Leaders: David Cottridge, Tika Ram Giri & Chris Kightley, plus Guy Thompson assisting at Kosi Camp
with Keith Beswick, Tony Carey, Bruce Carrick, Lizzie Hall, Andrew Hardacre, Richard Holland, Pat Keogh, Moira Murray, Dave Nurney, Felicity Reed.


Day 2: Monday 14 Feb. Arrive Kathmandu c16.00hrs (via Frankfurt and Dubai where palm Dove and Common Myna are first birds). Sunny and pleasantly warm; cool evening. Met by Bharat & Tika for transfer to Hotel Himalaya, where some good introductory birding in hotel garden and 'swamp'. (31sp)

Day 3: Tuesday 15 Feb. Cool foggy start. Hot & sunny later. Chilly evening. Full day Nagajung Forest Park, with some of party visiting Swayambunath - the Monkey Temple late afternoon. (74sp)

Day 4: Wednesday 16 Feb. Cold, foggy start. Warm, clear & sunny later. Full day visit to Phulchowki, with drive to within a few kms of summit then walk to top and back. Late afternoon at Godaveri Botanical Gardens. (74sp)

Day 5: Thursday 17 Feb. Foggy start. Hot & sunny later. Morning visit to Pashupatinath Temple with walk through to Kathmandu airport for lunchtime internal flight to Biratnagar. 3 hour drive west from Biratnagar to Kosi Tapu Camp which we found to be excellent. (100sp)

Day 6: Friday 18 Feb. Hot and sunny. A moderate-strong SW wind picked up in the afternoon. Pre-breakfast birdwalk at Kosi camp (06.30-08.30), then 17km drift downstream on Kosi river in two inflatables. Some of journey had to be completed on foot as increasing SW cancelled out flow of river! Return to camp by landrover at nightfall. (135sp)

Day 7: Saturday 19 Feb. Hot & sunny. Moderate SW breeze again picked up mid afternoon. Drive from camp-Kosi barrage, where throngs of wildfowl and back via fields and backroads (08.00-18.00). Our 'biggest' day. (168sp)

Day 8: Sunday 20 Feb. Hot, sunny ...and dusty. Full day drive from Kosi camp via the barrage (spent rather too much of the morning birding this area), to Hetauda and finally reaching Machan Lodge in Royal Chitwan NP about 19.00. Had to endure... and participate in native dancing (just the job after full day banging about inside the bus) before being allowed to shower and eat. Our 111onngest day! (123sp)

Day 9: Monday 21 Feb. Hot and humid today. Sunny, with showers late afternoon onwards. Pre-breakfast birdwalk (07-09.00hrs) near lodge, then rest of day on foot (10.15-18.00) in jungle. (120sp)
Day 10: Tuesday 22 Feb. After overnight rain, a cool, foggy and decidedly ‘drippy’ start to the day. Clearing by 09.00, then hot and sunny. Early breakfast then drive to Hetauda for successful interlude with Ibisbill. Lunchtime departure for Gaida Wildlife Lodge (Chitwan), with afternoon elephant ride (15.30-17.30) – one of the highspots. Two saw Leopard, all saw many CLOSE Indian Rhinoceros! Overnight Gaida. (102sp)

Day 11: Wednesday 23 Feb. Hot & sunny. Clear first thing to give ace mountain views. Pre-breakfast elephant ride for some, birdwalk at lodge for others (06.30-07.30). Post-breakfast by dug-out canoe down Rapti river then on foot and by jeep to Jungle Camp (lunch – what else but goulash!). Afternoon walk back through jungle and grasslands to Gaida Lodge. (131sp)

Day 12: Thursday 24 Feb. Hot & sunny again. Pre-breakfast birding at Gaida lodge, then part-walk/part-drive to coach. Drive via Bharatpur-Mugling with some riverside birding stops, then on to Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu. Much of brand new highway washed away by last monsoon. Late afternoon doing the tourist/souvenir bit (16.30-18.30). Farewell dinner at the hotel. (93sp)

Day 13: Friday 25 Feb. 06.00 breakfast at hotel. 07.00 check-in at airport for 09.00 flight Kathmandu-Gatwick (via Dubai/Frankfurt). End Gatwick 19.00

Our thanks to everyone for an excellently varied, good humoured and thoroughly enjoyable trip. Total number of species recorded by group: 342

Species

GREAT CRESTED GREBE

LITTLE GREBE
(GREAT) CORMORANT

LITTLE CORMORANT

DARTER (ORIENTAL/INDIAN DARTER)
SPOT-BILLED PELICAN

YELLOW BITTERN
CINNAMON BITTERN

PURPLE HERON
LITTLE GREEN HERON

NIGHT HERON
INDIAN POND HERON
CATTLE EGRET
LITTLE EGRET

GREAT WHITE EGRET

Summary

Recorded only at Kosi. Peak day count 10+ on 19/2.
Locally common at Kosi.

Recorded daily from 17/2. Common at Kosi but max of 5 elsewhere (Chitwan, 22/2).

Recorded daily at Kosi. Rather uncommon; scarcer than Cormorant.
A few at Kosi 18-19/2.
Single flying along Kosi River at dusk on 18/2.

One flew past the watchtower lagoon (nr. Kosi camp) 19/2.
3 at Kosi 19/2; 1 flushed from stream near Machan lodge 21/2.

Kosi 19-20/2. Peak day count 6+ 19/2.
Single birds at Kosi barrage tower 19/2 and at Machan 21/2.

Roost at Kosi held peak 39 birds 19/2 Recorded daily. Common throughout.
Recorded daily. Locally very common.

Seen daily at Kosi where common. A few daily at Gaida 22-24/2.

Seen daily from 17/2. Most numerous Kosi. Elsewhere max 10+ Machan 21/2.
INTERMEDIATE (YELLOW-BILLED) EGRET
GREY HERON
ASIAN OPENBILL STORK
WHITE-NECKED STORK
BLACK STORK
BLACK-NECKED STORK
LESSER ADJUTANT STORK
ASIATIC WHITE IBIS/WHITE IBIS
BLACK IBIS
(EURASIAN) SPOONBILL
BAR-HEADED GOOSE
LESSER TREEDUCK (WHISTLING TEAL)
RUDDY SHelduck

COMB DUCK
COTTON TEAL
(EURASIAN) WIDGEON
FALCATED DUCK
GADWALL
(COMMON) TEAL

(NORTHERN) PINTAIL
GARGANEY
SPOT-BILLED DUCK
MALLARD
SHOVELER
RED-CRESTED POCARD
COMMON POCARD
BAER’S POCARD
FERRUGINOUS DUCK
TUFTED DUCK
GOOSANDER
CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD

Small numbers daily at Kosi including the camp swamp. Also Rapti River 23/2
A few daily at Kosi. 1 Machan 21/2.

Seen daily at Kosi where peak day
count 100+ on 19/2. Also Chitwan 22/2
Scarcce. 2 Kosi 19/2; 1+ Kosi barrage
20/2; singles at Chitwan 21/2 & 23/2.

Nfon on 6 dates from 17/2. Peak day
counts 24 Kosi 17/2; 25 Machan 21/2.

8+ Kosi 18/2, with 5 seen there 19/2.
Small numbers daily at Kosi 17-20/2.
2 at Gaida 22-23/2.

Only at Kosi where max c100 18/2.

Seen daily from 17/2, with peak count
40+ Kosi 18/2 and 12 Gaida 23/2.

Seen daily at Kosi with max c20 18/2.

Recorded only at Kosi where min. day
counts of 300+ on 19-20/2.

Noted daily from 17/2. Peaks of 50+
Kosi River 18/2; 30 Machan 21/2 and
30+ Gaida 23/2.

2 Kosi barrage 19/2 and 20/2.
85+ Kosi barrage lagoons 21/2.

Only at Kosi where max 100+ on 19/2.

Duck & drake Kosi barrage 19/2.

Only at Kosi where 'hundreds' at the
barrage 19/2.

Seen daily at Kosi where peak of
several hundred along river 18/2;
elsewhere 3 at Machan 21/2.

Seen daily at Kosi where c10000 19/2.

A scarce species. 40 along Kosi
River 18/2, with c15 on 19/2.

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River 18/2, with c15 on 19/2.
Counts of 4 at Kosi 19/2 and 3 on 20/2; single at Gaida 23/2.

One seen from the dug-out canoes at Gaida on 23/2 was the only record. Seen daily. Locally abundant in towns 4 from raft ride along Kosi River 18/2, with single adult there 19/2. Singles on 16/2 (Godaveri) & 17/2. Female Kosi camp 17/2.

One perched, Nagajung 15/2.

Singles on 15/2 (Nagajung); 16/2 (Phulchowki); 18/2 (Kosi) and 23/2 (Gaida). Two seen Kosi 19/2.

Singles at Nagajung 15/2; Kosi 19/2 and Hetauda (Rapti River) 22/2.

5+ Nagajung 15/2; 5+ Biratnagar-Kosi 17/2; singles at Kosi 19-20/2.

1 at roadside 20/2; 1 at Gaida 23/2. Distant bird Nagajung 15/2; sub-ad. Kosi 18/2. Noted daily at Chitwan with peak day count 6+ on 23/2.

Good views of adult pale morph in roadside forest en route to Chitwan 20/2. [A juv. bird seen from rafts on Kosi river 18/2 identified as this sp. by those who had closest views] 2+ Nagajung 15/2; c10-Biratnagar-Kosi (including 4+ passing below our aircraft just prior to landing); 3+ en route Kosi to Chitwan 20/2.

2 Nagajung 15/2.

2 records: 1 near Biratnagar 17/2; 1 just outside Chitwan NP (Gaida) 22/2.


Kosi 18-20/2, with peak day count c20 on 19/2; 3+ Bharatpur-Kathmandu 24/2. Recorded most days from 17/2. Most numerous en route Kosi-Chitwan 20/2. Towards the end of the trip it became apparent that there had been some hitherto unrealised confusion over the use of the word 'Indian' to describe both the Long-billed (Gyps indicus) and Indian Griffon Vultures. Though both species were seen numbers remain somewhat confused...
LONG-BILLED VULTURE
KING (RED-HEADED) VULTURE
EGYPTIAN VULTURE
SHORT-TOED EAGLE
HEN HARRIER
PIED HARRIER
(EURASIAN) MARSH HARRIER
RED-THIGHED FALCONET
Peregrine
RED-HEADED MERLIN (RED-NECKED FALCON)
(COMMON) KESTREL
SWAMP FRANCOLIN
KALIJ PHEASANT
COMMON PHEASANT
RED JUNGLE FOWL
BARRED BUTTONQUAIL (COM. BUSTARD-Q)
(RUDDY) RUDDY-BREASTED CRAKE
WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN
COMMON MOORHEN (INDIAN GALLINULE)
PURPLE GALLINULE
COMMON COOT
COMMON CRANE
PHEASANT-TAILED JACANA
BRONZE-WINGED JACANA
YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING
RED-WATTLED LAPWING
(EURASIAN) LAPWING
RIVER LAPWING
PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER
LONG-BILLED PLOVER

... see above.

3 ads. on river sandbank between Bharatpur and Kathmandu 24/2.
2 ads. on river sandbank between Bharatpur and Kathmandu 24/2.
2 seen: singles at Biratnagar 17/2 and on riverside pylon, Kosi 18/2.
6 records: at Kosi 2 on 17/2; 1 on 18/2 and 1 20/2; plus single females Machan 21/2 and Gaida 23/2.

Single males hunting reedbeds near Kosi barrage 19-20/2.
Max of 15+ Kosi barrage 19-20/2.
Distant bird flying alongside canal en route Biratnagar-Kosi camp 17/2 (TRE). One Machan 21/2.
Female Nagajung 15/2; 1+ Kosi 18/2.
One flew upstream nr Kosi camp 18/2.
1-3 individuals seen nr Kosi camp 18/2.
Only at Kosi, where max c10 18/2.
Male and 2 females gave excellent views at Nagajung on evening of 15/2.
Common in Chitwan NP.
2 males at roadside en route Chitwan 20/2. Common in Chitwan, including up to 5 roosting at Machan lodge.
A pair gave superb views Kosi 19/2.
3 seen: 2 at Kosi 19/2, plus 1 20/2.
Up to 3 seen daily Kosi, 18-20/2.
Up to c20 daily Kosi, 18-20/2.
Rather local at Kosi 19-20/2, with peak day count 25+ on 19/2.
Only at Kosi 19-20/2, where c10 19/2.
One on Kosi River (nr. camp) 17/2.
3 non-breeding at Kosi 19/2.
20+ Kosi 19-20/2.
2 in fields between Kosi barrage and Kosi camp 19/2.

Recorded most days from 17/2. Max of 12+ at Machan 21/2.
Only at Kosi barrage where 35 on 19/2
Seen daily at Chitwan. Max day counts c10 along Rapti River near Hetauda 22/2 and at Gaida 23/2.
Flock of 40 in fields between Kosi barrage and the camp 19/2.
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At least one, and probably a second (though not seen together) on shingle bank downstream of Hetauda 22/2.
KENTISH PLOVER
(EUROPEAN) CURLEW
GREENSHANK

REDSHANK
WOOD SANDPIPER
GREEN SANDPIPER
COMMON SANDPIPER
TEMMINCK'S STINT

COMMON (FANTAIL) SNIPER
PINTAIL SNIPER
PAINTED SNIPER

IBISBILL

STONE-CURLEW
LITTLE (SMALL INDIAN) PRATINCOLE

GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL
BLACK-HEADED GULL
'YELLOW-LEGGED GULL'
GULL-BILLED TERN
CASPIAN TERN
INDIAN RIVER TERN
BLACK-BELLIED TERN
POMPADOUR (GREY-FRONTED GREEN) PIGEON
YELLOW-FOOTED (BENGAL) GREEN PIGEON

ROCK DOVE/FEERAL PIGEON
(ORIENTAL) RUFIOUS TURTLE DOVE

COLLARED DOVE (INDIAN RING DOVE)
RED TURTLE DOVE

[PALM (LAUGHING) DOVE
SPOTTED DOVE

EMERALD DOVE

parakeet spp.

ALEXANDRINE (LARGE) PARAKEET
RING-NECKED (ROSE-RINGED) PARAKEET

5+ Kosi 18/2; 1 Gaida 23/2.
Peak day count of 20 at Kosi 18/2.
Recorded on 9 dates. Peak day count
25+ Rapti River, Gaida 23/2.
3 only, Rapti River (Gaida) 23/2.
3 Kosi 19/2.
1-5 daily from 17/2.
1-6 daily from 17/2.
9 at Kosi 18/2, with 4 there 19/2;
10+ Rapti River nr. Hetauda 22/2; 15+
Rapti River (Gaida) 23/2.
1+ Kosi 19/3; 3+ flushed Machan 21/2
and single Rapti River (Hetauda) 22/2
Only at Kosi, where max 5+ seen 19/2.
3 crouching beneath streambank Machan
21/2.
7 Rapti River (Hetauda) 22/2. An easy
winner of the title 'best bird' in
our 'Miss Tripbird' competition.
Single bird noted, 22/2.
‘Hundreds’ daily Kosi 17-19/2; 20+
Rapti River (Gaida) 23/2.
1-2 first win. birds Kosi 17-19/2.
Ad and 1st win. Kosi barrage 19/2.
Adult Kosi barrage 19/2 (6T)
2 Kosi barrage tower 19/2.
1 Kosi barrage tower 19/2.
Up to 10 daily at Kosi 18-20/2.
Up to 3 pairs daily at Kosi 17-20/2.
1 Pashupatinath, Kathmandu 17/2.
3 from raft along Kosi river 18/2; 3
Gaida 23/2.
Recorded most days.
1+ Godavari 16/2; seen daily at Kosi
camp where max c20 on evening 17/2.
Seen daily from 17/2.
Singles at Kosi 17/2 and 19/2. Common
en route Kosi-Chitwan 20/2.
2+ at Dubai Intl. Airport 14/2]
Seen daily from 17/2. Common on drive
from Kosi-Chitwan 20/2.
Only at Chitiwan. Single Machan 21/2;
6+ from elephant back at Gaida 22/2;
single Gaida lodge 24/2.
Recorded almost daily, often simply
as squawking 'fly-bys'. Most records
probably refer to Ring-necked:
One Kosi camp 18/2; 2+ daily Chitwan
20-22/2.
Seen on all but one day (16/2). Much
the commonest parakeet.
SLATY-HEADED PARAKEET
BLOSSOM-HEADED PARAKEET

Heard only, at Machan 21/2 (TRG).
2 Kosi 18/2; c10 en route from Kosi to Chitwan 20/2, incl. superb male at roadside; seen daily in Chitwan with 20+ at Machan 21/2.

MOUSTACHED (RED-BREASTED) PARAKEET
COMMON HAWK CUCKOO

Daily in Chitwan 21-23/2, but esp. common at Machan 21/2.
Birds heard daily from 17/2. Good views at Kosi camp where maniacal renditions of 'Never on a Sunday' roused us each morning!

GREATER (LARGE) GREEN-BILLED MALKOHAA
LESSE.R COUCAL
GREATER COUCAL

2 Machan lodge 21/2; 2 Gaida 23/2.
Kosi: single bird 18/2, with 2+ 19/2.
Lesser Coucal seen daily around Kosi camp 18-20/2, with max 6+ on 18/2. 1 Machan 21/2.
One calling Machan afternoon 21/2; 1-2 roosting Gaida lodge 22-24/2.

GREATER SCOPS OWL
LUSKY EAGLE OWL

Superb adult seen from elephant back at Gaida 22/2, where another heard calling at dusk 22-23/2.

ASIAN BARRED OWLET
JUNGLE OWLET

2 calling just outside bedroom Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu 15/2 (BC, PK).
Single birds at Godaveri 16/2; Machan 21/2 and Gaida 22/2. Two seen Kosi 19/2 and Gaida 24/2.

TOTAL OF 16 SEEN BETWEEN 17-24/2.
Bird heard calling at Machan 20-21/2 (TRG); Up to 3 present at Gaida lodge 22-24/2.

SPOTTED LITTLE OWL (OWLET)
BROWN HAWK OWL

Male & female flushed beside path by CRK, then stalked and photographed at close range, Gaida 23/2.
Up to 2 seen and heard Gaida lodge at dusk 22/2.

LARGE-TAILED (LONG-TAILED) NIGHTJAR
JUNGLE (INDIAN) NIGHTJAR
INDIAN ROLLER
HOOPOE

Total of 16 seen between 17-24/2.

Woodless Pied Kingfisher
COMMON (EURASIAN) KINGFISHER
BLUE-EARED KINGFISHER

Wonderful close-ups in 'scope of ad. (presumed female? with red in bill) along shady forest stream nr Gaida Jungle Camp 23/2.

STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER
WHITE-BREASTED KINGFISHER
BLUE-BEARED BEE-EATER
LITTLE GREEN BEE-EATER

Noted daily at Kosi 17-20/2, with max of 5 seen 20/2. Also 1-2 daily Gaida 22-24/2.

1-5 seen daily. Max 15+ Kosi 19/2.


Small numbers most days from 17/2.
GREAT PIED (GIANT) HORNBILL  
Flock of 8 overflew Machan lodge at breakfast, plus 2 from forest trail Machan 21/2.

GREAT (HILL) BARBET  
3 Nagajung 15/2.

LINEATED BARBET  
Only at Chitwan, where locally common Machan 21/2.

BLUE-THROATED BARBET  
Noted on 6 dates, often heard (Nagajung/Kosi/Chitwan) Singles at Kosi 18-19/2, with 3 20/2. Seen daily at Chitwan, where locally common Machan 21/2. Male Godaveri 16/2; 6+ Machan 21/2; also present Gaida 23/2.

WRYNECK  
Female Gaida 23/2 (KB,SJ et al)

GREY-CROWNED PYGMY WOODPECKER  
2 Machan 21/2.

GREY-HEADED (BLACK-NAPE) WOODPECKER  
4 Machan 21/2.

LESSER SCALY-BREASTED WOODPECKER  
Singles Kosi camp 18-19/2 (TRG); 2 Gaida lodge 22/2 and again 24/2.

GREATER YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER  
1-3 Machan 21-22/2; heard Gaida 23/2.

LESSER YELLOW-NAPED WOODPECKER  
Seen daily in Chitwan 21-24/2.

GREATER GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER  
One excavating nest hole Godaveri 16/2; Kosi 19/2 (TRG); seen daily in Chitwan, with max 6+ Machan 21/2.

LESSER GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER  
One Nagajung 15/2. 2 Machan 21/2.

HIMALAYAN GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER  
One Kosi barrage 20/2; 2+ Machan 21/2; 1 Gaida 23/2.

GREATER GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER  
1 Kosi 18/2; 3 Kosi barrage 20/2.

FULVOUS-BREASTED PIED WOODPECKER  
1-2 Kosi 17-18/2 (TRG); 3 Rapti River Gaida 22-23/2.

RUFIOUS WOODPECKER  
4+ in farmland between Kosi barrage and camp 19/2; common en route Kosi-Chitwan 20/2.

BUSHLARK (RUFIOUS-WINGED BUSHLARK)  
1 Rapti River, Hetauda 22/2 (DN)

SHORT-TOED LARK  
Common over Kathmandu late afternoon 14/2; 1 Machan 21/2; c5 Gaida 22/2; 30+ en route Gaida-Kathmandu 24/2.

INDIAN SANDLARK  
Flock 15 Machan 21/2.

ASHY-CROWNED FINCH LARK  
c10 Kosi 18/2; 3 Kosi 19/2; 50+ seen en route Kosi-Chitwan 20/2; 1 en route Gaida-Kathmandu 24/2.

KOSI RIVER  
1 Kosi river 18/2 (GT et al) 12 Kosi river 18/2; 1 en route Kosi-Chitwan 20/2 (TRG).

ORIENTAL (SMALL) SKYLARK  
1 Machan 21/2 (TRG).

LITTLE SWIFT (HOUSE SWIFT)  
Seen daily from 17/2. Locally common.

CRESTED TREE SWIFT  
5 Phulchowki 16/2.

ALPINE SWIFT  
Recorded daily. Common.

ASIAN PALM SWIFT  
Birds recorded most days.

PACIFIC SWIFT  
Seen Kathmandu 14/2 and en route Gaida-Kathmandu 24/2 (TRG et al).

WHITE-RUMPED NEEDLETAIL  
LONG-TAILED (BLACK-H/RUFIOUS-B) SHRIKE  
Seen almost daily. Common.
GREY-BACKED (TIBETAN) SHRIKE

BROWN SHRIKE

BLACK-HOODED (BLACK-HEADED) ORIOLE
MAROON ORIOLE
WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO
GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO
SPANGLED (HAIR-CRESTED) DRONGO
ASHY DRONGO
BLACK DRONGO
(LITTLE) BRONZE-DRONGO
ASHY WOOD SWALLOW

CHESTNUT-TAILED STARLING

ASIAN PIED STARLING (PIED MYNA)
COMMON MYNA (INDIAN MYNA)
BANK MYNA
JUNGLE MYNA
HILL MYNA (TALKING MYNA)
RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE
RUFIOUS TREETIE (INDIAN TREETIE)
GREY TREETIE (HIMALAYAN TREETIE)
HOUSE CROW
JUNGLE CROW (LARGE-BILLED CROW)
LESSER (COMMON) WOODSHRIKE
BAR-WINGED FLYCATCHER-SHRIKE
LARGE CUCKOO-SHRIKE

BLACK-WINGED (DARK) CUCKOO-SHRIKE
LONG-TAILED MINIVET

SCARLET MINIVET
SMALL MINIVET
COMMON IORA

GOLDEN-FRONTED LEAFBIRD
ORANGE-BELLIED LEAFBIRD
BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL
RED-WHISKERED BULBUL
WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL

RED-VENTED BULBUL
BLACK BULBUL (GREY BULBUL)

PUFF-THROATED (SPOTTED) BABBler
STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBler

1-3 daily at Kosi 17-20/2. 1-2 Gaida lodge 22-23/2.

Seen daily Biratnagar/Kosi 17-20/2,
with peak day count 6+ Kosi 19/2. 2
Gaida 22/2.

Seen daily from 18/2.

Pair together Nagajung 15/2.
3+ Machan 21/2; 2 Gaida 23/2.

2 Machan 21/2; heard Gaida 23/2 (TRG)
1 Kosi camp 17-19/2. Common Machan
21/2; also present Gaida 23-24/2.
2 Godaveri 25/2; 2 Kosi 19/2.

Common.

6 Phulchowki 16/2; common Machan 21/2

See most days Kosi where max day count
10 on 20/2; 3 Gaida 22/2; 4 seen 24/2
8 nr Biratnagar 17/2; max. 10+ Kosi
17/2 and 4+ Gaida 23-24/2.

Seen most days from 17/2. Common.

Recorded daily. Common.
15+ Biratnagar 17/2; 6+ Kosi 19-20/2.
Recorded daily. Common.

Heard Machan 21/2 (TRG)
c10 Nagajung 15/2. Heard Gaida 23/2.

Small numbers daily from 17/2.

2+ Nagajung & Phulchowki 15-16/2.
Common.

See daily. Max 10+ Phulchowki 16/2.
50+ Machan 21/2.

20 Machan 21/2. Singles Gaida 22-23/2
1-3 Kosi 19-20/2; singles Machan 21/2
and Gaida 23-24/2.

2 Machan 21/2.

Seen daily 15-17/2. Common Nagajung
and Phulchowki.

Phulchowki 16/2 (TRG). Common Chitwan
Common Machan 21/2.

Noted on 6 dates. Max 4+ Kosi 19/2
and 5+ Chitwan 22/2.

Nagajung 15/2 (TRG). c10 Machan 21/2.
Nagajung 15/2 (TRG).
2+ Machan 21/2.

Noted Kosi 18-19/2 and Gaida 22-24/2.

Recorded from Nagajung, Phulchowki
and Kathmandu 15-17/2; Machan 21/2.

Common.

Abundant Phulchowki 16/2. c10 seen
17/2; 10+ Machan 21/2; heard Gaida
23/2.

1 Gaida 23/2.

1 Nagajung 15/2.
RUSTRY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR BABBLE
BLACK-CHINNED BABBLE
YELLOW-EYED BABBLE
RED-CAPPED BABBLE
STRIATED BABBLE
JUNGLE BABBLE
STREAKED LAUGHING THRUSH
WHITE-THROATED LAUGHING THRUSH
WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHING THRUSH
CHESTNUT-CROWNED LAUGHING THRUSH
RED-BILLED LEOTHRIX (PEKIN ROBIN)
HOARY BARMING
CHESTNUT-TAILED (BAR-THROATED) MINLA
WHISKERED (YELLOW-NAPED) YUHINA
stripe-throated YUHINA
WHITE-BELLED YUHINA
RUFOUS-VENTED YUHINA
RUFOUS-WINGED FULVETTA
WHITE-BROWNED FULVETTA (7)
BLACK-CAPPED SIBIA
RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER
ORANGE-GORGETED FLYCATCHER
RUFOUS-BELLIED (BEAUTIFUL) NILTAVA
VERDITER FLYCATCHER
PALE-CHINNED (BROOK'S) FLYCATCHER
YELLOW-BELLED FANTAIL
WHITE-THROATED FANTAIL
WHITE-BELLED FANTAIL
GREY-HEADED FLYCATCHER
ABERRANT BUSH WARBLER
GREY-BREASTED (HODGSON'S) PRINIA
GREY-CAPPED PRINIA
PLAIN PRINIA
YELLOW-BELLED PRINIA
COMMON TAILORBIRD
STRIATED (STRIATED MARSH) WARBLER
BLYTH'S REED WARBLER
PADDYFIELD WARBLER
CLAMOROUS REED WARBLER
(ORIENTAL) GREAT REED WARBLER
THICK-BILLED WARBLER
LESSER WHITETHROAT
CHIFFCHAFF (BROWN LEAF WARBLER)
TICKELL'S (BUFF-BELLED) LEAF WARBLER
SMOKY WARBLER

2 Nagajung 15/2.
6+ Nagajung 15/2; 2+ Machan 21/2.
6+ Gaida 23/2.
1+ Gaida 22/2, with 6+ Gaida 23/2.
Up to 10 Kosi 18-19/2.
Seen daily from 19/2. Locally common.
2 Phulchowki 16/2.
15+ Nagajung 15/2; 50 Phulchowki 16/2
Nagajung/Phulchowki 15-16/2.
30+ Phulchowki 16/2.
10+ Nagajung 15/2; 20 Godaveri 16/2.
2 Phulchowki 16/2.
1 Nagajung 15/2. Phulchowki 16/2.
Phulchowki 16/2.
Common Phulchowki 16/2.
Heard Machan 21/2 & Gaida 23/2 (TRG)
Phulchowki 16/2.
c50 Phulchowki 16/2.
Common Phulchowki 16/2.
Common Phulchowki 16/2.
Noted on 9 dates. Not uncommon.
2 Nagajung 15/2; 2+ Phulchowki 16/2.
2 Nagajung 15/2; 1 Phulchowki 16/2.
Seen daily 18-23/2. Max 3 Kosi 18/2.
2 nr Gaida Jungle Camp 23/2.
3 Nagajung 15/2; 1 Pashupatinath 17/2.
Noted daily 18-23/2. Common at Kosi.
1 Machan 21/2.
6+ Nagajung 15/2; heard Kosi 19/2; 1+ Gaida 23/2.
1+ Nagajung 15/2; 1 Gaida 23/2.
2 Nagajung 15/2; 1 Phulchowki 16/2.
Machan 21/2.
Machan 21/2 and Gaida 22-23/2.
Kosi 18-19/2.
Male singing nr. Kosi river 19/2.
Seen most days.
Up to 5 Kosi 18-20/2.
Max c10 Kosi 19/2.
2+ at the watchtower lagoon (nr. Kosi camp) 19/2.
4+ Kosi 19/2; 1 Kosi 20/2.
1 watched well near Kosi barrage 20/2 was calling, a loud 'chack' (TRG,
CRK, DN et al).
1 Nagajung 15/2 (TRG et al); Up to 5
Kosi camp 18/2, with 1 there 19/2.
1 'blythi' nr. the watchtower lagoon
Kosi 19/2 (DC, TRG, CK, DN, GT et al)
Seen daily Kosi 18-20/2. Common.
Seen daily Kosi 18-20/2, max c10 18/2
3 Kosi 18/2, with 2 seen 19/2.
DUSKY WARBLER (DUSKY LEAF WARBLER)
GREENISH (DULL GREEN LEAF) WARBLER
YELLOW-BROWED (PLAIN LEAF) WARBLER
(BLUS-) ORANGE-BARRED LEAF WARBLER
PALLAS’S (YELLOW-RUMPED LEAF) WARBLER
BLYTH’S CROWNED (LEAF) WARBLER
GOLDEN-SPECTACLED WARBLER
GREY-HEADED (FLYCATCHER) WARBLER
BLACK-FACED WARBLER
HIMALAYAN (WHITE-TAILED) RUBYTHROAT
SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT

BLUE THROAT
RED-FLANKED BLUE TAIL
GOLDEN BUSH-ROBIN
WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA
MAGPIE ROBIN (DAYAL)
HODGSON’S REDSTART
BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART
BLUE-HEADED (CAPPED) REDSTART
BLACK REDSTART
WHITE-CAPPED RIVERCHAT
PLUMBEOUS REDSTART
SPOTTED FORK TAIL
STONECHAT (COLLARED BUSHCHAT)
WHITE-TAILED STONECHAT
(DARK-) GREY BUSHCHAT
PIED BUSHCHAT (PIED STONECHAT)

BLUE ROCK THRUSH
WHITE’S (SCALY MOUNTAIN) THRUSH
WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD
BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH

(DARK) BLACK-THROATED THRUSH
BROWN DIPPER
WREN
RUFOS-BELLIED ACCENTOR
GREAT TIT (GREY TIT)

GREEN-BACKED TIT
BLACK-LORED (YELLOW-CHEEKED TIT)
RED-HEADED (BLACK-THROATED) TIT
YELLOW-BROWED TIT

Daily Kosi 17-19/2; 1 Machan 21/2
Recorded on 7 dates. Common at Kosi.
Recorded on 9 dates.
Common on Phulchowki 16/2.
Common in Kathmandu valley 15-17/2.
Singles Machan 21/2 and Gaida 23/2.
Common Nagajung 15/2. Also Chitwan.
Several seen nagajung 15/2. 1 Phulchowki 16/2. Machan 21-22/2 (TRG)
Common in Kathmandu valley 15-17/2.
1 Phulchowki 16/2.
Male nr. Kathmandu airport 17/2.
Male at Hotel Himalaya on first evening ensured a good start to the tour 14/2! 3+ nr Kosi camp 18/2, plus male 19/2; heard Machan 21/2 (TRG)
Only at Kosi where max c10 on 19/2.
1 Phulchowki 16/2.
1 Phulchowki 16/2 (TRG et al).
Male Machan lodge 21-22/2.
Noted on 8 dates. A ‘garden’ bird.
3 Godaveri 16/2.
Male at summit of Phulchowki 16/2.
Male at summit of Phulchowki 16/2.
Seen daily Kosi with max 5+ 19/2.
Single males at Godaveri 16/2 and Hetauda 22/2, 3 Mugling 24/2.
4-6 Godaveri 16/2; 3+ Hetauda 22/2;
4+ Mugling 24/2.
1 Godaveri 16/2.
Noted on 10 dates. Locally common.
Male & female beside Kosi river 18/2;
male beside Rapti river, Gaida 23/2.
Female Gaida 23/2.
2 Kathmandu 14/2; male Kosi 19/2; 6+ Machan 21/2; 2 daily Gaida 22-24/2.
Male Kosi barrage 19/2.
2 Nagajung 15/2; 1 Machan 21/2.
2+ Phulchowki 16/2.
4 Nagajung 15/2; 2+ Phulchowki 16/2;
3+ Bharatpur/Mugling area 24/2.
10+ Phulchowki 16/2; 2 seen 22/2.
4 nr Mugling 24/2.
1 nr summit Phulchowki 16/2.
2 summit of Phulchowki 16/2.
Seen daily Kathmandu valley 15-17/2; also at Chitwan 21-24/2.
Nagajung (1) and Phulchowki 15-16/2.
c10 Nagajung 15/2, Phulchowki 16/2.
10+ Nagajung 15/2; Phulchowki 16/2.
4+ Phulchowki 16/2.
CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH

VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH

WHITE-TAILED NUTHATCH

WALDCREEPER

OLIVE-BACKED (HODGSON’S) PIPIT

RICHARD’S (PADDYFIELD) PIPIT

ROSY (ROSY-BREASTED) PIPIT

GREY WAGTAIL

CITRINE WAGTAIL

WHITE (PIED) WAGTAIL

(WHITE-BROWED) LARGE PIED WAGTAIL

THICK-BILLED FLOWERPECKER

BUFF-BELLIED (FIRE-BREASTED) FL’PEKR

GREEN-TAILED (NEPAL) SUNBIRD

CRIMSON (SCARLET-BREASTED) SUNBIRD

ORIENTAL (INDIAN) WHITE-EYE

HOUSE SPARROW

TREE SPARROW

YELLOW-THROATED SPARROW

BAYA WEAVER

RED AVADAVAT (RED MUNIA)

SPOTTED (SCALY-BREASTED) MUNIA

WHITE-BACKED MUNIA

SCARLET (COMMON) ROSEFINCH

DARK-BREASTED (NEPAL) ROSEFINCH

PINK-BROWED ROSEFINCH

RED-HEADED ROSEFINCH (JUNIPER FINCH)

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING

BLACK-FACED BUNTING

3+ Nagajung 15/2; 1 Kathmandu 17/2 (TRG); common Machan 21/2; 1-4 Gaida 23-24/2.

3 Nagajung 15/2; 5+ Machan 21/2; singles Gaida 22-23/2.

c20 Phulchowki 16/2.

Male beside Rapti River Hetauda 22/2.

Recording daily, including 8+ in garden of Hotel Himalaya 14/2.

‘Paddyfield’ seen almost daily. Peaks of 10+ Machan 21/2 and Hetauda 22/2. Kosi 17-20/2, where peak 15+ on 18/2. Also 3 Rapti river, Gaida 23/2.

1 Kathmandu 14/2; 2+ Kathmandu 17/2; also seen Rapti river, Hetauda 22/2. 3-10 seen Kosi 18-19/2.

Seen daily from 17/2; several races incl. black-backed race, alboides. 5+ Biratnagar-Kosi 17/2; also Rapti river at Hetauda and Gaida 22-24/2. 1+ Gaida jungle camp 23/2.

Noted daily Kathmandu valley 15-17/2. Male Nagajung 15/2; common Phulchowki 1 Machan 21/2.

3+ Machan 21/2.

Common member of feeding parties.

Noted on 8 dates.

Seen daily in Kathmandu valley 14-17/2.

2 Gaida-lodge 24/2.

8 Hotel Himalaya 14/2. c40 Kosi 19/2.

10+ Kosi 19/2.

35+ Kosi 19/2.

5+ Nagajung 15/2 (TRG)

Male + heard Kosi 18/2.

Female Phulchowki 16/2 (TRG et al).

2 males Phulchowki 16/2.

Male with 3 females Phulchowki 16/2. Kosi 18-20/2, where max 20+ 19/2. Kosi barrage: up to 3 seen 19-20/2.

**Appendix. List of larger mammals/reptiles recorded during trip:**

Wild Boar

Common Langur (Hanuman Monkey)

Sambar

Rhesus Macaque

Spotted Deer

Indian Flying Fox

Hog Deer

Indian Red Fox

Muntjac (Barking Deer)

Asian Golden Jackal

Water Buffalo (peak count c10)

Indian Hare

Indian Elephant (Feral)

Five-striped Ground Squirrel

Indian Rhinoceros (peak count 14)

Orange Bellied Squirrel

Common (Small Indian) Mongoose

Marsh Mugger (Crocodile)

Leopard (AH, TC)

Indian Mud Turtle