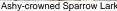
# Nepal's - Mountain & Marshland plus extension to Chitwan

Naturetrek Tour Summary

21 -31 January 2013











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#### Day 1

### **Sunday 20th January**

We departed from London Heathrow on a scheduled flight with Qatar Airways to Doha then Kathmandu.

#### Day 2

### **Monday 21st January**

The guests arrived in Kathmadnu airport at 5:00pm, met with guide and transferred to Hotel Marshayngdi, for a short briefing about the tour and an overnight stay.

### Day 3

### **Tuesday 22nd January**

Weather: Misty and windy

We transferred to the domestic terminal to get a 40 minute flight to Biratnagar. We then drove an hour and a half to Koshi Camp in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. We were welcomed by the camp staff and were shown to our tented accommodation. Lunch was served and at 3:00pm we joined our first activity, a nature walk in the reserve. We returned back to camp after sunset, refreshed with tea and coffee, and then dinner was at 7:00pm.

### Day 4

### Wednesday 23rd January

Weather: Foggy and windy

Breakfast was served in the early morning and we drove to thenorthern end of the reserve at Prakashpur to start boating. We enjoyed boating in the Koshi River, exploring river bed, grasslands and sand and finished at Madhuban on 11:30am, and walked back to camp for lunch. In the afternoon we explored the southern part with a jeep and returned back to camp at dusk. Tea and coffee was served before dinner at 7:00pm.

### Day 5

### **Thursday 24th January**

Weather: Misty morning, clear at 10:00 am then sunny all day

Breakfast was served at 6:30am and we had a drive to Jabdi Phanta, and Patnali forest with a lunch box. It was a full day of exploration at Jabdi Phanta and Patnali forest and we returned back to camp by 4:30pm Tea and coffee were served in the garden and we waited for the Jungle Cat to come out, and dinner was served at 7:00pm.

### Day 6

### Friday 25th January

Weather: Sunny

We had a short birding walk before breakfast, and transferred to Biratnagar airport to fly back to Kathmandu, overnight at Hotel Marshyangdi.

#### Day 7

### Saturday 26th January

Weather: Sunny

We started the drive at 7:00am from Kathmandu following Trisuli River and crossing some streams and scenic villages along the road side. Few stops were made along the journey to catch up with specialties en route. We arrived at 2:30pm in Chitwan to stay overnight at Machan Paradise View Lodge. We had a short briefing about lodge at 3:00pm and set off to do an elephant safari and returned back at 5:00pm. Tea and coffee were served for before dinner at 7:00pm.

Day 8

**Sunday 27th January** 

Weather: Sunny

We had an early start today, and after breakfast we started the jeep drive. We explored part of the Tiger Tops area, Khoria Muhan, Devi Taal, Sukhebhar and Bhimle grassland today. At 5:00pm we returned back to the lodge for dinner.

Day 9

**Monday 28th January** 

Weather: Sunny

At 6:30am we had breakfast and then a nature walk along the grassland and riverain forest near the lodge until lunchtime, and then had a little time for rest. In the afternoon we set off for a short jeep drive combined with boating on the Rapti River. We floated for 45 minutes finishing at Drubaghat and were picked-up by jeep to go back to the lodge. We refreshed with tea and coffee, and dinner was at 7:00pm.

Day 10

**Tuesday 29th January** 

Weather: Sunny

This morning we had a second elephant safari for an hour and a half, and said goodbye to Chitwan at 10:00am to drive back to Kathmandu. We stopped along the way when we found new species along the road to Kathmandu. We arrived at 4:30pm and stayed over night at Hotel Marshyangdi.

**Day 11** 

Wednesday 30th January

Weather: Beautiful sunrise...sunny day

At 7:30am we drove from the hotel to Phulchowki hill, exploring for a full day at Phulchowki Mountain forest and Godavari Botanical Garden and returned back at 5:00 pm.

Day 12

**Thursday 31st January** 

We transferred to the international airport to catch the flight to Doha and the UK.

## **Species List**

#### Birds

								January					
	Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1	Swamp Francolin	Francolinus gularis		2	2								
2	Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus							3	4			
3	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus						3	18	13			
4	Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica		6					10				
5	Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus		15									
6	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea		6	10	60			4	6	2		
7	Gadwall	Anas strepera			20	10					2		
8	Eurasian Wigeon	Anas penelope				6							
9	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	20	14								
10	Ferruginous Pochard	Aythya nyroca			5								
11	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula				6							
12	Common Merganser	Mergus merganser		2		44			1	30			
13	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla		2						2			
14	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos nanus		2									
15	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos canicapillus				3			2	3			
16	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei	2	6	4	4			3	12	1	3	
17	Rufous Woodpecker	Celeus brachyurus							2				
18	Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus				1				1			
19	Greater Yellownape	Picus flavinucha							1				
20	Grey-headed Woodpecker	Picus canus							3				
21	Himalayan Goldenback	Dinopium shorii							2				
22	Lesser Goldenback	Dinopium benghalense	1	2	3				4	2			
23	Greater Goldenback	Chrysocolaptes lucidus							2				
24	Great Barbet	Megalaima virens										1	
25	Lineated Barbet	Megalaima lineata								1			
26	Blue-throated Barbet	Megalaima asiatica	3	5	9	2							
27	Great Hornbill	Buceros bicornis							3				
28	Oriental Pied-Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris				10				6			
29	Common Hoopoe	Upupa epops		1	2						2		
30	Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis		4						2	6	2	
31	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis			2					2	1		
32	Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis	1		1					1			
33	White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	2	20	18	6		2	4	6	3	1	
34	Black-capped Kingfisher	Halcyon pileata											
35	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	3	1	6	1		1		2			
36	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis athertoni			_	2			3				
37	Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis			6	3							
38	Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopacea	1	1		_							
39	Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	1	6	8	1			10	9	1		
40	Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis		_	_					1			
41	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria							20	60			
42	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri				6			11			2	
43	Slaty-headed Parakeet	Psittacula himalayana							9				
44	Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala		2		11			6				
45	Blossom-headed Parakeet	Psittacula roseata				.,			4				
46	Red-breasted Parakeet	Psittacula alexandri							29				
47	Himalayan Swiftlet	Collocalia brevirostris				100						_	

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48	Crested Treeswift	Hemiprocne coronata							4			
49	Red Headed Trogon	Harpactes erythrocephalus							2			
50	Barn Owl	Tyto alba				2						
51	Brown Fish Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis		1								
52	Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum		5	1				6	7		
53	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	6	3	4	1						
54	Large-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus macrurus			1							
55	Common Pigeon	Columba livia	11			11		6			6	10
56	Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	9	20	11	6			20	11	9	
57	Red Collared Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica		4	16							
58	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	6	11	20					2		
59	Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica		1	1				6			
60	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	Treron bicincta		4								
61	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera		6	10				14			
62	White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	1	9	8					3		
63	Brown Crake	Amaurornis akool							6			
64	Ruddy-breasted Crake	Porzana fusca							1			
65	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio			2				2	2		
66	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	30	44	56				13	36		
67	Common Coot	Fulica atra			1					2		
68	Pintail Snipe	Gallinago stenura								6		
69	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus								3		
70	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus								1		
71	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		2	6					6		
72	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos			2					9		
73	Indian Courser	Cursorius coromandelicus				3						
74	Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus	6	16	11		3		9	13		
75	Eurasian Thick-knee	Burhinus oedicnemus								12		
76	Ibisbill	Ibidorhyncha struthersii									3	
77	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	2		2	11			6	4		
78	River Lapwing	Vanellus duvaucelii							1	6		
79	Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus			2				5	11		
80	Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea								50		
81	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus cachinnans			1							
82	Pallas's Gull	Larus ichthyaetus		2								
83	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	2		3					2		
84	Oriental Honey-buzzard	Pernis ptilorhyncus	2		1					1		
85	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1	2						1		
86	Black Kite	Milvus migrans									3	4
87	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	Icthyophaga ichthyaetus							1			
88	White-rumped Vulture	Gyps bengalensis		3	2							
89	Himalayan Griffon	Gyps himalayensis	30	11	19	30		2				
90	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus			1							
91	Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela	1	2	1	1			1	1		
92	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus								1		
93	Shikra	Accipiter badius	1	1					1	1		
94	Himalayan Buzzard	Buteo (buteo)burmanicus				1						
95	Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malayensis										2
96	Indian Spotted Eagle	Aquila hastata				1						

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	Common name		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
97	Greater Spotted Eagle	Aquila clanga	1						1				
98	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis	2										
99	Changeable Hawk Eagle	Spizaetus cirrhatus							2				
100	Collared Falconet	Microhierax caerulescens							1				
101	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		1									
102	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			1				2	1			
103	Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster	1	1	6	1			10				
104	Little Cormorant	Phalacrocorax niger	20	50	58	11							
105	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	11	6	94	31			10	16	3		
106	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	4	9	20	16		3	6	7	6		
107	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1	1	1								
108	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		2					1				
109	Great Egret	Casmerodius albus			3	4			2	1			
110	Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia		11	10				6	17			
111	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	50	100	30	119			7	16			
112	Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	16	19	36			11	29	40	10		
113	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax			2								
114	Cinnamon Bittern	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus							1				
115	Black-headed Ibis	Threskiornis melanocephalus			6								
116	Red-naped Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa	3		9				6	4			
117	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia			1								
118	Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans	2	28	4	9			4	12			
119	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra			2	_							
120	Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus								2			
121	Lesser Adjutant	Leptoptilos javanicus	1	2					5	2			
122	Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons							2				
123	Orange-bellied Leafbird	Chloropsis hardwickii										2	
124	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	3	5	8	9							
125	Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	1	1	4	2			6	3	1		
126	Grey-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	1	1	2	1		3					
127	Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	10	12	18	3			11	8	9		
128	House Crow	Corvus splendens	50	56	78	61		160	11	6	13	30	
129	Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	16	11	29				60	7		16	
130	Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus				3				•			
131	Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	1	6	10	11			8	4	2		
132	Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii				1			_			3	
133	Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei	4	3	2				2	3			
134	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	Coracina melaschistos	•	2		2			2				
135	Rosy Minivet	Pericrocotus roseus		_		2							
136	Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus						20				-	
137	Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus										4	
138	Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus	1	4		20			16	2		T	
139	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus picatus				6				_			
140	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	10	6	17	20		19	4	17	20	11	
141	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	10	2	1	11			<u> </u>			<u> </u>	
142	White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	'	2	<u>'</u>	6			7			_	
143	Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus				3			8			-	
143	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer		1					1			_	
144	_					16						-	
145	Spangled Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus		2	6	ı ın							

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147	Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea				1						
148	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	3	9								
149	Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus							6			
150	Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus				110						
151	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris										1
152	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				1						
153	Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus										3
154	Scaly Thrush	Zoothera dauma	1		1							
155	White-collared Blackbird	Turdus albocinctus										10
156	Chestnut Thrush	Turdus rubrocanus										2
157	Dark-throated Thrush	Turdus ruficollis										6
158	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula strophiata										2
159	Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla	3	2	3				3	5		$\vdash$
160	Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula westermanni				3						
161	Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassina	2	6		_			1			
162	Rufous-bellied Niltava	Niltava sundara	_						•			1
163	Pale-chinned Flycatcher	Cyornis poliogenys		2		1			1			<u> </u>
164	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis						1				1
165	Siberian Rubythroat	Luscinia calliope			1			<u> </u>				H.
166	White-browed Bush Robin	Tarsiger indicus			'							1
167	Orange-flanked Bush Robin	Tarsiger cyanurus										2
168	Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	3	11	2	6			6	7		
169	White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus	3	11		0			2	1		
170	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros				2		1				-
171	White-throated Redstart	Phoenicurus schisticeps						_ '				2
171		Chaimarrornis leucocephalus			1			1				3
	White-capped Redstart  Plumbeous Water Redstart	,			'			3				1
173		Rhyacornis fuliginosus						3				-
174	Spotted Forktail	Enicurus maculatus						4				1
175	Little Forktail	Enicurus scouleri			40			1	_	44		-
176	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata			10				6	11		-
177	White-tailed Stonechat	Saxicola leucura			4				7	9		-
178	Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata		400	50	444				3		-
179	Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnus malabaricus		100	50	111		40				-
180	Asian Pied Starling	Sturnus contra	36	50	23			16	6			
181	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	6	13	16	6			11	7	6	11
182	Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus		2					3	9	2	2
183	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	Sitta castanea				1			2			
184	White-tailed Nuthatch	Sitta himalayensis										10
185	Wallcreeper	Tichodroma muraria						1				-
186	Great Tit	Parus major	8	11	4	11			6	11	1	2
187	Green-backed Tit	Parus monticolus										4
188	Black-lored Tit	Parus xanthogenys										3
189	Yellow-browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus										6
190	Black-throated Tit	Aegithalos concinnus										10
191	Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola		6	9			16	19			
192	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica				16				61		
193	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica				13				2		
194	Black-crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus melanicterus							2			
195	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	6	16	14	6			66	26		
196	Himalayan Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucogenys						6				

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197	Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	16	50	60	93		7	111	110		
198	Bright-capped Cisticola	Cisticola exilis			2							
199	Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris								4		
200	Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis								4		
201	Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata			1					3		
202	Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	12									
203	Aberrant Bush Warbler	Cettia flavolivacea		2						2		
204	Grey-sided Bush Warbler	Cettia brunnifrons								1		
205	Paddyfield Warbler	Acrocephalus agricola			2							
206	Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum		1	1					2		
207	Thick-billed Warbler	Acrocephalus aedon								1		
208	Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius		3								
209	Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus		2								
210	Smoky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuligiventer								1		
211	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus affinis		3	6							
212	Buff-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus pulcher										50
213	Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis										6
214	Lemon-rumped Warbler	Phylloscopus chloronotus										5
215	Hume's leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei	3	6	11					2		
216	Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	4	19	32					3		1
217	Blyth's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus reguloides		2								ı.
218	Green-crowned Warbler	Seicercus burkii				1						
219	Grey-hooded Warbler	Seicercus xanthoschistos				<u> </u>						4
220	Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris		3								_
221	Rufous-rumped Grassbird	Graminicola bengalensis								2		
222	White-crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus										10
223	Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger							20			
224	Streaked Laughingthrush	Garrulax Inneatus							20			2
	Chestnut-crowned											
225	Laughingthrush	Garrulax erythrocephalus										20
226	White-browed Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus schisticeps							4			
227	Slender-billed Babbler	Xiphirhynchus superciliaris								4		
228	Spiny Babbler *	Turdoides nipalensis						2				
229	Striated Babbler	Turdoides earlei			10					11		
230	Jungle Babbler	Turdoides striatus	10	60	36	60			16	33		
231	Red-billed Leiothrix	Leiothrix lutea										8
232	Himalayan Cutia	Cutia nipalensis										10
233	Chestnut-tailed Siva	Minla strigula										16
234	Rufous-winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneceps										20
235	White-browed Fulvetta	Alcippe vinipectus										30
236	Rufous Sibia	Heterophasia capistrata										50
237	Stripe-throated Yuhina	Yuhina gularis										60
238	Rufous-vented Yuhina	Yuhina occipitalis										78
239	White-bellied Yuhina	Yuhina zantholeuca							10			
240	Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	Eremopterix grisea				11						
241	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla				20						
242	Sand Lark	Calandrella raytal			4	11						
243	Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula			2							
244	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus										2
245	Purple Sunbird	Nectarinia asiatica	2	1	3							
246	Green-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis										3

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247	Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja			2								
248	Fire-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga ignicauda										3	
249	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus				25		16		11			
250	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus										2	
251	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			2	19+		7	60	13			
252	White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla maderaspatensis			2					20			
253	Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola				6			1	5			
254	Richard's Pipit	Anthus richardi				16							
255	Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus			2								
256	Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	6	3	4				3				
257	Rufous-breasted Accentor	Prunella strophiata										2	
258	Red Avadavat	Amandava amandava							6				
259	Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata		20						20			
260	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	Carpodacus nipalensis										6	
261	Crested Bunting	Melophus lathami							3				

#### Other Taxa

1	Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus			1	2					
2	Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta		2				10	3		
3	Common Langur	Presbytis entellus				10		30	6		
4	Small Indian Mongoose	Herpestes auropunctatus								3	
5	Indian Grey Mongoose	Herpestes edwardsi	1	2		4			2		
6	Jungle Cat	Felis chaus	1				1				
7	Ganges River Dolphin	Platanista gangetica		2							
8	Wild Boar	Sus scrofa							3		
9	Indian Muntjac	Muntiacus muntjak						2	6		
10	Spotted Deer	Axis axis					3	100			
11	Hog Deer	Cervus porcinus					13	2	6		
12	Sambar Deer	Cervus unicolor						2			
13	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	1	9	6						
14	Orange-bellied Squirrel	Dremomys lokriah									2
15	Asian Elephant	Elephas maximus		5							
16	Marsh Muggar	Crocodylus palustris	1					16	13		
17	Indian Monitor	Varanus bengalensis						1			
18	Gharial	Gavial gangeticus						12			

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