

BIRD CHECKLIST – CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK & BUFFER ZONE March 2015

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C = Chitwan National Park

B = Barandabhar Important Bird Area (including Beeshazari Tal and nearby lakes)

S = Janakauli Community Forest and around Sauraha

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus* C

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* C, S

Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus* B, C, S

Lesser Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna javanica* 200 Lami Tal, C

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* 20 S on river

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser* 2 S on river

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* 3B, 1C

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* 2B, 6C, 6S

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus* 2B, 1S



Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* 20B, 6 at nest site C, 1 S to B in fields

Red-naped Ibis *Pseudibis papillosa* 4B, 6C
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* 1S
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* 1S
Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii* B, C, S
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* B, C, S
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* B, C, S
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* 1C
Great Egret *Casmerodius albus* B, C, S
Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia* 3B
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* B, C, S
Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* B, S
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* B, C, S
Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* 8B, 1C, 3S



Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens* 2B

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* 1S

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* 1S, 1C

Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus* 1C, 1S



Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* 1 near S

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* 1 near S

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* 1B

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* 1B, 1C

Shikra *Accipiter badius* 2C, 1S

White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa* 1 near S

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* 1 S

Brown Crake *Amaurornis akool* 1S
White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* C, S
Purple Swampphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* 4 Lami Tal, C
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* 15 Lami Tal, C
Common Coot *Fulica atra* 1 C
River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* 2S
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* 2C
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* B, C
Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus* 2B, 15C
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* 10B, 1C
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* 6B
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* 5B, 1C, 1S
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* 1B
Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* 1B
Common Pigeon *Columba livia* B, C, S
Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* B, C, S
Red Collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica* 5B, 15+C
Spotted Dove *Stigmatopelia chinensis* B, C, S
Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* 5C, 2S
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus* 1B, 3S
Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* B, C, S, max. 30 in C
Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* B, C, S, max 50 in C
Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala* B, S, max 100 in S
Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* 1 B, 100+ C, 120S
Common Hawk Cuckoo *Cuculus varius* B, C, S
Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* 1B, 1C
Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus* 1C
Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* 1C
Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* B, C, S
Barn Owl *Tyto alba* 1 injured being cared for at Chitwan Gaida Lodge
Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum* 1B, 2C
Spotted Owlet *Athene brama* 2S



Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata* 2 pairs S

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis* 4S

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* 1S

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* 10B, 4C

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* B, C, S

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* B, C, S

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting* 1 in dense thicket by side of canal to Beeshazari Tal, B

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* B, C, S

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* B, C, S

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni* 2S

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis* B, C, S



Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaultia* 5C, 10S
Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* 1S



Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* 4C, 2S dustbathing
Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata* B, 6C, S

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica* 3C
Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala* C, S
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 5C, 1S
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei* C, S
Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus* C
Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha* 1C
Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus* B, C
Grey-faced Woodpecker *Picus canus* B, C
Himalayan Flameback *Dinopium shorii* B, 6C
Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* 2C
Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis* 1B, 5C
Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* 2C
Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus* 40B
Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* 4C, 2S
Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei* 6S including 2 at nest
Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos* 1B, 3C
Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* 4C
Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus* 2C
Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus* 1C
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus* 1C
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* 5C, 3S
Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus* B, C, S
Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus* 5B, 10C, 2S
Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* B, C, S
Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* 2C
White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens* 1C
Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* 30C
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* 2C
White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* 2C
Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 2C
Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* B, C, S
House Crow *Corvus splendens* 200 Bachhauli village
Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* B, C, S

Great Tit *Parus major* B, C, S
 Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola* S, max 200
 Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 6B
 Sand Lark *Calandrella raytal* 1S
 Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* C, S
Grey-crowned Prinia *Prinia cinereocapilla* 10C
 Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* S, max 10C
 Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis* C
 Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* B, C, S
 Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* B, C, S
 Himalayan Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys* 1C
 Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* B, C, S
 Pale-footed Bush Warbler *Cettia pallidipes* 5C
 Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea* 1C
 Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons* 1C
 Spotted Bush Warbler *Bradypterus thoracicus* 1B
 Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon* 2B
 Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* 1S
 Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 1B, 1C, 1S
Smoky Warbler *Phylloscopus fulgiventis* 2B, 1C
 Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis* 1S
 Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* 2S
 Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 1C, 2S
 Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* 2C
Nepal Wren Babbler *Pnoepyga immaculate* 1herbaceous vegetation, canal bank close to Beeshazari Tal, Barandabhar IBA, first for Chitwan district
 Pin-striped Tit Babbler *Macronus gularis* B, C, S
 Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata* 25C
 Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense* 3C
Slender-billed Babbler *Turdoides longirostris* 1C
 Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striata* B, C, S
 Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* C, S
 Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea* B, C
 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* S

Spot-winged Starling *Saroglossa spiloptera* 150+ feeding on Silk Cotton flowers, C

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* 15C

Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus* B, C, S

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* B, C, S

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra* C

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus* B, C, S max, 200C

Eurasian Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma* 1B

Tickell's Thrush *Turdus unicolor* 1S

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* 1C

White-tailed Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis* 1C

Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis* B, C, S

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* 8C

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* C, S

White-tailed Stonechat *Saxicola leucurus* 1C

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata* B, C, S

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* B, C, S

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* 2C, 1S

Pale-chinned Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis poliogenys* 5C

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* 1C

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* 2C

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* S

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* 4S

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 1C, 1S

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* 1S

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* B, C, S

White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla madaraspatensis* B, C, S

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* C, S

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* C

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus* 5S

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

MAMMAL LIST

Indian Rhinoceros



Sambar Deer

Spotted Deer

Hog Deer

Barking Deer

Wild Hog

Indian Mongoose

Five-striped Palm Squirrel

Short-nosed Fruit Bat

REPTILES

Mugger Crocodile



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LOGISTICS

While working in Kathmandu I had time for a three day break in Chitwan National Park. I stayed at Chitwan Gaida Lodge www.gaidalodge.com an ideal place for birders (and others!) visiting the park. The lodge is run by Tika Ram Giri, one of Nepal's leading ornithologists and his family including his wife Gita and sons Sagar and Samip. It is situated on the edge of Sauraha and a few minutes from the park entrance in the park's buffer zone which offers wonderful birding comparable to that within the actual park. With Tika and Sagar as guides we birded in the buffer zone around Sauraha, along the Rapti River and in Jankauli Community Forest which lie just outside the lodge, on the afternoon of my arrival and morning of my departure. On one day we had exciting birding in Barandabhar Important Bird Area which includes several lakes rich in wetland birds and we spent the other day in Chitwan National Park, one of Nepal's best birding localities. The lovely, shady lodge garden with its mature trees, additionally planted blossoming and fruiting trees and water baths is a haven for birds and a wonderful place to relax in the afternoons. The staff are very friendly and most helpful, there is free wi fi, food is very good, and the rooms are spacious and comfortable and all at a reasonable cost.

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