

Project Update: July 2017

- 1) Community Based Bird Conservation Unit (CBBCU) is formed in Jagadishpur and Kudan of Kapilvastu District. With the discussion among bird conservationists and researcher, monitoring in first hand carries high risk to birds so, we made "conservation unit" instead of "monitoring unit".
News about the committee is in the link below:
<http://wildlifeneal.org/community-of-kapilvastu-committed-to-bird-conservation/>
- 2) Fieldwork has been completed however regular survey of wetlands is ongoing. Some significant sightings have been made during the survey. Beyond our expectation, spot-billed pelican has been recorded for the first time in Rupandehi and its continuous monitoring is ongoing. Similarly, black necked stork has been recorded second time in Rupandehi. Similarly occasional sighting of painted stork has been made.
- 3) Semi-structured questionnaire survey has been done.
- 4) Highway survey was conducted from Sunawal of Nawalparasi to Krishnanagar (113 km) of Kapilvastu through Lumbini of Rupandehi. This road runs through the farmlands and wetlands adjacently.
- 5) One of the Assistant (Mr Gaurav Raj Baral) presented on the theme "Conservation initiative of Asian Woolly Neck in Nepal" during Wildlife week-2017 celebrated in Institute of Forestry, Pokhara.
- 6) Conservation campaigns will be started very soon.



First Row: Spot Billed Pelican, Painted Stork and Our Field vehicle from Left
Second Row: Questionnaire Collection and CBBCU of Kudan, Kapilvastu