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Dear Tim and Carol,

I have just come across your request for information in your book, "A Guide to the Birds of Nepal". As I lived there for three years, you may be glad of the information here. During that time, I worked mainly in Butwal and Galyang, paying occasional visits to Tansen. As these are not on most tourist's itinerary, it will probably add to your information. I don't know if you have contacted Delos Mc. Cauley for information. He has lived in Nepal far longer than I have and is quite an expert. If he is still there, his address is U.M.N., Box 126, Kathmandu, Nepal. If he has moved, I am sure that any correspondence will be forwarded to him. Unfortunately I have mislaid my field notes so the information given has been compiled from abbreviations I have written in the back of my book by Fleming. In addition I can call on my memory for altitude distribution. I have only included information that adds to that already in your book, but if you would like further information I would be glad to supply it. If you know where I can find a map larger in scale than the Apa 1:500,000 map, particularly for squares G6 and H6 I will be able to give you more precise information with regard to altitude etc. For instance, red billed blue magpies can be regularly seen on the hills above Butwal. I think that this is outside the altitude range given in your book, but without a map with elevations on it, it is impossible to be sure. Similarly, I saw a brown dipper near the Tinau power station just north of Butwal. Again, this is outside its altitude range, but by how much I do not know. Many species had a very distinct cut off point with regard to elevation in the Butwal area, the pied mynah and green bee eaters being cases in point. Again a large scale map, say 1:100,000 would be sufficient to inform you what that cut off point is. In some cases of course, it is the change in habitat that is the crucial feature. Stone curlews for instance are abundant in the extremely degraded forest south of Butwal but are non-existent where degradation of woodland is not so severe. I hope that you will find the attached information of interest. It does not extend the range of any species by very much, but that being so, is probably more acceptable since I was alone for nearly all the observations. If you would like further information, be sure to let me know,

Yours sincerely,

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Butwal (B) - on the edge of the forest.
Tansen (T) - a hill station "0Km north of Butwal. Excellent birdwatching in the forest around the Narayan Temple.

Galyang (G) - located on the Butwal - Pokhara road on the ridge between the Andhi Khola and the Kali Gandaki.

Great cormorant. On Andhi Khola in November. A group of four near Galyang for about four weeks.

Crested Honey Buzzard. In G6 during winter.

Black Kite - Resident in Butwal - Very common.

Egyptian Vulture - Resident in Butwal - Fairly common.

Mountain Hawk Eagle - In hills to the east of Butwal in winter.- Occasional.

Kestrel- Common resident in H6

Ring necked parakeet - Proved breeding in Butwal - Abundant.

Common Hawk Cuckoo - Can be heard from May onwards in Butwal and Galyang. Seen twice.

It came to investigate me mimicing its call.

Oriental Cuckoo - Heard regularly in the breeding season in Galyang.

Koel cuckoo - Seen in Butwal in the breeding season in degraded forest on hillside.

Sirkeer Cuckoo - Seen nest building on hillside on western bank of Tinau near Butwal.
only seen occasionally.

Lesser Coucal - Seen in forest on the terai to the south of Butwal. - Resident.

Common kingfisher - Seen entering nest in Galyang on the Andhi Khola river, carrying food.

Large Pied Kingfisher. - Seen in April on the Tinau river near Butwal.

Chestnut headed bee eater. - Fairly common in Butwal. Resident.

Indian Roller - Common resident in Butwal.

Dollar bird. - One sighting only. Breeding season, near Butwal.

Great Barbet - Resident in Galyang and Tansen.

Indian Grey Hornbill - Seen in Butwal every year when a certain tree was carrying fruit.

Crimson breasted barbet - Resident in Butwal and Galyang. - Its call drove me mad!

Not common, it just nested nearby.

Wryneck One sighting on hills to the west of Butwal in winter. (December I think.

Brown throated sand martin. - Nests on terai about 2miles south east of Butwal.

Barn swallow Breeds in Galyang. - Very common.

Tree pipit - Winter visitor in Butwal. Two sightings.

Chestnut crowned warbler - One sighting. Butwal Jan '87

Yellow bellied Warbler. - One sighting- Nov 85 Galyang.

Small Niltava - Butwal - January

Blue throated flycatcher - Narayan temple forests - Tansen.

Asian sooty flycatcher. - November - Butwal. - One sighting.

Little Pied Flycatcher - One sighting - Tansen - May.

White throated Fantail - One sighting- Forest edge- 4 miles north of Tansen.

Sikkim Treecreeper - One sighting - Bushes on the boundary between cultivation & scrub. 4 miles north of Galyang.

Purple Sunbird.- Breeding season - Galyang - Fairly common.

Nepal sunbird - November - Tansen- near Narayan temple.

Scarlet breasted sunbird - April - Butwal.

Black headed oriole. - March onwards, seen every day in tree near home. Probably nesting there, but didn't see any concrete evidence.

Small racket tailed drongo - January. - In open forest.- Butwal -Very occasional.

Rufous Tree Pie Fairly common in Butwal - Resident.

Jungle Crow - Common Resident in Butwal.

Grey headed Mynah- Common, but only below the elevation of the Butwal- Pokhara road.

In Butwal. Seen in breeding season.

Common mynah. Common resident in Butwal.