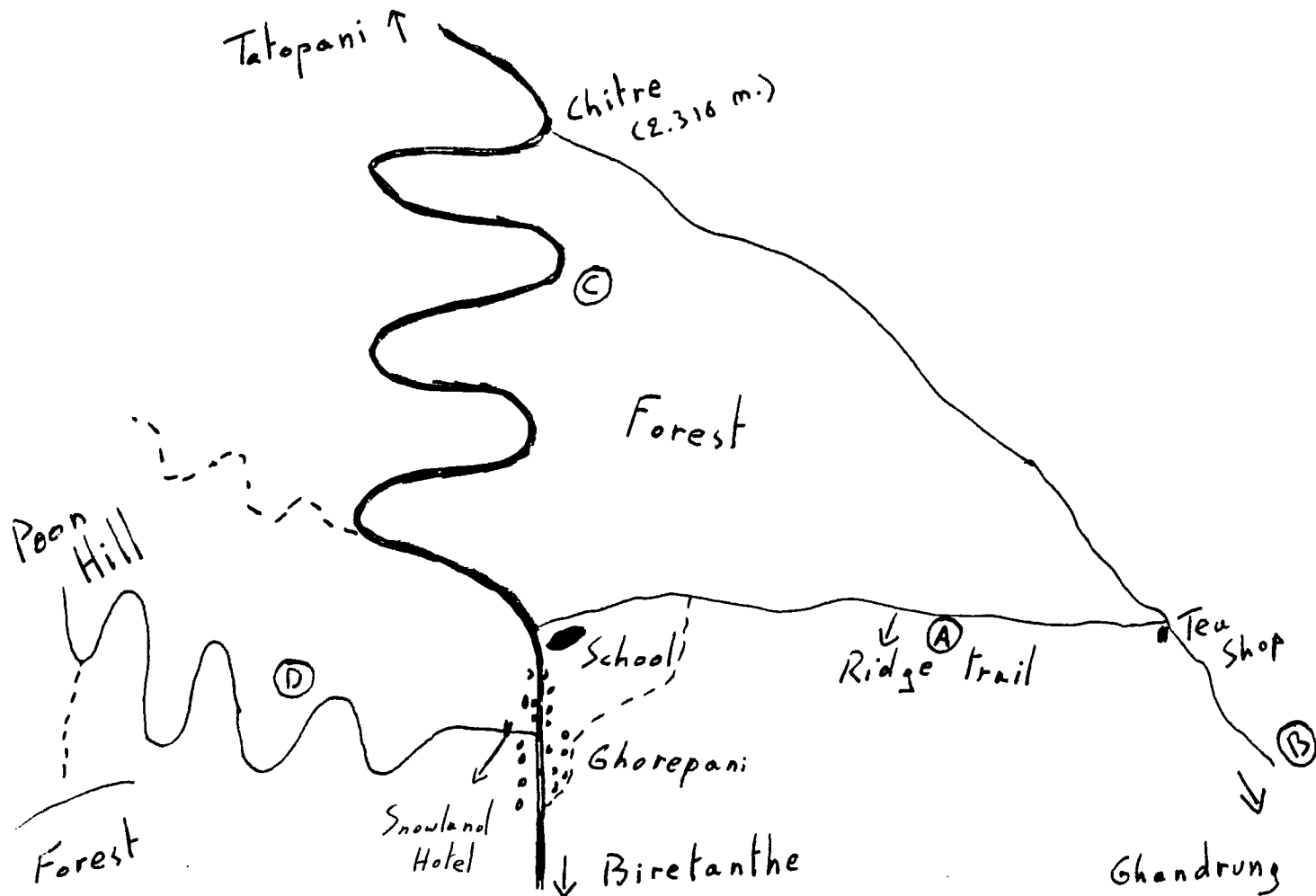


- A : Cheer Pheasant (1 male seen at first light), Spot-winged Rosefinch, Striated Prinia..
- B : Himalayan Monal (1 pair flushed, bamboo), Upland Pipit.
- C : Koklass Pheasant (only heard), Black-faced Warbler, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Cheer Pheasant (heard only)
- D : Upland Pipit (high up), Spot-winged Rosefinch.
- E : Koklass Pheasant (heard only), Ultramarine Flycatcher.
- F : Koklass Pheasant (1 male seen, more heard), Black-throated Parrotbill.
- G : Cheer Pheasant (heard only).

Ghorepani ( 2.855 m.)

Snowland Hotel : 25 NRp.

Birds : Common Hill Partridge, Koklass Pheasant (only heard), Himalayan Swiftlet, Alpine Swift, Pacific Swift, Variegated Laughingthrush, Black-faced Laughingthrush, Spotted Laughing thrush (fairly common), Chestnut Thrush (a few), Black-throated Thrush (very common), White-collared Blackbird (common), White-browed Bush-Robin (5), Golden Bush-Robin (2), Rufous breasted Bush-Robin (1 pair), Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Scaly-bellied Woodpecker, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Yellowish bellied Bush Warbler (fairly common), Rusty-flanked Tree-creeper, Great Parrotbill (5), Spot-winged Rosefinch, Vinaceous Rosefinch (1) and Collared Grosbeak ( $\pm$  30).



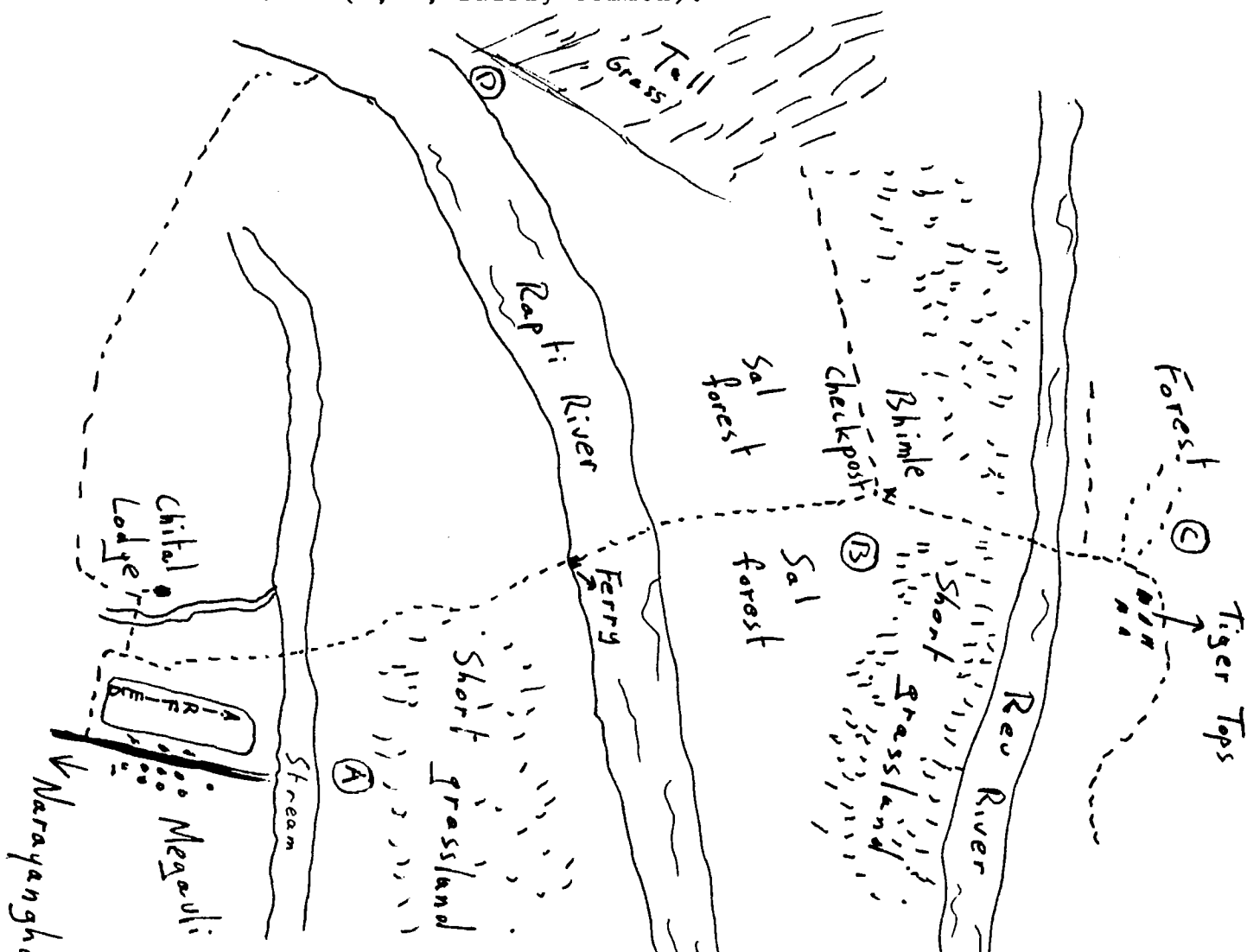


- A : Koklass Pheasant (heard), White-browed Bush-Robin, Spotted Laughingthrush, Great Parrotbill, Collared Grosbeak,  
 B : Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin.  
 C : Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Rusty-flanked Treecreeper.  
 D : Spotted Laughingthrush, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Great Parrotbill, Spot-winged Rosefinch, Vinaceous Rosefinch, Red-headed Bullfinch.

Chitwan (Megauli)

Take a bus from the New Bus Park in Kathmandu (near Balaju) to Narayanghat (7 hrs., 45 NRp.) and then another bus from Narayanghat to Megauli or Sauraha. I only visited Megauli (2 hrs. by bus from Narayanghat). Megauli is better for birds than Sauraha. I spent two nights in the Chital Lodge (30 NRp).

Birds : White-eyed Buzzard (fairly common), Chestnut-winged Cuckoo (C, 3), Banded Bay Cuckoo (C, heard only), Savanna Nightjar (around Chital Lodge), Indian Pitta (C, common and easy to find), Bengal Florican (D, 1 male seen for several minutes), Blue-bearded Bee-eater (C, a few), Rufous-necked Laughingthrush (C, fairly common), Grey-capped Prinia (C, fairly common), Orange-breasted Green Pigeon (B, C, common), Pale-chinned Flycatcher (C, fairly common) and White-vented Needletail (A, D, fairly common).



## LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

### Used abbreviations :

Ag	Agra	Ma	Marpha
BB	Bund Bharata	Meg	Megma
Bh	Bharatpur	Muk	Muktinath
BJG	Buddha Javanti Gardens	Nag	Nagarjung
Ch	Chitwan	Ok	Okhla
Co	Corbett	Pok	Pokhara
Da	Darjeeling Zoo	Phu	Phulchowki
DAR	Darjeeling Area (incl. Da, La, SaT and TH)	QI	Quality Inn (Kumeria)
DEL	Delhi Area (incl. BJG, DZ, Ok, Sul, YR and Tug)	Ra	Ranthambhor
DZ	Delhi Zoo	RAJ	Rajasthan (incl. BB, Bh, Jai, Jod and Ra)
Ga	Ganges	Ram	Ramnagar
Gha	Ghasa	Sa	Sandakphu
Gho	Ghorepani	SaT	Sandakphu Trek
Jai	Jaisalmer	Sh	Sheopuri
Jod	Jodphur	ST	Sat Tal
Jom	Jomosom	Sul	Sultanpur
JT	Jomosom Trek	TER	The Terai, Nepal (incl. KB, KT and Ch)
Kag	Kagbeni	TH	Tiger Hill
KB	Kosi Barrage	Tug	Tughlaqabad
Kla	Kaladhungi	UP	Uttar Pradesh (incl. Co, Ga, Kla, NT, Ram and ST)
Kli	Kalipokhari	YR	Yamuna River
Klo	Kalopani		
KT	Kosi Tapphu		
KTH	Kathmandu Valley (incl. Nag, Phu and Sh)		
La	Lava		

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*  
KB, Pok

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*  
Bh (1 in Dec. '93, vagrant)

Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus*  
Ram (1 in Dec. '93, 2nd record for the Indian Subcontinent)

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Indian Shag *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
Bh, Ok, DZ

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
BB, Bh, DZ

Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*  
Bh (1 in '92 and 1 in '93-'94)

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
Bh ( $\pm$  5 in '94), KT (2)

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*  
Bh ( $\pm$  4 in '94)

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*  
Bh (3 in '94)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Bh, DZ, KT, KTH

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*  
KB, KT, Ra, Ram, Co, Ch

Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*  
DAR, DEL, RAJ, TER, UP

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  
DAR, DEL, RAJ, TER

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Western Reef Egret *Egretta gularis*  
Jai (2, unexpected record)

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Great White Egret *Casmerodius albus (Egretta alba)*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
Bh, Ok, Ra, KB, KT

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*  
Bh, DZ, Jod, Ok, Ra, Sul

Asian Openbill Stork *Anastomus oscitans*  
DEL, RAJ, KB, KT

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*  
Co, Ra

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*  
Bh, Ra, Sul

Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*  
Bh, Co, Ok

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*  
KB, KT (5 - 10)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
Bh (fairly common in '93-'94)

Red-naped Ibis *Pseudibis papillosa*  
between DEL and Ag (3 in '92), KT (6), KB (1)

Oriental White Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*  
Bh, KB, KT, Sul, BB, Ra, Ok

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*  
Bh (1 in '93-'94), Sul (5)

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*  
Bh, KB, Pok, Ra, Ok

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*  
Bh, BB, Co, KB, KT, Ra, Ok, Ch

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*  
Bh, Ra

Cotton Pygmy Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*  
BB, Bh, KB, Ra

Wigeon *Anas penelope*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Falcatated Duck *Anas falcata*  
KB (1 male)

Gadwall *Anas strepera*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Common Teal *Anas crecca*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*  
Bh, KB, Pok, Ok, Co

Spotbill *Anas poecilorhyncha*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Pintail *Anas acuta*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Garganey *Anas querquedula*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*  
Bh, KB

Pochard *Aythya ferina*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Bear's Pochard *Aythya baeri*  
KB (6)

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*  
Bh, KB, KT

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Goosander *Mergus merganser*  
Co, Jom

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*  
DEL, RAJ

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*  
BB, Bh, Ok, Ra, Sul, La (16 on 24/4)

Oriental Honey-Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
DEL, RAJ

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, KTH

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, (KTH)

Black-eared Kite *Milvus lineatus*  
KTH, JT

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*  
DZ

Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*  
Bh (only in '92), Co

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*  
KB (1 ad.)

Lesser Fishing Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis*  
Co (1)

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*  
NT, ST, JT

Oriental White-backed Vulture *Gyps bengalensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER (very common)

Long-billed Vulture *Gyps indicus*  
Bh, Jod, Ram

Himalayan Griffon Vulture *Gyps himalayensis*  
UP, JT

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*  
BB, Jod (only a few)

Red-headed Vulture *Sarcogyps calvus*  
RAJ, UP

Eurasian Black Vulture *Aegyptius monachus*  
QI (1 in '92 and 1 in '93)

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*  
BB, Bh, KB

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
Bh, JTK, KTH, La, Ra, Pok

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*  
Bh, JTK (Klo, Gha)

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*  
Bh, Jai, Sul

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*  
Bh (1 male in '92), KB, KT

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*  
La, Gho

Northern Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*  
Bh, JTK, Sul

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*  
Ch (1)

Shikra *Accipiter badius*  
Bh, Ra, Sh

White-eyed Buzzard *Batastur teesa*  
Ch (fairly common)

Buzzard *Buteo buteo*  
JTK, La, NT, SaT, TH

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*  
Bh, Jai, Jod

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*  
ST, DAR, KTH, JTK

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*  
Bh, Sul

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, JTK

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*  
Jai (fairly common)

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*  
Bh, Jai, Sul

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*  
Gha, Klo

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pannatus*  
Ra (1), JT (near Tatopani)

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraaetus fasciatus*  
Bh, Jai

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*  
Ram (1 in '92), QI (2 in '92)

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*  
Phu (2)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*  
BB, KT, KB, Ra, Co

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens*  
QI (1 in '92)

Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*  
DAR, DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, KTH

Red-necked Falcon (Red-headed Merlin) *Falco chiquera*  
Bh (1 in '94), KB (1)

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*  
Ram (1 in '92)

Laggar *Falco jugger*  
Jai (2)

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*  
Ag, Ok, Da

Himalayan Snowcock *Tetraogallus himalayensis*  
Muk (5)

Chukar Partridge *Alectoris chukar*  
JT (common, Jom, Kag - Muk)

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus*  
KB, KT, Ok, Ch

Grey Francolin *Francolinus pondicerianus*  
DEL, RAJ

Swamp Francolin *Francolinus gularis*  
KT (8)

Quail *Coturnix coturnix*  
Bh (1 in '92), Jod ( $\pm$  5)

Jungle Bush Quail *Perdicula asiatica*  
Ra (common)

Painted Spurfowl *Galloperdix lunulata*  
Ra (4)

Common Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola*  
Phu, JT, SaT

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus*  
Sa (1 pair)

Satyr Tragopan *Tragopan satyra*  
TH, Kli, Meg

Koklass Pheasant *Pucrasia macrolopha*  
Gha, Klo

Himalayan Monal *Lophophorus impejanus*  
Gha (1 pair)

Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos*  
JT, La, Nag, NT, Pok, Phu, QI, TH

Cheer Pheasant *Catreus wallichi*  
Gha (1 seen, several heard)

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*  
Co, QI, Ram

Blue Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*  
DEL, RAJ

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator*  
Bh (common), Ch

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*  
Bh (several in '93-'94)

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*  
Bh, KB, KT

Brown Crake *Amaurornis akool*  
BB, Bh, Ra

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio porphyrio*  
Bh, KB, KT, Sul

Coot *Fulica atra*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, Ma (1)

Common Crane *Grus grus*  
Bh, Ra, Sul

Sarus Crane *Grus antigone*  
Bh, Ra, Sul

Siberian White Crane *Grus leucogeranus*  
Bh (6 in '92, none in '93-'94)



Great Indian Bustard *Ardeotis nigriceps*  
Jai (6)

Bengal Florican *Eupodotis bengalensis*  
Ch (1 male)

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
Bh, KB, KT, Ok, Ra

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*  
Bh, KB, KT, Ok, Ra

Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*  
Bh, BB, KT, Ch

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*  
Ram (2 in '92 and 2 in '93)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*  
DEL, RAJ, 3 near Kakarbhitta (E. Nepal)

Avocet *Rucurvirostra avosetta*  
Ok, Sul

Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicephalus*  
BB, Bh, DZ, Jai

Great Thick-knee *Burhinus recurvirostris*  
BB, Ra

Indian Courser *Cursorius coromandelicus*  
Bh (2 in '92), Ra (6)

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*  
Jai (common)

Little Pratincole *Glareola lactea*  
Ag, BB, Ram, QI (only in '92), KB (common)

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*  
Ag (1 in '92)

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*  
KB ( $\pm$  10)

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*  
Ag, KB, Ok, QI, Ram

Yellow-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus malabaricus*  
Bh, Ra, Tug

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*  
KB, KT, Ok, Sul

White-tailed Plover *Vanellus leucurus*  
DEL, RAJ

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*  
Jai, KB, Ok, Sul

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*  
Ag (1 in '92), KB (2)

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*  
DEL, RAJ

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*  
BB, Bh, KB, KT

Solitary Snipe *Gallinago solitaria*  
Muk (6), 1 snipe spec. flushed at Kli was probably this species

Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus*  
Bh (1 in '94)

Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*  
La

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*  
Bh, Ok, Sul

Curlew *Numenius arquata*  
KB

Redshank *Tringa totanus*  
Bh, Ok, Sul, Muk

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*  
KT, Ok, Sul, BB, Ag

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*  
Ag, Co, Ga, KB, KT

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*  
Ag, Ok, Jai, KB

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*  
Ga, KB, Ok

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinnans*  
YR, Sul, KB

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*  
Ag, Ok, KB

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*  
KB

Indian River Tern *Sterna aurantia*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Black-bellied Tern *Sterna acuticauda*  
Ag, BB, Bh, KB

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*  
KB

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*  
BB, Bh, Ok

Indian Skimmer *Rynchops albicollis*  
BB (20 in '92, 3 in '94)

Painted Sandgrouse *Pterocles indicus*  
Jod, Ra

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*  
Bh, Jai, Ra

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*  
Jai

Rock Dove *Columba livia*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris*  
Kag, Muk

Snow Pigeon *Columba leuconota*  
JT (20 near Tukuhe)

Speckled Woodpigeon *Columba hodgsonii*  
La ( $\pm$  5)

Ashy Woodpigeon *Columba pulchricollis*  
La (common in winter)

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Red Turtle Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
Bh, Ch, Ra, KB

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*  
UP, DAR, JT, KTH

Palm Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*  
DEL, UP, DAR, TER, KTH

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*  
La (fairly common)

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*  
Ch, QI (3 in '92)

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicincta*  
Ch (common)

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicoptera*  
Bh, DZ, Ra

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenura*  
Phu, La, TH

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*  
Ra, Ch

Slaty-headed Parakeet *Psittacula himalayana*  
Pok, QI, Ram

Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*  
BB, Ch, Ra, Co

Ring-necked Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*  
Ch

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus*  
Ch (3)

Common Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus varius*  
Ag, Bh, Sul, Ch

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus sparverioides*  
DAR, KTH, JT (only in spring)

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*  
Ch (only heard)

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*  
La, Phu, Ch (only in spring)

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*  
DAR, KTH, TER (only in spring)

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*  
DAR, KTH (only in spring)

Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus*  
Phu, Sh (only in spring)

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*  
La (1)

Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*  
KTH, TER (only in spring)

Common Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*  
Ag, Jod, TER

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*  
Phu (at an altitude of  $\pm 1.550$  m.), Ch

Sirkeer Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii*  
Bh, Ram (1 in '92)

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*  
KT (fairly common)

Indian Scops Owl *Otus bakkamoena*  
Bh (2 in '92, 3 in '93-'94)

Dusky Eagle Owl *Bubo coromandus*  
Bh (3 in '92,  $\pm 5$  in '93-'94)

Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*  
Ra (1), Co (2), QI (1 in '92, 2 in '93)

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*  
DAR, KTH, JT<sup>1</sup> (many heard, seen twice)

Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum*  
Ram (3 in '92), Ch (1)

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*  
Kla, SaT, JT<sup>1</sup>

Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata*  
Bh (1 in '92)

Spotted Owlet *Athena brama*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*  
Jai (1)

Long-tailed Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus atripennis*  
Bh (fairly common)

Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus*  
Bh (1 in '92 and 3 in '93-'94)

Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*  
Ch (3 near Chital Lodge)

Himalayan Swiftlet *Collocalia brevirostris*  
Ram, QI, Co, SaT, JT

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacautus*  
La, Sa, TH (at Sa, at an altitude of  $\pm$  3.650 m.)

White-vented Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*  
Ch (fairly common)

White-rumped Spinetail *Zoonavena sylvatica*  
QI ( $\pm$  10 in '92)

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*  
Ram, Gho

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*  
Ram (several in '92), Gho, DAR

House/Little Swift *Apus nipalensis/affinis*  
DEL, RAJ (probably Little)  
KTH, TER, DAR (House Swift)

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*  
Bh, BB (only in '93-'94)

Crested Tree Swift *Hemiprocne coronata*  
Ram, QI, KT, Ch

Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris*  
Ram, QI, JT (Tirkhedhunga)

Lesser Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*  
Ra, Ch, KT

Smyrna Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, KTH

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*  
Bh (1)

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*  
Ch (fairly common)

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*  
Ch (fairly common)

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*  
Ch (3)

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*  
Ch (common)

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Indian Grey Hornbill *Ocyrceros birostris*  
Ag, Bh, Ok

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*  
Ch (fairly common)

Great Pied Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*  
QI (4 in '92, 3 in '93)

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Brown-headed Barbet *Megalaima zeylanica*  
Ag, DZ, Tug, Co

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*  
QI, Ram, Co, Ch

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*  
DAR, KTH, JT

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*  
ST, TER, KTH, JT

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*  
DEL, RAJ, TH, KT

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*  
Kla, Phu, QI, Sh

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*  
Ch (4)

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*  
QI, Pok, Phu, La

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*  
DAR (1 on the way from Darjeeling to Lava, near Teesta)

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*  
UP, KTH

Scaly-bellied Woodpecker *Picus squamatus*  
NT, Gho

Himalayan Goldenback *Dinopium shorii*  
QI (4)

Lesser Goldenback (Black-rumped Goldenback) *Dinopium benghalense*  
BJG, Bh, Sul, Jod, Ra

Greater Goldenback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*  
QI (2)

White-naped Woodpecker *Chrysocolaptes festivus*  
Ra (2)

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*  
La ( $\pm$  5)

Himalayan (Pied) Woodpecker *Dendrocopos himalayensis*  
NT (fairly common)

Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*  
TH, SaT, La, Phu, JT

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos cathparius*  
La, TH, SaT, Phu, JT

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus*  
Gho, Sa

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*  
BJG, RAJ

Brown-fronted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos auriceps*  
UP, KTH, JT

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei*  
QI, Ram, Sh

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
UP, Ch

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus*  
BB, Bh, Ra

Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*  
Ch (common and easy to locate)

Rufous-winged Bushlark *Mirafra assamica*  
KB, Ch (common)

Red-winged Bushlark *Mirafra erythroptera*  
Bh, Ra

Ashy-crowned Finch Lark *Eremopterix grisea*  
Bh, Ra, KB, KT, Ch, Ram

Black-crowned Finch Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*  
Jai (fairly common at Sudaseri)



Rufous-tailed Desert Lark *Ammomanes phoenicurus*  
Bh, Ra

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*  
Bh, Jai, Sul

Sandlark *Calandrella raytal*  
Ok, Ga, KB, Ch

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*  
Bh, Sul

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*  
Ok, Sul, Ag, Ra, Bh, KB

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*  
Jai, Sul

Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, KTH

Crag Martin *Hirundo rupestris*  
NT, JoT, BB

Dusky Crag Martin *Hirundo concolor*  
DEL, RAJ

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*  
BB, Bh, Ok

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, KTH

Indian Cliff Swallow (Streak-throated) *Hirundo fluvicola*  
Bh (5)

Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalensis*  
NT - Kla, Ma - Klo

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*  
Klo

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*  
KB (a few)

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*  
Bh (1), KB (2)

Upland Pipit *Anthus sylvanus*  
Klo, Gha

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*  
Bh, Tug, Jai

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*  
Jai (2)

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*  
RAJ

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, KTH, TER

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*  
Bh (a few)

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus*  
Bh, Ram, ST, Sa, KB, KT, Pok

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, UP

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, UP

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, DAR, KTH, JT

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER

Large Pied Wagtail *Motacilla madaraspatensis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, Ch

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*  
Ch (1)

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus*  
Ram, QI, JT, Ch, Phu

Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina melaschistos*  
La, KTH

Large Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina macei*  
UP, DAR, KTH, Bh (1 in Jan. '94)

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*  
QI, Ram, Nag

Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
La (a few pairs)

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
DEL, RAJ

Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*  
La, Phu, JT

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*  
QI (a few)

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*  
DEL, UP, TER

White-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucotis*  
DEL, RAJ

Himalayan Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mccllellandii*  
Phu, Sh

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala*  
NT, QI, Pok

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
DAR, KTH, Pok, JT

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*  
Ra, QI, Ram, Ch, Bh (1 in '92)

Marshall's Iora *Aegithina nigrolutea*  
Bh (fairly common)

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
Ram, Co, Ch, QI

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*  
Kla, Phu, Sh, La

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii*  
QI, JT (Klo, Tirkhedhunga)

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
Kag, Muk

Maroon-backed Accentor *Prunella immaculata*  
La, TH (common in winter)

Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophciata*  
NT, TH, La, JT, SaT, Phu

Brown Accentor *Prunella fulvescens*  
Jom, Kag, Muk

Black-throated Accentor *Prunella atrogularis*  
ST (fairly common in '92, a few in '93)

Robin Accentor *Prunella rubeculoides*  
Jom, Kag, Muk

Altai Accentor *Prunella himalayana*  
NT, Muk, Gho

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*  
Muk

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*  
Phu, TH, SaT, La

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope*  
Bh, KT

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

White-tailed Rubythroat (Himalayan) *Luscinia pectoralis*  
QI ( $\pm$  5 in '92, 1 in '93)

Indian Blue Robin *Luscinia brunnea*  
La, Phu (only in spring, common at La)

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Golden Bush-Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus*  
NT, SaT, TH, La, JT, Sh, Phu

White-browed Bush-Robin *Tarsiger indicus*  
JT, TH, Sa

Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin *Tarsiger hyperythrus*  
Gho (1 pair)

Asian Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, KTH, DAR

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*  
Ch (fairly common)

Blue-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus*  
NT, ST, JT, Sh

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Hodgson's Redstart *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
Ma (a few)

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*  
UP, DAR, JT

White-throated Redstart *Phoenicurus schisticeps*  
Jom, Kag, Nuk, Na

Guldenstadt's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythrogaster*  
Jom, Kag, Nuk, Ma

Plumbeous Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*  
Ram, QI, JT, Sh

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*  
Phu (1 in Apr.)

White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum*  
Da, La, SaT

Stonechat (Eastern Stonechat) *Saxicola torquata (maura)*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, TER, JT

White-tailed Stonechat *Saxicola leucura*  
Ok, KB, Ch

Hodgson's Bushchat *Saxicola insignis*  
KB (1 male in March)

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, KTH

Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea*  
UP, DAR, KTH

Stoliczka's Bushchat (White-browed) *Saxicola macrorhyncha*  
Jai (1)

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*  
Ra, Jai, Sul

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*  
Bh, Ra, Jai

Eastern Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe picata*  
Ra, Jai, Jod (subspec. *picata*, *opistholeuca*, *capistrata*)

Red-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthopyrna*  
Jai

River Chat *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Indian Robin *Saxicoloides fulicata*  
DEL, RAJ

Blue-capped Rock-Thrush *Monticola cinclorhynchus*  
Phu (1)

Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius*  
Jod, Tug, KB

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myiophonus caeruleus*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Plain-backed Mountain Thrush *Zoothera mollissima*  
La, TH, SaT, JT

White's Thrush *Zoothera dauma*  
Pok, TH, La, SaT

Long-billed Thrush *Zoothera monticola*  
NT (1 in '92), Phu (1)

Dark-sided Thrush *Zoothera marginata*  
La (1)

Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*  
La (common in winter)

Pied Ground Thrush *Zoothera wardii*  
Phu ( $\pm$  5)

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina*  
Bh, Ch (common at Ch)

Tickell's Thrush *Turdus unicolor*  
Bh, Phu, Sh, La

White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus*  
NT, SaT, JT (common at Gho), TH

Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus bouboul*  
NT, La, Phu, Sh

Chestnut Thrush *Turdus rubrocanus*  
NT, Gho

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis*  
NT, Ram, TH, La, Phu, JT (very common at Gho)

Dusky Thrush *Turdus naumanni*  
La (1)

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*  
JT (Klo, Gho)

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri*  
JT (Tirkhedhunga)

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*  
Sh, JT

Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus*  
Phu, JT

Brown Rock Chat *Cercomela fusca*  
DEL, RAJ

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneocoronata*  
QI, Phu, Pok, SaT, TH (very common at TH in spring)

Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*  
Pok, Phu, La

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea*  
La (a few)

Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler *Cettia fortipes*  
Da, TH, La

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea*  
ST, DAR, KTH, JT

Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler *Cettia robustipes (acanthizoides)*  
JT (Gho), TH, SaT

Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Spotted Bush Warbler *Bradypterus thoracicus*  
KB, KT

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*  
Bh (fairly common in '93-'94)

Bright-capped Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*  
Ch (fairly common)

Fan-tailed Warbler *Cisticola juncidis*  
Bh, KB, Ch

Graceful Prinia *Prinia gracilis*  
Ok, Jai, KB

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata (subflava)*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, Ch

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*  
UP, Ch

Rufous-fronted Prinia *Prinia buchanani*  
Tug, Ra

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*  
Ch, KB, KT

Striated Prinia *Prinia criniger*  
JT (Gha, Klo), Phu

Hill Prinia *Prinia atrogularis*  
La, Da

Grey-capped Prinia *Prinia cinereocapilla*  
Ch (fairly common)

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Striated Marsh Warbler *Megalurus palustris*  
KB, KT

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*  
KB, KT (fairly common)

Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*  
Bh, KB, KT

Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*  
Bh, KB, KT

Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon*  
KB, Nag

Booted (Sykes's) Warbler *Hippolais (rama) caligata*  
Bh (fairly common), Sul, Jai

Orphean Warbler *Sylvia hortensis*  
BJG, Bh, Ra, Jai, Jod

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*  
DEL, RAJ

Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana*  
Jai (common)

Golden-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus burkii*  
Bh (1 in '92), NT, QI, DAR, KTH, JT

Grey-cheeked Warbler *Seicercus poliogenys*  
La (fairly common in winter)

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*  
DAR, KTH, JT

Grey-hooded Warbler *Seicercus xanthoschistus*  
UP, DAR, JT, KTH (very common)

Broad-billed Warbler *Tickellia hodgsoni*  
TH, SaT

Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps*  
JT (Gha, Klo), Phu, La

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
DAR, KTH, JT (common)

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
Bh, SaT, KTH, JT, UP

Large-billed Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris*  
La, SaT, Ch (1)

Orange-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Grey-faced (Ashy-throated) Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*  
ST, DAR, KTH, JT

Pallas's Warbler *Phylloscopus (proregulus) chloronotus*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT (*chloronotus* is often treated as a separate spec

Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*  
DEL, RAJ, DAR, KTH, Pok

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Phu (Botanical Gardens), Sh, Pok

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
DZ, Bh, Co, KB, KT, Pok,

Smoky Warbler *Phylloscopus fulgiventis*  
Bh (1 in Jan. '94), KB, KT

Sulphur-bellied Warbler *Phylloscopus griseolus*  
Tug (2)



Tickell's Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*  
NT, La, KB, KT, SaT

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*  
DEL, RAJ, KB, JT (Ma)

Brook's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus subviridis*  
Bh (not uncommon in the dry areas), Tug, Sul, BB

Plain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus neglectus*  
Jai (1)

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*  
JT (Klo, Gha)

Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler *Leptopoecile sophiae*  
JT (Muk)

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*  
La

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae*  
ST, QI, Phu, JT

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*  
ST, QI, DAR, KTH, JT

Pale-chinned Flycatcher (Brook's Flycatcher) *Cyornis poliogenys*  
Ch (fairly common)

Pygmy Blue Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*  
La (a few)

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*  
DAR, KTH, Pok, JT

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea*  
La ( $\pm$  5)

Dark-sided Flycatcher (Siberian Flycatcher) *Muscicapa sibirica*  
KTH, DAR (common in spring)

Sapphire Flycatcher *Ficedula sapphia*  
La (1)

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*  
UP, KTH, DAR, JT

Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris*  
JT (Gha, Gho), Sh

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*  
QI, DAR, JT

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*  
La (common in Apr.)

Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophciata*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, JT  
(*Ficedula (parva) albicilla*, common in DAR and Nepal, also  
a few at Bh)

Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
RAJ, UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*  
UP, DAR, TER, KTH, JT

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*  
BJG, Bh, Ra

Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*  
Ch (common)

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*  
Bh (1 in '94), Ch

Puff-throated Babbler (Spotted Babbler) *Pellorneum ruficeps*  
Kla, QI, Ch

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*  
DAR, JT

Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*  
TH, SaT (Kli) (3 seen at TH, several heard)

Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer*  
JT, Phu, TH, SaT (common in Apr. on SaT and TH)

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*  
Phu (Botanical Gardens), Pok, La, TH

Tailed (Rufous-throated) Wren-Babbler *Spelaeornis caudatus*  
La (2)

Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyris ruficeps*  
Da, TH, La, SaT (common)

Black-chinned Babbler *Stachyris pyrrhops*  
NT, ST, QI, KTH, JT

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*  
La (a few)

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*  
Phu

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*  
Ch (common)

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*  
Bh, Ok, Ag, Ch

Great Parrotbill *Conostoma aemodium*  
JT (Gho)

Black-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis nipalensis*  
JT (Gha), TH, SaT (common)

Spiny Babbler *Turdoides nipalensis*  
Phu, Sh (seen only once at Phu, frequently heard)

Common Babbler *Turdoides caudatus*  
DEL, RAJ

Striated Babbler *Turdoides earlei*  
Ok, KB, KT, Ch

Large Grey Babbler *Turdoides malcolmi*  
DEL, RAJ

Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striatus*  
DEL, RAJ, Ch

White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis*  
NT, La, Phu, JT

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*  
ST, KTH, JT, Pok

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*  
Ch (fairly common)

Striated Laughingthrush *Garrulax striatus*  
NT (2 in '92), La, Phu, JT

Variiegated Laughingthrush *Garrulax variegatus*  
JT (Gho, Klo)

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush *Garrulax rufogularis*  
ST ( $\pm$  10 in '93), Phu (fairly common)

Spotted Laughingthrush *Garrulax ocellatus*  
JT (Gho), SaT (Kli, Meg, Sa)

Grey-sided Laughingthrush *Garrulax caerulatus*  
La (fairly common)

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax ruficollis*  
Ch (fairly common at Tiger Tops)

Streaked Laughingthrush *Garrulax lineatus*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Garrulax squamatus*  
La (1)

Scaly Laughingthrush *Garrulax subunicolor*  
TH (a few)

Black-faced Laughingthrush *Garrulax affinis*  
JT (Gho), SaT (Meg, Sa)

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*  
La (1)

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*  
Phu, Sh, La, Da

Cutia *Cutia nipalensis*  
Phu (3)

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*  
NT, JT (Chitre), Phu, La

Green Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus*  
NT (1), JT (Gho, Klo), Sh

Back-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*  
TH, La, SaT

Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni*  
La (fairly common)

Hoary Barwing *Actinodura nipalensis*  
TH, La, Phu, JT

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*  
ST, DAR, Phu, JT

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*  
DAR, KTH, JT

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*  
Da, La, TH, SaT

Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Alcippe chrysotis*  
TH (common), La (a few in Apr.)

Yellow-throated Fulvetta *Alcippe cinerea*  
La (large flocks in Feb., only a few in Apr.)

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*  
DAR, KTH, JT

White-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe vinipectus*  
DAR, KTH, JT

Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis*  
Phu, Sh

Black-capped Sibia *Heterophasia capistrata*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina fluvicollis*  
DAR, KTH, JT

Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*  
KTH, SaT, JT

Rufous-vented Yuhina *Yuhina occipitalis*  
DAR, KTH, JT

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*  
Kla, KTH, Po

Black-browed Tit *Aegithalos iouschistos*  
SaT (Meg, ± 20)

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Grey-crested Tit *Parus dichrous*  
SaT, JT

Rufous-vented Tit *Parus rubidiventris*  
SaT, JT

Spot-winged Tit *Parus melanolophus*  
NT, JT (Klo)

Coal Tit *Parus ater*  
JT, SaT

Great Tit *Parus major*  
Ra, UP, KTH

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*  
UP, DAR, KTH, JT

Black-lored Tit *Parus xanthogenys*  
UP, KTH, JT

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*  
La (fairly common)

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*  
NT, Phu, Kla

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*  
NT, DAR, KTH, JT

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea*  
Bh, NT, ST

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*  
Ram, JT

Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor*  
Phu

Bar-tailed Treecreeper *Certhia himalayana*  
NT, ST, JT

Rusty-flanked (Nepal) Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis*  
JT (Gho)

Common Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*  
La, SaT, TH, JT

Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*  
La, SaT, TH, Phu

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*  
SaT, KTH, JT, Pok

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*  
Phu, La

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*  
JT, Pok

Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*  
La, SaT, Phu, JT

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*  
Ch (1)

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*  
Phu (3)

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor*  
Sh, Nag

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*  
ST, DAR, KTH, JT

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, KTH

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*  
KTH, Pok, JT, La

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*  
Bh (1 in '92), KT

Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*  
Bh, Sul, Ch

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*  
DZ, Ram, KB, KT

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*  
Bh (several in '92), Ok, Jai

Bay-backed Shrike *Lanius vittatus*  
DEL, RAJ

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*  
ST, NT ( $\pm$  3 in '92), KB (1), Phu, JT

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*  
DEL, RAJ

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER, KTH (open country)

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
Kla, KTH, DAR (forests)

White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens*  
Bh, Ram, QI, Ra

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*  
Kla, Phu, Ram

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*  
Phu (only in spring)

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus hottentotus*  
Ram, Pok, Co, QI

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
Kla (2 in '92)

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*  
KT (fairly common)

Jay *Garrulus glandarius*  
Phu, Sh

Lanceolated Jay *Garrulus lanceolatus*  
NT (common)

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris*  
SaT, La, TH, JT

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*  
NT, ST, QI, Phu, Pok, Sh

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*  
Pok (fairly common)

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*  
ST, DAR, KTH, JT

Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*  
JT (Gha, Klo)

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus*  
JT (Muk)

Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*  
JT (Kag, Muk)

House Crow *Corvus splendens*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH

Large-billed Crow (Jungle Crow) *Corvus macrorhynchos*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH, JT

Raven *Corvus corax*  
Jai (a few)

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*  
La, Sh (unexpected at Lava; at an altitude of  $\pm 1.600$  m.)

Brahminy Starling *Sturnus pagodarum*  
DEL, RAJ, UP

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Bh, Sul, Ok, KB

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH, JT

Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus*  
DEL, RAJ, TER

Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus*  
Ram, TER, KTH, Pok

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*  
La (fairly common), Ch (in Lava at an altitude of  $\pm 1.600$  m.)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*  
DEL, RAJ, UP, DAR, TER, KTH, Pok

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*  
Jod (a few)

Cinnamon Sparrow *Passer rutilans*  
NT, JT (common)

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*  
DAR, KTH, Pok, TER

Yellow-throated Sparrow *Petronia xanthocollis*  
RAJ (common)

Black-breasted Weaver *Ploceus benghalensis*  
Bh, Ok, KB

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar*  
Bh (a few in '94)

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*  
Bh, Ch

Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava*  
DEL, RAJ, TER



Indian Silverbill *Lonchura malabarica*  
DEL, RAJ

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*  
DZ, Bh, NT, KB

Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*  
NT, JT (Muk)

Tibetan Serin (Siskin) *Serinus thibetanus*  
La ( $\pm$  40 in Feb., a few in Apr.), SaT (Sa,  $\pm$  50)

Yellow-breasted (Himalayan) Greenfinch *Carduelis spinoides*  
NT, Kla ( $\pm$  100), La

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*  
NT (3 in '93)

Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*  
JT (Klo, Gho)

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola*  
NT, JT (Gho)

Trumpeter Finch *Rhodopechys githaginea*  
Jai (a few in the DNP)

Mongolian (Trumpeter) Finch *Rhodopechys mongolica*  
JT ( $\pm$  25 at Jom and  $\pm$  20 at Kag, a vagrant to Nepal)

Dark-breasted (Nepal) Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*  
NT, La, JT

Scarlet (Common) Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
JT, KTH, DAR, ST

Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus pulcherrimus*  
JT (Ma, Jom, Kag, Gho)

Vinaceous Rosefinch *Carpodacus vinaceus*  
JT (Gho, 1)

Pink-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodochrous*  
NT, JT, Sh

Dark-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus edwardsii*  
TH, SaT (Meg, Kli, Sa)

Spot-winged Rosefinch *Carpodacus rodopeplus*  
JT (Gha, Gho)

White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus thura*  
SaT (1 female at Sa)

Eastern Great Rosefinch (Crimson-eared) *Carpodacus rubicilloides*  
JT (Jom - Muk)

Red-headed Rosefinch (Crimson-browed Finch) *Pinicola subhimachalus*  
La (3)

Scarlet Finch *Haematospiza sipahi*  
Phu (1), La (fairly common in Apr.)

Gold-naped Finch *Pyrrhoptectes epauletta*  
Phu, Sh, TH, La

Brown Bullfinch *Pyrrhula nipalensis*  
La ( $\pm$  5), SaT (Meg)

Red-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*  
JT, SaT (Sa)

Collared Grosbeak *Mycerobas affinis*  
JT (Gho)

Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala*  
KB (fairly common)

White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti*  
BB, Tug, Ra

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*  
NT, JT

House Bunting *Emberiza striolata*  
Jai (fairly common, near the Fossil Park)

Chestnut-eared Bunting *Emberiza fucata*  
KT (2), KB (1)

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*  
KB (3)

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*  
BB (1 pair in '92)

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*  
KB, KT (common)

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*  
Da, SaT, La

Crested Bunting *Melophus lathami*  
Ra, Ram, JT

P.S. For most of the commoner species, the region (DEL, UP, RAJ, DAR ...) is given instead of all the sites, this doesn't necessarily mean that the species was recorded at all the sites this region includes.