

# New bird species reported in Nepal

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Ornithologists say they have found a new species of bird in Nepal's Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve.

The Nepal Rare Birds Committee has approved the designation of the find as the red-breasted flycatcher or "rato baksha arjunak" with the scientific name *Ficedula parva*, Bird Conservation Nepal said in a statement.

The bird was first spotted in February 2002, Xinhua, the Chinese government news agency reported. The flycatcher is believed to be a winter visitor to Nepal, Afghanistan and Northwest India.

Nepal is known for its diverse bird life, with 9 percent of the world's known species observed there. Ornithologists have recorded 862 species in the Kothu Tappu Reserve, which lies almost 300 miles east of Kathmandu.

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