

# Nepal Lowlands – Suklaphanta and Koshi Tappu, March 2010

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## Introduction

My husband, Peter and I had visited Nepal in January 1982 - we spent time at Chitwan, Pokhara and did a 7 day Helambu Trek. We loved it and had always wanted to return and do the Langtang Trek which is reckoned to be one of the best for birdwatching and wildlife in general. Unfortunately my knees didn't survive the passage of time and Peter returned alone to do this trek in 2007, which he thoroughly enjoyed. This trek was organised by Nature Safari Tours in Kathmandu – they were very friendly, efficient and very reasonably priced. When we heard that the Suklaphanta Reserve in the far west of the country was now open and that Nature Safari Tours had a camp there we decided to go back to Nepal once more and visit Suklaphanta (hoping to see Bengal Florican) and also go to Koshi Tappu which we have never visited. So this March trip of 13 days was mainly spent at these two lowland reserves in the Terai, with one final day on Phulchowki mountain at the end.

The trip was most successful – we had an excellent time and cannot recommend Nature Safari Tours <http://www.birdingnepal.com> highly enough. The camps, food and guiding were excellent and all the flights, pick-ups and connections worked well. The trip was organised in a few days via email [birdlife@mos.com.np](mailto:birdlife@mos.com.np) with payment made on arrival. We paid £2795 for the two of us for the 13 days (12 nights) and this included all accommodation and food (apart from two evening meals in Kathmandu), guiding, transport, park fees and internal flights. We only needed our own cash for tips, drinks and souvenirs.

We saw 272 species of bird which were happy with, and also had good views of mammals such as Jungle Cat, Bengal Fox, River Dolphin and four species of deer. Due to the date in the late Spring most of the winter visitors had left – those that remained were often females. (We have seen most of these birds on their breeding grounds so were not too bothered by this) However we did pick up some passage migrants and the date was chosen because it was a good time to see the critically endangered Bengal Florican and other summer visitors.

There was a significant amount of overlap between the birds we saw at the two locations – this was only to be expected as they are both lowland sites. We were expecting this and had not designed the trip for a maximum number of ticks – in fact new birds are quite hard for us to come by in Nepal as we have travelled there before and also in northern India, Kashmir, Ladakh and Bhutan. Despite this we actually managed to get 34 lifers which was most acceptable, and the quality of these was excellent including Bengal Florican, Hodgson's Bushchat, White Tailed Stonechat, Rufous Rumped Grassbird, Striated Grassbird, Black Francolin, Swamp Francolin, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Cinnamon Bittern, Smoky Warbler, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Brown Hawk Owl, White Eyed Buzzard, Lesser Adjutant, Greater Racket Tailed Drongo and Sand Lark.

## Suklaphanta

This is a large reserve in the far south west of Nepal. It covers 305 square kilometres and contains extensive grasslands as well as riverine and sal forest. The grasslands support a range of rare species including Bengal Florican. Suklaphanta is also a good place to see Great Slaty Woodpeckers – we saw 7 male birds displaying in a dead tree from our campsite! There are also good numbers of deer including the rare Swamp Deer.

A visit to the grasslands early on a hot sunny morning was a memorable experience – the air was filled with the sound of Oriental Skylarks and Rufous Winged Larks, while Black Francolins buzzed from every side, Pied Chats were busy nest-building and from the main watchtower we could see 5 Bengal Floricans (3 male and 2 female) strutting amongst the short, burnt, grass. Every tall stem seemed to have either a Common Stonechat, a White Tailed Stonechat or a Hodgson's Bushchat perched on it and Green Bee-eaters and Indian Rollers flashed their wings as they hawked for insects in the bright sunshine. Lurking in the longer grass were Rufous Rumped Grassbirds, Red Avadavats and Baya Weavers. White-eyed Buzzards perched in distant trees. At a small pond there was a Bluethroat, a Citrine Wagtail and a Chestnut Shouldered Petronia whilst hopping around on the ground were Richard's, Paddyfield, Tawny and Long Billed Pipits. A Marsh Harrier wafted lazily over whilst 4 species of vulture could be seen rising in the thermals.

In addition to the grasslands there are several different types of forest which contained different suites of birds (including Brown Fish Owl, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo and large numbers of Peafowl) and lovely park-like clearings which we hopefully scanned for a passing tiger! The wide stony rivers offered yet more birds including

River Lapwing and Stork Billed Kingfisher, and the lakes provided Grey Headed Fish Eagle and various ducks and herons.

Strangely some of the best birding was to be had in the more degraded habitat on the fringes of the park. A scrubby island with dead trees visited in the late afternoon proved excellent for parrots, flycatchers, bee-eaters, owls and one of my favourite woodpeckers – White Naped Flameback. A marshy area with long reedy grass grazed by water buffalo yielded vigorously singing Striated Grassbirds and lurking Smoky Warblers.

The camp was situated just outside the park fence, in amongst cultivated fields. It was not exactly an idyllic spot but in the event we spent little time there. It did provide good views of birds on the edge of the forest in the early morning and evening and this is where we had such amazing views of the Great Slaty Woodpeckers. It was noisy at night due to the barking dogs and the noisy contraptions used by the villagers to keep animals out of their fields - I would recommend ear plugs if you are a light sleeper! However we were pretty tired after 11 hours out in the field with just a couple of hours break at lunchtime, and managed to sleep through most of it.

We stayed 5 nights at Suklaphanta and just about covered most of the accessible areas of the reserve. The food was excellent, the tents very roomy and pleasant and the bathroom facilities were basic but perfectly OK. The journey from Kathmandu took 1.5 hours by plane to Dhanghadi then about 2 hours by road.

We saw 147 species of bird here. We failed to find Finn's Weaver (we may have seen a mixed flock of Finn's and Baya Weavers but the view was not conclusive) or Bristled Grassbird – we were probably too early for the latter.

### **Koshi Tappu**

Many tour groups go to Koshi Tappu so the birds which can be seen have already been well covered in previous trip reports.

It is a very professional organisation, in the best sense of the word. Everything works, the food is good, the guides are excellent, the mix of driving and walking is just right. The camp is situated right next to some old fish pools and the hide overlooking these gives good close-up views of the commoner water birds (and not so common – Black Bittern and Cinnamon Bittern are regulars here and Ruddy Breasted Crake and Smoky Warbler can be seen with patience). The camp grounds also attract a good number of migratory and wintering birds – at the time we were there, one each of Wryneck, Black Redstart, Blue Throated Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Orange Headed Thrush, Grey Winged Blackbird and Tickell's Thrush were regularly seen in the garden. Spotted Owlets are conspicuous and noisy and a Blue Throated Barbet was excavating a nest hole just outside the fence. Asian Koel and Common Hawk Cuckoo supplied a manic sound track for most of the day. On the mammal front, Golden Jackals often came through the grounds at night, two varieties of civet were seen and a Jungle Cat (somewhat habituated as it's mother was also a frequent visitor) often provided spectacular day time views.

There are a number of standard excursions offered, and these are oriented around a 3 day/4 night stay. If, like us, you are a two-some, you will probably have to go out on most excursions with whoever else is staying – in our case it was an 8 person group from Birdfinders who were all very pleasant. This meant we had 10 people in two vehicles with 2 top class guides.

One standard trip involves a float down the Kosi river in a rubber boat – we had breakfast on a sandbank surrounded by Small Pratincoles, Little Terns and various small waders (Little and Temminck's Stints and Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers) with Bar-headed Geese and Pallas's Gulls flying up the river. Another trip headed upriver to bare sandy and stony areas to search for Indian Courser, Great Thick Knee, Sand Lark, Ashy Crowned Finch-lark and Bengal Fox. (Our group unaccountably could not find the courser, much to our guides' complete bewilderment - they are usually quite easy.) Other shorter excursions used the embankment alongside the Kosi river to access various woodlands and wetlands, with stake-outs for Brown Fish Owl and Brown Hawk Owl and several sightings of Swamp Francolin.

We saw 159 species here – pretty good considering the lateness of the season.

Koshi Tappu can be accessed by road, with an all day drive, from Chitwan. Or you can fly from Kathmandu (30 minutes) and drive for about 1.5 hours.

## Notes on the camps

At present, both the above camps suffer from planned electricity cuts, though these are not as extensive as in Kathmandu. Koshi has a stand-by generator so these do not really have any effect, but at Suklaphanta we used candles and torches during these periods. Both camps have facilities for charging phones, laptops etc with standard UK plugs and every other type too.

Neither camp is in a remote location – this is the Nepal Terai which is a densely populated agricultural area. Villages and people are never far away. The main roads are busy and are full of pedestrians, cows, bicycles, hooting buses and all kinds of vehicle. This does not affect the birding but do not expect a wilderness experience. Indeed watching the locals go about their daily life is a fascinating aspect of the trip.

Lunch at Koshi was often taken back at the camp – it was very hot in the middle of the day and a break was required! (Though the birds in the garden were surprisingly active all through the lunch period) At Suklaphanta we always had a packed lunch out in the field – this was often very good and contained such goodies as samosas, filled chapattis, aubergine fritters and onion bhajis. There was always a hard boiled egg, complete with a tiny packet of salt and pepper, and an orange and a banana. A flask of hot water was provided for making tea and coffee, and mats to lie on for an after lunch snooze (take your own pillow!).

## Phulchowki

Phulchowki is a smallish mountain a few miles south of Kathmandu which offers the chance to see higher elevation species with relative ease. The standard routine is to drive and walk at various elevations in order to try and pick up a good range of species, which can include some rarities and hard to see birds such as Nepal Cutia, White Browed Shrike Babbler and two varieties of Tesia. We saw 68 species during our day on Phulchowki including a dazzling array of 11 species of tiny warblers. (Many more are possible in the winter and by devoting 2 days to it)

## General notes

**For a field guide** we used “Birds of Nepal” by Grimmett, Inskipp and Inskipp with backup research at home using “Birds of the Indian Subcontinent” by the same authors. Our guides mostly used “Birds of South Asia – the Ripley Guide” which seemed very good but is expensive here.

**We flew to Nepal** using Qatar Airways – very efficient, good food, lots of legroom, reasonable price. Nature Safari Tours reconfirmed the return flights for us.

**Our internal flights** in Nepal were with Buddha Airways and were arranged by Nature Safari Tours. Some flights left a bit late but the small planes (Beechcraft 19s or ATR 42s) were very comfortable. When we returned from Suklaphanta to Kathmandu, expecting a 3 hour wait for our onward flight to Biratnagar, for Koshi, we arrived to find that Badri (office manager for NST) had managed to get us on to an earlier flight and that the plane was waiting for us! Various hands took our tickets, gave us boarding passes, cleared our luggage through security, gave us baggage receipts and organised the departure tax, and then we were whisked through security and on to the plane all in about 5 minutes! This gave us an extra afternoon’s birding at Koshi which was very welcome.

**In Kathmandu** we stayed at the Marshyangdi Hotel in Thamel – this is convenient for good craft and souvenir shops and is a 30 minute walk from the Durbar Square. This hotel is always used by NST and Hari, the driver who took us to the airport on the last day, appears to work (legally) for both the hotel and NST! The restaurant does a very good Nepalese Thali and provides packed breakfasts and lunches when required. (On two occasions we ate our packed lunch/breakfast whilst waiting at the airport for a plane)

**The local rum** – Khukri – is perfectly drinkable and relatively cheap – about £1.25 for a very large measure. It goes very well in Coca Cola, which was always available for about 65p.

**Credit cards** - Note that because of the problems in Kathmandu with planned electric power cuts (load shedding as it is optimistically called) credit cards often cannot be used in places where you might expect, such as restaurants. Cash is the order of the day – and many places will take pounds, dollars and Indian rupees as well as Nepal rupees.

**The political situation** in Nepal is still slightly fragile – currently all the parties including the Maoists are sitting round a table trying to draw up a constitution. It seems unlikely that it will all completely fall apart (it would be a complete disaster for the country if it does) but there will undoubtedly be a lot of brinkmanship going on (think Northern Ireland).

**Weather** – it was just beginning to get hot in the lowlands. Strangely our first two nights at Suklaphanta were very chilly – we actually needed that “jumper for cooler evenings” that is often mentioned. It was just plain hot at Koshi, though not unbearably so - there were ceiling fans in the dining area which helped. It was not unpleasantly hot at night. Kathmandu and Phulchowki had pleasant English summer temperatures.

**Nature Safari Tours** are used as ground agents in Nepal by most of the birding tour operators which are based in the UK – e.g. Naturetrek, Birdfinders, Birdseekers. (In fact I understand that the organisation was set up with the help of Naturetrek who were instrumental in helping get Koshi camp up and running.) They have bases at Chitwan, Bardia, Suklaphanta and Koshi and can organise treks. They have a number of full time guides who are all excellent and are also used by the tour groups. Unless you actually prefer to go on a group trip, you can organise a more flexible itinerary, with personal attention and top notch guiding, for less than the UK tour operators, by booking directly.

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**Trip List – see next page**

Suklaphanta Koshi Tappu Phulchowki

LITTLE GREBE	tachybaptus	ruficollis		X
GREAT CORMORANT	phalacrocorax	carbo	X	X
LITTLE CORMORANT	halietor	niger	X	X
INDIAN DARTER	anhinga	melanogaster	X	X
CINNAMON BITTERN	ixobrychus	cinnamomeus		X
BLACK BITTERN	ixobrychus	flavicollis		X
INDIAN POND HERON	ardeola	grayii	X	X
CATTLE EGRET	bubulcus	ibis	X	X
GREEN BACKED HERON	butorides	striatus		X
LITTLE EGRET	egretta	garzetta	X	X
INTERMEDIATE EGRET	egretta	intermedia	X	X
GREAT EGRET	egretta	alba	X	X
PURPLE HERON	ardea	purpurea	X	X
ASIAN OPENBILLED STORK	anastomous	oscitans		X
BLACK STORK	ciconia	nigra	X	
WOOLLY NECKED STORK	ciconia	episcopus	X	X
LESSER ADJUTANT	leptopilos	javanicus		X
ORIENTAL WHITE IBIS	threskiornis	melanocephala		X
BLACK IBIS	pseudibis	papilosa	X	X
LESSER WHISTLING DUCK	dendrocygna	javanica		X
BAR HEADED GOOSE	anser	indicus		X
RUDDY SHELDUCK	tadorna	ferruginea	X	X
COMMON SHELDUCK	tadorna	tadorna		X
EUROPEAN WIGEON	anas	penelope	X	X
GADWALL	anas	strepera	X	X
COMMON TEAL	anas	crecca		X
MALLARD	anas	platyrhynchos		X
PINTAIL	anas	acuta	X	X
SHOVELER	anas	clypeata		X
OSPREY	pandion	haliaetus		X
ORIENTAL HONEY BUZZARD	pernis	ptilorhynchus	X	X
BLACK SHOULDERED KITE	elanus	caeruleus	X	X
BLACK KITE	milvus	migrans	X	X
GREY HEADED FISH EAGLE	ichthyophaga	ichthyaetus	X	
INDIAN WHITE BACKED VULTURE	gyps	benegalensis		X
SLENDER BILLED VULTURE	gyps	tenuirostris	X	
HIMALAYAN GRIFFON	gyps	himalayensis	X	X
BLACK VULTURE	aegyptius	monachus	X	
RED HEADED VULTURE	sarcogyps	calvus	X	
SHORT TOED EAGLE	circaetus	gallicus		X
CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE	spilornis	cheela	X	
MARSH HARRIER	circus	aeruginosus	X	
SHIKRA	accipiter	badius	X	X
WHITE EYED BUZZARD	butastur	teesa	X	X
COMMON BUZZARD	buteo	buteo	X	
LONG LEGGED BUZZARD	buteo	rufinus		X
GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE	aquila	clanga		X
INDIAN SPOTTED EAGLE	aquila	hastata	X	

CHANGEABLE HAWK EAGLE	spizaetus	cirrhatous	X		
COMMON KESTREL	falco	tinnunculus	X	X	
RED NECKED FALCON	falco	chicquera		X	
PEREGRINE	falco	peregrinus	X	X	
BLACK FRANCOLIN	francolinus	francolinus	X		
SWAMP FRANCOLIN	francolinus	gularis	X	X	
RED JUNGLEFOWL	gallus	gallus	X		
COMMON PEAFOWL	pavo	cristatus	X		
YELLOW LEGGED BUTTONQUAIL	turnix	tanki			X
WHITE BREASTED WATERHEN	amaurorns	phoenicurus			X
RUDDY BREASTED CRAKE	porzana	fusca			X
MOORHEN	gallinula	chloropus	X	X	
PURPLE SWAMPHEN	porphyrio	porphyrio			X
COOT	fulica	atra	X		
BENGAL FLORICAN	houbaropsis	bengalensis	X		
PHEASANT TAILED JACANA	hydrophasianus	chirurgus			X
BRONZE WINGED JACANA	metopidius	indicus	X	X	
GREAT THICK KNEE	burhinus	recurvirostris			X
SMALL PRATINCOLE	glareola	lactea			X
RIVER LAPWING	vanellus	duvaucelii	X		
YELLOW WATTLED LAPWING	vanellus	malabaricus			X
RED WATTLED LAPWING	vanellus	indicus	X	X	
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER	charadrius	dubius	X	X	
KENTISH PLOVER	charadrius	alexandrinus			X
GREENSHANK	tringa	nebularia	X	X	
GREEN SANDPIPER	tringa	ochropus	X	X	
COMMON SANDPIPER	actitis	hypoleucus	X	X	
SNIPE	gallinago	gallinago			X
LITTLE STINT	calidris	minuta			X
TEMMINCK'S STINT	calidris	temminckii			X
DUNLIN	calidris	alpina			X
GREAT BLACK HEADED GULL	larus	ichthyaetus	X	X	
BLACK BELLIED TERN	sterna	melanogaster			X
LITTLE TERN	sterna	albifrons			X
ROCK DOVE	columba	livia	X	X	X
ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE	streptopelia	orientalis	X	X	X
COLLARED DOVE	streptopelia	decaocto	X	X	
RED COLLARED DOVE	streptopelia	tranquebarica	X	X	
SPOTTED DOVE	streptopelia	chinensis	X	X	
EMERALD DOVE	chalcophaps	indica	X		
YELLOW FOOTED GREEN PIGEON	treron	phoenicoptera	X	X	
PIN TAILED GREEN PIGEON	treron	apicauda	X		
ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET	psittacula	eupatria	X		
ROSE RINGED PARAKEET	psittacula	krameri	X	X	X
PLUM HEADED PARAKEET	psittacula	cynocephala	X	X	
LARGE HAWK CUCKOO	cuculus	sparverioides			H
COMMON HAWK CUCKOO	cuculus	varius	X	X	
ORIENTAL CUCKOO	cuculus	saturatus			H
COMMON KOEL	eudynamys	scolopacea		X	
GREATER COUCAL	centropus	sinensis	X	X	
ORIENTAL SCOPS OWL	otus	sunia	X		

BROWN FISH OWL	ketupa	zeylonensis	X	X	
COLLARED OWLET	glaucidium	brodiei			H
JUNGLE OWLET	glaucidium	radiatum		X	
BROWN HAWK OWL	ninox	scutulata	H	X	
SPOTTED OWLET	athene	brama	X	X	
HOUSE SWIFT	apus	affinis			X
LESSER PIED KINGFISHER	ceryle	rudis	X	X	
COMMON KINGFISHER	alcedo	atthis	X	X	
STORK BILLED KINGFISHER	pelargopsis	capensis	X	X	
WHITE BREASTED KINGFISHER	halcyon	smyrnensis	X	X	
LITTLE GREEN BEE EATER	merops	orientalis	X	X	
BLUE TAILED BEE EATER	merops	philippinus	X	X	
CHESTNUT HEADED BEE EATER	merops	leschenaulti	X		
INDIAN ROLLER	coracias	benghalensis	X	X	
HOOPOE	upupa	epops	X	X	
INDIAN GREY HORNBILL	tockus	birostris	X		
ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL	anthracoceros	albirostris	X		
GREAT BARBET	megalaima	virens			X
BROWN HEADED BARBET	megalaima	zeylanica	X		
BLUE THROATED BARBET	megalaima	asiatica		X	
COPPERSMITH BARBET	megalaima	haemacephala		X	
WRYNECK	jynx	torquilla		X	
BROWN CAPPED PYGMY W/PECKER	dendrocopus	nanus	X	X	
FULVOUS BREASTED WOODPECKER	picoides	macei	X	X	
STREAK THROATED WOODPECKER	picus	xanthopygaeus	X		
BLACK RUMPED FLAMEBACK	dinopium	bengalensi	X	X	
WHITE NAPED WOODPECKER	chrysolaptes	festivus	X		
GREAT SLATY WOODPECKER	mulleripicus	pulverulentus	X		
RUFIOUS WINGED BUSHLARK	miraфра	assamica	X		
ASHY CROWNED SPARROW LARK	eremopterix	grisea		X	
SAND LARK	calandrella	raytal		X	
ORIENTAL SKYLARK	alauda	gulgula	X	X	
SHORT TOED LARK	calanderlla	brachydactyla		X	
PLAIN MARTIN	riparia	paludicola	X		
SAND MARTIN	riparia	riparia	X		
BARN SWALLOW	hirundo	rustica			X
RED RUMPED SWALLOW	hirundo	daurica		X	X
CITRINE WAGTAIL	motacilla	citreola	X	X	
GREY WAGTAIL	motacilla	cinerea	X		
WHITE WAGTAIL	motacilla	alba	X	X	
WHITE BROWED WAGTAIL	motacilla	maderaspatensis	X	X	
RICHARD'S PIPIT	anthus	richardii	X	X	
TAWNY PIPIT	anthus	campestris	X	X	
LONG BILLED PIPIT	anthus	similis	X		
OLIVE BACKED PIPIT	anthus	hodgsoni		X	
ROSY PIPIT	anthus	roseatus		X	
PADDYFIELD PIPIT	anthus	rufulus	X	X	
LARGE CUCKOO SHRIKE	coracina	macei	X		
BLACK WINGED CUCKOO SHRIKE	coracina	melaschistos		X	
BLACK HEADED CUCKOO SHRIKE	coracina	melanoptera		X	
ROSY MINIVET	pericrocotus	roseus		X	

LONG TAILED MINIVET	pericrocotus	ethologus			X
BAR WINGED FLYCATCHER SHRIKE	hemipus	picatus	X		
COMMON WOODSHRIKE	tephrodornis	pondicerianus	X		
STRIATED BULBUL	pycnonotus	striatus			X
RED WHISKERED BULBUL	pycnonotus	jocusus	X	X	
RED VENTED BULBUL	pycnonotus	cafer	X	X	
MOUNTAIN BULBUL	hypsipetes	mcclllandii			X
COMMON IORA	aegithina	tiphia	X	X	
BROWN SHRIKE	lanius	cristatus		X	
LONG TAILED SHRIKE	lanius	schach	X	X	
GREY BACKED SHRIKE	lanius	tephronotus		X	
SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT	erithacus	calliope		X	
BLUETHROAT	erythacus	svecicus	X	X	
ORANGE FLANKED BUSH ROBIN	erythacus	cyanurus		X	
WHITE BROWED BUSH ROBIN	erythacus	indicus			X
MAGPIE ROBIN	copsychus	saularis	X	X	
WHITE RUMPED SHAMA	copsychus	malabaricus	X		
BLACK REDSTART	phoenicurius	ochruros		X	
HODGSON'S BUSHCHAT	saxicola	insignis	X		
STONECHAT	saxicola	rubicola	X	X	
WHITE TAILED STONECHAT	saxicola	leucura	X		
PIED BUSHCHAT	saxicola	caprata	X		
GREY BUSHCHAT	saxicola	ferrea			X
INDIAN ROBIN	saxicoloides	fulicata	X	X	
CHESTNUT BELLIED ROCK THRUSH	montecola	rufiventris			X
ORANGE HEADED THRUSH	zoothera	citrina		X	
WHITE'S THRUSH	zoothera	dauma	X	X	
TICKELL'S THRUSH	turdus	unicolor		X	
GREY WINGED BLACKBIRD	turdus	boulboul		X	
BLACK THROATED THRUSH	turdus	atrogularis		X	
STREAK BREASTED SCIMITAR BABB.	pomatorhinus	ruficollis			X
STRIATED BABBLER	turdoides	earlei	X		
JUNGLE BABBLER	turdoides	striatus	X	X	
WHITE THROATED LAUGHING THRUSH	garrulax	albogularis			X
STREAKED LAUGHING THRUSH	garrulax	lineatus			X
RED HEADED LAUGHING THRUSH	garrulax	erythrocephalus			X
CUTIA	cutia	nipalensis			X
WHITE BROWED SHRIKE BABBLER	pteruthius	flaviscapis			X
BLUE WINGED MINLA	minla	cyanouroptera			X
CHESTNUT TAILED MINLA	minla	strigula			X
RUFIOUS WINGED FULVETTA	alcippe	castanaceps			X
WHITE BROWED FULVETTA	alcippe	vinipectus			X
NEPAL FULVETTA	alcippe	nipalensis			X
RUFIOUS SIBIA	heterophasea	capistrata			X
WHISKERED YUHINA	yuhina	flavicollis			X
STRIPE THROATED YUHINA	yuhina	gularis			X
THICK BILLED WARBLER	acrocephalus	aedon		X	
CHIFFCHAFF	phylloscopus	collybitus	X		
TICKELL'S LEAF WARBLER	phylloscopus	affinis		X	
SMOKY WARBLER	phylloscopus	fulgiventis	X	X	
DUSKY WARBLER	phylloscopus	fuscatus	X	X	

BUFF BARRED WARBLER	phylloscopus	pulcher			X
LEMON RUMPED WARBLER	phylloscopus	chloronatus			X
HUMES WARBLER	phylloscopus	humei			X
PALLAS'S LEAF WARBLER	phylloscopus	proregulus			X
ASHY THROATED WARBLER	phylloscopus	maculipennis			X
GREENISH WARBLER	phylloscopus	trochiloides		X	X
BLYTH'S LEAF WARBLER	phylloscopus	reguloides			X
GOLDEN SPECTACLED WARBLER	seicercus	burkii			X
CHESTNUT CROWNED WARBLER	seicercus	castaniceps			X
GREY HOODED WARBLER	seicercus	xanthoschista			X
BLACK FACED WARBLER	abroscopus	schisticeps			X
GOLDEN HEADED CISTICOLA	cisticola	exilis	X		
ZITTING CISTICOLA	cisticola	juncidis	X		
ASHY PRINIA	prinia	socialis	X		
GREY BREASTED PRINIA	prinia	hodgsonii	X		
YELLOW BELLIED PRINIA	Prinia	flaviventris		X	
JUNGLE PRINIA	prinia	sylvatica	X		
PLAIN PRINIA	prinia	inornata		X	
RUFIOUS RUMPED GRASSBIRD	graminicola	bengalensis	X		
COMMON TAILOR BIRD	orthotomus	sutorius		X	
STRIATED GRASSBIRD	megalurus	palustris	X		
TAIGA FLYCATCHER	ficedula	albicilla		X	
RUFIOUS GORGETTED FLYCATCHER	ficedula	strophinata			X
ULTRAMARINE FLYCATCHER	ficedula	superciliaris			X
SMALL NILTAVA	niltava	macgrigoriae			X
BEAUTIFUL NILTAVA	niltava	sundara			X
PALE CHINNED FLYCATCHER	cyornis	poliogenys		X	
BLUE THROATED FLYCATCHER	cyornis	rubeculoides		X	
TICKELLS BLUE FLYCATCHER	cyornis	tickelliae	X		
RUSTY TAILED FLYCATCHER	muscicapa	ruficauda			X
VERDITER FLYCATCHER	eumyas	thalassina	X		X
GREY HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER	culicicapa	ceylonensis			X
ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER	terpsiphone	paradisi		X	
YELLOW BELLIED FANTAIL	rhipidura	hypoxantha			X
WHITE THROATED FANTAIL	rhipidura	albicollis		X	X
WHITE BROWED FANTAIL	rhipidura	aureola		X	
BLACK THROATED TIT	aegithalos	concinus			X
GREAT TIT	parus	major	X		X
BLACK LORED TIT	parus	xanthogenys			X
YELLOW BROWED TIT	sylviparus	modestus			X
CHESTNUT BELLIED NUTHATCH	sitta	castanea	X		
WHITE TAILED NUTHATCH	sitta	himalayensis			X
THICK BILLED FLOWERPECKER	dicaeum	agile	X		
FIRE BREASTED FLOWERPECKER	dicaeum	ignipectus			X
PURPLE SUNBIRD	nectarinia	asiatica	X	X	
GREEN TAILED SUNBIRD	aethopyga	nipalensis			X
BLACK THROATED SUNBIRD	aethopyga	saturata			X
ORIENTAL WHITE EYE	zosterops	palpebrosa	X		X
CRESTED BUNTING	melophus	lathamii	X	X	
BROWN BULLFINCH	pyrrhula	nipalensis			X
RED AVADAVAT	amandava	amandava	X		

HOUSE SPARROW	passer	domesticus	X	X	X
CHESTNUT SHOULDERED PETRONIA	petronia	xanthocollis	X		
BAYA WEAVER	ploceus	philippinus	X		
CHESTNUT BELLIED STARLING	sturnus	malabaricus	X	X	
PIED STARLING	sturnus	contra	X	X	
COMMON MYNA	acridotheres	tristis	X	X	
BANK MYNA	acridotheres	ginginianus	X		
JUNGLE MYNA	acridotheres	fuscus		X	
BLACK HOODED ORIOLE	oriolus	xanthornus	X	X	
INDIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE	oriolus	kundoo		X	
BLACK DRONGO	dicrurus	macrocerus	X	X	
ASHY DRONGO	dicrurus	leucophaeus	X	X	
WHITE BELLIED DRONGO	dicrurus	caerulescens	X	X	
BRONZED DRONGO	dicrurus	aeneus			X
SPANGLED DRONGO	dicrurus	hottentottus		X	
GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO	dicrurus	paradiseus	X		
ASHY WOODSWALLOW	artamus	fuscus		X	
EURASIAN JAY	garrulus	glandarius			X
RUFIOUS TREEPIE	dendrocitta	vagabunda	X	X	
HOUSE CROW	corvus	splendens	X	X	X
LARGE BILLED CROW	corvus	macrorhynchos	X	X	

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INDIAN FLYING FOX			Kathmandu	
RHESUS MACAQUE			X	X
COMMON LANGUR			X	X
GOLDEN JACKAL			X	H
BENGAL FOX				X
INDIAN GREY MONGOOSE			X	X
JUNGLE CAT				X
WILD WATER BUFFALO				X
WILD ELEPHANT			H	
GANGETIC DOLPHIN				X
MUNTJAC			X	
SPOTTED DEER (CHITAL)			X	
HOG DEER			X	
SWAMP DEER			X	
PALM CIVET				X
SMALL INDIAN CIVET				X
MARSH MUGGER			X	