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Robson

# THE HIGH HIMALAYAS

2 - 25 MAY 1997

ROBSON (1997)

## CHECKLIST

The list consists of all the species recorded on previous tours to the areas concerned. To give some idea of the probability of a particular species being seen during the tour, species are marked as follows:

- No star signifies a high probability (chances approximately 80-100%)
- 1 star (\*) signifies a moderate probability (chances approximately 50-70%)
- 2 stars (\*\*) signifies a low probability (chances approximately 20-40%)
- 3 stars (\*\*\*) signifies an exceptionally rarely seen species.

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list mostly follow Ali, S. & Ripley, S. D. (1983): *A Pictorial Guide to the Birds of the Indian Subcontinent*. Species not included in Ali & Ripley (marked with the symbol  $\Omega$ ) are inserted at the appropriate place and given the English name in most widespread use. Some other names in widespread use are given in parentheses.

The species names and taxonomy used in the mammal list mostly follow Corbet, G. B. & Hill, J. E. (1991, 3rd edition): *A World List of Mammalian Species*. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

The symbol ++ denotes that a taxonomic note referring to that species will be found at the end of the list.

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DATE	ITINERARY
3/5	Kathmandu airport — Hotel Himalaya + hotel environs in evening.
4/5	Godavari (incl. botanical gardens + trails at foot of Phulchowki) am; trails opposite bot. gdns. lunch; bot. gdns. pm; trail from first road switch-back towards Phulchowki
5/5	Drove Kathmandu — Dhunche (2,035m) Several short stops Lunch at 'above' Betrawati
6/5	Walked from Dhunche to Syabru (2,255) total distance @ 12-15 km high point 2,445m.
7/5	- - - Syabru to Bamboo (2,020m) total distance @ 8-9 km low point 1,700m. lunch at Landslide
8/5	- - - Bamboo to Lama (2,490m) total distance @ 6 km
9/5	- - - Lama to Ghore Tabela (3,020m) total distance @ 6 km.
10/5	- - - Ghore Tabela to Sindum (3,555m) total distance @ 5 km lunch at Gumba
11/5	- - - Sindum to Kyangjin (3,800m); late am on river plains; pm pools + broad forest total distance @ 4 km
12/5	Kyangjin am; walked up to 4,600m pm; down to pools + broad forest.
13/5	Kyangjin to Ghore Tabela lunch at Gumba
14/5	Ghore Tabela to Bamboo lunch at Lama.

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15/5	Bamboo to Syabm lunch at bridge below Syabm
16/5	Syabm to Singh Gomba (3,265m) lunch at Khoarang (3,125m)
17/5	Singh Gomba am; below pm; above
18/5	Singh Gomba to Gosainkund Lakes (4,300m) lunch at Cholangpati (3,584m)
19/5	Gosainkund - Ghopte (3,450m) 0715-1700 lunch at Phedi (3,725m)
20/5	Ghopte to Tharepati (3,597m) 1330-1645 lunch at Ghopte
21/5	Tharepati to Gol Bhanjyang (2,370m) = wooded hill after Kutumsang lunch at magankot (3,245m)
22/5	Gol Bhanjyang to Chisopani (2,194m) lunch at Chipling
23/5	Chisopani to Sunderijal Bui to Kathmandu
24/5	Phulchowki (am. Cutia area @ 2,200m, down to first Sutebi-back at foot of mtn.)
24/5	on route to and from Phulchowki + City tour of Kathmandu.
25/5	Kathmandu to airport (early am.)

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS						3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5
	Pond Heron (Indian P H)	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	1	1	1																				1	1	
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	2	10	1	50																		6	30		
	Little Egret*	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		3																								
3	Night Heron*	(Black-crowned N H) <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	4	3																						50	
	Ruddy Shelduck**	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	DELETE	5																								
	Crested Honey Buzzard** ++	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		6																								
	Black Kite ++	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	7	6		6																		15	15		
	Goshawk* (Northern G)	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		8																								
	Shikra*	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	9		1	1																	2	2			
	Sparrowhawk (Eurasian S)	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓	10						1	3		1			1	4	2	2									
13	Besra Sparrowhawk* (Besra)	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>		11																								
	Japanese Buzzard (Common B)	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	12									1			1	2	2	1	1								
	Hodgson's Hawk-Eagle* (Mountain H-E)	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>	✓	13			3																			1		
15	Bonelli's Eagle*	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>	NL ✓	14		1																						
14	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	✓	15						1				2														
	Black Eagle*	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>		16																								
	Griffon Vulture** (Eurasian G V)	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	17			1			1								1				2						
	Himalayan Griffon** (H G Vulture)	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	✓	18					1		4	3	4	1					1	3								
	Indian Long-billed Vulture* (Long-billed V)	<i>Gyps indicus</i>		19																								
	Indian White-backed Vulture* (W-rumped V)	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>		20																								
	Egyptian Vulture*	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		21																								
	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	✓	22			1	1	2		1	4	2	1				1		1	3	1						
	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓	23		1	2	1								3*									1			
	Peregrine Falcon* ++	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	✓	24			1																					
	Hobby*	(Eurasian H) <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	✓	25																					1			
	Kestrel (Common K)	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	26			2	2		1								1					2		1			
1	Snow Partridge	<i>Lerwa lerwa</i>	✓	27								11								3								
	Black Partridge	(B Francolin) <i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	✓	28				h:1														h:1	h:2	h:3				

\* pair at nest with a small chick

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS						3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5
2>	Common Hill Partridge** (Hill P)	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	H:	✓	1				h:1	h:								h:2	h:2	h:1	h:1		h:1	h:5		k:2		
	Blood Pheasant*	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>		✓	2									2	3					1			2					
	Satyr Tragopan*	<i>Tragopan satyra</i>		✓	3															♂♀ chick	1♂		h:1	h:1				
	Impeyan Pheasant (Himalayan Monal)	<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>		✓	4					4	3	7	h:		1	h:1		h:1	2	h:1	2	h:3	2	h:1	1	h:1		
	Kaleej Pheasant* (Kalij P)	<i>Lophura leucomelana</i>		✓	5														1							1		
12>	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>		✓	6									5-7	15													
	River Lapwing**	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>			7																							
11>	Little Ringed Plover**	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			8																							
	Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron sphenura</i>		✓	9		6		1	4									3									
	Yellow-legged Green Pigeon*** (Y-footed P)	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>			10																							
	Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>		✓	11							80	350	20	200	2												
	Blue Rock Pigeon (Rock Dove)	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	12	FEAR 20	FEAR 20	FEAR 20		WILD 3									WILD 2						FEAR 5	FEAR 2		FEAR 20
	Speckled Woodpigeon	<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>		✓	13		15				5	10	3				4	20									1	
	Ashy Woodpigeon**	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>			14																							
	Rufous Turtle Dove (Oriental T D)	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		✓	15		15	5	10	3	2	3	5	1		3	2	h:1	10	2	1	2			3	6	3	2
	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>		✓	16		5	10	2	1																3		1
10>	Rose-ringed Parakeet*	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		✓	17		1	1																		2		2
	Slaty-headed Parakeet**	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	DELETE		18																							
6>	Large Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus sparveroides</i>		✓	19		h:1	h:2	h:+	h:	h:3							h:2	h:1		h:1	h:1	h:1	h:2	h:+	h:3	h:1	
	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	H:	✓	20			h:1																			h:1	
	Cuckoo (Common C)	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	21		1	3	h:1	h:3	h:	h:1		1			1*	1	1	h:1	h:2	h:1	h:2	h:5	h:+	h:2	h:3	
7>	Small Cuckoo (Lesser C)	<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>		✓	22				1	h:		h:1					h:2	h:1	h:1	h:1	h:2	h:2	h:3	h:3		h:1	h:1	
8>	Koel* (Common Koel)	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>			23																							
	Large Green-billed Malkoha** (Green-billed M)	<i>Rhopodytes tristis</i>			24																							
	Spotted Scops Owl** (Mountain S O)	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>			25																							
	Collared Pygmy Owl* (Collared O)	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	NL	✓	26						1																	
	Himalayan Wood Owl** (Tawny O)	<i>Strix aluco</i>	H:	✓	27															h:2			h:2					
	Indian Jungle Nightjar** (Grey N)	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>			28																							

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Himalayan Swiftlet <i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>		✓					15	10	20	30	1		40	20	20	20		15	20	30				100						
White-throated Spinetail Swift* (W-r Needletail) <i>Chaetura caudacuta</i>		DELETED																												
Alpine Swift* <i>Apus melba</i>		✓			1																									
Large White-rumped Swift (Fork-tailed S, Pacific S) <i>Apus pacificus</i>		✓				30	1		6						10	30				2	5				2					
House Swift ++ (Little S) <i>Apus affinis</i>		✓	30	10	6	3			2													15	20	15	100					
White-breasted Kingfisher (W-throated K) <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>		✓			3																				h:l					
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater* <i>Merops leschenaulti</i>		✓			8																									
Green Bee-eater** (Little G B-e) <i>Merops orientalis</i>		DELETED																												
Great Hill Barbet (Great B) <i>Megalaima virens</i>		✓		2 <sup>+</sup>		h:	h:	h:l							h:	h:l						h:l	h:l	2*						
Lineated Barbet** <i>Megalaima lineata</i>		DELETED																												
Golden-throated Barbet <i>Megalaima franklinii</i>		✓		h:		h:l	1								2										h:l					
Blue-throated Barbet <i>Megalaima asiatica</i>		✓		2	2																				h:l					
Crimson-breasted Barbet* (Coppersmith B) <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>		✓			1																									
Honeyguide <sup>+</sup> (Yellow-rumped H) <i>Indicator xanthonotus</i>		✓					5	1							1															
Speckled Piculet** <i>Picumnus innominatus</i>		✓		1											1															
Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker* (S-b Woodpecker) <i>Picus squamatus</i>		✓							1				1	1				1				3								
Black-naped Green Woodpecker (Grey-headed W) <i>Picus canus</i>		✓		1																										
Small Yellow-naped Woodpecker* (Lesser Yellownape) <i>Picus chlorolophus</i>		✓																												
Rufous-bellied Sapsucker (R-b Woodpecker) <i>Hypopicus hyperythrus</i>		✓				1			1**					1												1				
Darjeeling Pied Woodpecker <i>Picoides darjellensis</i>		✓							1					1		1	2	1												
Crimson-breasted Pied Woodpecker* <i>Picoides cathpharius</i>		✓							1																					
Brown-fronted Pied Woodpecker* <i>Picoides auriceps</i>		✓				1									1															
Fulvous-breasted Pied Woodpecker** <i>Picoides macei</i>		✓																												
Red-eared Bay Woodpecker*** (Bay W) <i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>		✓																												
Hume's Short-toed Lark*** <i>Calandrella acutirostris</i>		✓																												
Plain Sand Martin* (Plain M) <i>Riparia paludicola</i>		✓																												
Swallow (Barn S) <i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	20	20	10																			3	20		20			
Red-rumped Swallow <i>Hirundo daurica</i>		✓		10	30																			30	10		5			

\* attending nest hole in stump; \*\* in nest hole

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS			3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	24/5	25/5
Nepal House Martin <i>Delichon nipalensis</i>	✓	1			100	300*	30	30	50	10				10	100				1							
Asian House Martin ++ <i>Delichon dasypus</i>	✓	2									5		2	4						20						
Grey-backed Shrike <i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	✓	3			1	2				8	6		10		1		1	1								
Rufous-backed Shrike (Long-tailed S) <i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	4	1	1	2	1	1														2	1			1	
Golden Oriole* (Eurasian G O) <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	✓	5			2																					
Maroon Oriole* <i>Oriolus trailii</i>	✓	6		1			1								1									1		
Black Drongo ++ <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	7	3	3	10																		7		8	
Ashy Drongo <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	✓	8		4	1	20	20	1						3	3							2	1			
Bronzed Drongo <i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	✓	9		2																						
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo* <i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	✓	10		2																						
Hair-crested Drongo** <i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>		11																								
Ashy Swallow-Shrike (A Woodswallow) <i>Artamus fuscus</i>		12																								
Spotted-winged Stare* (Spot-winged Starling) <i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>	✓	13			25																					
Grey-headed Myna (Chestnut-tailed Starling) <i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	✓	14			1																				4	
Common Myna <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	15	30	30	30																	5	20		20	
Jungle Myna <i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓	16	10	10	10																		1		5	
Red-crowned Jay* (Eurasian J) <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	17				1									1										3	
Black-throated Jay*** (Lanceolated J) <i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>		18																								
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie (Gold-billed M) <i>Cissa flavirostris</i>	✓	19				1	3	1	3					2	2						4					
Red-billed Blue Magpie* (Blue M) <i>Cissa flavirostris</i>	✓	20		3	2																		h:			
Indian Treepie (Rufous T) <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	21			2																					
Himalayan Treepie (Grey T) <i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	✓	22		10	1																		h:			
Nutcracker (Spotted N) <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	✓	23				20	2		4					1	3				h:1	2	3					
Yellow-billed Chough (Alpine C) <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	✓	24								50	30	60	30													
Red-billed Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	✓	25								2	50	40	20													
House Crow <i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	26	50	50	30																			10	50	
Jungle Crow ++ (Large-billed C) <i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	27	2	20	10	10	5	2	6	10	10	5	10	5	10	10	5	10	5	4	8	3	6	5	5	
Raven* (Common R) <i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	28									2	3	2													

\* active near colony on cliffs

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS			3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	24/5	25/5							
		Pied Flycatcher-Shrike* <sup>*</sup> (Bar-winged F-S) <i>Hemipus picatus</i>	1																														
		Smaller Grey Cuckoo-Shrike* <sup>‡</sup> (Black-winged C-S) <i>Coracina melaschistos</i>	2	2	1	h:1	h:1								2																		
		Scarlet Minivet* <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	3		1	3	2																										
		Short-billed Minivet** <i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>	4																														
16)		Long-tailed Minivet <i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	5	8	2	6		6	2	1		1	1		3	2							4	4	4	2							
		Common Iora* <sup>*</sup> <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	6																														
		Golden-fronted Leafbird** <i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	7																														
		Orange-bellied Leafbird* <i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	8	2		1	3																										
		White-cheeked Bulbul ++ (Himalayan B) <i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	9	20	20	20	3								2	1							6	10	4								
		Red-vented Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus caffer</i>	10	5	20	20																	4	4		4							
		Striated Green Bulbul* <sup>‡</sup> (Striated B) <i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>	11																						1								
		Rufous-bellied Bulbul (Mountain B) <i>Hypsipetes mccllelandi</i>	12	2		1																											
		Black Bulbul <i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	13	3	2	8	6								5								3										
		Rufous-necked Scimitar Babbler (Streak-breasted S B) <i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>	14																				h:3	4									
		Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler <i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>	15	h:+		h:									h:								h:2	h:	h:								
		Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler <i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>	16														h:4	2	h:1	3	h:												
		Lesser Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler* (Pygmy W-B) <i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	17																						1								
		Nepal Wren-Babbler Ω ++ <i>Pnoepyga immaculata</i>	18				h:1	h:10	h:5				h:3	h:5																			
		Red-billed Babbler* <sup>‡</sup> (Black-chinned B) <i>Stachyris pyrrhops</i>	19	h:+		1																		1	1								
22/23)		Black-throated Babbler* (Grey-throated B) <i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>	20	1																													
		Spiny Babbler* <i>Turdoides nipalensis</i>	21	h:3																													
		White-throated Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	22	3		6	2	10					3	3									2	8		10							
		Striated Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax striatus</i>	23	5			4	10					2	4										h:4	h:	h:5							
		White-crested Laughingthrush** <sup>*</sup> <i>Garrulax leucolophus</i> DELETE	24																														
		Variiegated Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax variegatus</i>	25			1			2	h:10	1	5	4		2	1	2					2											
		Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush** <i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>	26																														
		White-spotted Laughingthrush* <sup>‡</sup> (Spotted L) <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>	27						2							1	2	h:		1	h:1		h:1										
		Grey-sided Laughingthrush* <sup>‡</sup> <i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>	28																							4							

\* Carrying nest material



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19	20	Streaked Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax lineatus</i> ✓	1		2	2	h:	2	3	4			3		h:	h:		1			h:	5	h:	h:		
		Red-headed Laughingthrush (Chestnut-crowned L) <i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i> ✓	2			2	1	4						1	4	4	h:				2	1		8		
		Red-billed Leiothrix* <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> ✓	3																				5	2	h:3	
		Fire-tailed Myzornis* <i>Myzornis pyrrhous</i> ✓	4																	3						
		Nepal Cutia* <del>?</del> (Cutia) <i>Cutia nipalensis</i> ✓	5																					1	h:1	
		Red-winged Shrike-Babbler* <del>?</del> (White-browed S-B) <i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i> ✓	6																					2		
21		Green Shrike-Babbler* <i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i> ✓	7			1								2								1				
		Hoary Barwing* <i>Actinodura nipalensis</i> ✓	8													2						2				
		Red-tailed Minla* <del>?</del> <i>Minla ignotincta</i> ✓	9																					1		
		Bar-throated Siva (Chestnut-tailed Minla) <i>Minla strigula</i> ✓	10					2	5	4		h:1	5			6	2	2		6	10	4	3	h:2	2	
		Blue-winged Siva* (B-w Minla) <i>Minla cyanouroptera</i> ✓	11																					1		
		Yellow-naped Yuhina (Whiskered Y) <i>Yuhina flavicollis</i> ✓	12		10	20	2		10					6	20	2					15	10	15	10		
		Stripe-throated Yuhina <i>Yuhina gularis</i> ✓	13						2							1	1			1	5	2	10			
		Rufous-vented Yuhina <i>Yuhina occipitalis</i> ✓	14						5				1	4		20	5	5*		15	10					
		White-bellied Yuhina* <del>?</del> <i>Yuhina xantholeuca</i>	15																							
		Chestnut-headed Tit-Babbler* (Rufous-winged Fulvetta) <i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i> ✓	16	2																		2	1	1	5	
		White-browed Tit-Babbler (W-b Fulvetta) <i>Alcippe vinipectus</i> ✓	17						2	1			2			10	4	4	10	20	5			1		
		Nepal Babbler* (N Fulvetta) <i>Alcippe nipalensis</i> ✓	18	1																				6		
		Black-capped Sibia (Rufous S) <i>Heterophasia capistrata</i> ✓	19	2	h:1	4	20	20	8	10	4			3	6	8	30	8	10		2	h:1	h:	h:	2	h:3
		Sooty Flycatcher (Dark-sided F) <i>Muscicapa sibirica</i> ✓	20	2		3		1	4				2	1		1										
		Brown Flycatcher* <del>?</del> ++ (Asian B F) <i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	21																							
		Rufous-tailed Flycatcher* <del>?</del> (Rusty-t F) <i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i> ✓	22							1			2						1							
		Ferruginous Flycatcher* <del>?</del> <i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i> DELETE	23																							
		Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher (Rufous-g F) <i>Muscicapa strophias</i> ✓	24		1		1	4	20	3				10		20	4	5		2	3					
		Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher* (Snowy-browed F) <i>Muscicapa hyperythra</i> ✓	25												2											
		Rusty-breasted Blue Flycatcher* (Slaty-backed F) <i>Muscicapa hodgsonii</i> DELETE	26																							
		Little Pied Flycatcher* <del>?</del> <i>Muscicapa westermanni</i>	27																							
		White-browed Blue Flycatcher (Ultramarine F) <i>Muscicapa superciliaris</i> ✓	28					2						2		1					1		1	4		

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Slaty-blue Flycatcher* <i>Muscicapa leucomelanura</i>	✓	1						1	3	2			2				1	1									
Large Niltava** <i>Niltava grandis</i>		2																									
Small Niltava <i>Muscicapa macgrigoriae</i>	✓	3	2		1 h:t			1							2 h:2												
Rufous-bellied Niltava <i>Muscicapa sundara</i>	✓	4	1		2	3	2	3	1			4		2								1					
Blue-throated Flycatcher** <i>Muscicapa rubeculoides</i>		5																									
Verditer Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa thalassina</i>	✓	6	6		2	2									1	1					1 h:1	3	3	*5			
Grey-headed Flycatcher <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	✓	7	10		2	2	6	2				3	2										1				
Yellow-bellied Fantail Flycatcher (Y-b Fantail) <i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>	✓	8					40	5			1	3	1	5	4 <sup>o</sup>	4			4	5							
White-throated Fantail Flycatcher (W-t Fantail) <i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	✓	9																				h:1	1	1			
Dull Slaty-bellied Ground Warbler (Grey-bellied Tesia) <i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>	✓	10	h:1				h:1						3 h:2									h:2		h:1			
Chestnut-headed Ground Warbler (C-h Tesia) <i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>	✓	11				1	2 h:2	2 h:3					3 h:7								h:1		h:1				
A aberrant Bush Warbler <i>Cettia flavolivacea</i>	✓	12										1			2 h:2		h:2		1 h:1					2			
Verreaux's Bush Warbler** (Yellowish-bellied B W) <i>Cettia acanthizoides</i>		13																									
Rufous-capped Bush Warbler (Grey-sided B W) <i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>	✓	14							1							h:6	10 h:t	5 h:20	6 h:10	4 h:t							
Brown Hill Warbler (Striated Prinia) <i>Prinia criniger</i>	✓	15	h:		3 h:t	h:	h:2						1 h:3	h:								h:3					
Tailorbird (Common T) <i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓	16	2	1	h:	h:																h:1	1		1		
Tickell's Leaf Warbler <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	✓	17	1		1	5+			1	3	20	8	25					2					1				
Smoky Willow Warbler* (Smoky W) <i>Phylloscopus fuligiventer</i>	✓	18																		3	2						
Orange-barred Leaf Warbler (Buff-b W) <i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	✓	19													6	20	20	2 h:t	20	20							
Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler* ++ (Y-b Warbler) <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	✓	20	3																								
Lemon-rumped Warbler ++ <i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	✓	21					15	20	3		10	10	3		20	20	10	2	5	5	1						
Grey-faced Leaf Warbler (Ashy-throated W) <i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	✓	22					1	5				8		2	1**				1	6	1		1				
Large-billed Leaf Warbler <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	✓	23					3	h:3				h:2	h:10			h:2	h:1										
Dull Green Leaf Warbler (Greenish W) <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓	24					2	h:1	h:1		2	1	1				4	3***	10	1							
Blyth's Leaf Warbler <i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>	✓	25			15	3	20	20	10	4	2	20	20	20	15	5	5		1	2		2	5				
Black-browed Flycatcher-Warbler (Golden-spectacled W) <i>Seicercus burkii</i>	✓	26			4	3	20	20	1			5	20	20	10	4	3	h:1	10	4		1	1				
Grey-headed Flycatcher-Warbler (G-hooded W) <i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	✓	27	20	2	20	1	5					5	4	2							2	3	10	20			
Chestnut-headed Flycatcher-Warbler* (C-crowned W) <i>Seicercus castaneiceps</i>	✓	28				1	2						1 h:3														

\* incl. fledged juvs.; \*\* with nest; \*\*\* including one nest building; <sup>o</sup> collecting nest material

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THE HIGH HIMALAYAS			3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5			
Black-faced Flycatcher-Warbler* (B-f Warbler)	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>	✓ 1		2		3		1*																				4			
Goldcrest*	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	✓ 2														1	2	2													
Gould's Shortwing**	<i>Brachypteryx stellata</i>	3																													
White-browed Shortwing*	<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>	✓ 4																			h:1										
Himalayan Rubythroat** (White-tailed R)	<i>Erithacus pectoralis</i>	5																													
Blue Chat (Indian Blue Robin)	<i>Erithacus brunneus</i>	✓ 6		h:1		h:	h:t	3 h:t	3 h:t	3 h:3			h:2	3 h:3	3 h:10	3 h:5	4 h:t	2 h:t			h:4	h:1	h:2	h:2							
Orange-flanked Bush Robin (Red-f Bluetail)	<i>Erithacus cyanurus</i>	✓ 7							2	1	3	20				6	10	20													
Golden Bush Robin	<i>Erithacus chrysaeus</i>	✓ 8								1		2					2	2	6	15	5										
White-browed Bush Robin	<i>Erithacus indicus</i>	✓ 9																2	1	2	2										
Rufous-bellied Bush Robin	<i>Erithacus hyperythrus</i>	✓ 10																	2	4											
Magpie-Robin (Oriental M-R)	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓ 11	2	1	6																			3	3						
Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	✓ 12						1	1	6	5	20	4						2	4	2	2									
White-throated Redstart**	<i>Phoenicurus schisticeps</i>	13																													
Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>	✓ 14		2		4	15	10	5	1	1		2	10	5										2						
Hodgson's Shortwing (White-bellied Redstart)	<i>Hodgsonius phaenicuroides</i>	15											3			2															
White-tailed Blue Robin* (W-t Robin)	<i>Cinclidium leucurum</i>	✓ 16				1									h:1	h:1										h:3					
Hodgson's Grandala (Grandala)	<i>Grandala coelicolar</i>	✓ 17																	15	25											
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>	✓ 18				1	1							1																	
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus macularus</i>	✓ 19					1									2															
Stonechat ++ (Common S)	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓ 20			2	8	7									5**	2							10	1						
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	✓ 21			10																				1						
Dark-grey Bushchat (Grey B)	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>	✓ 22	10	15	12	4	1	1	6	2		2	1	6	3	h:t	3						2	5	10	1					
Pleschanka's Pied Chat*** (Pied Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	23																													
White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	✓ 24				2	2	3	2	1	4	4	2	5	2			10	5	3											
Blue-headed Rock Thrush (B-capped RT)	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>	✓ 25		2	6											2									2	h:1					
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>	✓ 26					1	2								2	4						3				1				
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myiophonus caeruleus</i>	✓ 27	5	4	5	10	20	15	6	5	4	6	10	8				2	6				1	1	3	1					
Pied Ground Thrush	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>	✓ 28				4	1																								

\* Carrying nest material into tree hole  
 \*\* incl 1 spotted juvenile

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Plain-backed Mountain Thrush <i>Zoothera mollissima</i>	✓	1															4	4	2							
Long-tailed Mountain Thrush* <i>Zoothera dixonii</i>	✓	2													3*	2	2									
Large Brown Thrush** (Long-billed T) <i>Zoothera monticola</i>	✓	3				3	1								***											
Golden Mountain Thrush* (Scaly T, White's T) <i>Zoothera dauma</i>	✓	4													3	1	3			1						
Tickell's Thrush* <i>Turdus unicolor</i>	✓	5																		1	5					
White-collared Blackbird <i>Turdus albocinctus</i>	✓	6													15	15	10		1	3	1					
Grey-winged Blackbird <i>Turdus boulboul</i>	✓	7				h:1														1	2	1	3			
Wren (Winter W) <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	8															10	<sup>2</sup> / <sub>w:3</sub>								
Brown Dipper <i>Cinclus pallasi</i>	✓	9				1 <sup>o</sup>	7 <sup>o</sup>	6	3		1		1	4	3											
Alpine Accentor <i>Prunella collaris</i>	✓	10								1		2					25	40	1							
Rufous-breasted Accentor <i>Prunella strophitata</i>	✓	11							1	4	4	10	2				6	3	3							
Grey Tit** (Great T) <i>Parus major</i>	✓	12	2	1																						
Green-backed Tit <i>Parus monticolus</i>	✓	13	1		5	2	10		10	2			h: 10		3	1				2	6	5	2			
Coal Tit <i>Parus ater</i>	✓	14									2	4			40	25 <sup>o</sup>	10		2	2						
Rufous-bellied Crested Tit (R-vented T) <i>Parus rubidiventris</i>	✓	15							2	4	2	8	2		20	15	30		20	20		1				
Brown Crested Tit (Grey-crested T) <i>Parus dichrous</i>	✓	16							1			2			5	3	5		2	2						
Yellow-checked Tit (Black-lored T) <i>Parus xanthogenys</i>	✓	17	8	6	3										1	1										
Yellow-browed Tit† <i>Sylviparus modestus</i>	✓	18					3													2		1	2			
Red-headed Tit (Black-throated T) <i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>	✓	19	8		30	15	4								30	6				8	20	10	6			
Rufous-fronted Tit† (Black-browed T) <i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>	✓	20										2			20	4	2			4 <sup>o</sup>						
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch <i>Sitta castanea</i>	✓	21	2***																							
White-tailed Nuthatch <i>Sitta himalayensis</i>	✓	22			1	1	5						1	1*						1	3	4	8			
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** <i>Sitta frontalis</i>		23																								
Wallcreeper*** <i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		24																								
Treecreeper* (Eurasian T) <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	✓	25								1	2				1	1	2									
Sikkim Treecreeper* (Brown-throated T) <i>Certhia discolor</i>	✓	26													1		1						1			
Nepal Treecreeper† (Rusty-flanked T) <i>Certhia nipalensis</i>	✓	27							2						2	3			1							
Indian Tree Pipit (Olive-backed P) <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	✓	28							1	10	20	2	10		10 <sup>o</sup>	3	5		4	3*		1				

\* Carrying food; \*\* at Syabru vill.; \*\*\* feeding young in nest; ○ incl. spotted indiv.; □ collecting new material



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		Crossbill** (Common C)	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	DELETE	1																									
		Red-headed Rosefinch* <sup>NL</sup>	(Crimson-browed F) <i>Proopyrthula subhimachala</i>	✓	2																1									
		Scarlet Finch**	<i>Haematospiza sipahi</i>	✓	3					2																				
		Gold-headed Black Finch** (G-naped F)	<i>Pyrrhoptectes epauletta</i>	DELETE	4																									
		Brown Bullfinch**	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>	DELETE	5																									
		Red-headed Bullfinch*	<i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>	✓	6						3					2		10	7			4	A							
		Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>	✓	7			2	5	1							h:1													
1		Tibetan Snowcock**	<i>Tetraogallus tibetanus</i>	✓	8									1																
2		Rufous-throated Hill Partridge** (Rufous-throated P)	<i>Arborophila rufirostris</i>	H:	9		h:															h:1	h:2	h:1		h:1				
3		Bar-headed Goose***	<i>Anser indicus</i>	✓	10									1																
4		Wynneck*** (Eurasian W)	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	NL	✓	11																				1				
5		Hoopoe*	(Common H) <i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	12	1																								
6		Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo**	<i>Cuculus fugax</i>	H:	✓	13										h:1	h:1													
7		Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus satrapas</i>	✓	14	1	1	h:1	h:2		h:2							h:3	h:2	h:1			h:1	h:4	h:2	h:2				
8		Indian Plaintive Cuckoo** (Grey-bellied C)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	✓	15				1																					
9		Drongo Cuckoo*	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	✓	16		2																	h:1	h:1					
10		Blossom-headed Parakeet*** (Plum-headed P)	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	NL	✓	17			1																					
11		Wood Snipe**	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>	✓	18									2																
12		Red-wattled Lapwing*	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	19		1																		1					
13		Upland Buzzard**	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>	✓	20						1																			
see 14		Eastern Steppe Eagle** (Steppe E)	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	++	✓	21			1																					
15		Booted Hawk-Eagle (Booted E)**	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	✓	22														1											
16		Yellow-throated Minivet* (Grey-throated M)	<i>Priococcyus solaris</i>	✓	23		4																							
17		Black-backed Forktail***	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>	NL	✓	24			1																					
18		Thick-billed Warbler***	<i>Acrocephalus aedon</i>	✓	25									1																
19		Plain-coloured Laughing Thrush* (Scaly L)	<i>Garrulax subunicolor</i>	✓	26												3				1									
20		Black-faced Laughing Thrush	<i>Garrulax affinis</i>	✓	27						2	2			2	1				10	6	5	10	4						
21		Chestnut-throated Shrike-Babbler* (Black-eared S-B)		✓	28						1													1						

← note that this sp. is not pictorial guide!

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*Pterodroma melanotis*

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1	Crossbill** (Common C) <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>																											
2	Red-headed Rosefinch** (Crimson-browed F) <i>Proprythula subhimachala</i>																											
3	Scarlet Finch** <i>Haematospiza sipahi</i>																											
4	Gold-headed Black Finch** (G-naped F) <i>Pyrrhoplectes epauletta</i>																											
5	Brown Bullfinch** <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>																											
6	Red-headed Bullfinch* <i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>																											
7	Crested Bunting <i>Melophus lathamii</i>																											
22	Fulvous-fronted Suthora (Fulvous Parrotbill)** <i>Paradoxornis fulvifrons</i> ✓																					12						
23	Orange Suthora (Black-throated Parrotbill)* <i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i> ✓							32																	20			
24	Thick-billed Flowerpecker*** <i>Dicaeum agile</i> ✓			1																								
25	Black-breasted Sunbird* (Black-throated S) <i>Aethopyga saturata</i> ✓						1																		1			
26	Large Pied wagtail* (White-browed W) <i>Motacilla madagascariensis</i> ✓																										3*	
27	Tibetan Siskin** <i>Carduelis tibetana</i> ✓						9																					
28	Great Rosefinch*** <i>Carpodacus rubicilla</i> ✓										1																	
	Total 258 Species																											
	Heard only (H:) 5																											
	Non-leader (NL) 6																											
	Species marked '>' were mentioned in the brochure entry																											
	but omitted from the checklist!																											

\* incl. 1 dependant juv.





## THE HIGH HIMALAYAS: TAXONOMIC NOTES (1)

### Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*

Ali & Ripley use the name Honey Buzzard for this species, but it is usually known as Crested Honey Buzzard to differentiate it from the Honey Buzzard *P. apivorus* of western Eurasia.

### Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

One of the forms concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Black-eared Kite *M. lineatus*.

> *Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis* - copy note from N India tour

### Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Includes Shaheen Falcon *F. p. peregrinator*.

### River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*

Ali & Ripley lump this form in Spur-winged Lapwing *V. spinosus*.

### House Swift *Apus affinis*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species, *A. nipalensis*, under the name House Swift. The residual *A. affinis* is then called Little Swift (a name also commonly used for the enlarged species).

### Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Ali & Ripley lump the form concerned, *cashmiriensis*, in Eurasian House Martin *D. urbica*, using the name House Martin for the enlarged species.

### Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Ali & Ripley lump this form in Fork-tailed Drongo *D. adsimilis*, of Africa, but confusingly use the name Black Drongo for the enlarged species.

### Jungle Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

The lowland form is sometimes split off as a separate species: Jungle Crow *C. levaillantii*, renaming *C. macrorhynchos* as Large-billed Crow.

### White-cheeked Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys*

The western and Indian plains form *leucotis* (which is not found in Nepal) has now been split off as a separate species under the name White-eared Bulbul, so the residual *P. leucogenys* has been renamed Himalayan Bulbul to avoid confusion.

### Nepal Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga immaculata*

This newly discovered species, which is not included in Ali & Ripley or Fleming et al., was only described in 1991.

### Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Ali & Ripley use the former name of *M. latirostris* for this species.

### Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler *P. humei*.

### Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus*

Ali & Ripley lump this form in Pallas's Leaf Warbler *P. proregulus*.

### Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

The eastern forms are sometimes split off as a separate species: Siberian Stonechat *S. maura*.

### Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Ali & Ripley lump this resident form in Australasian Pipit *A. novaeseelandiae*, using the name Paddyfield Pipit for the enlarged species.

### Forest Musk Deer *Moschus chrysogaster*

This form is sometimes lumped in Siberian Musk Deer *M. moschiferus*, with the name Musk Deer being used for the enlarged species.

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Large-eared Pika *Ochotona macrotis*

This form is sometimes lumped in Royle's Pika (Himalayan Mouse-Hare) *O. roylei*.