

Birds of Nepal

- Covers all species recorded in Nepal and includes a list of vagrants
- 110 colour plates illustrating 780 species, with text on facing pages for quick reference
- Concise text, covering identification, voice, habitat, altitudinal range, distribution and status
- Introduction includes information on birdwatching and conservation in Nepal

This book is major contribution to the ornithology of Himalayan region. It is the most comprehensive guide to the birds in Nepal and will prove an invaluable field reference for anyone birdwatching in the beautiful country.



www.bloomsbury.com ₹995
ISBN 978-93-84898-26-7



BLOOMSBURY

Birds of Nepal

598.295 496 GRI/B

GRI/B
717



Birds of Nepal



598.295 496 GRI/B
CASMTVK
717

Richard Grimmett • Carol Inskipp • Tim Inskipp

HELM FIELD GUIDES

Birds of Nepal

Richard Grimmett,
Carol Inskipp & Tim Inskipp

Illustrated by Clive Byers, Daniel Cole, John Cox,
Gerald Driessens, Carl D'Silva, Martin Elliot, Kim Franklin,
Alan Harris, Peter Hayman, Craig Robson, Jan Wilczur
and Tim Worfolk

B L O O M S B U R Y
LONDON • NEW DELHI • NEW YORK • SYDNEY

*With special thanks to Hem Sagar Baral for the section on bird conservation.
To Helen, Ella and George with love and appreciation – Richard Grimmett
To all those who generously sent us information about birds in Nepal, especially the Nepalis for their important contribution – Carol and Tim Inskipp*

First published in India 2015

Published in 2000 by Christopher Helm, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc
Copyright © 2000 text by Richard Grimmett, Carol Inskipp and Tim Inskipp
Copyright © 2000 illustrations by Clive Byers, Daniel Cole, John Cox, Gerald Driessens,
Carl D'Silva, Martin Elliot, Kim Franklin, Alan Harris, Peter Hayman, Craig Robson, Jan Wilczur
and Tim Worfolk

The moral right of the author has been asserted

No part of this book may be used or reproduced in any manner whatsoever without
written permission from the Publisher except in the case of brief quotations embodied in
critical articles or reviews

Every reasonable effort has been made to trace copyright holders of material reproduced
in this book, but if any have been inadvertently overlooked the publishers would be glad
to hear from them.

This edition is printed with permission from
Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 50 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3DP

Bloomsbury is a trademark of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc
Bloomsbury Publishing, London, New Delhi, New York and Sydney
A CIP catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library

ISBN 978 93 8489 826 7

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Bloomsbury Publishing India
Vishrut Building, DDA Complex, Building No.3
Ground Floor, Pocket C – 6&7, Vasant Kunj
New Delhi 110070

Exclusively for sales and distribution in the Indian subcontinent by
Om Books International
Corporate and Editorial Office : A-12, Sector - 64, Noida 201301, Uttar Pradesh, India.
Phone : +911204774100; Email : editorial@ombooks.com ; sales@ombooks.com
Sales Office :107, Daryaganj, New Delhi 110002, India, Phone : +911140009000

THE COLOUR PLATES

Clive Byers 81-87, 97, 100-110; Daniel Cole 1-4, 20-22, 27, 58 (part), 75; John Cox 3-25;
Gerald Driessens 19, 79; Carl D'Silva 9-18, 26, 50-62, 80, 98, 99; Martin Elliott 34, 35; Kim
Franklin 38 (part), 39; Alan Harris 36, 38 (part), 40 (part)-42, 47, 48, 64-74; Peter Hayman 28-
33; Craig Robson 76-78, 88-96; Jan Wilczur 5-8, 49;

Tim Worfolk 37, 40 (part), 43-46

Cover illustrations by John Cox

Photographs by Carol and Tim Inskipp

Edited and designed by D&N Publishing, Unit 3c Lowesden Business Park,
Lambourn Woodlands, Hungerford, Berkshire, UK

Printed and bound in India by EIH Ltd - Unit Printing Press, Manesar

CONTENTS

■ INTRODUCTION 7 ■

How to Use this Book 7

Descriptive Parts of a Bird 8

Geographical Setting 10

Climate 11

Main Habitats and Bird Species 11

Importance for Birds 15

Migration 17

Birdwatching Areas 18

What Birdwatchers Can Do 21

■ BIRD CONSERVATION – HEM SAGAR BARAL 22 ■

■ NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS 27 ■

■ INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS 29 ■

■ REFERENCES 30 ■

Acknowledgements 30

■ GLOSSARY 31 ■

■ FAMILY SUMMARIES 33 ■

■ COLOUR PLATES AND SPECIES ACCOUNTS 46 ■

■ APPENDIX 1: VAGRANTS TO NEPAL 266 ■

■ APPENDIX 2: SPECIES COLLECTED BY HODGSON 272 ■

■ TABLES 273 ■

■ INDEX 282 ■