NOTES ON BIRDSRecorded IN NEPAL, DECEMBER 1991 AND JANUARY 1992

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ITINERARY

18 Dec: Kathmandu to Besishar (2700ft, 830m) - cultivation.
19 Dec: Besishar to Bahundanda (4300ft, 1311m) - cultivation, subtropical groves and river (Marsyangdi Khola).
20 Dec: Bahundanda to Tal (5600ft, 1707m) - cultivation, groves, scrub, some mixed forest with bamboo.
21 Dec: Tal to Bagarchap (7100ft, 2164m) - some mixed broadleaved forest.
22 Dec: Bagarchap to Chame (8900ft, 2713m) - mixed oak forest ascending to pine and spruce forest.
23 Dec: Chame to Pisang (10450ft, 3185m) - coniferous forest.
24 Dec: Pisang to Tengi (11950ft, 3642m) - pine, juniper and birch forest ascending to alpine meadow and scrub.
25 Dec: Tengi to Gunsang (12700ft, 3871m) - alpine meadow and scrub - a very happy, white and peaceful Christmas.
26 Dec: Tengi to Bhratang (9575ft, 2919m)
27 Dec: Bhratang to Bagarchap
28 Dec: Bagarchap to Jogat (4400ft, 1341m)
29 Dec: Jagat to Besishar
30 Dec: Besishar to Baglung Pani (5413ft, 1650m) - cultivation, subtropical groves and mixed broadleaved forest. Excellent mixed subtropical broadleaved forest on north and west facing slopes below Baglung Pani.
31 Dec: Baglung Pani
1 Jan: Baglung Pani to Bhujung (5249ft, 1600m) - cultivation, scrub and groves.
2 Jan: Bhujung to Forest Camp (c6,500ft, c2000m) - cultivation, subtropical groves, river (Midim Khola) ascending on west side of valley to excellent Quercus lamellosa forest. Camped in cattle hut in forest clearing.
3 Jan: Forest Camp - large area (upper slopes of Midim Khola valley) of relatively undisturbed forest with few trails and some localised summer grazing.
4 Jan: Forest Camp - unsuccessful attempt to reach Dharmshala on ridge due to deep snow. Ascended through oak-rhododendron forest to c2500m and returned to camp.
5 Jan: Forest Camp to Bagnecha (Rudi Khola) (c3000ft, c900m) - oak forest descending to subtropical groves and cultivation.
6 Jan: Bagnecha to Pokhara via Thunsikot and Begnas Tal - subtropical groves and forest in Madi Khola valley, river.
7-8 Jan: Pokhara - Phewa Tal, lake and cultivation.
9-15 Jan: Thakurdwara, headquarters of Royal Bardia National Park - sal and riverine forest, Karnali river, grassland (Baghora and Lamkolli phantas) and cultivation.
16-18 Jan: Chisapani (East), Bardia N.P. - hill sal forest, riverine forest and Babai river west of Chepang, cultivation.
19-21 Jan: Pokhara - subtropical forest by Phewa Tal, lake and cultivation.
23 Jan: Kathmandu Valley - Tau Daha Tal.
**BIRD SPECIES LIST**

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Common on Phewa Tal (Pokhara); 4+ Tau Daha (Kathmandu Valley).

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
Two Phewa Tal.

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Fairly common Karnali River.

**Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger*
Fairly common Karnali River.

**Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster*
Single Karnali River.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus*
Single Karnali River.

**Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*
Common in fields below 900m throughout.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
Common in fields in Pokhara and Bardia.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
Fairly common in fields and wetlands Pokhara and Bardia.

**Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia*
Fairly common Phewa Tal, 1 Babai river.

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba*
Occasional Phewa Tal, Babai and Karnali rivers.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
Occasional Karnali river.

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*
Up to seven Karnali river.

**Woolly-necked Stork** *Ciconia episcopus*
Single Thakurdwara.

**Red-naped Ibis** *Pseudibis papillosa*
Up to eight by Karnali river.

**Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
Common on Karnali river.

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera*
c50 Tau Daha Tal.
Common Teal *Anas crecca*
   c200 Tau Daha Tal.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
   Common Phewa Tal.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*
   Single male Tau Daha Tal.

Goosander *Mergus merganser*
   Fairly common Karnali river with a flock of 30 males on 13 January.
   Single male on Babai river.

Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*
   Single Karnali river.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
   Single over fields near Thakurdwara

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
   Common in Pokhara, Kathmandu, fairly common in the vicinity of villages in Terai and Besishar.

Pallas’s Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*
   Pair Karnali river.

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*
   Single adult over Karnali river.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*
   Fairly common Pokhara and single Karnali river.

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*
   Adult and immature Manang, adult Ngadi (Marsyangdi River, 3050ft, 930m), pair Baglung Pani, pair Bagnecha.

Oriental White-backed Vulture *Gyps bengalensis*
   Common at Pokhara, pairs breeding in trees near Thakurdwara.

Long-billed Vulture *Gyps indicus*
   Fairly common Pokhara and Thakurdwara.

Himalayan Griffon Vulture *Gyps himalayensis*
   Common Marsyangdi valley and Baglung Pani to Pokhara.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*
   Several over Pokhara.

Red-headed Vulture *Sarcogyps calvus*
   Two Karnali river.

Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus*
   Singles at Besishar, Baglung Pani and two over Pokhara.
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
Singles regularly recorded in Bardia National Park.

Eurasian Marsh harrier *Circus aeruginosus*
Male and female Phewa Tal, two females Tau Daha Tal and single female Thakurdwara.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
Male and female above Tengi, single males and 'ringtails' at Bagarchap, and Baglung Pani, single males and 'ringtails' Karnali river and Lamkuli phanta (Bardia N.P.) and 'ringtail' Tau Daha tal.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*
Two Bahundanda, single male hunting Manang village.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
Single females at Bagarchap, Bhujung forest and a record of a single bird by Karnali river.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*
Records of single males at Karnali river and Chisapani East (Bardia N.P.).

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*
Singles and pairs Marsyangdi valley (Bahundanda to Bhratang), and single Pokhara.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
Pair displaying Baglung Pani, single above Forest Camp.

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*
Singles, Baglung Pani and Pokhara, 2 Tau Daha tal.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*
Single Babai river valley (Bardia N.P.).

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
Single adults Bhratang, Tengi and Bagarchap.

Bonelli’s Eagle *Hieraaetus fasciatus*
Pair Thunesikot (Madi Khola valley).

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*
Single Babai river valley (Bardia N.P.).

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*
Singles on forested ridges east and west of Baglung Pani (one attacking chicken) and at Forest Camp.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
Single occasionally on Karnali river.
Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
Fairly common Besishar to Bagarchap and Besishar to Pokhara, singles Phewa Tal, Tau Daha tal and Babai river valley (Bardia N.P).

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
Two Bagarchap and single Baglung Pani.

Chukar Partridge *Alectoris chukar*
Small flocks (20+) above Tengi.

Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola*
Single Forest Camp (Quercus lamellosa forest).

Satyr Tragopan *Tragopan satyra*
Male and four females in forest clearing (c2500m) above Forest Camp in oak-rhododendron forest.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*
Fairly common in riverine forest near Karnali river and one in sal forest near Chisapani (east) in Bardia N.P.

Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelana*
Two + Baglung Pani.

Blue Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*
Common in riverine vegetation in vicinity of Karnali river and open sal forest near Thakurdwara. Six Babai river valley.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Several at Tau Daha lake.

Burasian Coot *Fulica atra*
Common Phewa Tal and Tau Daha lake (50+).

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*
Two Phewa Tal.

Burasian Thick-Knee *Burhinus oedicnemus*
Flock of seven Karnali river.

Great Stone-Plover *Esacus recurvirostris*
Flock of nine Karnali river.

Little Pratincole *Glareola lactea*
Huge flock (c2000?) Karnali River (flock of 300+ counted).

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
Two Karnali River.

River Lapwing *Hoplopterus duvaucellii*
Fairly common Karnali River, Two Babai River.
Red-wattled Lapwing *Hoplopterus indicus*
Single Madi Khola (Thunsikot), fairly common in fields near Thakurdwara and in vicinity of Karnali River.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*
Single by Karnali River.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
Common Phewa Tal and Tau Daha lake.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
Six Tau Daha lake.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Fairly common Karnali River and tributary streams, 56 Tau Daha lake.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
Singles occasionally on small rivers near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.), 16 Tau Daha lake.

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*
Two Karnali River and single Babai River.

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*
Singles Karnali River.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
Single adult Karnali River.

Black-bellied Tern *Sterna acuticauda*
Fairly common Karnali River.

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
Two Babai River valley (Bardia N.P.).

Snow Pigeon *Columba leuconota*
Several large flocks Pisang, Braga (11,500ft, 3505m), Bhratang.

Ashy Woodpigeon *Columba palchricollis*
Two Forest Camp.

Burasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
Eight Tau Daha lake, 1 Thakurdwara.

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*
Two Midim Khola, fairly common edge of Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*
Common in riverine forest and edge of Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara.

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicoptera*
Fairly common in riverine forest by Karnali River.
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenura*
Occasional (one to three birds) at Forest Camp in *Quercus lamellosa* forest.

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*
Common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*
Common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Slaty-headed Parakeet *Psittacula himalayana*
Flocks at Bahundanda (30+), Baglung Pani, Midim Khola (20+) and subtropical forest by Phewa Tal (20+).

Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
Singles in riverine vegetation by Karnali and Babai Rivers.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*
Single in riverine vegetation near Thakurdwara.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
Single near DNPWC in Kathmandu evening of 23 January, the last bird record of the trip!

Burasian Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*
Single at dusk below Besishar.

Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum*
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*
Single near Begnas Tal.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*
One or two regularly at dusk at Thakurdwara (Bardia H.Q.).

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
Single in river gorge, Pokhara.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*
Two Midim Khola, 2 Karnali River.

House Swift *Apus affinis*
Four Midim Khola, common in Pokhara and Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Crested Tree Swift *Hemiproene coronata*
Two Thakurdwara, six Chisapani (East) and six Babai River valley.
Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*  
Occasional on small rivers Thakurdwara.

Eurasian Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
Fairly common Karnali, Babai and small rivers in Bardia N.P.,  
single at Tau Daha lake.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
Two Phewa Tal and small numbers occasionally on Karnali River.

Crested Kingfisher *Ceryle lugubris*  
Two Madi Khola near Thunsikot and single on Babai river.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
Fairly common Phewa Tal, cultivated areas at Pokhara, fields and  
rivers at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and one at Tau Daha lake.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*  
Single in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*  
Three in fields at Thakurdwara.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*  
Occasional at forest edge and fields at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and  
Pokhara.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*  
Four Thakurdwara.

Indian Grey Hornbill *Tockus birestris*  
Occasional in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*  
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and  
Chisapani.

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*  
Single at Baglung Pani, several at Forest Camp and two in forest  
by Phewa Tal.

Brown-headed Barbet *Megalaima zeylanica*  
Fairly common in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*  
Two Baglung Pani, several at Forest Camp.

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*  
Several in subtropical groves near Beshishar and Madi Khola valley.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*  
Single near Bagarchap.
Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker *Picus chlorolophus*
Single in forest by Phewa Tal.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*
Single female in oak forest (Forest Camp), two in forest by Phewa Tal.

Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*
Occasional in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Himalayan Flameback *Dinopium shorii*
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani: Single in Babai River valley.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
Two in subtropical groves near Madi Khola (c600m), single in riverine forest near Karnali River.

White-naped Woodpecker *Chrysocolaptes festivus*
Occasional in riverine forest near Karnali River.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
Singles on two occasions in sal forest near Thakurdwara.

Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*
Male and female in oak forest at Forest Camp.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*
Single female in mixed tropical forest at Chisapani (East).

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
Pair in subtropical grove near Bagnecha (c900m).

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus*
Fairly common in riverine forest at Thakurdwara and single in sal forest at Chisapani (East).

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psaromus dalhousiae*
Two in riverine forest near Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).

Ashy-crowned Finch Lark *Bremerpteryx grisea*
Flock on edge of Bardia N.P. near Thakurdwara.

Sand Lark *Calandrella raiyatal*
Small flocks by Karnali River.

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*
Three in fields at Manang (3351m)

Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*
Common at Phewa Tal, Karnali River and several at Babai River.

Northern Crag Martin *Hirundo rupestris*
Small numbers in valleys of Khudi Khola, Midim Khola and Baglung Pani.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Common Besishar, Pokhara, vicinity of Karnali River and Thakurdwara and several at Babai River.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*
Small numbers Besishar, Pokhara, Karnali River and Phewa tal.

Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalensis*
Large flocks (100+) near Besishar and 10+ near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*
Small flocks (30+) Midim Khola valley.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeelandiae rufulus*
Several at Phewa Tal, and Thakurdwara (edge of Bardia N.P.).

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
Flocks in lower Marsyangdi valley (below Bagarchap) and west of Baglung Pani in cultivated areas, flocks in light forest at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and by Phewa Tal.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*
Two Karnali River.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Singles in streams near Besishar, Midim Khola, Pokhara, Phewa Tal and fairly common on Karnali and small rivers at Thakurdwara.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*
Common in vicinity of Karnali River and several at Phewa Tal.

White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla maderaspatensis*
Common on Karnali and Babai rivers and several at Phewa Tal.

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
Flocks in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*
Flocks in hill sal forest near Babai River.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus*
Small flocks in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina melaschistos*
Singles occasionally in riverine forest at Thakurdwara.

Large Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina macel*
Single at Thakurdwara and small flock in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*
Flocks in subtropical groves near Besishar, Baglung Pani, Madi Khola valley, and occasional flocks in riverine and mixed tropical forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.
Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*
Flocks in subtropical grove above Bahundanda and occasional flocks in tropical forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*
Flock in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*
Small flocks in *Quercus lamellosa* forest (Forest Camp).

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara and Babai River. Single in subtropical forest near Begnas Tal (c900m).

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*
Common in scrub and open forest at Thakurdwara.

White-cheeked Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys*
Common in scrub in cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley, west of Besishar but uncommon in Bardia N.P. (two near Thakurdwara was the only record).

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*
Small numbers near Besishar, common in Pokhara, Thakurdwara and Babai river in scrub.

Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mcclellandii*
Flock in subtropical forest near Baglung Pani and single in oak forest above Midim Kholo.

Ashy Bulbul *Hypsipetes flavalus*
Small flocks at Baglung Pani, in oak forest (c1800m) above Midim Kholo, in subtropical forest near Begnas Tal and Pokhara and tropical hill and sal forest in Babai River valley (Bardia N.P.).

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*
Common at Baglung Pani and in oak forest above Midim Kholo.

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*
Fairly common at Thakurdwara.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*
Single at Thakurdwara and pair in mixed tropical forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*
Pair at Baglung Pani and fairly common in oak forest at Forest Camp.

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii*
Small numbers on lower Marsyangdi River, Midim Kholo and Madi Kholo.

Northern Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Singles occasionally in upper Marsyangdi valley.
Brown Accentor *Prunella fulvescens*
  Fairly common at Manang and Tengi.

Robin Accentor *Prunella rubeculoides*
  Four above Tengi.

Altai Accentor *Prunella himalayana*
  Flocks in lower Marsyangdi valley (c1300m) and Baglung Pani.

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*
  Small numbers near Dharapani (c1900m) in lower Marsyangdi valley, and above Chame (c3000m).

Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophiata*
  Single near Manang.

White-tailed Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis*
  Small numbers in scrub and grassland at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Orange-flanked Bush-Robin *Tarsiger cyanurus*
  Singles near Bagarchap, several near Baglung Pani and fairly common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Golden Bush-Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus*
  Single near Bagarchap.

White-browed Bush-Robin *Tarsiger indicus*
  Single female west of Baglung Pani (c2000m).

Rufous-breasted Bush-Robin *Tarsiger hyperythrus*
  Single males near Bagarchap.

Asian Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*
  Singles near Besishar, Pokhara and Thakurdwara.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*
  Fairly common at Thakurdwara and occasional at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Blue-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus*
  Several upper Marsyangdi near Chame and Bagarchap, and single male at Baglung Pani.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*
  Several near Besishar and single male at Tau Daha Tal (Kathmandu Valley).

Hodgson's Redstart *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*
  Single male near Bagarchap, female Madi Khola valley.

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*
  Several lower Marsyangdi Valley, common Baglung Pani and in oak forest above Midim Khola (Forest Camp).
White-throated Redstart *Phoenicurus schisticeps*
Several upper Marsyangdi valley (Bagarchap to Tengi), pair above Tengi (3800m).

Güldenstadt's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythrogaster*
Several above Pisang (3200 to 3800m).

Plumbeous Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*
Common in lower Marsyangdi, Midim Khola, Madi Khola, Karnali River Babai River and a pair below dam in Pokhara.

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*
Common near Besishar, several in cultivated areas Bagnecha to Pokhara and common at Thakurdwara and Babai River.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*
Several near Besishar, singles in Pokhara and Thakurdwara.

Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea*
Occasional in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River and single lower Marsyangdi valley.

White-capped Redstart *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*
Common on Marsyangdi River from Besishar to Bhratang, several Midim Khola and Madi Khola, single Karnali River and 3 Babai River (Bardia N.P.) and single below dam in Pokhara.

Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*
Two males at Baglung Pani, single male near Forest Camp and single female near Begnas tal.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myiophoneus caeruleus*
Common lower Marsyangdi valley, fairly common west of Besishar, occasional in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani, common in hill forest near Babai River, single in forest by Phewa tal.

Plain-backed Mountain Thrush *Zoothera mollissima*
Fairly common at Forest Camp.

Long-tailed Mountain Thrush *Zoothera dixoni*
Two Baglung Pani, fairly common at Forest Camp.

Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*
Two in vicinity of Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).

Orange-headed Ground Thrush *Zoothera citrina*
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara.

Tickell's Thrush *Turdus unicolor*
Small flock in open sal forest near Thakurdwara and single at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

White-collared Blackbird *Turdus albocinctus*
Pairs in oak forest above Midim Khola.
Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul*
Common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Chestnut Thrush *Turdus rubrocanus*
Pair at Forest Camp in *Quercus lamellosa* forest.

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis atragularis*
Red-throated Thrush *T. r. ruficollis*
Fairly common (T.r.a., T.r.r.) Bhratang to Tengi, small flock 'T.r.a.) west of Baglung Fani, single (T.r.a.) near Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*
Single below Manang (3322 m).

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri*
Singles on streams near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi valley and Madi Khola.

Black-backed Forktail *Enicurus immaculatus*
Three tributary streams of Babai River (Bardia N.P.).

Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus*
Singles on streams near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi valley and Midim Khola.

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneocoronata*
Single in subtropical forest in Madi Khola valley.

Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*
Single in subtropical forest in Madi Khola valley (with *T. castaneocoronata*).

Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons*
Single in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*
Several in grassland in Bardia N.P. (Baghora and Lamkoili phantas).

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*
Common in grassland at Bardia N.P. (Thakurdwara abd Babai River).

Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis*
Small numbers in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*
Flock near Besishar and occasionally in grassland by Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*
Singles occasionally in grassland near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*
Single near Besishar and occasionally at Thakurdwara.
Golden-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus burkii*
Common in subtropical groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, several at Baglung Pani, Midim Khola valley and forest by Phewa Tal.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*
Singles at Baglung Pani, in tropical mixed forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and forest by Phewa Tal.

Grey-hooded Warbler *Seicercus xanthoschistos*
Small numbers in subtropical groves Besishar to Pokhara and lower Marsyangdi valley, fairly common near Thakurdwara and Chisapani in riverine and mixed sal forest, and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*
Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*
Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara.

Orange-barred Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*
Fairly common in oak forest (Forest Camp).

Grey-faced Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*
Small numbers in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani and oak forest at Forest Camp.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus prorégulus*
Common in subtropical groves and forest in lower Marsyangdi valley and between Besishar and Pokhara, occasional at Thakurdwara and Chisapani, and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*
Singles occasionally in lower Marsyangdi valley and Thakurdwara, and fairly common in forest by Phewa Tal.

Tickell's Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*
Single in riverine forest near Thakurdwara.

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
Small numbers occasionally at Thakurdwara, and singles at forest edge by Phewa Tal.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*
Fairly common in coniferous forest, Chame to Pisang.

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae*
Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi and single male in forest by Phewa Tal.

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*
Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi and west of Besishar, pair in tropical forest at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and two males in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.
Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*
One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara including one in H.Q. garden, and single in open forest at Babai River.

Pygmy Blue Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*
Single male in deep forested ravine in Madi Khola valley near Thunsikot.

Verditer Flycatcher *Muscicapa thalassima*
One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara and single at forest edge at Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*
One or two occasionally at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Slaty-Blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*
Single male near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*
Single male in forest by Phewa Tal.

Orange-gorgetted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiata*
Small numbers in groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani, in oak forest at Forest Camp, and in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*
Small numbers at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and on forest edge near Phewa Tal.

Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
Singles west of Besishar in groves, common at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*
Common in groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, singles occasionally Besishar to Pokhara, in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River and several in forest by Phewa Tal.

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*
Singles at Baglung Pani, occasionally at Thakurdwara, Chisapani (Bardia N.P.) and in forest by Phewa Tal.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*
Two near Bagarchap, 2+ west of Baglung Pani, single in Midim Khola valley.

Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*
Single in bamboo understorey of *Quercus lamellosa* forest near Forest Camp.

Greater Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer*
Single in scrub near Bagarchap.
Black-chinned Babbler *Stachyris pyrrhopus*  
Flocks near Bagarchap, Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*  
Small flocks near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*  
Small flocks occasionally in grasland near Thakurdwara.

Tawny-bellied Babbler *Dumetia hyperythra*  
Flocks in grassland on two occasions near Karnali River (Bardia N.P.).

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*  
Flock in grassland by Karnali River.

Black-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis nipalensis*  
Flock near Bagarchap.

Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striatus*  
Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani.

White-throated Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax albogularis*  
Large flocks of up to 120+ in oak forest above Midim Khola.

White-crested Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax leucolophus*  
Common at Baglung Pani, Madi Khola valley and in scrub by Phewa Tal.

Striated Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax striatus*  
Small flocks at Forest Camp.

Variegated Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax variegatus*  
Small flocks near Manang.

Streaked Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax lineatus*  
Flocks in scrub near Bagarchap and lower Marsyangdi valley.

Scaly Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax subunicolor*  
Flocks at Forest Camp.

Black-faced Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax affinis*  
Flock above Bagarchap.

Chestnut-crowned Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*  
Flocks above Bagarchap and in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*  
Small flocks near Forest Camp.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapie*  
Pairs at Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.
Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*
Two in subtropical grove above Bahundanda, singles at Forest Camp and Madi Khola valley.

Hoary Barwing *Actinodura nipalensis*
Only one record of a single near Forest Camp.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*
Flocks at forest edge above Midim Khola and Baglung Pani.

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*
Flocks near Bagarchap, Baglung Pani, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*
Flock in oak forest below Forest Camp.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*
Flocks in oak forest above Midim Khola and single in subtropical grove north of Besishar.

White-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe vinpectus*
Flocks in upper Marsyangdi valley.

Black-capped Sibia *Heterophasia capistrata*
Flocks near Bagarchap, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Yellow-naped Yuhina *Yuhina flavigollis*
Flocks near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi, Baglung Pani, common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*
Flocks near Bagarchap, lower Marsyangdi, common in oak forest on upper slopes above Forest Camp.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*
Singles in subtropical forest at Baglung Pani and Phewa Tal.

Black-browed Tit *Aegithalos iouschistus*
Flock above Bagarchap.

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*
Flock below Forest Camp.

Yellow-browed tit *Sylviparus modestus*
Two in oak forest near Forest Camp.

Grey-crested Tit *Parus dichrous*
Flock above Chame.

Coal Tit *Parus ater*
Common Chame to Manang.
Great Tit *Parus major*
Small numbers in subtropical groves in lower Marsyangdi valley, at Baglung Pani, common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Babai River.

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*
Fairly common in Marsyangdi valley, Baglung Pani and Forest Camp.

Black-lored Tit *Parus xanthogenys*
Flocks in lower Marsyangdi, Baglung Pani, Forest Camp, Madi Khola valley and Phewa Tal.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*
Singles near Baglung Pani and in subtropical forest by Phewa Tal.

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*
Fairly common in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea*
Single in grove below Bagarchap and fairly common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*
Occasional in Marsyangdi valley (Besishar to Manang) and Madi Khola valley.

Rusty-flanked Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis*
Two near Forest Camp.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*
Two above Chame.

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*
Single in grove in lower Marsyangdi valley.

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*
Singles in grove in lower Marsyangdi valley, Baglung Pani, occasionally in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Chisapani and in forest by Phewa Tal.

Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*
Single female near Baglung Pani.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*
Small numbers in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosa*
Fairly common at Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.) and two near Besishar.

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus trailii*
Pair below Forest Camp, single near Begnas tal and fairly common in forest by Phewa Tal.
Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*
Common in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Brown-Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Singles in Babai River valley and Pokhara.

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Small numbers in Kathmandu valley, Pokhara and cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley and Madi Khola valley.

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*
Occasionally in cultivated areas in lower Marsyangdi valley, Besishar to Pokhara, in Kathmandu valley at Tau Daha Tal, near Thakurdwara and Babai River (Bardia N.P.).

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*
Common in cultivated areas near Besishar, Kathmandu valley, Pokhara, Thakurdwara.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Single in oak forest near Forest Camp and flocks in riverine forest near Thakurdwara (Bardia N.P.).

White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens*
Common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
Two in Midim Khola valley.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*
Single at Baglung Pani and two in forest by Phewa Tal.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*
Fairly common in riverine and sal forest at Thakurdwara and Chisapani (Bardia N.P.).

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*
Small numbers on flowering silk cotton trees in lower Marsyangdi valley, Madi Khola valley, at Chisapani and Babai River (Bardia N.P.).

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris*
Small numbers in oak forest above Midim Khola.

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*
Fairly common near Besishar (two observed eating rats), two at Baglung Pani, two at Babai River and large flock (10+) in forest by Phewa Tal.

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
Small numbers lower Marsyangdi valley and in Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara and Babai River.
Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*
Common at Baglung Pani and singles in scrub to the west, several in groves west of Bagnecha, near Begnas Tal and common in forest by Phewa Tal.

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*
Single at Baglung Pani, two near Begnas Tal, and single in forest by Phewa Tal.

Spotted Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*
Common in conifers in upper Marsyangdi valley.

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus*
Very common (500+) with large flocks above Manang and Tengi, and smaller flocks below Manang.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
Very common (500+) in Braga and Manang, flocks of 200+ feeding in fields, with lower numbers with *P. graculus* at higher altitudes.

House Crow *Corvus splendens*
Common in Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Jungle Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*
Common in villages in Marsyangdi valley, Besishar to Pokhara with 100+ roosting in oak forest above Forest Camp, Pokhara, Kathmandu valley, Bardia N.P. at Thakurdwara, Chisapani and Babai River.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*
Pairs at Manang and Tengi.

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*
Flocks in fields near Thakurdwara.

Common Mynah *Acridotheres tristis*
Common in villages near Besishar, Besishar to Pokhara, Thakurdwara, Pokhara and Kathmandu.

Jungle Mynah *Acridotheres fuscus*
Common in Pokhara and Bardia N.P. at Chisapani, Babai River and Thakurdwara.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
Common Besishar, Thakurdwara, Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Burasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
Common in villages in Marsyangdi valley (Besishar to Tengi).

Striated Munia *Lonchura striata*
Flock below Tal (Marsyangdi valley).

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*
Single in grassland near Karnali River.
Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola*
   Flocks near Bagarchap (100+) and west of Baglung Pani.

Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*
   Small numbers at forest edge near Forest Camp.

Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus pulcherrimus*
   Small numbers in scrub Pisang to Manang.

Pink-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus rhodochrous*
   Small numbers in mid-Marsyangdi valley (Jagat to Chame).

Brown Bullfinch *Pyrrhula nipalensis*
   Four near Forest Camp.

Red-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythrocephala*
   Flock below Forest Camp.

White-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas carnipes*
   Flocks in conifers Chame to Manang.

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*
   Common Chame to Manang, and flock near Tal.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*
   Single near Bagarchap.

Crested Bunting *Melophas lathami*
   Two above Besishar, fairly common at Thakurdwara and four in fields at Pokhara.

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