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26/03/2000 Besi Sahar, Nepal

[from start in town, 750m, to camp 920m, and on to head of valley.]

Black Kite, 3.

Indian White-backed Vulture, 1. from road.

Slender-billed Vulture, 1. from road.

Himalayan Griffon-vulture, 1. from road; circling with White-backed, looked vast in comparison.

Common Kestrel, c.15.

Wood Pigeon, c.50.

Grey-bellied Cuckoo, 1.

House Swift, c.100.

White-breasted Kingfisher, 3. from bus

Great Barbet, 1.

Blue-throated Barbet, 1.

Coppersmith Barbet, 2.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, 1.

Barn Swallow, c.10.

Red-rumped Swallow, 14.

Red-vented Bulbul, c.20.

Oriental Magpie-robin, 4.

European Stonechat, 2.

Pied Stonechat, 1.

Blue Whistling-thrush, 7.

Grey-hooded Warbler, 1.

Red-breasted Flycatcher, 1 female.

Whiskered Yuhina, c.5.

Great Tit, 2.

Black-lored Tit, 2.

Long-tailed Shrike, 8.

Black Drongo, c.15.

Red-billed Blue Magpie, 5. good views, two small parties

Grey Treepie, 8.

House Crow, c.100. near town

Large-billed Crow, c.30.

Chestnut-tailed Starling, 4.

Common Myna, c.30.

Russet Sparrow, 3.

White-rumped Munia, 1.

Crested Bunting, 1 male.

27/03/2000 Baglungpani-Ganpokhara, Nepal

[Baglungpani 1565m, particularly in rhododendron-oak forest there, to Ganpokhara 2120m, where much scrub forest.]

Lammergeier, c.3. repeated close views at Baglungpani camp, close overhead; sighted frequently along ridge

Egyptian Vulture, 2.

Himalayan Griffon-vulture, c.20. singles constantly in view

Steppe Eagle, 1.

Speckled Wood-pigeon, c.45.

White-rumped Noddy, 6. flew over Ganpokhara campsite, first 2, then 6; good views

Alpine Swift, c.10.

Scarlet Minivet, c.5.

Ashy Bulbul, c.15. pretty birds, conspicuous
 Black Bulbul, 2.
 Rufous-breasted Accentor, 1.
 Red-flanked Bluetail, 3.
 Blue-fronted Redstart, c.50.
 Grey Bushchat, 3.
 White's Thrush, 1.
 Red-throated Thrush, 1 immature female.
 Grey-sided Bush-warbler, 1.
 Golden-spectacled Warbler, 1.
 Grey-hooded Warbler, 3.
 Buff-barred Warbler, 4.
 Lemon-rumped Warbler, 6.
 Hume's Warbler, 1.
 Greenish Warbler, 3.
 Blyth's Leaf-warbler, 2.
 Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, 1 male.
 Slaty-blue Flycatcher, 1 male.
 Yellow-bellied Fantail, 5.
 White-crested Laughingthrush, c.6.
 Striated Laughingthrush, 3.
 Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, c.5. only glimpses, over long period of watching dense undergrowth
 Variegated Laughingthrush, 6.
 Rufous Sibia, c.35.
 Stripe-throated Yuhina, c.100.
 Rufous-vented Yuhina, 1.
 Black-throated Tit, 2. superb!
 Green-backed Tit, 4.
 Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, 2 male.
 Maroon Oriole, 2. immature singing, and smart adult later
 Pink-browed Rosefinch, 1 adult female.

29/03/2000 Telbrung Danda, Nepal

[up to camp at 2715m, then on to ridge at 3020m; grazed mossy forest, broadleaf including rhododendron.]

Hill Partridge, 1. superb view, after tape playback
 Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, 2.
 Darjeeling Woodpecker, 2.
 Olive-backed Pipit, c.5.
 Long-tailed Minivet, 1 female, 2 males.
 Red-flanked Bluetail, c.10.
 Blue-capped Redstart, c.10.
 Plain-backed Thrush, 1. superb views in open grassy clearing, close
 White-collared Blackbird, 1.
 Grey-bellied Tesia, 1. excellent views
 Golden-spectacled Warbler, 1. singing
 Ashy-throated Warbler, 3.
 Blyth's Leaf-warbler, 1. singing
 Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, c.20.
 Large Niltava, 1 male.
 Rufous-bellied Niltava, 1 male.

Pale Blue Flycatcher, 3 male.
 White-throated Laughingthrush, c.50. five groups, always noisy but unobtrusive, the largest of 30
 Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler, 1. good views in isolated bushes
 Slender-billed Scimitar-babbler, 1. with mixed flock, brief views
 Green Shrike-babbler, c.3. close views, interesting little birds
 Hoary-throated Barwing, 4. good views, close in mossy forest
 Blue-winged Minla, 1.
 Chestnut-tailed Minla, c.10.
 Rufous-winged Fulvetta, 2.
 Stripe-throated Yuhina, c.100.
 White-bellied Yuhina, 3.
 Great Parrotbill, 2. superb views, one singing.
 Black-throated Tit, 3.
 Rufous-vented Tit, 2.
 Grey-crested Tit, 4.
 Green-backed Tit, 4.
 White-tailed Nuthatch, c.12.
 Mrs Gould's Sunbird, 1 adult male.
 Green-tailed Sunbird, 2 females, 3 males.
 Ashy Drongo, 1.
 Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, 5. three small parties
 Grey Treepie, c.10.
 Dark-breasted Rosefinch, c.10. the males very smart
 White-browed Rosefinch, 3 females, 1 male. close views of both sexes, very pretty male
 Brown Bullfinch, 1 adult.
 Red-headed Bullfinch, 3 females, 3 males. excellent views, superb birds (3 male and one female, then 2 females, in separate parties)

31/03/2000 Bhujang-Pasgam, Nepal

[Bhujang 1855m, to valley 1295m, over ridge 2060m to Pasgam 1700m; includes Singhi, after departure.]

Himalayan Griffon-vulture, c.10. gliding down to feed
 Kalij Pheasant, 2 female, male. just near houses!
 Speckled Pigeon, 5.
 Slaty-headed Parakeet, 27. repeatedly flying overhead, before settling on a distant fruiting tree
 Long-tailed Minivet, 2 female, male.
 Scarlet Minivet, 1 female, 2 males.
 Himalayan Bulbul, 4.
 Mountain Bulbul, 2.
 Black Bulbul, 2.
 Golden Bush-robin, 1.
 Hodgson's Redstart, 1 adult female. very like Black but flanks grey and belly pale.
 White-capped Water-redstart, 1.
 Grey Bushchat, 2.
 Blue Whistling-thrush, 8. all singles, often close on path
 Red-throated Thrush, 1 adult. very smart bird, good views.
 Spotted Forktail, 2. a pair, both carrying nest material
 A aberrant Bush-warbler, 2. close views, most unlike typical Cettia; "brrrt-brrrt" call distinctive.
 Grey-sided Bush-warbler, 2.
 Golden-spectacled Warbler, 2.
 Grey-hooded Warbler, 8. and nest seen on bank of path.

Black-faced Warbler, 2. very pretty birds, a pair seen well in high forest before Pasgam.
 Buff-barred Warbler, 1.
 Lemon-rumped Warbler, 5.
 Greenish Warbler, 1.
 Blyth's Leaf-warbler, 3.
 Ultramarine Flycatcher, 2 female, male.
 Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, 1.
 White-throated Laughingthrush, c.20. three parties
 White-crested Laughingthrush, 1. good views, foraging
 Striated Laughingthrush, 12. four small parties, of 2-4
 Black-chinned Babbler, 1. pretty little bird, in dense bushes.
 Rufous Sibia, 12.
 Black-lored Tit, 2.
 Green-tailed Sunbird, 1 male.
 Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, 1 male.
 Maroon Oriole, 2.
 Long-tailed Shrike, 1. singing
 Ashy Drongo, 1.
 Bronzed Drongo, 1.
 Spangled Drongo, 2.
 Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, 4.
 Red-billed Blue Magpie, 1.
 Grey Treepie, c.15.
 Common Myna, 1.
 Brown Bullfinch, 5. tame, in a bush in centre of Pasgam!

02/04/2000 Pusgam-Libiyani-Rupatal, Nepal

[Pusgam 1495m, down to 990m on route to Bhachok 1305m, down to 660m on route to Libiyani 1120m, Chisapani 1400m, Rupatal 680m.]

Little Grebe, c.30.
 Great Cormorant, c.5.
 Little Egret, 1.
 Grey Heron, 1.
 Intermediate Egret, 2.
 Cattle Egret, c.5. some in full plumage.
 Indian Pond-heron, c.20.
 Black Bittern, 1.
 Black Kite, c.7.
 Lammergeier, 1.
 Egyptian Vulture, 5.
 Himalayan Griffon-vulture, 7. 5 circling at eye-level, superb views from path.
 Red-headed Vulture, 1. close views, circling at eye-level
 Crested Serpent-eagle, 2. one in display flight, calling; other circling with (much smaller) Egyptian Vulture.
 Indian Black Eagle, 2. good views.
 Bonelli's Eagle, 1. soaring.
 Black Francolin, 2 male. close views
 White-breasted Waterhen, 2.
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana, 3. one adult, two immatures.
 Bronze-winged Jacana, c.15. including some juveniles.
 Greater Painted-snipe, 2 females, 2 males. close views, in open.

Black-winged Stilt, 1.
Red-wattled Lapwing, 2.
Green Sandpiper, 4.
Rufous Turtle-dove, 3.
Spotted Dove, 3.
Green-billed Malkoha, 2.
Mountain Scops-owl, 2. calling against each other 10m apart, both seen well but superb views of one on open branch at 3m.
Asian Barred Owllet, 1. several times in open
Pacific Swift, 2.
Common Kingfisher, 1.
White-breasted Kingfisher, 2.
Indian Roller, 3. one displaying high up
Great Barbet, 3. including superb, eye-level views of 2 calling in full view.
Golden-throated Barbet, 1.
Blue-throated Barbet, 4.
Greater Flameback, 2.
Olive-backed Pipit, c.20.
White Wagtail, 3.
Large Cuckooshrike, 2.
Black-winged Cuckooshrike, 1 male.
Scarlet Minivet, 2 female, male.
Red-vented Bulbul, c.5.
Ashy Bulbul, 3.
Black Bulbul, c.5.
Orange-bellied Leafbird, 2.
Oriental Magpie-robin, 1.
White-capped Water-redstart, 1.
Plumbeous Water-redstart, 2. a pair, the sexes totally unlike.
Blue-capped Rock-thrush, 2. striking birds, one singing.
Aberrant Bush-warbler, 1.
Tickell's Leaf-warbler, 2. good views, unusual birds.
Slaty-blue Flycatcher, 1 male.
Small Niltava, 1 male.
Black-chinned Babbler, 1.
White-browed Shrike-babbler, 1. singing in open tree.
Black-lored Tit, 1.
Black Drongo, c.10.
Bronzed Drongo, 2.
Spangled Drongo, 2.
Jungle Myna, 4.
White-rumped Munia, c.10.
Pink-browed Rosefinch, 2. pair, the male very smart and pretty.
Crested Bunting, 4.

