

# India - A Wildlife Cruise on the Brahmaputra River

With a Sunderbans pre-tour extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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### **Pre-tour Extension Day 1**

**Saturday 1st December**

Group members taking the Sunderbans trip were in flight to Kolkata.

### **Pre-tour Extension Day 2**

**Sunday 2nd December**

Group members arrived in Kolkata where they checked in to the Hyatt Regency hotel and had the rest of the day at leisure.

### **Pre-tour Extension Day 3**

**Monday 3rd December**

The group, with Sujan, left the Hyatt at 8am...and drove for three hours to Godkhali jetty via Malancha Road. We drove down the narrow road which wound through the small suburban towns, dodging rickshaws, trucks, tuktuks, school kids, haystacks and even goats. We reached Godkhali at 11am and got on to our boat, the Baba Nabin, and set sail down south towards our camp, the Sunderbans Jungle Camp. On our way we recorded Pied Kingfisher, and got a fleeting glimpse of the Black-capped Kingfisher.

We reached camp by midday and, after lunch, we set sail again for Sajnekhali, the park headquarters, for permits. On the way we saw a pair of the gorgeous Brahminy Kites, Lesser Adjutants, Rhesus Macaques and Wild Boar. We closed the day with a glorious sunset over the River Matla.

### **Pre-tour Extension Day 4**

**Tuesday 4th December**

We started early in the misty morning. We had breakfast on board; the tide was low, and we sailed northwards. We got off at the Sudhanyakhali Watchtower. On our way we saw Peregrine Falcon, Lesser Adjutant stork and several Black-capped Kingfishers. We had a good day for Saltwater Crocodile. We saw several animals, starting from very small, young babies to very large 12-footers.

As the day was coming to an end at one place our guide Krishna saw some fresh Tiger pugmarks. We figured they were very fresh: it had come down to the water and gone up again into the bushes. As we kept searching for the Tiger, another boat came and said they had seen the Tiger going inside the forest a little while before. We looked carefully but found nothing. We started sailing along the bank and then we looked behind. Some people on the other boat people were looking into the forest with their cameras raised. We rushed back and found the Tiger sitting underneath a bush, but it was not a very clear view. It got up and walked into the forest.

As a day was coming to an end, we had to get out of the reserve, so we started to turn the boat. As we did, this huge male Tiger appeared on the bank; it got in to the river and started to swim across the channel like an otter. He then climbed up the other bank and purposefully walked across the mud very slowly and deliberately, a few times even looking at us before he finally disappeared into the forest. What a way to finish our day at Sunderbans: we had seen Sunderbans iconic man-eater!

We returned to our camp at dusk. A cultural show of a folk drama was organized by the villagers for us.

## Pre-tour Extension Day 5

Wednesday 5th December

We set off south today, soon reaching the Sudhanyakhalī Watchtower. We saw a whole bunch of Bronze Drongos, Ashy Wood Swallows, Dusky Warblers and Greenish Warblers. We also spotted a Yellow Bittern flying across the pond. We saw several Wild Boar, Chital, Crocodiles and Water Monitors. We had great views of a beautiful Shikra and a real highlight: a Brown-winged Kingfisher. After several kingfishers and Brahminy Kites, we finished off with several Lesser Sand Plovers on a mudflat.

## Pre-tour Extension Day 6/ Main Tour Day 1

Thursday 6th December

This was our last day in Sunderbans, so we went for a walk in the village, along the embankment. We visited a home to look at the manual threshing of their rice. A couple of lambs were cuddled, and a few goats dodged while on the walk; cow pats were inspected too. We also ticked off quite a few new birds in the process. Eurasian Hoopoe, Long-tailed Shrike, Black-rumped Flameback, Greater Coucal, and Purple-rumped Sunbirds were amongst the birds we added to our list. After an early lunch, we said goodbye to Sunderbans and the beautiful Sunderban Jungle Lodge and headed back to Kolkata.

The main group left London today, to fly to Kolkata.

## Day 2

Friday 7th December

The main group arrived today, and we went for a walk in the Indian Botanic Gardens in the afternoon. It is an oasis of peace in the middle of all the chaos that is Kolkata. The drive took us through middle of busy Kolkata, and we enjoyed the sights of the beautiful Victoria Memorial, Eden Gardens (cricket ground) and the beautiful Howrah Bridge over the Hoogly River.

The short walk in the garden produced, other than some common birds, a pair of Yellow-footed Green Pigeons, Lineated Barbet, a pair of Booted Eagles, White-throated Kingfishers and large flocks of Jungle Babblers. We strolled along the path till 4pm and then headed back home.

## Day 3

Saturday 8th December

We were off to the airport at 7.30am. The Indigo flight took us to Jorhat. We arrived at Jorhat at 11.30am. Mohan and Babu, our guides from Charaidew, were waiting for us at the gate. We drove about 45 minutes to the Neemati Ghat and to board the Charaidew, which would be our home for the next 10 days. Barun, the manager of the boat, waited eagerly for our arrival.

We had lunch and at 3pm went out birding. We spotted three species of owls during our walk: Spotted and Asian Barred Owlets and Brown Hawk-Owl.

Later, over a 'Brahmaputra Sunset' Cocktail, we got our instructions regarding the boat and did our daily log.

## Day 4

## Sunday 9th December

We started early drove for an hour to the Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary. A bunch of Kalij Pheasants showed very well, feeding near the path not far from the entrance of the park. Accompanied by two spotters-cum-guards, we trekked down a forest path to look for Gibbons. Soon our spotters found a family of four Gibbons very close to the path. They showed very well and stayed put in one place for a long time. They then swung over our heads onto a fruiting tree and stayed there until we decided to go back for some great picnic breakfast laid out for us in the forest guest house campus. We also spotted a Malayan Giant Squirrel very close to the breakfast place, having his own breakfast.

After breakfast we strolled along another path and we found a troop of rich golden-brown-coloured Capped Langurs. They were feeding inside the forest and then decided to jump over us to cross on to the other side. We also found a small troop of Pig-tailed Macaques foraging in the canopy.

On our way back, we stopped at two wetlands close to the road. Here we spotted several Lesser and Fulvous Whistling Ducks, Grey-headed Swamphens (now split from Purple Swamphen), Glossy Ibis and even a Pied Harrier.

We later reached our boat for some lunch. We then set sail into a glorious sunset towards Majuli Island.

## Day 5

## Monday 10th December

After a late breakfast, we all boarded our country boat and reached the Majuli Island. We first stopped on bridge which overlooked a large lake full of Lesser Whistling Ducks. We found one Fulvous Whistling Duck amongst all the Lesser. We then stopped at Sakoli Bheel, which had some more ducks, primarily Ferruginous Duck and several Fulvous Whistling Ducks. We got two good birds here, a Western Marsh Harrier and gorgeous male Hen Harrier.

We then drove to the centuries-old Annuati Monastery. We looked around the monastery prayer halls as Mohan explained to us the rituals and the ways of life of the monks. The garden is also good for birds and we had good views of Tickell's Leaf Warblers, Spotted Owlets, Lineated Barbet and Coppersmith Barbets etc. We next visited the more cultural Monastery of Kamalabari. A short musical involving drums and cymbals was presented to us. A real foot-tapping beat was belted out along with some good dance moves with heavy drums. We were next treated with a beautiful flute recital by Monk Niranjan.

We then sailed for three hours to Kerker village. This was a new village for us. We moored on a sandy island and went for a short walk. Little Ringed Plover was added to the list while the sun set on the Brahmaputra.

## Day 6

## Tuesday 11th December

After another lazy late breakfast, we sailed to the Mishing village, we got off on the edge of the rice fields took a walk around the village, inhabited by a small population of Mishing tribe. We went around inspecting their sows and the little piglets, their chicken and their homes. We even went to their schools and had a chat with their

teacher. All the kids were smartly dressed in their blue uniform. After we came back to Charaidew, we set sail for our next destination, Kaziranga.

At 3pm we reached the eastern boundaries of Kaziranga. We took our country boat and sailed along the edge of the park. Initially we got no sightings of any animals. But after some time, we got two majestic male Buffaloes in the water; they were real posers and gave us fantastic shots. Next was a Grey-headed Fish Eagle which had caught a large knife fish. He stayed long enough to give us some shots too. And the grand finale was when a male Tiger crept out of the grass and sat on the high bank for a very brief moment. Unfortunately, not all of us saw him, but some of us got some distant pictures. What end to a great day!

## Day 7

## Wednesday 12th December

We set off early in the morning mist on our country boat. It took us an hour to reach the disembarkation point. The three safari jeeps were waiting as we arrived, and we set off for the entry point. We started the trip with a dozen Oriental Pied Hornbills flying into the reserve. At the gate we had some picnic breakfast while paperwork was sorted by Mohan. Kaziranga, as usual, had much to offer. The Sohola wetland was full of birds and mammals. Swamp Deer herds sat resting on the islands, while Buffaloes grazed in the distance. Ducks, geese, waders, pelicans, cormorants were all over the place. We even had a rare Falcated Duck. A Great Hornbill was seen feeding from a tree close to Sohola tower. We also got some great views of the One-horned Rhinoceros which was wallowing in the water. We came back to Charaidew and set sail.

After lunch we sat on the top deck, keeping our eyes peeled. At times we were close to the park and we saw few Stone-curlews, some Hog Deer, and Buffaloes from the boat. We even saw a small herd of Elephants, dust bathing. We turned our boat to get better views of the pachyderms dusting themselves. We kept watching completely mesmerized as we sailed away from the location.

We moored near Biswanath for the night.

## Day 8

## Thursday 13th December

We sailed at 6.30am and reached Silghat at about 8.30am. We quickly got off and headed for Kaziranga. Along the highway we spotted a Giant Squirrel and couple of Hoolock Gibbons. They were feeding in the distance. We then headed for Diphlu River Lodge for lunch. The gorgeous female elephant, Laxmi Purnima, was waiting for us near the river. Her calm demeanour and swaying gait attracted everybody's attention. After patiently giving her large ear to my brief introduction to elephant husbandry, she ambled down to the river and plonked herself in the mud. Some of us got down in the water and scrubbed her ears and her belly till she had had enough.

After cleaning up, we had some lunch and headed for the Bagorirange of Kaziranga for our afternoon safari. We witnessed a spectacular chase of an Osprey mobbing a Pallas's Fish Eagle for a fish, and a very frisky Rhino, trying to cross the road. We got more Rhinos and Buffaloes, a few good birds like Pallas's and Grey-headed Fish Eagles, and the Indian Spotted Turtle.

## Day 9

Friday 14th December

We started early for our elephant ride. We reached the park at 6.30am and got on top of our designated elephants. The loaded pachyderms then ambled off in the tall grass. The golden light hit the Swamp Deer and they glowed in the grass, the stags with full sets of antlers. Several Rhinos were spotted, some with babies and some without. We came back to base after an hour's ride and headed for some breakfast at the Iora Lodge.

Next, we headed for the Kohora Range for our safari. We got a herd of elephants in the tall grass, but they decided not to show very well. Instead they gave us various sound effect, while they gently fed in the soft green grass. After the safari we had some retail therapy at the local tea-selling shop and a quick visit at a silkworm breeding centre. We later came back to Charaidew for lunch.

In the afternoon some of us visited the local tea garden, some went for a walk and the rest lazed around watching Dolphins coming up close to the boat. We had a Bihu dance organized for all, on the top deck. The young girls and boys, beautifully dressed in traditional attire and playing the traditional musical instruments, gave us a superb performance. Everyone joined in at the end.

## Day 10

Saturday 15th December

Today was our last day in Kaziranga. We drove to Burrpahar Range. This range is very beautiful and less visited. Other than the usual suspects, we got some Oriental Pied Hornbills in the distance. Great Hornbills and Hoolock Gibbons called in the hills, but we could not get on to them. We added Great Barbets, Himalayan Vultures and Large Cuckooshrikes to our list.

We stopped on the banks of the Brahmaputra briefly, before carrying on with our drive. We got some big Rhinos in the dry golden grass, which gave us some good photo opportunities. We finished the drive with some great views of a Pallas's Fish Eagle harrying Bar-headed Geese.

## Day 11

Sunday 16th December

Today was slightly different. We drove up north to the banks of Jia Bholei. On the way we stopped along the roadside and saw Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Streaked Spiderhunter etc. We got into the rubber dinghies which were waiting for us on the bank. We started paddling and looking out for birds. Osprey, Pied Kingfisher, Great Stone-curlew, Small Pratincole and Pallas's Fish Eagle were seen from the raft.

After we disembarked, we stopped at the Nameri Eco Camp for a cup of tea and went to have a look at the Pygmy Hog Breeding Centre. These rare and endangered pigs are rehabilitated here before release into the wild. A fig tree in the hog campus gave us a pair of beautiful Great Hornbill and a family of Capped Langurs gorging on the ripe figs.

Later we drove back to the boat and set sail. We moored on a sand bank and the stage was set for a great BBQ.

## Day 12

### Monday 17th December

Today was a long day of sailing. We sailed along the eroded banks of the villages which are homes of the Bangladeshi refugees. Some places which we had visited last year had been washed away; the bank was sliced off, as if one had sliced through butter. At 10am, Barun, our Manager who is also a chef, gave us a short cookery class. Easy vegetable curry and various kinds of bread kept some of us occupied for some time.

We reached Peacock Island by late afternoon. We disembarked and took our country boat to visit the island. This is a popular destination because of its religious connection, but we were there for the Golden Langur. These blond langurs were released here many years back and the numbers had increased to six. But except for one, all have been removed from the island due to various ailments. We found this last lonesome soul, sitting on top of a temple. We then took a quick look inside the temple and made our way back.

## Day 13

### Tuesday 18th December

Today was our last day on board the grand old Charaidew and on the mighty Brahmaputra. The weather had turned gloomy and had started to drizzle. We left for the Kamakshya Temple after breakfast. After a short drive up the hill, we reached the Hindu religious hotspot of Assam. Mohan explained to us the history of the temple and then we walked around the temple premises, dodging goats, pigeons and one mad man. We came back then to Charaidew for the last time. A large Gangetic Dolphin came to say goodbye to us too.

We left Charaidew for the last time and headed for Garchuk rubbish tip for a grand finale. The tip is the feeding ground of the largest concentration of Greater Adjutant stork. We came across hundreds of them along with vast number of Black-eared Kites (a subspecies of Black Kite). We then headed for the airport with a short stop at the Deepor Bil wetland. Here we added Black-winged Stilts to our list before saying goodbye to Assam.

## Day 14

### Wednesday 19th December

The group was in flight from Kolkata to London, as another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	December															
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>							✓	✓								
2	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓				✓			
3	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓				
4	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
5	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>										✓						
7	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>											✓					
8	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓								✓	✓	✓	✓			
9	Falcated Duck	<i>Mareca falcata</i>											✓					
10	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>											✓	✓				
11	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>											✓	✓		✓		
12	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>											✓					
14	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>												✓				
15	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>												✓				
16	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓		
17	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>																✓
18	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>														✓		
19	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>												✓		✓		
20	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>															✓	
22	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>							H					✓	✓			
23	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>		✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>								✓								
25	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>									✓							✓
26	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
27	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
28	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			
29	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			

	Common name	Scientific name	December															
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
30	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
31	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>											✓	✓				✓
32	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>													✓			
33	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
34	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>			✓													
35	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
36	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
37	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓					
38	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		
40	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
41	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>								✓	✓		✓					
42	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
43	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
44	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
47	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
48	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			
49	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓									H	✓	✓			
50	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>									✓							
51	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>			✓								H		✓	✓		
52	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>											✓					
53	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					✓								✓			
54	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>														✓		✓
55	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>																✓
56	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		✓	✓									✓				
57	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>									✓			✓				
58	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>									✓							
59	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>								✓								
60	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					✓	✓								✓	✓	✓
61	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	✓	✓	✓													

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
62	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
63	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>										✓						
64	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
65	Common/Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i> / <i>B. burmanicus</i>										✓						
66	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>										✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
67	Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>											✓					
68	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				
69	Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>						✓	✓	✓								
70	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓			✓			✓					
71	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulicata atra</i>								✓								
72	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>								✓								
73	Great Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>										✓	✓	✓				
74	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>															✓	
75	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>																✓
76	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>										✓						
77	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>														✓	✓	
78	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>										✓	✓		✓			
79	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
80	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓			✓				✓		
81	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>			✓													
82	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>										✓						
83	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>					✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
84	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓	✓	✓													
85	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		✓	✓													
86	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>											✓	✓				
87	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓		✓		
88	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>												✓				
89	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓					✓								
90	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>									✓	✓	✓			✓		
91	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>										✓	✓	✓				
92	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							✓									
93	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>															✓	

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
94	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaeus</i>								✓							✓	
95	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>		✓														
96	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>										✓						
97	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>										✓						
98	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓												
99	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>					✓					✓			✓			
101	Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>														✓		
102	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>										✓			✓			
103	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓		✓				✓		✓	✓					
104	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>													✓			
105	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococyx varius</i>	✓												✓			
106	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>													✓			
107	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>							✓						✓			
108	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓								
109	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>						✓										
110	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>				✓												
111	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>				✓	✓					✓			✓	✓		
112	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis amauroptera</i>			✓													
114	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>										✓	✓		✓			
115	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
116	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>	✓	✓	✓													
117	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓			✓			
118	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhampus chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓												
119	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>													H			
121	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓				
122	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓												✓
123	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>										✓						
124	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>										✓				H		
125	Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>					✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			

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126	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>														✓			
127	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>					✓			✓									
128	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>														✓			
129	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>									✓			✓					
130	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>														✓			
131	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>														✓			
132	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>						✓								✓			
133	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>							✓			H			✓				
134	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>									✓	✓		✓					
135	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					✓									
136	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>												✓	✓				
137	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
138	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>											✓						
139	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>					✓		H								H		
140	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>		✓	✓							✓				✓			
141	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>				✓													
142	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>			✓											✓			
143	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>														✓			
144	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>		✓	✓														
145	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>														✓			
146	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>														✓			
147	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓													
148	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach tricolor</i>											✓						
149	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
150	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				
151	Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>					✓												
152	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>															H		
153	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
154	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	✓	✓	✓														
155	Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>							✓							✓			
156	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>							✓				✓		✓				
157	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	✓																

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158	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓			
159	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>					✓										✓	
160	Eastern Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
161	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
162	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
163	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>									✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
164	Bengal (Rufous-winged) Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>										✓					✓	
165	Sand Lark	<i>Alaudala raytal</i>							✓							✓		
166	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>															✓	
167	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus flaviventris</i>											✓					
168	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>		✓	✓										✓			
169	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
170	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
171	Grey-throated Martin (spl. fr Plain)	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>														✓		
172	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
173	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>										✓						
174	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>								✓								
175	Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>																
176	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		✓	✓	✓												
177	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>			✓			✓			✓	✓						
178	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>		✓														
179	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>										✓			✓			
180	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>				✓		✓					✓					
181	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>													✓			
182	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>						H										
183	Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓											
184	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus pectoralis</i>													✓			
185	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>										✓						
186	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>										✓						
187	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
188	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
189	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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190	Great (White-vented) Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓			
191	Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>					✓		✓									
192	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>									✓							
193	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
194	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>							✓				✓					
195	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>		✓	✓													
196	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓							
197	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>										✓						
198	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>							✓			✓						
199	White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>															✓	
200	Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fulginosus</i>															✓	
201	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
202	White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucurus</i>															✓	✓
203	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>								✓	✓		✓					
204	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>				✓												
205	Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>															✓	
206	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓								✓						
207	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>				✓												
208	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
209	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>							✓			✓	✓	✓				✓
210	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>									✓	✓						
211	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>										✓						✓

## Mammals

1	Western Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Hoolock hoolock</i>								✓			✓		H			
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Northern Pig-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca leonina</i>								✓								
4	Golden Langur	<i>Trachypithecus geei</i>																✓
5	Capped Langur	<i>Trachypithecus pileatus</i>								✓					✓			
6	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>										✓	✓		✓			
7	Swamp Deer	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>										✓	✓	✓				
8	Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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9	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>		✓															
10	Asiatic Wild Buffalo	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓			
12	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>											✓		✓				
13	Greater One-horned Rhinoceros	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓			
14	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>			✓							✓							
15	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>															✓		
16	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>										✓							
17	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>								✓				✓		✓			
18	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>					✓												
19	Himalayan Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops macclellandi</i>											✓						
20	Hoary-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>							✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			
21	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>																	✓
22	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>							✓										
23	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

### Reptiles

1	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>	✓	✓															
2	Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>		✓															
3	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>											✓						
4	Tokay Gecko	<i>Gekko gekko</i>												✓					
5	Spotted Pond Turtle	<i>Geoclemys hamiltonii</i>												✓					

### Butterflies

Blue Tiger  
Grass Blue

Striped Tiger  
Common Immigrant

Common Rose

Common Crow

Common Jezebel