

Nepal – A Birdwatching Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 12th November

The group of 15 arrived in Kathmandu by Qatar flight number QR 652 that landed at around 09:25 a.m. By the time we reached hotel Royal Singi, it was midday. Some of the enthusiastic birders went to the Nagarjung forest for birding. It was a warm sunny day with temp between 14 to 24 degrees Celsius.

Day 2

Sunday 13th November

The 0740 Hrs Buddha Air flight to Biratnagar got delayed by about 2 hrs. due to mist at Biratnagar airport. The Himalaya was visible and after about 10 minutes in the air, we started seeing the Gaurishankar himal. As we flew further east we saw Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) along with Lotse (4th highest), Makalu (5th highest) and finally Kanchengunjunga (3rd highest) before landing. The temperature when we landed was 26 degrees Celsius. After sorting our luggage in the five jeeps we drove about 25 minutes to Birju Lake. Here we had a good collection of water birds and saw the sort after Cotton Pygmy Goose, Grey-headed lapwing and the Pheasant-tailed Jacana. Here we had our packed lunch brought to us from Koshi Camp. After lunch we drove for about an hour or so to the Koshi Barrage for the Gangetic River Dolphins. We spent about 20 minutes here until all of us had good views of the dolphins and some of us even managed to capture it in their camera. From here we drove for another 45 minutes or so to Koshi Camp. On the drive we came across a White-eyed Buzzard and Stork-billed Kingfisher on the electric wire along the highway. When we reached Koshi Camp at around 4pm, we were greeted by tea, coffee and cookies. After settling in we had about an hour of light so we watched the birds in the Koshi Camp garden. It was a Sunny day with temperature between 14 - 26 degrees Celsius.

Day 3

Monday 14th November

Today we started after an early breakfast. We had light mist in the morning, which quickly cleared up. Initially we drove towards the central part (Kusaha) of Koshi Tappu National Park. With a couple of stops here and there to check, we reached the headquarter area from where we left the vehicles and walked. The walk got us some nice species like the Siberian Rubythroat and glimpse of a pair of distant Swamp Francolins. We were back to Koshi Camp for a hot lunch. In the afternoon we drove to the Northern side (Prakashpur) of the national park. Here we spent a good hour or so trying to find the Brown Fish Owl. Badri managed to find one but it flew off. Some of us just saw it fly across for a few seconds and we never managed to find it again but was rewarded by a male Pied Harrier and a pair of Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpeckers that afternoon. We hope to find the owl the next day we returned to camp. Today the midday temperature went up to 27 degrees.

Day 4

Tuesday 15th November

This morning we had tea & coffee with cookies in the camp and with a packed breakfast drove north of the national park to Jabdi area. There was light mist that quickly lifted. The habitat was completely different to the one we visited the previous day. It was open sandy meadow. It took us an hour or so to reach there. We chose an open area overlooking the vast open plain and had our packed breakfast while scanning for birds. It was pretty windy to start off with, but the wind settled and after breakfast we left the vehicles and explored the open area on foot for a good two hours. Here we got Ashy-crowned, Oriental and Sand Larks, Pallas's Gull just to name a few. As the

temperature began to rise, we drove back to the shade of the forest in the park. Here Badri again went into the forest to find the Brown Fish Owl. He found one and as we approached, it flew off again. It took a long time to settle and Suchit spotted one from the road when Badri found the 2nd one perched nicely and settled. All of us had excellent views from the telescope. It was the highlight of the morning. We returned to camp for hot lunch. In the afternoon we drove to the southern side (Haripur) of Koshi Tappu NP and walked on the paved road inside the national park till late evening. Here we came across about five Swamp Francolins and all of us had excellent scope views of a pair. Today we had about 16 different species of raptors!

Day 5

Wednesday 16th November

Today we had to say goodbye to Koshi and we set off after breakfast carrying a packed lunch towards Chitwan. The road was under maintenance from the damages during the monsoon. We managed to make a stop after every couple of hours or so, for toilet and stretching our legs. We made a lunch stop in a grassy football ground where we had some nice birds like the Golden-fronted Leafbirds, Scarlet Minivets, and Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch. With a total of four stops and a stop for packed lunch we reached Jungle Villa Resort at around 6:30pm with enough time for a shower before dinner at 7:30pm. It was nice and sunny day with temperatures between 16 -27 degrees.

Day 6

Thursday 17th November

It was misty morning and after breakfast we set off, as the mist started to lift, from the lodge at around 8:15 am. We first drove for about 15 minutes to the nearby grassland and riverine forest. We left the vehicles and explored the area on foot from an elevated bank looking down onto a grassland. We walked through a forested area until a watch tower and then walked back to meet our vehicles at around 11:30 am. We had great views of some grassland specialist like the Rufous-rumped Grassbird, Chestnut-capped Babblers, Ashy; Grey-breasted and Yellow-bellied Prinias, Himalayan Rubythroat, Crested Bunting just to name a few. We also watched a Greater One-horned Rhino across the river through the telescope. We returned back to lodge for lunch. In the afternoon the two open ten-seater jeeps drove us to the Gharial (Crocodile) breeding center. Here we got species like the Greater Yellow-naped and Himalayan Flameback Woodpeckers, Lineated Barbets, a Black-backed Forktail and two Collared Falconets just to name a few. It was a sunny and warm day with temperature between 16 -27 degrees with 60-95 % humidity.

Day 7

Friday 18th November

Today we left the lodge after an early breakfast at 7:15 am with packed lunch. We were in two open jeeps with Suchit in one and Badri in the other. We stopped to check the birds as we drove slowly inside the park when Suchit heard Grey-crowned Prinias. They responded very well to the playback when a small flock of Yellow-eyed Babblers also responded to the playback. A male tusker was seen near the army where a female kept for patrolling attracted it. Another sort after species, Slender-billed Babblers, were called in by Suchit, which responded very to the playback. We made a midday stop under a watchtower from where we saw Oriental Pied Hornbills and Pied Flycatcher Shrikes. On the way back we drove through a small lake full of Marsh Mugger Crocodiles along with Lesser Whistling Ducks, a Purple Heron and Oriental Darters. It was clear morning and a sunny day with temperatures between 16 -27 degrees.

Day 8

Saturday 19th November

Due to the general elections in Nepal, we feared vehicle movement restrictions. As a result we had to bring the travelling a day earlier. The main tour with eight persons drove to Kathmandu with Badri Chaudhary while the people on an extension tour of seven drove to Tiger Mountaint Pokhara Lodge (TMPL) with Suchit. We all had our breakfast together and set off in different vehicles with packed lunch. The list of the new species of birds seen by the members of the main tour was passed to Suchit, which is listed in the checklist. Due to the election, the main tour was kept for two nights (19th & 20th) at Hotel Bhrikuti View, situated just a kilometer from the base of Phulchowki hill and the Godavari Botanical garden.

Pokhara Extension was with Suchit

Day 9

Sunday 19th November

The drive to Pokhara from Chitwan followed the Trisuli River until Mugling village where it turned left along the Marsyangdi River towards Pokhara. We made a stop before Mugling, on a newly constructed but unused bridge, from where we saw our first White-capped Water Redstart and a Wallcreeper along with many Plumbeous Redstarts. We made a comfort break at Mugling village and at midday we stopped for our packed lunch. Our picnic spot was an area with a nicely tarmacked road with land separated into small plots for sale. Here we had two Egyptian Vultures, a Shikra and a Kestrel along with goats that liked sandwiches and chicken cutlets! The road between Mugling and Pokhara was being widened so some sections of were under construction so the drive was slow. As we approached Pokhara the Annapurna and Himalchuli range stood out clearly behind the green hills of the Mahabharat range. It was around 3:30 pm that we reached TMPL. After a cup of tea and cake, Debi and Dave left for Pokhara town while we decided to make an evening walk around the lodge gardens. There wasn't much to see as the light started to fade by around 5:15 pm and became completely dark by around 6 o'clock. It was also getting cooler and was time for most birds to roost. We then decided to meet at the lobby at around 6:30 pm to do the list, along with drinks and nibbles.

Day 10

Monday 20th November

The view of the Himalaya from first light was spectacular. The sunrise made them pink which was quickly over. We had planned to meet for breakfast at 7 am. The temperature in the early morning was about seven degrees. Breakfast with the Himalaya was stunning along with the flying Nepal House Martins and Himalayan Swiftlet. After breakfast we decided to set off by 8 am. The first new bird after breakfast was an Asian Barred Owl, which was enjoyed by all through a telescope. Because of the election there were few vehicles and bikes on the main road, so we decided to walk east from the lodge along the main road. The snow-capped mountains were visible from every open space during the walk. Towards the end of our morning walk we came across a mixed flock which had Long-tailed Minivets, Lesser Racquet-tailed and Bronzed Drongo, Speckled Piculet, Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher and a female White-tailed Robin. We walked until 11 am and then decided to return back to the lodge. In the afternoon we spent time in the forest around the lodge. The view of the Himalaya against the blue sky was visible the whole day!

Eight members on the main tour went to Phulchowki hill with Badri.

Day 11

Tuesday 21st November

The main tour members left Kathmandu (QR 647 & 648 17:55/ 0200 Hrs). Those taking the afternoon flight had time for a walk after breakfast, which happened to be very fruitful with about 19 new species of birds!

At Pokhara the day started off with another fantastic morning with the sunrise making the Himalaya go pink, clear blue sky with crystal clear views of the snow-covered peaks of Dhaulagiri (6th highest), Annapurna 1,2,3,4 and Annapurna South, Machhapuchare (Fishtail) and Lamjung Himal. Further east Peak29 (Takura), Himalchuli, Manaslu (7th Highest) and Bodha Himal were showing.

After breakfast the landrover from the lodge drove us to a hilltop. Here we got our only endemic bird, the Spiny Babbler. We also saw Upland Pipit, Little and Rock Buntings! After a great view of the Spiny Babbler through the telescope, we found a winter blooming cherry tree with Fire-tailed Sunbirds. We then walked downhill and saw our first Rufous Sibilis along with good views of Ashy-throated warbler. Down below on the forested area we got Common Rosefinch, Great Barbets and Suchit called in two Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babblers. Red-billed Blue Magpies followed us downhill and after some frustrating moments the Green Magpie gave us a great view. We also found a Spotted Forktail in one of the small streams crossing the road. Some great birds along with breathtaking views of the Himalaya against the blue sky. What more do you want?

In the afternoon we were driven by the landrover down to the Bijayapur River where we did the gorge walk. There were a few interesting species like Wallcreeper, two Crested Kingfisher and great views of a Spotted Forktail.

Day 12

Wednesday 22nd November

Today we had to retrace our journey back to Kathmandu. After breakfast we left TMPL with packed lunch. On the way we stopped for a couple of toilet stops and saw two Red-headed Vultures on the banks of the Mardi River. We checked the river for Dippers but did not find one. Our lunch stop was made at Belkhu, overlooking the river where Ibisbills winter but that too could not be found. We reached Hotel Royal Singi by around 4 pm.

Day 13

Thursday 23rd November

We left the hotel at 6:45 am with a packed lunch. The early morning traffic was thin and we reached the base of Phulchowki hill in about 30 minutes. Here we walked for about an hour and drove uphill. At the halfway point we stopped to admire the Himalaya. We drove to the top at 2740 m (9000ft) and slowly walked downhill with the vehicles following behind us every 30-45 minutes. The upper slope was pretty quiet but as we descended, we started seeing the Buff-barred Warblers, Rufous Sibilis, Chestnut-crowned Laughing Thrushes, Yuhinas and Fulvettas. Crimson-browed Finch and Dark-breasted Rosefinches gave us good views. The shady parts were pretty chilly with signs of frost visible so we chose a sunny patch to have our lunch with the view of the snow-capped mountains behind us. After lunch we continued for about an hour, walking slowly. We then decided to get to the lower slope and walk there. Here we again had a flight view of Lesser Racquet-tailed Drongo, two Blue-bearded bee-eaters, and a Golden-throated Barbet came to the playback. Towards the end of the day, we had a mixed flock of birds where we found Green and Black-eared Shrike Babblers, Black-faced Warbler, Yellow-browed Babbler, White-bellied Eupornis, Brown-throated (Sikkim) Tree-creeper, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Ashy-throated and Buff-barred Warblers and more. The drive back to the hotel took us little more than an hour.

Day 14

Friday 24th November

Four group members wanted to go birding in the morning. I volunteered to take them to the lower slopes of Phulchowki and the Godavari area. I hired a van for them and we set off at 7:15 am. We took a walk near the botanical garden area and went up the hill on the main road. The road construction vehicles were pretty noisy so we crossed to the forest patch across the dried stream and found a wide path going to the hilltop. We stayed on this track and explored the forest until 11 am before heading back to the hotel. Here we found Mountain Bulbul, a male White-tailed Robin, a male Small Niltava, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, White-crested and White-throated Laughing Thrushes, Speckled Piculet just to name a few.

The last remaining members of the group were transferred to the airport at 2pm to catch their 17:55 flight back to UK.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

English Name	Scientific Name	Main Tour										Pokhara Extension					
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>			2	5												
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>									8						3	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						1pr.	1f					2	1			
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>						1	4									
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		100	50	20	✓		20									
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>		8														
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			4	6		6	12				✓					
Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>		20			2											
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		200		2												
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>		20		4												
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		6														
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		4														
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		20														
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		40														
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		50														
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		6														
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		110			2											
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>		2	1	3	20	10	4				✓					
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		7	1	4		8	8				✓					
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		1	3	1	3	2	4									

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>				2												
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>		8	20	7	7	4										
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		6	3	20	14	✓					✓					
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1	2	1												
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1	1	1	1		1									
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		4	3	4												
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>		6	2	2	30	3	3									
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		200	6	20	100	12					✓			40		
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	1	50	12	10	10	5	3				✓		3	2		
Little Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>			2													
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		3	5	3												
Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>		20	20	20	6	3	2				✓					
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		3	7	10												
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>		4	2			1	4									
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>						2										
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>			35	2												
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				1							✓					
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>		17	1	3	7											
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1	1			1									
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				1	3											
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	10	20										15	12	5	3	
Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	1	1				2					1	1				

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			2	1		2	2									
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>						1	2									
Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>				2		4	2									
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>											10	1		6		
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>				5							3	2	1			
Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>							1				2	3	3		1	
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>												2				
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>											1	1		2		
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1	15													
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			1	1		1										
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>												1			1	
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		2														
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		1		1												
Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>			1m	1f												
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				1	1						1		1			
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		1	2	1												
Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo (buteo) burmanicus</i>										2						
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				1												
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>				1							2	7	4	2		
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	2		1	1								1	1	1		
Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>											1					
Mountain Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>												1				1
Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>						4	3				1					

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>		1	2	3	1	✓	2				1					
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		10	5	2	4		6									
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		3														
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>		4														
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		15	3	2	2	1	5									
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				2												
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>					7	2	4				1					
Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>		60														
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>		12	4	9	x	1	2				3					
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1	5		1	1				1					
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								1								
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		1														
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						1	1				1					
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1		5		2	2				2					
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		1	2	1		1	1						1			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1	1		1								1		
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				2		1										
Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>				2												
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>			1													
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				1												
Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		1	2										3		2	4
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>		15	12	15	40	12	✓				✓	3	20	5		

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>			3	2												
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		20	12	15	20	6	5				6		5	2		
Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>			1			2										
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		10	20	5												
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron sphenura</i>												5				5
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>				2	3	30	30									3
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	20	25	10			15				2		20			
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>		5	3	h	h		50					2				
Common Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>				1	h		1									
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>						2										
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		2	6	4	x	3	1									
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>							1									
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>							1									
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>			1	2												
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>										1		2				
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			2	3		1	2									
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		2	2	2	1											
Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>			1													
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>												20	10	8		
White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>							2									
House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>								10			25	4	2	12		2

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					3		20									
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1	4				1									
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		2	2		12											
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			1			1	2				1			1		
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>		1	1		2											
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>		8	5	3	20	5	6				6		1	5		
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>													2			
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		1	3	5	4	1	2									
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>			2				1h						2		2	h
Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>			6	8	6											
Indian Grey-Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>			4	3												
Oriental Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>							6									
Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>									10			h	3		15	5
Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>						6	1				1h					
Golden-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>															3	h
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	1		8	4	x	1						1				
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>				1	1	7										
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>												1				1
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>			2													
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>						2	1									

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Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>			3	2	1	4	6				1					
Darjeeling Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>															1	
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>						1	1				1	1				
Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>						2									1	
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>							1m									
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>						1	2					1				h
Himalayan Goldenback (Flameback)	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>						7	4									
Lesser Goldenback (Black-rumped Flameback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		1	4	3		1										
Greater Goldenback (Flameback)	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>						2										
Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>															1h	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>									x						2	1
Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>															1	
Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>	7										6	8	12		6	4
Common Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>										1		1h	3			
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		3	3	3	2	4	5					2	1		2	
Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	4										4	6	8	2		2
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	100+	200	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus (macrorhyncos) culminatus</i>		5	✓	20	30	6	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	7	✓
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>									✓							
Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>							5									
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		1	3	4	2	4	3				1					
Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>									✓						1f	
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>			2	3		2	1					2		1		
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>			1	1	1	1						1				
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>												6			h	2
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>					4	3	2					4	5			
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>										✓		1	5			1
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>			2	1	1							h			1	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>				1	4	3	2				1					
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>							6									
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>						6										
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>		3	2	1	12											
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		2	1	2	1	2	4				5		3	5		
Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>		1	2	1	1	1	1				2	3		2		
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>		100	6	50	100	✓	15				25	1		✓		
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	✓	1	2		2	3										2
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>			1	1	1		1									
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>			4	2		5						4	6			4

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Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>												1			1	
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>			5	10	4	15	20				1	1	20			
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			1	1		3	2									
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>		2	2	1	1	3	2					3	4	3		2
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>									2	✓					3	2
Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>										✓			4		3	10
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>									✓						4	
Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>										✓					8	12
Grey-throated Sand Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>		6	40	200	✓	50	100				20		15	✓		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓				3	1					12	2			6
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>					50	4							2			4
Nepal House Martin	<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>												20		3		2
Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>				25												
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				5												
Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>				4												
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>				4												
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>		2	4	2	4	5	200+				2					
Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	1										4	10	15	6	2	3
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	1	20	100	100+	50	✓	500+				40	4	50	✓		6
Mountain Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes mcclllandii</i>									2							3

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Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>									10			20	6		8	
Grey-crowned Prinia	<i>Prinia cinereocapilla</i>							8									
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							6									
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>						1	1									
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>						1	2									
Chestnut-headed Tesia	<i>Tesia castaneocoronata</i>										1		1	1	1		h
Aberrant Bush Warbler	<i>Cettia flavolivacea</i>							h						6			
Grey-sided Bush Warbler	<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>													1h			
Spotted Bush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus thoracicus</i>						1h										
Thick-billed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus aedon</i>			2	h	1											
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	h		1				1				3	2	5	2		
Common Chiffchaff (Siberian)	<i>Phylloscopus (collybita) tristis</i>												1				
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>			1													
Smoky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuligiventer</i>							2									
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>		3	5	2		3	2									
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>									✓			3			20	
Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>										✓	1		2		2	2
Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>										✓			3			4
Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			1			1						1	1			
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		2	10	6	✓	5	2					4	2			
Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>						2										
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>			2	1		2					1	5	5			

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Yellow-vented Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>			7													
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicurus whistleri</i>												2	2			
Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	✓							5				4	5		10	8
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>										✓			1			
Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>										✓					10	
Rufous-rumped Grassbird	<i>Graminicola bengalensis</i>						2										
White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>									✓						30	
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>										✓			8			5
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>									5							h
Grey-sided Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>															2	
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>									1							
Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>									16				3		20	2
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>						2	2							1		
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>													3			
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>									4							1
Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler (Cupwing)	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>													3h			

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Pygmy Wren Babbler (Cupwing)	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>												1	2h		1h	1
Grey-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>										✓						
Pin-striped Tit Babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>			4	h			4				2					
Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>						6										
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>							5									
Spiny Babbler (endemic)	<i>Turdoides nipalensis</i>								1					4			
Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>			5													
Slender-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides longirostris</i>							12									
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>		7	30	20	✓	50	40				20	2				
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>													h			4
White-browed Shrike Babbler (Himalayan)	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis (ripleyi)</i>	1											1pr.				1h
Green Shrike Babbler	<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>															2	
Black-eared Shrike Babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotis</i>															1	
Hoary-throated Barwing	<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>									2							
Blue-winged Siva	<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>									✓				5			7
Bar-throated Siva	<i>Minla strigula</i>									✓						3	
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>									10						20	
White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>									✓						10	
Nepal Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>									4							h
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>									✓				6		50	

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Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>														2		6
Stripe-throated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>									✓						6	
Rufous-vented Yuhina	<i>Yuhina occipitalis</i>															3	
White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>									✓						2	
Oriental White-eye (Indian)	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>			5	2		2	✓						4		2	3
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>					1	4	2						2			
White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>									✓						5	2
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	1					6	5					1	2			
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>								1			1		1	1		
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>										1						
Brown-throated Treecreeper	<i>Certhia discolor</i>																1
Hodgson's Treecreeper	<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>									1							
Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>			12	20	5											
Asian Pied Starling	<i>Sturnus contra</i>		150	12	50	200						20					
Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>						1										
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	200	50	100	300	✓	✓				✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>		5			15	30	✓	✓			6					
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1f				1										
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	✓											1	4	1	4	2
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothra citrina</i>				1												
Scaly Thrush	<i>Zoothra dauma</i>			1													

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White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>									✓						5	
Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus bouboul</i>									✓						1m	
Dark-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>							1		✓							
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophilata</i>	2									✓		2	1f		2	3
Taiga Flycatcher (Red-throated)	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>		2	4	2		2	4					2	2			
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>											1		1m			
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>		1	4	3	1											
Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>										✓			1f			2
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>	1									✓			1f			1
Pale-chinned Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>			1	1		1										
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	x	1	3	5	1	6	3				1	3	6	1	1	1
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>			1m	5h												
White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>						2										
Himalayan Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger (cyanurus) rufilatus</i>									✓							2
Golden Bush Robin	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>													1m			
Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	1	1	4	2	4	2	2				3	2	3	✓		
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>				1f		1m	1m									
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				1		1f	1f									
Hodgson's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>		1pr.						1			1pr.					

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Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>										✓		1m	3			1m
White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>								3			2		2		1	1
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>							1f	4			4		8			
White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>	1f									✓		1f				1pr.
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>								1								
Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>						1										
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>										1			2			1
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata (przewalskii)</i>		1	1	1	✓	3	4					1	2			
White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucura</i>							1pr.									
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>		1			5	4	1				4					
Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>							1m					2	1f			
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>					3											
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>									✓			h	1m		3	2
Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>			3	2	✓											
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>									✓						2	
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>											4	3	2	1		
Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>									✓				6		2	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	50	✓	✓	300	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	5	15												3	✓	✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		3	30	30	✓	✓	✓				✓		2	2		

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White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>					2	6	4				2			2		
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>			2	2												
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1			1								1	1		
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>							1									
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>		2				1	1					1				
Upland Pipit	<i>Anthus sylvanus</i>													2			
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>		2	20	15	✓		10						3			
Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>							12									
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>							2									
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>			12	5		1	4									
Black-headed Munia (Tricolour)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>			1	3		1										
Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>													2		3	
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>							4					3			2	
Crimson-browed Finch	<i>Carpodacus subhimachalus</i>															3	
Brown Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>									x						h	
Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>						2										
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>													1			
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>													1			

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	Mammals														
1	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>			100										
	Short-nosed Fruit Bats				4										
2	Indian Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus coromandra</i>							✓			1			
3	Assam Macaque	<i>Macaca assamensis</i>												6	
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	5	1		200	6	✓	5	✓	10	12		
5	Terai Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus hector</i>			1				3				1		
6	Asiatic Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			4	6									
7	Bengal Fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>					1								
8	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>													
9	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>													
10	Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes auropunctatus</i>							1						
11	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>			1										
12	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>													
13	Fishing Cat	<i>Felis bengalensis viverrina</i>				1									
14	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>													
15	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>													
16	Gangetic Ganges River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>		3											
17	Greater One-horned Rhino	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>						1	1						
18	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>						8	2						
19	Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>													

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20	Spotted Deer (Chital)	<i>Cervus axis</i>						3	5						
21	Hog Deer	<i>Cervus porcinus</i>						3	2						
22	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>							2						
23	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>													
24	Wild Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>			4	✓									
25	Gaur	<i>Bos frontalis</i>													
26	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>							1m						
27	Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>													
28	Orange-bellied Squirrel	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>												1	
29	Hoary-bellied Irrawaddy Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>													
30	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>													
31	Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>													
Reptiles															
1	Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>						2							
2	Marsh Muggar	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>				1		1	7						
3	Burmese Python	<i>Python bivittatus</i>													
4	Indian Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>													
5	Golden Monitor	<i>Varanus flavescens</i>													
	Chequered Keelback			1											
	House Gecko			1		2	✓	1							