

Dear Tim + Paul,

Wallasey, 10/3/06

It was very good to see you both again and looking
so well. pity we didn't ^{see} as much as I'd have liked
but what can you expect when only starting at
mid-day! The Spotted S'piper that wasn't, the
"Audouin's" that wasn't and the ♂ Ferruginous
that was?? I returned twice during the week to
see it and a ♀ hybrid and by chance a
♂ lesser Scaup nearby. Also the water rail I thought
I'd heard of Sunday! The finder of the Sandpiper
had also found the previous record a few miles
away and must have been very embarrassed. I think I'll
know what to look for next time...

I'm over in Liverpool for the time. This time
with my golf club. Hope the enclosed copies
from my notes is what you want.

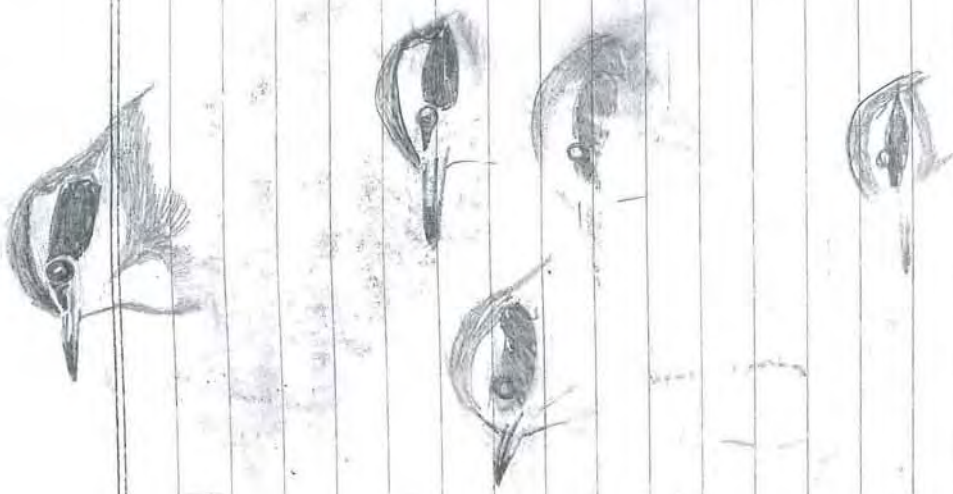
The Faltered Teal numbered 50 on 12/2/79 and
30 on 20/2/79. Baer's Pochard were 2♂♂, 1♀
on 12/2/79 and 17♂♂, 3♀♀ on 20/2/79.

cheers for now,

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DUSKY THRUSH

♂ Lete, Nepal. 23.1.79.
1st. record for Nepal?



eye-browed thrush ♂

Gokarna Forest, Nepal

20.12.78

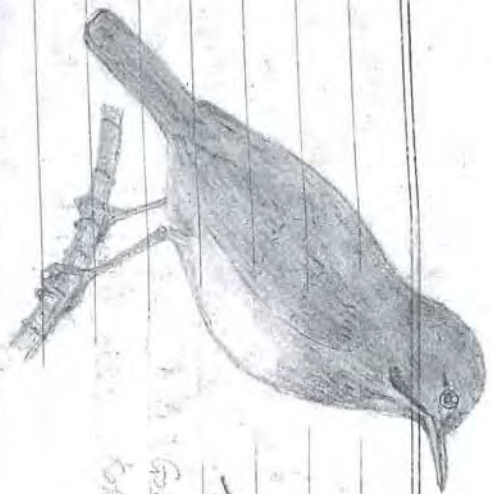


♂ eye-browed thrush in company with other thrushes (notably Whistlers and tickells). A rather slim thrush (is thinner than at Duran), in shape. Like a Redwing. Striking long white supercilium, white patch beneath eye, white. Mesopetalar stripe and white throat. Pale grey. A rose head merging into orange-rumped. Some breast which contrasts with white belly. Supercilium pale olive-grey black tipped. A bill.

Tickell's Thrush

Gokarna Forest

20.12.78



Spotted Prinia ♀

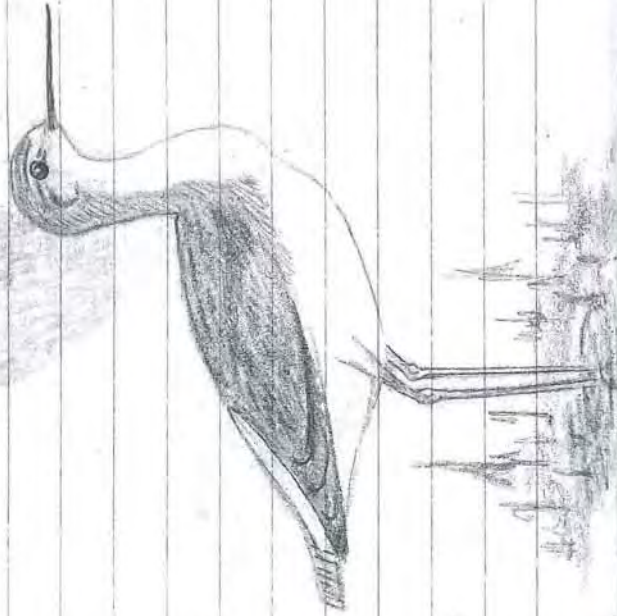
Gokarna Kailashan

19-12-78



Flanks noticed through 'scope.
In flight the white upper tail
coverts were distinct.
Probably first seen the day
before.

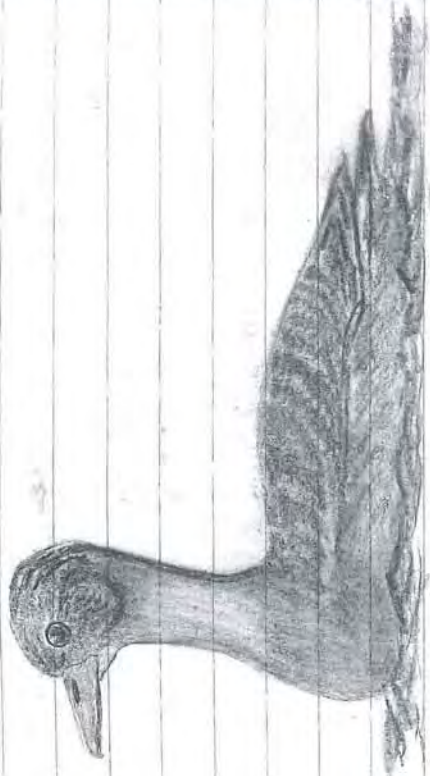
Marsh Sandpiper, Kosi 2nd. February 1979.



(Whistling):

Fulvous Tree Duck Kosi 12-2-79.

1st. for Nepal.



Noted amongst lesser Whistling Ducks.
Notably larger with bright
orange head and neck, without
previous ducks' dark cap. Broad
dark line down back of neck
conspicuous. Pale patch on side of
neck and buffy streaking on

Bt

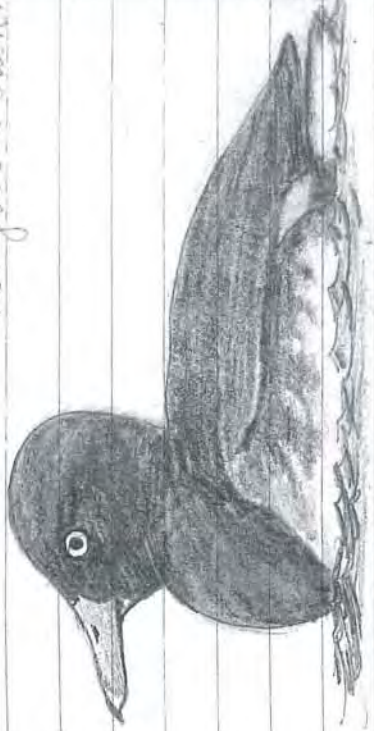
Fulcrum Teal. Kosi. 20/2/79.

♂ distinctive - dark green head with reddish bronze sheen, crested to back. Grey upperparts with long scapulars drooping over wings. White throat with greenish-black band separating from white collar. ♀ impossible.



Count.

In flight, white band on secondaries extends on to inner primaries, grading to black on outer primaries. Looks like a digger than Ferruginous Duck.



♂ POTER'S ROACH. Kosi. 20/2/79.

Note: head - glossy green-black. breast - dark ferruginous/chestnut. upperparts - dark brown. flanks - white with brown nodules. under-tail coverts - white. eye - white.

Baker's Parakeets

Kosi. 20.2.79.

1st for Nepal.

First seen on 12.2.79 (2078 19)
on north side of barrage with
many other ducks, conducting
particular noisy visit. Ferruginous Duck
♂ easily identified by combination
of glossy green-shank head-neck,
dark streamer or ferruginous
breast, dark train appendages,
whitish flank with much
chestnut. Brown extending from
back, and conspicuous white
subalar coverts. Bill - grey with
slight grey subterminal band and
black tip. Eye white.
♀ similar to ♂ but duller. ^{throat}
green - black bandlets white on flanks,
and darker overall. Dark head
conforms with yellow-brown breast.

Bird: Kosi. Hill River.

near Nepal, 19.2.79.

Next a change
superficially resembling Brown
bill division being longer, long-tailed
and brown side less than forehead.
Note slight indumentum and
blackish streaks on breast. Whitish
Brown tail coverts. Also lacks streaks
on back of Brown tail and has
a proportionately very long tail
small plumage more fulvous,
especially on wings, tail and
flanks. Coat - a cranial
chance - crown - dusky - obviously
or clear note.