

India - A Wildlife Cruise on the Brahmaputra River

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

Another wonderful trip on the Brahmaputra. Even though the weather, had gone totally erratic and Rain God showed his displeasure quite often, we still had the best time ever. The Brand new Charaidew 2 was the ultimate luxury boat, we could imagine; smooth, graceful, lots of space and most tastefully decorated. The beautiful flute recital on board by Monk Niranjan from Majuli Island won everyone's heart. The drumbeats of Kamalabari Monastery still rings in our ears. The little goats and piglets of Mishing village in Jamunguri gave everyone a smile. The crying boy trying to escape from the white demons was surely the highlight of the day.

Kaziranga never fails. This time the Otters in Agratoli gave us a fantastic show by hunting a large catfish and devouring it with great gusto. The majestic Great Hornbill sat on a tall bare branch, honking to his mate in his best baritone voice. The Rhinos were obviously lovely as ever. The family of Gibbons put up with us, the inquisitive lot along the highway. They stayed long enough to let a few leeches crawl up our legs. A Burmese Reticulate Python showed well, basking close to his hole. Big Tuskers in Kohora range showed how grand they look in the wild. The Elephant ride in the smirr was superb, as the pachyderm took the punters close to the animals in the slush. Washing an elephant is not something we do at home...so there was a lot of mirth while we scrubbed behind the ears, plonked in the mud. The Bar-b-que on the sandy island under a starry sky...savouring Bidhan's kababs...has no words....and finally the walk in the quaint village of Ganesh Pahar before reaching Guwahati...the goodbyes from the old Dolphin and his family at Pandu Ghat.

Day 1

Thursday 28th March

The main tour adventure started with flights from the UK to India

Day 2

Friday 29th March

After landing, we met a pre-extension group and the main tour group was formed. In the afternoon we went for a walk in the Indian Botanic Gardens. It was an oasis of peace in the middle of chaos. The drive took us through the middle of busy Kolkata and we admired the sights of the beautiful Victoria Memorial, Eden Gardena and the beautiful Howrah Bridge over the Hooghly River. The short walk in the gardens produced, other than some common birds, flocks of Yellow-footed Pigeons, Lineated Barbet, a Booted Eagle, White-throated Kingfisher, and large flocks of Jungle Babblers. The birds were coming into their breeding season and the Black-hooded Orioles displayed beautifully, Lineated Barbets were singing their heart out. A few Hill Mynas were also seen; this feral population having made the gardens their home. The magic was when we spotted a pair of Common Moorhen in the pond. They looked disturbed. We then spotted the cause. A very large Rat Snake was there in the duckweed. The pair kept desperately pecking at it. But it kept charging. After a battle of few minutes, the Rat Snake decided to give up and swim away.

We strolled till 4.30pm and then headed back to our hotel.

Day 3

Saturday 30th March

We left for the airport at 8am. The Indigo flight took us to Jorhat, and we landed at midday. Mohan, our guide from Charaidew, was waiting for us at the gate.

We drove for about 45 minutes to Neemati Ghat and reached the embankments of the village. And Lo behold!..there floating on the mighty Brahmaputra was the most majestic and brand new Charaidew 2. Pratik, the manager of the vessel, was awaiting our arrival. We had some lunch and then set about settling down. The boat was plush and so beautifully decorated. Some of us were lucky to see a dolphin from our cabin windows.

In the afternoon, we went for a short walk along the banks of the river. We clocked a few good birds like, Spotted Owlet, Asian Barred Owlets with prey, Swamp Francolins, Tickell's Warblers etc. Later, over a 'Brahmaputra Sunset' cocktail and a welcome Gamcha, we got our instructions regarding the vessel and did our daily log.

Day 4

Sunday 31st March

We started at 6am and with cloud hanging low over us and drove for an hour to the Hologapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary. A Smattering of rain started, but it stopped by the time we reached the sanctuary. We spotted very few birds to start with, and there was no sign of any Gibbons. After walking for a kilometre we found a few Stump-tailed Macaques in the high canopy. It started raining but it didn't last for long. We then got some signs of a gibbon, while some of us went into the trails, rest stayed back on the main track. Here we got some unsatisfactory view of the Gibbon.

We then returned to base for breakfast, during which we had some more rain, but it went away as quickly as it came.

After breakfast and de-leeching ourselves, we went for another walk. Next we found a Malayan Giant Squirrel, which gave us some great views. On the way back, we stopped at two wetlands and spotted Watercock, Glossy and Black-headed Ibis, Swamphens and a whole smattering of bird species.

After lunch we sailed for an hour and moored opposite the Majuli Island. In the evening we were treated with the most exquisite flute recital by Monk Niranjan from Majuli Island.

Day 5

Monday 1st April

Today after breakfast, we all boarded our country boat and reached Majuli Island. We stopped at Sakoli Bheel, which had a few Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, Coots, and even a Lesser Adjutant.

Next, we stopped at the centuries old Annuati Monastery. We peeked inside the monastery prayer halls as Mohan, explained the rituals and the way of life of the monks. The chanting of the monks from the hall, filled the air. The garden was good for birds and we had good views of Tickell's Leaf Warbler, a pair of Stork-billed Kingfishers and a very patient Asian Barred Owlet.

Next, we visited the more cultural Kamalabari Monastery. A short musical involving drums and cymbals was presented to us. A foot-tapping beat was belted out, along with some good dance moves with heavy drums. After this program we headed back to our boat. We then sailed for three hours to Jamunguri village.

That evening, rain and storms kept the air cool and damp.

Day 6

Tuesday 2nd April

After breakfast we got off to visit the Jamunguri village. This pretty and quaint village is under threat from severe erosion by the river. We walked through this unique village belonging to the Indo-Tibetan 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. A bit of retail therapy helped the ladies from both parties. Later a visit to their school was among the many highlights of a wonderful morning spent in the company of the people of Jamunguri. The true highlight of the morning was when a tiny school kid came shooting out of the classroom on seeing 20 odd white people invading his classroom. He refused to return until we had all left!

Some of the other delights here included superb views Spangled Drongos 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 evening thunderstorm and rain cooled down the night again.

Day 7

Wednesday 3rd April

We were off with packed 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 Ranger's office. While paperwork was being sorted, we had our breakfast while enjoying feeding scarps to carnivorous goats. 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 and Himalayan Griffons. The highlight bird was this magnificent Great Hornbill, which sat on an open branch, honking away for a long time. Several distant Elephants, Buffaloes, Swamp and Hog Deer were also seen. We also saw few a more Rhinos near the ponds, in various poses. We had some mega views of Smooth Coated Otters. We got them when they were out hunting in a family group. They eventually caught a very large catfish and started devouring it like a pack of wolves.

We finished off the morning drive at mid-day and headed back to Charaidew. We sailed all afternoon, but we did not make it to Silghat as planned, so we moored at Biswanath for the night.

Day 8

Thursday 4th April

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 Laxmi (the goddess of wealth) 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 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. As the light fell, we heard alarm calls of deer in the distance. We waited beside a lake, hoping something exciting will happen. But not much moved, so as the exit time approached, we headed back out of the park.

We drove back in the dark to our glorious home Charaidew 2.

Day 9

Friday 5th April

Today was the day for our much-awaited elephant ride. So off we went after a very early start for an elephant ride in the Kohora range. Being a big group, we had to split ourselves in two groups. Some of us stayed behind, while the first batch ambled off in the light drizzle of the unprecedented rain. The fleet of several Elephants walked and squelched through the grassland, taking us up close to the Rhinoceros. After the first few, we came upon a mother and her new-born calf enjoying their morning mud bath. April is the time of plenty, and little piglets and Hog Deer fawn were everywhere. Several Rhinoceros had calves with them, which is a great sign of the conservation effort. After an hour's ride, we got off and headed for a lodge for some breakfast.

After breakfast we drove back to Kohora range. We started slow, taking in the sights. The Daflang tower was a great location, overlooking the lake on one side and a vast grassland on the other. It turned out the grassland had about 15 elephants feeding, partly hidden. They slowly approached the tower as they rummaged through the burnt grass. But as there were too many jeeps around, they decided not to come out in the open. On our way back from the park, we spotted a family of Gibbons along the highway. We rushed off the bus and what a glorious treat awaited us. The whole family put up a great show. The gingery blonde mother, with a small baby stuck on her belly swung around feeding on fresh leaf buds. The black male, father and two siblings showed their agility by flying off from tree to tree. What great way to finish off.

We headed back to Charaidew with a happy smile. In the afternoon, some of our enthusiasts took a walk along the river Brahmaputra. We were rewarded by a distant view of a pair of Wreathed Hornbill, a Great Hornbill, Blue-bearded Bee-eater and a Blue Rock Thrush.

In the evening before dinner, we had a Bihu dance organised, 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.

Day 10

Saturday 6th April

Today was our last day at Kaziranga. We drove to Burraypahar which is the westernmost entry point of the park and closest to the mooring place. This rarely visited range has its own charms. It has less big game but it's the most scenic of all the ranges. We started off with a Giant Squirrel, and then found Capped Langurs in action. Next marvel was a well-hidden Brown Fish Owl, which obliged by coming out in the open. We stopped at the river's edge and spotted a few River Lapwings and Ospreys. As we drove on, we spotted tree full of Himalayan Griffons. They had been feeding on a Rhino carcass lying some distance from us. After loads of fish eagles, Rhinos, Buffalos we exited from the park, bidding adieu to Kaziranga for this season.

We drove back to Charaidew and later set sail for Tezpur. The night was clear, and we took a call to have a BBQ on the sandy beach...our self-made Chef Bidhan's culinary skills were well appreciated and so were his Naan making skills.

Day 11

Sunday 7th April

The day started, very grim. We had a low cloud dark cloud hanging over us. And then rain and storms hammered us for a long time. The Boat had to be moved towards the sandy bank. The sand walls fell with such gusto, that small fishes were thrown up on the deck and were left stunned. We eventually had to call off the morning program for rafting. The rain did not let off until mid-day.

Later in the day, Chef Bidhan gave us a demonstration of some simple Indian home cooking, using our traditional spices. We moored in the evening close to an island village opposite Orang Wildlife sanctuary.

Day 12

Monday 8th April

Today after breakfast we got off on the sandy island to have a look at the life of the locals. But again rain played a spoiler. It came down fast and heavy and some of us decided to return to the boat and dry off. Some stayed out longer beating the rain and once they were back we set sail south east for the village of Ganesh Pahar.

In the afternoon we made the difficult approach to Ganesh Pahar in the hands of our superb boatmen Abdul and Islam. The village is home to a fascinating mix of Assamese people and Bihari settlers and the differences between the homes, the dress, and the forms of worship of these two ethnic groups were carefully explained to us. Here each Bihari family had a tulusi (basil) altar and the Assamese people were busy planting rice shoots in their paddies. Lesser Adjutants and self-important Common Mynas strutted through the rice and everywhere we looked there were fat domestic ducks, shiny black goat-kids and rotund puppies.

In the evening our return to Charaidew was less complicated and once again Abdul and Islam showed their mettle, guiding us through treacherous shallows back home to the boat.

Day 13

Tuesday 9th April

After a morning sailing, we approached Peacock Island, where the plan had been to disembark and see the Golden Langurs. The Golden Langur was not seen. We just ticked off a few birds and came back on board to

make our final sail to Pandu Port. A pod of dolphins came up close and were showing very well. We all watched the dolphins from the deck before heading for our next stop, the iconic Kamakshya Temple.

The temple was not only busy but was unusually decked up with flowers all over making it extremely pretty. We walked around under the guidance of Mohan before returning to the boat for the last time. By 11am we all left for the airport, with a brief stop en route at a smelly rubbish tip where hundreds of Greater Adjutant storks were battling for the best pick.

Day 14

Wednesday 10th April

We said our thanks and goodbyes before boarding our flight back to the UK, where 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	March/April											
			29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>		✓						✓	✓			
2	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>									✓			
4	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓								
5	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓								
6	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓					
7	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
8	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>											✓	
9	Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>			✓				✓					
10	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>							✓		✓			
11	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>							✓	✓	✓			
12	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
13	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>							✓					
14	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>							✓		✓			
15	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>							✓					
16	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								✓	✓			
17	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>								✓				
18	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>					✓							
19	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>	✓									✓		
20	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>							✓					
21	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓											
22	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>										H		
23	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓		✓
24	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>			✓		✓			✓				✓
25	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>								✓		H		
26	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>		✓							✓			
27	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>							✓		✓	✓		
28	Wreathed Hornbill	<i>Aceros undulatus</i>									✓			
29	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>							✓	✓				

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			29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓					✓		✓	✓		
31	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
32	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>									✓			
33	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓								
34	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i>	H			✓					✓			
35	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>						✓		✓	✓			
38	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
39	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
40	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
41	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>								H				
42	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>								H				
43	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓			H			✓		✓			
44	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>							✓		✓			
45	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓						✓	✓			
46	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>									✓			
47	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>				✓			✓	✓				
48	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
49	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>							✓	✓				
50	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			
51	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>						✓			✓			
52	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓											
53	Dusky Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>							✓	✓				
54	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>									✓			
55	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glucidium cuculoides</i>		✓	H	✓			✓	✓	✓			
56	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		✓				✓		✓				
57	Brown Hawk Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>									✓			
58	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>				✓		✓					✓	
60	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>						✓	✓					
61	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>									✓			

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			29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
62	Pompadour Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>										✓		
63	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>								✓				
65	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>							✓	✓	✓			
66	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			
67	Purple Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓	✓								
68	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓		✓								
69	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			✓									
70	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>							✓					
71	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓		
72	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>								✓	✓			
73	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
74	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							✓	✓				
75	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>									✓			
76	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓		
77	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>				✓			✓					
78	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
79	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>							✓			✓		
80	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						✓						
81	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>			✓									
82	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓					
83	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓					
84	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>							✓			✓		
85	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>			✓					✓				
86	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>											✓	✓
89	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			✓									
90	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>							✓		✓	✓		
91	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
92	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>									✓	✓		
93	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							✓					✓
94	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓						✓			✓	✓	✓

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95	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓			
96	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓			
97	Slender-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>							✓	✓		✓			
98	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓			
99	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>									✓				
100	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓			
101	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>											✓	✓	
102	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓			
103	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>										✓			
104	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓									✓		✓	
105	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>									✓				
106	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>										✓			
107	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	✓												
108	Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>									✓	✓	✓		
109	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓	✓						
110	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓										✓
111	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
112	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
114	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
115	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
116	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓							
117	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
118	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				
119	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Little Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>				✓		✓					✓	✓	
122	Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>									✓				
123	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
124	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓				
125	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	
126	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				

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160	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
161	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>									✓	✓		
162	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
163	White-vented Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
164	Northern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>							✓	✓				
165	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓		✓			✓					
166	Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochlora sultanea</i>			✓									
167	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓		✓								
168	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>								✓	✓			
171	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>						✓						
172	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
173	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>			✓						✓			
174	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>												H
175	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>								H				✓
176	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>					✓							✓
177	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>		✓										
178	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>					✓			✓				✓
179	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>		✓		✓								
180	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>		✓		✓	✓							
181	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>						✓		✓	✓			✓
182	Abbott's Babbler	<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>			✓									
183	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>									H			
184	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>								H				
185	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓											
186	Rufous-winged Bushlark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>										✓	✓	
187	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>				✓								
188	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>												✓
189	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓				
190	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>	✓											✓
191	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>					✓			✓				

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192	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
193	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>							✓					
194	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
195	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
196	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					✓	✓			✓		✓	
197	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>						✓			✓		✓	
198	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>							✓		✓			
199	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>								✓				
200	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>		✓			✓						✓	
201	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>					✓						✓	
202	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>											✓	
203	Little Bunting	<i>Emberzia pusilla</i>				✓								

Mammals

1	Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Bunopithecus hoolock</i>			✓				H	✓	H			
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Stump-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca arctoides</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>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
10	Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
11	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>						✓	✓	✓				
12	Greater One-horned Rhinoceros	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>									H			
14	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>						✓						
15	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>				✓								
16	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>			✓			✓			✓			
17	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓											
18	Himalayan striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops macclellandi</i>							✓					

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19	Hoary- bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	
20	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>		✓											
21	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	

Reptiles

1	Burmese Python	<i>Python bivittatus</i>									✓				
2	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator,</i>									✓	✓			
3	Tokay Gecko	<i>Gekko gekko</i>							✓	✓					

Butterflies

Blue Tiger	Striped Tiger	Common Rose	Common Crow	Common Jezebel
Grass Blue	Common Immigrant	Rat Snake	Glassy Tiger	Lime Butterfly
Plain Tiger	Tailed Redbreast	Indian Cabbage White	Lemon Pansy	Great Eggfly
Common Sailor	Common Palmfly	Grey Pansy	Purple Sapphire	Lemon Pansy
Common 4 Ring	Common Mornon	Common Grass Yellow	Common Tiger	Plain Tiger
Red Spot Jezebel	Common Mime	Knight	Peacock Pansy	