

Nepal - A Birdwatching Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Naturetrek: Bargain birding break to Nepal with Sukla Phanta extension; 11th – 25th March. Report & photos by David White

Guided by the professional & hard-working Hathan Chaudhary & Dheeraj Chaudhary

Tour Participants: John & Val Cutter, Matthew Santos, Richard Webb, Peter Watson, Colin Willis & David White

We arrived in Kathmandu late in the afternoon of the 11th March, having flown Qatar Airlines via Doha from Heathrow & Manchester, meeting at the **Hotel Marshyandi** in the Thamel district. The following morning we flew east to the regional airport of Biratnagar by Buddha Air witnessing amazing views of the snow-capped Himalayas including Mt Everest. The drive to the comfortable **Koshi Camp** took about 1.5hrs and was our base for the next three nights.

We explored the Terai grasslands and wetlands ('Terai' is Sanskrit for 'lowland') in the Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve with excursions

Black-shouldered Kite



along the East-West embankment built to keep river from flooding villages & farmland. Over 200,000 people were displaced when the river last flooded and which left huge inland sand dunes on formerly fertile farmland. We watched a large number of people repairing the revetment unloading & moving all the rocks by hand. A sobering moment.

Koshi Camp was a great introduction to Nepalese birds. In late afternoon the bird bath was utilised by Red-vented and Red Whiskered Bulbuls and the fruit trees were a hang-out for Blue-throated Barbets and Coppersmith Barbets. Chestnut-headed Starlings, Jungle Babblers & Brown Shrikes were seen in the camp garden whilst the large pond had Whistling Ducks, Bronze-winged Jacanas and 50+ Moorhen. A Koel favoured the same fruiting tree every day - & this proved to be the only individual of this species we saw in Nepal. A Jungle Cat walked through the camp each evening as dusk fell whilst after dark, fireflies put on a dazzling display.

The raised nature of the embankment provided good views of Black Francolin and the Koshi speciality, the Swamp Francolin (seen chasing the former species), together with a single Grey Francolin. In the fishing ponds there were many of the ugly Lesser Adjutant Storks, a couple of Purple Herons and many Indian Pond Herons. White-throated Kingfishers and Cattle Egrets were everywhere. The group was very pleased with several sightings of Indian Grey Mongoose and Asiatic Jackal – although the night-time serenading by the latter species was less popular. We fluked a Barred Buttonquail by the side of the vehicle & saw several beautiful Black-hooded Orioles and many Asian Pied Starlings (or 'Asian Pie-eed Starlings' as Hathan always said). Some of the group spent evening in the hide in the camp grounds watching a Yellow Bittern.

Indian Grey Mongoose



A Drive to the barrage provided an opportunity to watch Gengetic River Dolphins. We saw three of these animals as well as a number of ducks including Gadwall, Pintail, Wigeon and Shoveler. Much to Matt's pleasure, on the short journey back to camp we saw 3 White-rumped and 10 Himalayan Vultures & several Black-shouldered Kites including a highly photogenic one on overhead wires. From the embankment we struck out into the grassland. We had great views of the only Wild Water Buffalo left in Nepal. Groups of 30+ males in the river were impressive. We saw a Lesser Coucal, a couple of nice male Hen Harriers and – the star of the show – a male Pied Harrier. The grassland had good numbers of a terrestrial orchid, *Eulophia graminea*, and we saw a very striking Sand Lark and a few Cinnamon Bitterns in a riverside pool.



Jungle Owlet

The Sal & riverine forest proved fruitful for owls with numerous sightings of Spotted Owlet and Jungle Owlet and, through the expert knowledge of Hathan and Dheeraj, we located the roosting trees of Brown Hawk-owl & Brown Fish-owl. Fulvous-breasted Woodpeckers were frequent in the woodland, including around the camp. A boat trip on the river was a delightfully peaceful way to birdwatch and enabled us to visit the island grassland where we had views of 2 Short-eared Owls and good raptors including 2 Black Vultures. On the river there were many kingfishers, a few Little

Terns and a couple of Black-bellied Terns with many of the beautifully neat Small Pratincoles.

On the morning of 15th we left Koshi Camp and drove the long and very pot-holed road to **Chitwan National Park**. We arrived late in the afternoon at the **Machan Paradise View Lodge** in time for a beer in the longhouse overlooking the park and from where we were amazed to see our first Rhino. As darkness fell, Hathan lured a Savannah Nightjar overhead with a recording of its call. The journey to Chitwan, though hard, was fascinating passing through open countryside and many busy towns with the style and colour of the women's saris changing as we moved west.

We stayed the nights of 15th, 16th and 17th at the Machan Paradise View, a wonderful lodge with the most attentive & helpful staff. Chitwan is a very attractive National Park of nearly 1000km² (plus a 750km² buffer zone) with 125 Tigers, 100 Rhinos and large numbers of Spotted Deer (Chitals). Our lodge was in the quieter eastern side.



On the morning of the 16th we walked straight out of the lodge into the park. The birding was excellent; an Indian Golden Oriole was a stunning bird & Chestnut-capped and Yellow-eyed Babblers were both pretty. We met up with canoes & floated back to camp. The river provided excellent opportunities for watching Ospreys, Goosanders, Ruddy Shelduck, Red-wattled Lapwing, Black-headed Ibis & Black Storks. In the grasslands we saw Citrine, Grey, White & White-browed Wagtails. Common Stonechats & White-tailed Stonechats occurred together and there were lots of Black Bushchats and 2 Bluethroats.

Parakeets were ubiquitous with hundreds of Rose-ringed and slightly fewer Alexandrine & Plum-headed Parakeets. An elephant ride (on a beautiful elephant named Rupa Kali with her wonderful Babu Prasad) enabled us to get very close to 4 Rhino including a mother with her young calf & some of the group saw an Indian Hare.

On the 17th, an all-day jeep safari through the National Park started with a great view of a pair of Grey-headed Fish Eagles near their nest. There were lots of Common Langurs during the day and we had amazing views of the large Blue-bearded Bee-eater (our only sighting). We also observed several Common Hoopoes, two Velvet-fronted Nuthatches and a handful of Chestnut-bellied Nuthatches. We had lunch by the river where at least 5 Gharials were hauled out on the sand bank. We saw our only Slaty-headed Parakeets & our only Grey-headed Woodpecker of the trip. Real highlights were 5 Pied Hornbills and 6 Great Hornbills - one of which was the subject of my favourite photo of the trip.

Great Hornbill



Late in the day we arrived at a machan (tower) where we witnessed a lovely sunset from at an ox-bow lake and had further views of Rhino, Wild Boar, Spotted and Hog Deer and about 20 Mugger Crocodiles.

On the 18th, after a second elephant ride, we reluctantly left Chitwan and made the long drive back to Kathmandu stopping to look for Ibisbill (no luck – too late in year?). We did see Nepal's only endemic bird species, the Spiny Babbler, as well as Brown Dipper &

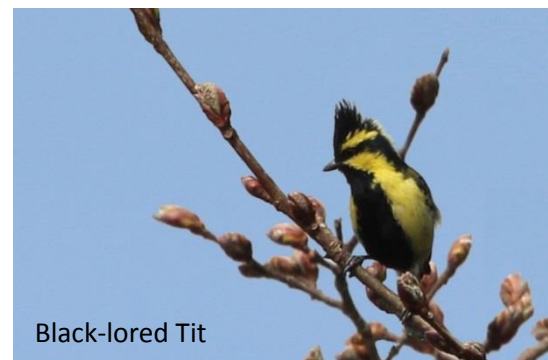
White-capped Water Redstart. The road next to the Tristuli River provided beautiful views but was marred by the thousands of lorries that chugged very slowly up the mountains in one long continuous stream. It was a scary journey full of potholes, manic over-taking and precipitous drops without barriers!

Gharial & Little Egret



The nights of the 18th and 19th were spent at the **Hotel Marshyandi** again with its entertainingly dreadful service. On the 19th we made the short drive south of Kathmandu to **Phulchowki** with a Nepalese Police escort in tow. The two young officers spent most of the time collecting Rhododendron flowers for their girlfriends. Phulchowki, at 2762m, provided the only higher altitude birding of the trip and several highlights included Green-tailed Sunbird, Fire-breasted Flower-pecker & several Tits including the punky Black-lored Tit as well as more magnificent views of the snow-capped Himalayas. We saw our only White-tailed Nuthatches, Northern Goshawk, Asian Barred Owlet & Rusty-flanked Tree-creeper of the trip.

There were white *Pleione humilis* orchids and a purple primula, *Primula denticulata*. The rhododendrons looked amazing on distant hillsides. After a picnic lunch we headed down the mountainside to the Botanic Gardens and saw the noisy (and big) Great Barbets, a Plumbeous Water Redstart, a Black Eagle & had some all-too-brief views of a handful of Red-billed Blue Magpies.



Black-lored Tit

Kathmandu is a manic city, chaotic with constant traffic and noise, and the roads seemingly a free-for-all. The river was one big cesspit, full of rubbish and home to 100s of Black Kites. We saw a group of about 60 Indian Flying Foxes roosting in trees in the grounds of a government building.

We said goodbye to some of the group on the morning of the 20th before the remaining participants flew to Dhangadhi in the very rural west (with more great views of the Himalayas, including the Annapurna range). Driving from the airport, we had a flat tyre in the town of Mahendranagar where uniquely & inexplicably there were horse drawn carriages similar to those in southern Ireland. We stayed at the delightful **Sukla Phanta Camp** for the next four nights guided by Dheeraj (who had taken the 24hr road trip from Koshi with the cook). Arriving late at SP, we took an evening drive to watch the sun set underneath the arch of Asia's longest Suspension Bridge from which we saw Pallas' Gulls – the only place in Nepal to see this species.



Sukla Phanta was my favourite part of the trip. As well as being very quiet - there was no one else there - the grassland was extensive and the Sal forest was lovely with numerous big open glades with a blue compositae covering the ground. There was riverine forest and several streams & natural pools, plus man-made watering holes. There were at least 6

machans that allowed the pools and grassland to be viewed from above. There were also many more tracks than at Chitwan which meant we never had to retrace our steps. There are only about 11 Tigers at SP due to poaching during the Insurgency & only 5 Rhino (1 original, 3 introduced from Chitwan & one baby born in the park). The reserve is 305km² with a 250km² buffer zone and is contiguous with the Indian Kishnapur Tiger Reserve to the south.



The 21st was arguably the best day of the trip. From the machans over-looking the grassland we saw three Bengal Floricans including two males displaying in their 'exploded lek'. In the forest we saw 3 of the world's largest and most prehistoric-looking woodpecker, the Great Slaty Woodpecker. And we had two views of Royal Bengal Tigers – the second just 200m from my tent! Gulp!

We also saw lots of raptors including several beautiful White-eyed Buzzards (one very photogenic in the early morning light), many Oriental Honey Buzzards, a second view of Grey-headed Fish Eagle for the trip and a Short-toed Snake Eagle carrying a snake! Greater Racket-tailed Drongos were common in the park and we saw several White-bellied Drongos. It was an incredibly long but unforgettable day – we got up at 5.45AM and arrived back at camp around 7.45PM. Val fell

asleep at the table whilst we were doing the daily list.



A large fruiting tree outside the camp was wonderful for birds in the morning. It always seemed to host Rufus Treepies, Coppersmith Barbets and two or more Brown-headed Barbets, several Plum-headed Parakeets, Common Mynas, Asian Pied Starlings and sometimes male Common Rosefinch. Red-throated Flycatchers flew sorties from the tree outside the breakfast room window.

An all-day safari through the park on the 22nd included a lovely walk by a stream where we watched two Smooth-coated Otters, Black Bitterns, Marsh Harrier and Jerdon's Bushchat - a SP speciality. There were several huge herds of Swamp Deer which are confined to the Park, as well as Hog Deer and 5 Muntjac (previously we had only seen 1 at Ch.). Instead of returning to camp for lunch we had a siesta on the machan at Rani Tal Lake where we watched a Wooly-necked Stork. Indian Rollers were numerous and one sat confidently in the evening light to allow its photo to be taken. Crested Serpent Eagles and Oriental Honey Buzzards were common (we saw several of both each day at SP) and there were always lots of noisy Indian Peafowl and charismatic parties of Jungle Babblers. We found some Tiger dung and watched dung beetles rolling balls of it away!

Dragonflies were amazing including the Red Grasshawk Neurothermis fluctuans, (with red wings), the Widow Skimmer (with half black

and white wings), Neurothermis tulia, the Ditch Jewel Brachythemis contaminata (with pink pterostigma) and some Yellow Waxtail Damselflies Ceriagrion coromandelianum. Just before bed, I found a Garden Lizard swimming in the toilet bowl and fished it out with two candles. We saw another larger – and drier – one in a tree by camp the next day.

On the 23rd we had Jeep drives in the forest in the morning and afternoon which gave us the opportunity to get to grips with sorting out the difficult but stunning woodpeckers including Rufus, Streak-throated, Greater Flameback and the fantastic White-naped Woodpeckers. We also saw a Wryneck and 2 Brown-caped Pygmy Woodpeckers. Great Tits were surprisingly common in the forest – although duller than ours back home and they were outshone by 2 stunning Orange-headed Thrushes (that eluded John for ages). The flocks of Bee-eaters were exceptional with several groups of 20+ Green Bee-eaters, up to 50 Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters and a total of 40 Blue-tailed Bee-eaters (we had previously seen a flock of 20 at Ko.). A perched Changeable Hawk Eagle was a great bird. We found a Leopard footprint by a watering hole & saw a group of three Nilgai.

Butterflies were everywhere including common European species such as Painted Lady, and Clouded Yellow as well as Indian Tortoiseshell, & Striped Tiger. In the culvert by the camp there was a superb Crimson-tailed Marsh-hawk dragonfly Orthetrum pruinatum with a purple thorax and a pink abdomen and a Swallowtail-type butterfly.



On the 24th we took a morning walk before breakfast before heading back to Kathmandu. The walk provided the best views of 3 Great

Slaty Woodpeckers that were persuaded to linger by playing taped calls, allowing photos to be taken. In fact, woodpeckers were a real highlight of the trip – we saw 13 different species. We had more views of Rhesus Macaques and Common Langurs – the former was always very numerous around the park headquarters. We also saw the delightfully named Tickell's Blue Flycatcher;



We flew back to Kathmandu on the 24th after the final walk. A flight delay caused by low cloud in Kathmandu allowed us to have an illuminating conversation with Rosa, a UN worker from Rome. We were again back at the hopeless **Hotel Marshyandi** for our final night.

Highlights: Nepal is an endless fascinating country. It will always make me think of being thrown around in vehicles (I returned home with numerous bruises). I will always remember the dreadful roads, the insanity of Kathmandu, the friendly people and the beautifully dressed women working in the fields.

A superb trip with great camps, fantastic guides, good company and fabulous birds.

Species Lists

Dragonflies:

Red Grasshawk *Neurothermis fluctuans*,
Indian Widow Skimmer *Neurothermis tulia*,
Long-legged Marsh-glider *Trithemis pallidinervis*,
Ruddy Marsh Skimmer *Crocothemis servilia*,
Blue-tailed Forest-hawk *Orthetrum triangulare*,
Ditch Jewel *Brachythemis contaminata*,
Crimson-tailed Marsh-hawk *Orthetrum pruinatum*,
Yellow Waxtail Damselfly *Ceriatrigon coromandelianum*

Butterflies:

Indian Tortoiseshell *Aglais cashmirensis*,
Striped Tiger *Danaus genutia*
Common Sergeant *Athema perius*
Common Sailer *Neptis cartica*
Blue Pansy *Junonia orithya*
Painted Lady,
Clouded Yellow sp,
Swallowtail sp.

Spider:

Oval St Andrew's Cross spider *Argiope aemula*



MAMMALS:

Indian Flying Fox	Kath
Short-nosed Fruit-bat	Ko, Ch, SP
Pipistrelle-type Bat sp.	Ko
Other insectivorous Bat sp.	Ko, Ch
Rhesus Macaque	Ko, Ch, SP
Common Langur	Ko, Ch, SP
Asiatic Golden Jackal	Ko
Smooth-coated Otter	SP
Indian Grey Mongoose	Ko, Ch, SP
Jungle Cat	Ko
Royal Bengal Tiger	SP
Gangetic Dolphin	Ko
Greater One-horned Rhino	Ch
Wild Boar	Ch, SP
Muntjac	Ch, SP
Spotted Deer	Ch, SP
Hog Deer	Ko, Ch, SP
Swamp Deer	SP
Nilgai	Ko (tame), SP
Wild Water Buffalo	Ko
Indian Hare	Ko

REPTILES:

Gharial	Ch
Mugger Crocodile	Ko, Ch
L-nosed Soft-shelled Turtle	Ch
Garden Lizard	SP
House Gecko	Ko, Ch, SP

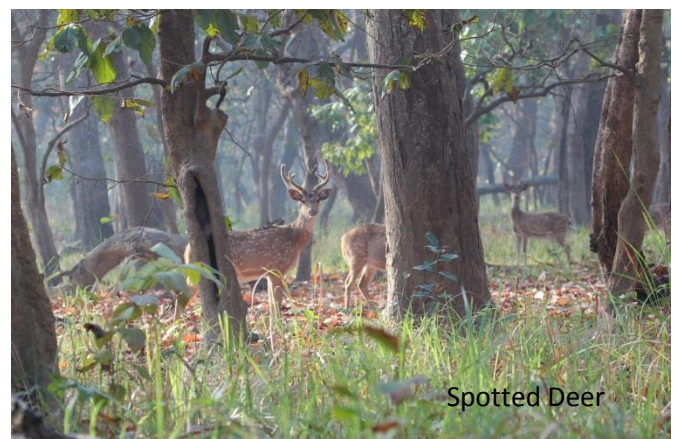
Wild Water Buffalo



Nilgai



White-throated Kingfisher



Spotted Deer



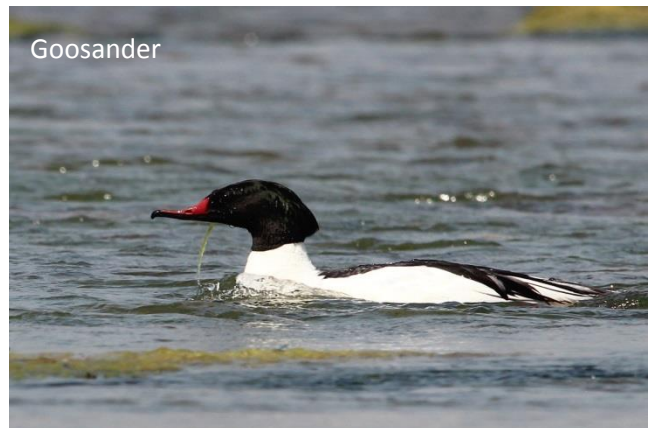
Pied Hornbill



Common Kingfisher



Green Bee-eater



Goosander



Small Pratincole



Green-tailed Sunbird



Blue-throated Barbet



Blue-tailed Bee-eaters

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Common Name	Koshi Tappu				Chitwan National Park			Pul	Sukla Phanta National Park				
	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
Black Francolin			x		x					2	1		
Swamp Francolin		4								x			
Grey Francolin		1											
Common Quail										1			
Red Junglefowl						x	x			5	x	x	x
Indian Peafowl					x	30	30			10+	25	x	x
Lesser Whistling Duck	20	30	25			20	20						
Bar-headed Goose		49	25										
Ruddy Shelduck		6	6	x	50	x	x	2	x			2	
Gadwall		100									1f		
Eurasian Wigeon		20											
Mallard			2										
Northern Shoveler		20											
Northern Pintail		50	3										
Common Teal		x	x	x									
Ferruginous Pochard			3										
Common Merganser					4								
Barred Buttonquail			1										
Eurasian Wryneck											1		
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker										2		2	
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker						2	3						
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	4	3	x		x	x	x						
Rufus Woodpecker												x	
Greater Yellownape								1					
Streak-throated Woodpecker		1f								3	x	x	x
Grey-headed Woodpecker						x	x						
Himalayan Flameback						x	x			x		x	
Black-rumped Flameback	2	7	x							x	x	x	x
Greater Flameback						x	x				x	x	
White-naped Woodpecker												4	2
Great Slaty Woodpecker										5			3
Great Barbet								6					
Blue-throated Barbet	6	10	6	x									
Coppersmith Barbet	x	x		x	2	x	x			2	2	2	2
Brown-headed Barbet											2	2	
Indian Grey Hornbill								3		2	6	10	2
Oriental Pied Hornbill						5	5			2		4	2
Great Hornbill						6	6						
Common Hoopoe	3	2	3	1	2	x	x			1		4	
Indian Roller	2	1	1	6	6	x	x	x		6	6	x	x
Common Kingfisher		1				2	2			2	2		
Stork-billed Kingfisher	1	3	1		1	1	1			2	x	x	
White-throated Kingfisher	12	40	100	x	x	12	12	x		1	x	x	x
Pied Kingfisher	x	x	x		x	x	x					2	

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Blue-bearded Bee-eater					2	3							
Green Bee-eater	x	10	x	x	5	x	x	11	20	25	x	x	
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater					10+	50	51		3	x	2		
Blue-tailed Bee-eater		20							12	50			
Common Hawk Cuckoo	x		4	x	2							2	
Indian Cuckoo		2											
Asian Koel	1	1	1										
Greater Coucal	5	x	x	x	x	x	x		1	2	x	x	
Lesser Coucal		1	1	1	1								
Alexandrine Parakeet					6	100	101		x	100	x	x	x
Rose-ringed Parakeet	1	x	16		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Slaty-headed Parakeet						6	7						
Plum-headed Parakeet	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	50	x	x	x
Red-breasted Parakeet					x	x	x						
Alpine Swift							x						
House Swift							x						
Brown Fish Owl		1											
Asian Barred Owlet								1					
Jungle Owlet	6	x				x	x			2			
Spotted Owlet	6	x	x	x					x	x			
Brown Hawk-owl		2											
Short-eared Owl			2										
Savana Nightjar				1									
Rock Pigeon	x		x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x
Oriental Turtle Dove		4						x					
Spotted Dove	10	50	x	x	x	x	x		x	15	x	x	x
Red Collared Dove	x	6	x	x	10	x	x		2				
Eurasian Collared Dove	x	10	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	
Emerald Dove						2	2					2	
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon						2	2						
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	x	x				x	x		x	6	2	x	
Bengal Florican									3				
Brown Crake				1	1	1	2						
White-breasted Waterhen	2	6	x	x	2	x	x			x			
Ruddy-breasted Crake			x		x								
Purple Swamphen		5	16	x		x	x						
Common Moorhen	12	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Common Greenshank		1	x		x	x	x					1	
Green Sandpiper			2		x	x	x					1	
Common Sandpiper			1	1					1				
Temminck's Stint		10	x										
Bronze-winged Jacana	6	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				
Little Ringed Plover		x	3		x								
River Lapwing				x	x	x	x		x			x	

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Red-wattled Lapwing	4	3	x	x	x	x	x			3	6	x	
Small Pratincole			50+										
Pallas' Gull									10				
Little Tern			x										
Black-bellied Tern			x										
Osprey	2	5	x		2	2	2						
Oriental Honey-buzzard			1	x	3						x	8	
Black-shouldered Kite	8	x	x	x							2		
Black Kite	2	x	x		x			150	x				
Grey-headed Fish Eagle						2	2			1			
White-rumped Vulture		3			3								
Himalayan Griffon		10	x	x	2					6			
Erasian Black Vulture			2		1								
Red-headed Vulture											x		
Short-toed Snake Eagle			2							2	2		
Crested Serpent Eagle				1	1	3	3			4	3	3	1
Eurasian Marsh Harrier											1		
Hen Harrier	1	1	1							1	2		
Pied Harrier			1m										
Shikra	3	7	x	x	10	2	2		1	2	x	x	x
Northern Goshawk								1					
White-eyed Buzzard						1	1			8	5	8	x
Common (Himalayan) Buzzard	x	x		x				x			2		
Long-legged Buzzard			x										
Black Eagle								2					
Indian Spotted Eagle		1	x										
Steppe Eagle		1	x					4					
Booted Eagle					1								
Changeable Hawk Eagle												1	
Common Kestrel	1			x	1	x	x						
Peregrine Falcon						1	1						
Little Grebe	2		2										
Great Crested Grebe		2											
Oriental Darter			14			6	6			2			
Little Cormorant	30	x	x	x						x	5	x	
Great Cormorant	2	x	x	x	x	x	x		60		x		
Little Egret	x	50	x	x	x	x	x		x				
Grey Heron	1												
Purple Heron		2	1	x	x	x	x			2			
Great Egret		10	5	x	3								x
Intermediate Egret		6	3	x	x	x	x						x
Cattle Egret	24	100	x	x					x		15	x	x
Indian Pond Heron	10	50	x	x	x	x	x			3	10	x	x
Little Heron		1				1	1						

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Black-crowned Night Heron	2												
Yellow Bittern	1												
Cinnamon Bittern	x 3												
Black Bittern									2				
Black-headed (White) Ibis	20 1												
Black Ibis	14 16				1	1	1		1	2	3 x		
Asian Openbill	6	24	12	x	x	x	x						
Black Stork					x								
Woolly-necked Stork									1	2			
Lesser Adjutant	2	3	4	x	x	x	x		1				
Brown Shrike	2	1	1	x									
Bay-backed Shrike									1				
Long-tailed Shrike	1	2	4	x	x	x	x		x	x			
Grey-backed Shrike	1	2							1f		1m		
Eurasian Jay								2					
Red-billed Blue Magpie								3					
Rufous Treepie	6	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8	10	x	
House Crow	x	3	x	50	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Large-billed Crow	10	20	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ashy Woodswallow	x	x											
Indian Golden Oriole					x								
Black-hooded Oriole	1	5	5			x	x	x	2	x	2	x	
Maroon Oriole								1					
Large Cuckooshrike	2	2	3			x	x	x	x	3			
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	1	3						1					
Rosy Minivet	2							2					
Small Minivet					x		x		6		2		
Long-tailed Minivet								x					
Scarlet Minivet	1				2		3						
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike								3					
Yellow-bellied Fantail								x					
White-throated Fantail	2	2	2										
White-browed Fantail					x		x	x					
Black Drongo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Ashy Drongo	x	x							x				
White-bellied Drongo									1	x	x	x	
Bronzed Drongo					x		x						
Spangled Drongo								1					
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo					2		3		x	x	x	x	
Common Iora	x	x	x			x	x	x	x				
Large Woodshrike	x				x		x						
Brown Dipper					1								
Blue-whistling Thrush								x					
Orange-headed Thrush									2				

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Scaly Thrush						x	x						
Tickell's Thrush	1	1				1	2						
Dark-Throated Thrush					1								
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher								1					
Red-throated Flycatcher					x						x	x	x
Ultramarine Flycatcher	2							1					
Verditer Flycatcher	2	x	x					x					
Pale-chinned Flycatcher						x	x						
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher												1	
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher								x					
Siberian Rubythroat			1										
Bluethroat					2								
Oriental Magpie Robin	x	10	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	x	x	
White-rumped Sharma										1	2	x	
Black Redstart		x	x									1f	
White-capped Water Redstart							1						
Plumbeous Water Redstart								1					
Common Stonechat	1	4	15	x	x	x	x			6	x		
White-tailed Stonechat					x					1	x		
Pied Bushchat					x	x	x			4	x		
Jerdon's Bushchat											1m		
Spot-winged Starling						x	x						
Chestnut-tailed Starling	25	x	x	x	x	50	51						
Asian Pied Starling	106	x	x	100	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Common Myna	x	x	x	100	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bank Myna											x		
Jungle Myna	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x		
Hill Myna					10	10	11						
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch					x	x	x						
White-tailed Nuthatch								x					
Velvert-fronted Nuthatch						2	3						
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper								x					
Great Tit		x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Green-backed Tit								x					
Black-lored Tit								x					
Yellow-browed Tit								x					
Black-throated Tit								x					
Plain Martin		20	x	4		x	x				x	x	x
Barn Swallow	20		x	x	2			x		6	x		
Red-rumped Swallow		2									x		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Himalayan Bulbul							x						
Red-vented Bulbul	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Zitting Cisticola		x			x					x	x		

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Grey-breasted Prinia					x								
Yellow-bellied Prinia					x						x		
Ashy Prinia					x								
Plain Prinia		2	x		x								
Oriental White-eye										2			
Blyth's Reed Warbler			2		1								
Clamorous Reed Warbler			x										
Thick-billed Warbler			x										
Common Tailorbird	x	x	x		x					x			x
Common Chiffchaff											2		
Dusky Warbler	1												
Smoky Warbler					1						x		
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	x	x	x										
Buff-barred Warbler								x					
Ashy-throated Warbler								x					
Lemon-rumped warbler								x					
Hume's warbler	x	x	x										
Greenish Warbler	x	x	x		x			x					
Blyth's Leaf Warbler								x					
Whistler's Warbler								x					
Grey-hooded Warbler								x					
Black-faced Warbler								x					
Striated Grassbird		x									x		
Rufous-rumped Grassbird											x		
Striated Laughingthrush								x					
Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush								x					
Puff-throated Babbler						x	x						
Black-chinned Babbler							x						
Chestnut-capped Babbler					x								
Yellow-eyed Babbler					x								
Spiny Babbler *							x						
Striated Babbler		10			x	x	x			x	2		
Jungle Babbler	x	50	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
White-browed Shrike Babbler								x					
Chestnut-tailed Minia								x					
Rufus-winged Fulvetta								x					
White-browed Fulvetta								x					
Nepal Fulvetta								x					
Rufous Sibia								x					
Whiskered Yuhina								x					
Rufous-winged Lark	1												
Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark		1											
Sand Lark			1										
Oriental Skylark		5	1							8	x		

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Thick-billed Flowerpecker												1	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker								5					
Purple Sunbird			x							1f	2mf	x	x
Green-tailed Sunbird								8					
House Sparrow		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eurasian Tree Sparrow								x					
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia					x				x	x	x	x	
White Wagtail	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
White-browed Wagtail			x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Citrine Wagtail			x		x					x	1m	4	x
Grey wagtail						x	x	x	x	x			
Richard's Pipit		x								3	x		
Paddyfield Pipit		x	x		x					2	x		
Olive-backed Pipit						x	x				x	x	
Baya Weaver						x	x			15			
Common Rosefinch													2
Crested Bunting		x		x									
Daily totals	78	115	113	66	98	100	106	62	30	80	93	78	46
Sp accumulation	78	128	154	159	179	204	213	252	253	261	272	280	281