

# India - A Wildlife Cruise on the Brahmaputra River

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 1

**Thursday 6th November**

In flight

## Day 2

**Friday 7th November**

The Kolkata Airport welcomed all fifteen of us on arrival (two arrived earlier). The question in everyone's mind was 'is there a boat?' After being assured that she was waiting on the banks of the Brahmaputra, we then drove through the busy office traffic to the tranquillity of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. After some rest, we left at 2pm to visit the Indian Botanic Gardens. On the drive, we got a glimpse of the busy city, a distant view of the Victoria Memorial, the Race course, the Fort William and even the famed Eden Gardens. We reached the Gardens and started off with the massive Banyan tree, which is still growing with the assistance of the government. The birds we saw there included Purple Sunbirds, Bronze-winged Jacanas, Red-breasted Parakeets, Asian Koel, Jungle Babblers, White-throated Kingfishers, Plain Prinia and Greater Coucal. It was warm, and jetlag was catching up, so we returned to our bus at 4.30pm and drove back to our hotel for a well deserved rest. Some missing bags arrived very quietly, at 10.30 at night.

## Day 3

**Saturday 8th November**

Our flight was on time and we arrived at Dibrugarh airport at 2pm. We were received warmly by Imran. We drove along the highway, enjoying the beautiful lush scenery of Assam, its ponds, village houses and their rice fields. We stopped for a few birds en route, like a pair of Slender-billed Vultures. After a four hour drive, we reached the banks of the Brahmaputra in the dark. The gigantic R.V. Manasputra was waiting for us in the water. The crew helped us to board the country boat, which took us to the ship, and to sort out our luggage. We had a quick briefing about the ship before we went down for dinner.

## Day 4

Sunday 9th November

We woke early for the visit to the Gibbon Sanctuary. We arrived after an hour and a half's drive. We gathered ourselves and our armed guard with his double barrel gun, and walked through the forest trail in the quest for India's only ape, the Hoolock Gibbon. We walked down the path looking for the animals, but to no avail. Then we got news that a few had been seen close to where we were to have breakfast. So we rushed back, to get great views of the gibbons crossing the path, swinging above our heads. We also had some great views of Capped Langurs from behind someone's garden. On the way back, we stopped at a couple of wetlands and added a few waterbirds like Grey-headed Lapwing and Asian Openbill to our list. In the afternoon we went for a stroll in the nearby village. We added Spotted Owlets and other common birds to our list.

## Day 5

Monday 10th November

Early this morning, we set sail and the morning sun made the Brahmaputra look amazing. While we sipped our morning cuppa, we reached the sand bank (sand wall rather) soon and we anchored ourselves. We got on to our country boat and reached the sandy jetty of Majuli Island. Several SUVs waited for us there, and we made our first stop at Sakoli Bheel. Here we checked out the vast lake. Beautiful Pheasant-tailed Jacanas walked through the marsh. Striated Grassbird, Grey-backed Shrike, Ruddy Shelduck, Osprey, Lesser Adjutant and Ferruginous Pochard were all there for us to see. We then moved on to the first Monastery. The older Monks were still in prayer when we arrived at the Auniati Monastery. We then walked around the Monastery and visited the Monastery's Museum. As we strolled around the campus, we saw Stork-billed Kingfisher; Oriental White-eye, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Lineated Barbet, Rufous Treepie, etc. We then boarded our vehicles and headed for the Uttar Kamalabari Chatra (Monastery). We arrived at the monastery and were ushered in to the 'namghar' or prayer hall. The nine young monks were waiting dressed up for the performance. They sang danced for us with cymbals and heavy drums. The fifteen minute performance, which is a prelude to a night play, kept us mesmerised. Before we returned to Manasputra we made a quick stop at a local Mustard oil press. It was quite an experience to see these big old machines pressing oil out of the mustard seeds. In the afternoon we sailed towards a Mishing village called Bokaduar.

## Day 6

Tuesday 11th November

After breakfast we got off to visit the Bokaduar village. This pretty and quaint village is under threat from severe erosion by the river. We walked through this unique village belonging to the Mishing Tribe. The Mishing people live in traditional stilt-houses, with walls of plaited bamboo and front-door-ladders hewn from tree-trunks, surrounded by fragrant gardens full of coriander, tomatoes, chillies and onions. They are also extremely welcoming to unexpected strangers who turn up on cruise boats, and we were very overcome by the delight they showed while peering through a telescope at a distant Drongo, or seeing photos of themselves. A visit to their school was among the many highlights of a wonderful morning spent in the company of the people of Bokaduar. Some of the other delights here included superb views Spangled Drogos feeding on nectar from the blossoming trees, and White-throated Kingfishers patiently sitting to give us great views. Black baby pigs and white newborn goat kids also attracted admiration here. We very reluctantly returned to our ship and then set sail for Dhansiri Mukh. This river mouth marks the north east corner of Kaziranga National Park. The channel we planned to take the day after was shallow, so it needed some checking out. So all hands (weight) on deck, we had to load up and set sail to check out the channel. While we sailed, and the crew tried to memorise the right track, we saw

Wild Water Buffaloes cooling themselves in the Brahmaputra, and we also spotted a few Grey-headed Fish Eagles. This was the change of gear in our trip and its pace.

## Day 7

Wednesday 12th November

We were off after breakfast onto the country boat. After sailing upstream for 60 minutes, we reached the sand banks where our jeeps were waiting. After driving for fifteen minutes, we reached the Park Range office. While paper work was being sorted, we had our breakfast while enjoying the scoped views of the Spotted Owlets and Honey Buzzards. We saw our first distant Rhino (Greater One-horned Rhinoceros) a few minutes after. We then drove towards the Sohola Bheel (Lake) and meanwhile saw Greater Adjutant, Black-necked Stork, and several raptors like the Crested Serpent Eagle, Grey-headed and Pallas's Fish Eagle, Himalayan Griffons etc. Several distant Elephants, Buffaloes, Swamp and Hog Deer were also seen. We also saw few more Rhinos near the ponds, in various poses. We finished off the morning drive at a convenient spot on the sand bank to board the country boat. We then boarded Manasputra and started to sail. We settled down for lunch after a great morning ride. We did not make it to Silghat as planned, so we moored short of Silghat for the night.

## Day 8

Thursday 13th November

Today we set sail early to reach Silghat. We got off to visit the Diphlu River Lodge. We stopped here for lunch. But before lunch we decided to give an elephant a wash. The beautiful 40-year-old matriarch named Hun Mala (Golden Garland) was patiently waiting in the shade, and thwarting fly attacks with a branch. She quietly and gracefully plonked herself in the nearby pond for a bath. And many of us jumped in the muddy water to give her a good scrub behind her ears. After a sumptuous lunch, as we were just about in the mood to dose off, we had to gather ourselves for an afternoon drive in the Kohora Range. We then made a visit to the western sector of the park, also known as the Baguri Range. The drive took us to the Donga watchtower, which overlooks the Donga Lake. Scores of Rhinos, buffaloes, Hog Deer and Swamp Deer dotted the meadow. A few scattered Ducks and Geese grazed along the edge of the water, while huge Knife Fishes (*Chitala chitala*) breached the surface of the lake. Close to this tower, we spotted a Rhino heading towards our vehicle from behind the toilet block. It slowly walked up sniffing the air. We were all on the ground, lined up, clicking away. The rhino then decided to come even closer. But the guards started to cock their safety catch of their rifles, and that stopped the rhino from coming any closer. On the way back we saw two jeeps on the road, the people peering down at the grass. As we approached, we realised they were looking at a big male tiger, sleeping in the grass. We all positioned our vehicles to get a good view of the animal. He rolled around on the ground for a while, and then eventually got up and disappeared in the grass. Completely happy, we did a drive around the track, and added more birds and more, closer views of the big game, and thereafter called it a day.

## Day 9

Friday 14th November

Today the plan was to ride an elephant. So off we went, first thing in the morning, to Kohora Range. We got on top of these magnificent animals, and ambled on the soft mud track in the wet grassland. We saw Rhinos, Buffaloes and Swamp Deer, up close. After an hour's ride, we got off at a tower to reset our joints. We had a few bananas handy, to feed the ever-greedy elephants. We then took off for breakfast at a nearby lodge. After breakfast, we went back to the same range, and finished our round before noon. On the way back, we spotted a few Dollarbirds and a Pied Falconet on the roadside electric wires.

In the evening we took an easy stroll in the nearby tea garden, and then were thoroughly entertained by the local dance group, comprising of young kids, with a very energetic Bihu dance.

## Day 10

**Saturday 15th November**

Our last day in Kaziranga ... so we decided to visit the less popular part of the sanctuary, the Burrpahar. But as always, it turned out to be most popular with Naturetrekkers. We were accompanied by two lady armed guards, and we had great views of a big herd of Elephants, some Sambar Deer, Hog Deer and Capped Langurs. After bidding goodbye to Kaziranga, we set sail for Tezpur. In the late afternoon, we moored close to the old Military Town, near a sand bank. We all decided to make an impromptu visit to the Tezpur town, for the city market and an old Mahakal Temple.

## Day 11

**Sunday 16th November**

Today we had a different activity in mind. We drove for an hour and a half, to the edge of the Jia Bhoreli River. Our rubber dinghies were waiting for us with their paddlers, and raring to go. After donning the life jackets, we all got onto the dinghies and started floating downstream. Our target bird today was Ibisbill. We saw Pied Kingfisher, River Lapwing, Small Pratincole, River Tern, and Black Stork. We then spotted a few Great Thick-knees. These waders are always well camouflaged and are difficult to spot. We had great views from our dinghies. However, we did not see any Ibisbill, one of our target species. After about two hours of floating and negotiating some small rapids, we reached the river bank, where we got off. We went back to the eco camp for the use of the facilities, and went to visit the conservation centre for the Pygmy Hogs. We then drove back to Manasputra and sailed downstream. Before sundown, we moored on our own sandy beach. And in the evening, our crew organised a fabulous Brahmaputra barbeque for us all.

## Day 12

**Monday 17th November**

Today was our last day of sailing. As we had some time in hand, we made a quick visit to nearby village. The families there live under the constant threat of erosion of land. Constant efforts are being made to save the land from the mighty Brahmaputra. We walked around and were introduced to the village elders by Imran. We visited people's homes and talked to the children, and even added a few birds to our list. Having returned to the ship, we floated past the vast expanses of sandy beaches of the mighty Brahmaputra. A little later, we reached the Peacock Island. We visited the Temple with two purposes: to see the temple and also to see a few rare Golden Langurs, which reside on the island. After climbing a several steps, we reached the spot, and found them sitting high up in the tamarind trees. A few irresistible bananas got them down to where we wanted them. After some good photo opportunities, we visited the temple. The evening ended with the farewell dinner.

## Day 13

**Tuesday 18th November**

This morning we sailed for the last time, and moored along Guwahati City. We had a late start today, and visited to the most famous temple of Assam, the Kamaksya Temple. We drove to the base, and walked up to the door of the temple, and then we walked barefoot on the stone floors amongst large crowds of devotees. An hour or so was spent at the temple, looking at the ancient architecture. We came back to Manasputra and bid adieu to the superb team on the boat, which had been our home for the last ten days. We drove to the famous Gorchuk

rubbish tip, to look for the Greater Adjutant stork. We drove through heaps of garbage and stopped on the edge of a mountain of rubbish. There were several Greater Adjutants and, along with them, there were thousands of Black Kites, and Cattle Egrets in breeding plumage. Our next step was go to the airport, to fly to Kolkata.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	November												
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>			H	✓			H		H				
2	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>								✓	✓	✓			
3	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>			H										
4	Fulvous Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>				✓									
5	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓						✓		✓	
6	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
7	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
8	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>												✓	
10	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
11	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>				✓									
12	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	
13	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				✓			✓					✓	
15	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓							✓		
17	Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				✓	✓	✓							
18	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	
19	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>			✓										
20	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>										✓			
21	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>			H						H				
22	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>										✓			
23	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>							✓			H			
24	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓			
25	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>			H									✓	
26	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>										H			
27	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>								✓	✓				
28	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>										✓			
29	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>									✓	✓		✓	

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30	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>									✓				
32	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i>							✓		✓	✓			
34	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
35	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>			H					✓	✓	✓			
37	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓			
38	Common Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>										✓			
39	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>			✓										
40	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓												
41	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>									✓	✓			
42	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓								✓	✓			
43	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>									✓			✓	
44	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
46	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>								✓					
47	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	✓									✓	H		
48	Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia brevirostris</i>			✓							✓	✓		
49	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>					✓								
50	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓												
51	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>							✓						
52	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>											✓		
53	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>									✓				
54	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓				✓					✓	
55	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓				✓		
56	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>							✓						
58	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				✓			✓					✓	
59	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>			✓				✓	✓		✓	✓		
60	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>							H						
61	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓			✓					✓				

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62	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>			✓	✓									
63	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓	✓									
64	Common Coot	<i>Fulicata atra</i>				✓									
65	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			✓						✓	✓			
66	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>								✓					
67	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
68	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓							✓			
69	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							✓	✓					
70	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓	✓					✓				
71	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>							✓	✓					
72	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>				✓									
73	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓			
74	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>						H	✓				✓		
75	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>			✓										
76	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
77	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		
78	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>									✓	✓			
79	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓						
80	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		
81	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>				✓		✓					✓		
82	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus (Larus) ichthyaeetus</i>			✓	✓	✓							✓	
83	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) brunnicephalus</i>												✓	
84	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>				✓				✓			✓	✓	
85	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>								✓	✓		✓		
86	Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>											✓		
87	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>							✓				✓		
89	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>									✓				
90	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				✓							✓	✓	
91	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
92	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus (Ichthyophaga) ichthyaeetus</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓				
93	Slender-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓				

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94	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>							✓	✓		✓			
95	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>							✓			✓			
96	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								✓					
97	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>							✓			✓			
98	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>											✓		
99	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							✓				✓		
100	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>									✓		✓		
101	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>						✓					✓		
102	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>				✓									
103	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>						✓	✓	✓					
104	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>								✓					
105	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	✓								✓				
106	Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatu</i>				✓			✓		✓				
107	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>											✓		
108	Pied Falconet	<i>Microhierax melanoleucus</i>									✓				
109	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>							✓						
111	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓				✓	✓		✓			
112	Little Grebe	<i>Podiceps ruficollis</i>				✓									
113	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>						✓						✓	
114	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
115	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
116	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
117	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
118	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓					
120	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
122	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
123	Little Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>			✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			
124	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			H	✓									
125	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>								✓					

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126	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			✓											
127	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>								✓						
128	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
129	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
130	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
131	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
132	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
133	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
134	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>									✓	✓				✓
135	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>			✓											
136	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>			✓											
137	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach tricolor</i>			✓					✓		✓				
138	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
139	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
140	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓													✓
141	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓													
142	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
143	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
144	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>			✓											
145	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>										✓				
146	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>			✓				✓			✓				
147	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>						✓								
148	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
149	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	✓									✓				
150	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>			✓						✓					
151	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>			✓											
152	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>			✓						✓					
153	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>						✓								
154	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>						✓								
155	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>									✓					
156	Red-throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓		✓											
157	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>			✓							✓				

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158	Pale-chinned Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis polioagenys</i>			✓									
159	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>			✓		✓	✓						
160	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>								H				
161	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
162	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>			H									
163	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureoreus</i>					✓							
164	White-capped Water Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>										✓		
165	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
166	White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucura</i>											✓	
167	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓		
168	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Sturnus contra</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
171	White-vented Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>			✓			✓		✓		✓		
172	Northern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>							✓	✓	✓			
173	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓				✓							
174	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
175	Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>					✓							
176	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
177	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>			✓									
178	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>									✓			
179	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
180	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>											✓	
181	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓											
182	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>					✓							
183	Grey-bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>			H									
184	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓		✓	✓								
185	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>			H									
186	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>			✓								✓	
187	Smoky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fulgivent</i>			✓									
188	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>			✓									
189	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>					✓							

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190	Golden-spectacled Warbler	<i>Seicercus burkii</i>					✓									
191	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>			✓							✓	H			
192	Abbott's Babbler	<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>			✓											
193	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>			H											
194	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>			✓											
195	Slender-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides longirostris</i>								✓						
196	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓												✓	
197	White-bellied Yuhina	<i>Yuhina zantholeuca</i>			✓											
198	Rufous-winged Bushlark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>									✓					
199	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>				✓									✓	
200	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>	✓													
201	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>					✓									
202	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓				✓								✓	✓
203	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓						✓					
204	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
205	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					✓	✓		✓					✓	
206	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>													✓	
207	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>													✓	
208	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓	✓								
209	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>								✓						
210	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>													✓	

## Mammals

1	Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Hoolock (Bunopithecus) hoolock</i>			✓							H				
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
3	Golden Langur	<i>Trachypithecus geei</i>													✓	
4	Capped Langur	<i>Trachypithecus pileatus</i>			✓							✓				
5	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>										✓				
6	Swamp deer	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>						✓	✓	✓						
7	Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>									✓					
8	Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
9	Asiatic Wild Buffalo	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓						

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10	Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
11	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓			
12	Greater One-horned Rhinoceros	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>							✓					
14	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>							✓					
15	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>						✓	✓					
16	Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>	✓		✓									
17	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>			✓						✓			
18	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓											
19	Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>			✓									
20	Hoary-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
21	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>		✓						✓				
22	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	

### Reptiles

1	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>						✓						
2	Assam Roofed Turtle	<i>Pangshura sylhetensis</i>						✓						
3	Indian Box Turtle	<i>Cuora ambionensis</i>						✓						
4	Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus flaviviridis</i>						✓						
5	Red-necked Keelback	<i>Rhabdophis subminiatus</i>									✓			