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Notes on birds recorded in Nepal, 1995 and 1999. (32)

Dear Carol and Tim!

Thank you very much for your letter. When I understand you right, in the Pocket guide to the birds of the Indian Subcontinent are complete all birds of this area? Or only the most important birds? I am organized in an organisation for mountain climbing, therefore I make my plans not alone. My next tours are follows: in February 2001 to Patagonia, in spring 2002 again to Nepal (in the area of Kangchendzönga near the border to Sikkim) and then to Pakistan in the Karakorum.

Now I give you the watching results of my previous tours in Nepal.

I was in February/March 1995 in the area of Mount Everest, and in March 1999 I made the tour round Annapurna and after this tour I spent 3 days in Chitwan.

Now the birds of 1995:

Indian Pond Heron <i>Ardeola grayii</i>	On fields near Kathmandu.
Bar-headed Goose <i>Anser indicus</i>	By Gorak Shep ca. 10 birds flying from south to North.
Black-shouldered Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1 bird over Kathmandu, made an attack to a Black Kite.
Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	Very much birds in Kathmandu.
Lammergeier <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1 bird by Dughla at altitude ca. 4700 meters.
Oriental White-backed Vulture <i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	1 bird in Kathmandu.
Himalayan Griffon Vulture <i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	Common in the mountain region up to 4000 Meters.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1 bird near Thyangboche at 3850 meters.
Common buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Some birds in the Khumbu region up to 3200 m.
Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1 bird over Namche Bazar at 3500 meters.
Tibetan Snowcock <i>Tetraogallus tibetanus</i>	2 birds over Lobuche at 5000 meters.
Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Snow Pigeon <i>Columba leuconota</i>	Flocks of 50 birds common in Khumbu.
Oriental Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	1 bird in Namche Bazar (3440 meters)
Slaty-headed Parakeet <i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	1 bird in Kathmandu (Escape?)
Himalayan Swiftlet <i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>	A flock of ca. 40 birds near Namche Bazar at 3000 meters.
House Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Horned Lark <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Some birds by Gorak Shep 5200 meters.
Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i>	At edge of Kathmandu some birds.
Red-vented Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	In Kathmandu some birds.
Brown Dipper <i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	By Thumbug 1 bird at 2850 meters.
Northern Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Some birds in Khumbu.
Rufous-breasted Accentor <i>Prunella strophiatea</i>	1 bird near Thyangboche.
Robin Accentor <i>Prunella rubeculoides</i>	Some birds by Pheriche 4240 m, 1 bird by Namche Bazar.
Altai Accentor <i>Prunella himalayana</i>	Near Namche Bazar at 3500 m a flock of ca. 10 Birds.
Alpine Accentor <i>Prunella collaris</i>	Common in the Khumbu-region.
Asian Magpie-Robin <i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Blue-fronted Redstart <i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	Some birds at the edge of Namche Bazar.
Guldenstadt's Redstart <i>Phoenicurus erythrogaster</i>	In the valley of Pheriche 4300 m some Birds.

Grandala	<i>Grandala coelicolor</i>	Near Thyangboche a flock of ca. 20 birds.
Red-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	1 bird by Thyangboche.
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	1 bird by Swayambunath in Kathmandu.
Streaked Laughing-Thrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>	Common in the Khumbu-region.
Black-faced Laughing-Thrush	<i>G. affinis</i>	Common in the Khumbu-region, more birds Than Streaked Laughing-Thrush.
Grey-crested Tit	<i>Parus dichrous</i>	Some birds in Khumbu at ca. 3000 meters.
Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Parus rubidiventris beavani</i>	1 bird near Namche Bazar.
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	Near Thumbug 2850 m a flock of 8 birds.
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	Common in the Khumbu-region.
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Some birds by Thyangboche.
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	1 bird at the edge of Kathmandu.
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	1 bird by Lukla and 1 bird at the edge of Kathmandu.
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Some birds at the edge of Kathmandu.
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	A flock of ca. 10 birds near Lobuche 4930 m.
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Common in Khumbu up to 4300 meters.
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Common in Khumbu.
Common Mynah	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1 bird at the edge of Kathmandu.
Jungle Mynah	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Common in Kathmandu and Khumbu.
Plain Mountain-Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>	By Thyangboche a flock of ca. 60 birds.
Black-headed Mountain-Finch	<i>L. brandti</i>	Some birds near Gorak Shep.
Beautiful Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus pulcherrimus</i>	By Thyangboche a flock of ca. 30 birds.
Great Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubicilla</i>	Near Dughla 4620 m 1 bird.
Red-fronted Rosefinch	<i>C. puniceus</i>	Near Lobuche at 4900 m 1 bird.
Red-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>	1 bird near Thyangboche.
White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>	Big flocks in the forest near Thyangboche.

The birds of 1999:

Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Some hundreds at the Rapti River in Chitwan.
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	2 birds in Chitwan.
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>N. nycticorax</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Very common in Chitwan, some birds at the Edge of Kathmandu.
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	On a field near Kathmandu ca. 25 birds.
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1 bird at the Rapti River.
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	1 bird at the Rapti River.
Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	1 bird together with the Night Herons.
Asian Openbill Stork	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	2 birds in Chitwan.
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	6 birds in Chitwan.
Lesser Adjutant Stork	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	2 birds in Chitwan.
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	2 birds at the Rapti River.
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Very common in Chitwan.
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1 bird into the Ruddy Shelducks.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1 bird at a little lake in Kathmandu.
Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchos</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Common in Kathmandu.

Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1 bird at the edge of Pokhara.
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Common in the Annapurna-region.
Himalayan Griffon Vulture	<i>G. himalayensis</i>	Only some birds in the Annapurna-region.
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	Over Ghandrung at 2250 m 1 bird.
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	2 birds in Chitwan.
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1 bird over the Rapti River.
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	4 birds in Chitwan.
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Between Jagat and Dharapani (Annapurna-Area) 1 bird.
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	1 bird by Rapti River in Chitwan.
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Common in forest of Chitwan.
Blue Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Common in Chitwan.
Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>	1 bird at Rapti River.
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Little ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Some birds at Rapti River.
River Lapwing	<i>Hoplopterus duvaucelii</i>	Some birds at Rapti River.
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Hoplopterus indicus</i>	Common at Rapti River.
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common at Rapti River.
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Some birds at Rapti River.
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Very common.
Hill Pigeon	<i>Columba rupestris</i>	Near Kagbeni some birds.
Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>	Some flocks in high mountains.
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	1 bird in Ghandrung.
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Common in Chitwan.
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	A flock of 12 birds in Chitwan.
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron sphenura</i>	1 bird near Jagat.
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Very common in Chitwan.
Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	A flock of 25 birds between Khudi and Jagat.
Moustached Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	4 birds at altitude of 1300 m between Tato-Pani and Ghorapani.
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	1 bird was sitting in a tree in Chitwan.
House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Very common in Kathmandu.
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Common at Rapti River.
Eurasian Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Some birds at Rapti River.
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Some birds in Chitwan/ 2 birds near Khudi In Marsyandi Valley.
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	In terai common, at 1080 m near Bhiretani 4 birds.
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.

Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	4 birds in Chitwan.
Darjeeling Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>	1 bird between Ghorapani and Ghandrung
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>D. canicapillus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Rufous-winged Bushlark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Very common at Rapti River.
Northern Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Some birds near Kagbeni.
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common.
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	Some birds in villages.
Nepal House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>	Some birds near Besisahar over the river.
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	1 bird at sandbank in Rapti River.
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1 bird in Kali Gandaki near Jomosom.
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common in Chitwan, some birds in the Mountains.
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	Some birds at Rapti River.
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	1 bird near Chame.
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
White-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	1 bird near Khudi.
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Some birds in Kathmandu, common in Chitwan, some birds in low mountains.
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	Common in low mountains.
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	At 2100 m near Ghandrung 1 bird.
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	Some birds in low mountains.
Orange-flanked Bush-Robin	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	At 1900 m near Ghasa 1 bird.
Asian Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Some birds in Kathmandu and Chitwan.
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	1 bird near Ghorapani.
Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>	2 birds by Khudi.
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Common.
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>	Common.
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	1 bird between Jagat and Dharapani.
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myiophoneus caeruleus</i>	Common in low mountains.
Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus r. atrogularis</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>	2 birds at stream near Ghorapani.
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	Some birds in low mountains.
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Some birds in low mountains.
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa thalassina</i>	At 2100 m near Ghandrung 1 bird.
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Grey-headed Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	1 bird near Jagat.
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>	1 bird near Ghorapani.
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Sreaked Laughing Thrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>	Some birds near Ghandrung.
Black-capped Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	Some birds near Jagat.
Grey-crested Tit	<i>Parus dichrous</i>	1 bird near Pisang.

Rufous-vented Tit <i>P.r.rubidiventris</i>	Some birds of this race near Pisang.
Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Green-backed Tit <i>Parus monticolus</i>	Some birds in low mountains.
Black-lored Tit <i>Parus xanthogenys</i>	1 bird between Jagat and Dharapani.
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch <i>Sitta frontalis</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch <i>Sitta castanea</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper <i>Certhia nipalensis</i>	1 bird between Ghorapani and Ghandrung.
Black-throated Sunbird <i>Aethopyga saturata</i>	1 bird near Ghasa.
Oriental White-Eye <i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Black-hooded Oriole <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Common in Chitwan.
Eurasian Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Long-tailed Shrike <i>Lanius schach</i>	Common in low mountains and Chitwan.
Grey-backed Shrike <i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Black Drongo <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Common.
Spangled Drongo <i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	Some birds in high trees in Chitwan.
Ashy Woodswallow <i>Artamus fuscus</i>	Common in Chitwan.
Red-billed Blue Magpie <i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>	1 bird in Chitwan.
Rufous Treepie <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	Common in Chitwan, 5 birds in Pokhara.
Alpine Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	At the west side of Thorong La some birds
Red-billed Chough <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Common in high mountains.
House Crow <i>Corvus splendens</i>	Common in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
Jungle Crow <i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Common in high mountains.
Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	Some birds near Kagbeni.
Chestnut-tailed Starling <i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Asian Pied Starling <i>Sturnus contra</i>	Some birds in Chitwan.
Common Mynah <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common in Chitwan and villages.
Jungle Mynah <i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	Common in Kathmandu.
Hill Mynah <i>Gracula religiosa</i>	2 birds in Chitwan.
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Very common, but not in high mountains.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow <i>Passer montanus</i>	Common, also in high altitude.
Scaly-breasted Munia <i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Some flocks in Chitwan.
Fire-fronted Serin <i>Serinus pusillus</i>	Some flocks by Muktinath.
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch <i>Carduelis spinoides</i>	One flock near Ghandrung.

You wrote, that now is publishing a field guide of the birds of Nepal. Please, can you send me the exactly title and ISBN-number?

For today many greetings and also a happy new year !!!!

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