

India - Assam, Darjeeling & Bhutan

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 0

Saturday/Sunday 27/28th February

Travel from the UK or overseas to Kolkata

Day 1

Monday 1st March

Kolkata

I arrived at the Hyatt Regency and met the guests. After our meeting we left in the afternoon for the Botanical Gardens. The Rose Ringed Parakeets welcomed us and in a few minutes I found two Indian Moorhens. Asian Koels were seen shortly after and a Stork Billed Kingfisher called nearby but evaded us. I had gone to a nearby bush when I noticed the Orange-headed Thrush and we had good scope view of the bird. In the meanwhile the Indian Pond Heron and Black Kites kept us busy with one unidentified raptor which was briefly seen in flight – a pale bird with dark secondaries but it was too far to id.

Heading further on we saw Blue Throated Barbet, Lineated Barbet and the Coppersmith Barbet. A Black Naped Oriole was seen shortly after. Then a White Throated Kingfisher was seen and while we were on it a second Stork Billed Kingfisher gave us a brief glimpse. We saw Orange headed Green Pigeons and then Mike found a Stork Billed Kingfisher calling nearby – finally we had good views of the bird. In a while the Taiga Flycatcher and a Spotted Owlet were seen and as we started heading back we saw a White Breasted Waterhen. We then returned to the Hyatt for the remainder of the day.

Day 2

Tuesday 2nd March

Kolkata/Paro

We gathered at the airport at 0645 hours and when we boarded the flight we had luckily managed to get mountain view seats. The flight took an hour and offered great views of the Kanchenjunga and the Jomolhari. After landing we were met by Karma Dorji and Kinzang our guide and driver respectively. We then checked in at the Jigmeling Hotel. Post lunch we headed to see the Paro Dzong and the nearby areas. Red and Yellow Billed Choughs entertained us – the former in huge flocks of more than 100 birds. The Paro Chu River area produced Blue fronted, Daurian, Blue capped, White capped and Plumbeous Water Redstarts and we also managed to get good views of the Rufous Sibia, White collared Blackbird, Rusty flanked Treecreeper, Green backed Tit and then Mike found Ibisbills on the river. We returned back a happy bunch and after an early dinner had a good night's sleep.

Day 3

Wednesday 3rd March

Paro

The Naturetrek itinerary mentions the Tatskang hike on day 1 in Bhutan. We postponed this to today afternoon and this morning early at 0445 left for Chele La. This is the pass that separates Paro Valley from the Ha Valley and is a high pass at 3998 metres. We reached it at day break and were surprised by the amount of snow that we saw here. The first bird that we had here was possibly a rare Spectacled Finch. The light was terrible and the bird disappeared. A while later we saw White throated Redstart and White winged Redstart, both showing well.

As we started scanning for the Monals and Blood Pheasant I noticed something flying overhead and found two Gulls – possibly Brown Headed flying past a pass which is 12,000 feet high. I have never seen Gulls at this height and was surprised! A Black Faced Laughing Thrush showed up and gave us good views. Grey crested and Coal Tits showed up and then a male Himalayan Monal flew past the road and landed on a tree. Soon we had brilliant scope views of this magnificent Himalayan bird. A while later as I played tapes of the Blood Pheasants a few showed up. Unfortunately the snow cover was not to their liking and not all of us could see these magnificent birds. We waited patiently for any further coveys of them but they simply said no to our best efforts. We moved ahead and had a small party of Altai Accentors and Rufous breasted Accentors in a while. The pass was quiet too – a White winged Grosbeak being the only bird that we saw here.

We drove down and after a brief cloudy patch as the sun came out we had a fabulous session of birding with Coal and Rufous vented Tit showing well. A Eurasian Treecreeper showed up along with a Rusty flanked Treecreeper. White browed Tits came close and gave us great views. Eurasian Nutcrackers were there as well. We had to head for the Tatskang and needed to be back at Paro for lunch and hence had to leave this magnificent place and head back. Post lunch we drove to the Tatskang and started our hike at 1345 hours. En route Nick pointed out a pair of Ibisbills which gave us great views. Just as we were about to leave, Karma pointed out a Snipe and close scope views revealed it to be a Wood Snipe. Reports of Snipes are so rare here that any snipe would be welcome but a Wood Snipe was very special...

As we were about to start our hike to the monastery I noticed a Rufous Sibia and as I looked there was a Rufous bellied Woodpecker as well. Fortunately everyone managed to get a good view. We headed up and after some huffing and puffing managed to gain pace. On the way up a small group of Chestnut tailed Minlas showed up. We had decided to go up to the café which is almost halfway to the monastery. On reaching the café we had Chestnut crowned Laughing Thrush, White browed Tits, Black faced Laughing Thrush, and Gold billed Magpies which were seen very closely. We also had Hoary bellied and Orange bellied Squirrrel showing well. I wanted to go up and Nick joined me as we went another 500 feet higher up. But sadly the weather played truant and we decided to head back. On the way down we saw a Nepal Fulvetta along with a Brown cheeked Fulvetta. We headed back to the bus and started our drive back to Paro. On the way we stopped at a marsh for Black tailed Crake and a fantastic specimen showed up offering superb views. Another good day!

Day 4

Thursday 4th March

Paro – Punakha via Dochu la

We had a wake up call at 0600 hours and after some breakfast we left at 0650 hours. The drive to Punakha took us through the high pass Dochu la.

The weather though initially sunny became cloudy and windy and that meant that the birds went hiding. On our way we managed a few more Ibisbills, Brown Dipper, Rufous breasted Accentor, the usual Redstarts and some Large Cormorants. We reach Dochu La and had lunch here. The weather now was particularly bad and it was cloudy enough to be unable to see birds. The weather got better after lunch however and eventually we did get some close views of White browed Fulvetta, Whiskered and Stripe throated Yuhina, Gould's Sunbird, White tailed Nuthatch, Rufous vented Tit.

Post lunch we drove on with a few stops en route and reached Punakha early evening. On the way we also managed to see a Common Buzzard, Whistling Thrush, more Ibisbills, Common Kestrel and few Oriental Magpie Robins. It became cloudy and the temperature started to drop. We decided to carry on but the forest that we were driving through forced us to make one more stop for a Slaty backed and White crowned Forktail that showed well. On reaching Punakha we checked in and after an early dinner at 1900 hours we retired to bed.

Day 5

Friday 5th March

Punakha – Jigme Dorji National Park – back to Punakha

We had a very early start to the beautiful Jigme Dorji National Park. We reached it at 0600 hours and started birding a few kilometres outside the park. The first significant mammal – a Barking Deer was spotted by Mike as it crossed the road. Then some frenzied bird activity happened. It started with the calls of the Greater Yellownappe and soon Nick spotted a Yellow bellied Fantail and then a flock movement followed - there were birds dropping from the trees and bushes. Yellow bellied Fantail, Nepal Fulvetta, Ashy throated Warbler, Rufous capped Babbler, Greater Yellownappe, Striated Laughing thrush, Streak throated Barwing were seen in few minutes of frantic birding. Andrew thought that he had a Fire tailed Myzornis but he was not sure. We moved on and in the next few hours had Red headed Trogon, Pale chinned Flycatcher, Black eared Shrike Babbler, Lesser Yellownappe, Crested Kingfisher, and Wallcreeper to name a few. Mike and Gill had been chasing the Wallcreeper for a few years without success. They were certainly happy to have this beautiful bird in their list. We had an Orange bellied Squirrel as well and then we had to head back – some more time would be really appreciated here, as this is the best birding spot in the whole tour! We also saw our first Assamese Macaques here.

We reached Punakha and had lunch at a small but beautiful restaurant. Post lunch we headed for the Punakha Dzong and Karma took us through this beautiful Dzong. A pair of Wallcreepers and a Blue Rock Thrush was seen during this outing. After the cultural tour we headed back but not before adding a gliding Pallas' Fish Eagle and one more Ibisbill. Later in the evening Mike noticed the resident Grey Nightjar and we had excellent scope views of this beautiful bird.

Day 6

Saturday 6th March

Punakha – Dochu la – Menunsinha – Lawa la – Gangtey

We had a pair of Long tailed Minivets first thing in the morning. A Grey Treepie, a few Russet Sparrows, a distant Yellow breasted Greenfinch and the star of the morning a few Rusty cheeked Scimitar Babbler followed. We headed to the high pass of Dochu la. On the way we had a few Ruddy Shellducks and Large Cormorant. We reached Wandue Phodrang and stopped to refuel.

The previous afternoon we had scanned the Mo Chu for the endemic White bellied Heron but without any luck. The construction work and the hydro electric project had disturbed all known sites. Our only hope was if we had a fly by. Nick ushered that luck with his sharp pair of eyes – he spotted a fly by heron and we rushed out, I looked through my bins and yelled White bellied Heron! This was significant as in the last few months very few people had seen one and this may mean that there is a small population using Po chu as its roosting site. We headed to Do chu la now and on the way made several stops as Black Throated Sunbird, a confusing Bee eater, Black Throated Tit, Blue Rock Thrush, Mountain Bulbul and many more birds made us stop. On reaching Dochu la we had a great lunch at the Dochu la café. The weather was playing truant and we were a bit frustrated, however Stripe Throated and Moustached Yuhina showed up. In a while Gould's Sunbird, more Black throated Tits, and White browed Fulvettas showed up well.

We moved on and reached Mendengang. We made a brief stop here and bagged the Collared Treepie. Now we decided to carry on and reached Gangtey. Our last short stop yielded a pair of Crested Honey Buzzards. This was a good addition and in a few minutes we reached the Gangtey Gumpa. We got down and immediately I spotted three Black necked Cranes feeding in the valley below. After a scope view we moved inside the Gumpa and spent 45 minutes here. Some of us had the chance to soak in the culture of Bhutan here.

We started our drop through the Rhododendron forest and reached the beautiful Dewacheng Hotel. After freshening up we headed for a walk through the valley and managed to have excellent views of the Cranes, Oriental Sky Larks and a few ducks – Common Teal, Northern Shoveller etc. The walk back was a march through the fields and Andy certainly felt the heat (even in cool Bhutan). As we joined the others (a few had stayed back) we were delighted to learn that they had a Hen Harrier fly past. The meal here was wonderful and the ambience possibly the best that we had in Bhutan.

Day 7

Sunday 7th March

Gangtey – Pele La – Thimphu

Early this morning we headed for Pele La – here I had previously seen Satyr Tragopan and I was hoping to see one on this trip. Once we reached there we heard calls and I played tapes – the birds were responding and it seemed that we might see one. As we moved further in and after some time we gave up and then learnt that our driver Kinzang saw one. Silently we cursed and possibly swore as well! We were compensated with excellent views of Crimson bellied Woodpecker, Himalayan Griffon, Black faced Laughing Thrush, a few Common Kestrels and a Spot winged Grosbeak. We start to head back and made a stop where we managed to see the White tailed and Velvet fronted Nuthatch and a Black throated Sunbird. We also managed to see Hodgson's Redstart. We drove from here back towards Thimphu and had lunch en route. Post lunch we reached Thimphu and visited the local market. Every weekend locals come to sell handicrafts etc. Our hotel rooms were good and a hot shower was wonderful. Everyone met over dinner and then retired to sleep. We had a long day tomorrow.

Day 8

Monday 8th March

Thimphu Phuntsholling

We left Thimphu at 0630 hours and reached Bunakha for breakfast. Throughout the drive we had some very interesting add-ons.

The road here is a serpentine pass between forest on the left side and the river on the right. We saw Barking Deer, Rusty tailed Flycatcher, Chestnut crowned Laughing Thrush, Chestnut Thrush, Grey collared Blackbird, White browed Fulvetta, Fork tailed Swift and a Black Eagle here. We also managed a pair of Himalayan Striped Squirrels which gave us excellent views, and some Long tailed Minivets and Red tailed Minlas. We had breakfast at Bunakha and saw Short billed Minivets, Eurasian Jay, Blue Whistling Thrush, Long tailed Minivets and Olive backed Pipit. We had a delicious breakfast and then proceeded for a short walk again. Though there were no new birds but we managed to find a roost of Fork tailed Swifts.

We made a few more stops and bagged a pair of Orange Bullfinches. Mike spotted a Mountain Hawk Eagle and it gave us excellent views as it went up on the thermals. We carried on and headed toward Chukha where a massive hydro electric project welcomed us with dust and heat. However there was a nice restaurant and we had a lovely lunch here. We headed to Phuntsholling now passing through towns and villages with names that were difficult to pronounce – Takti, Chasakha – Gedu – Kamji – Sorkhen. The road was very productive for us and we added Cuckoo Dove, Yellow cheeked Tit, Black backed Forktail, Red Tailed and Chestnut headed Minla, Yellow breasted Greenfinch, and Black throated Sunbird. We reached Phuntsholling and had our last dinner at Bhutan. We thanked Karma and Kinzang over dinner. They were absolutely topclass.

Day 9

Tuesday 9th March

Phuntsholling – Darjeeling

We did our paperwork and finally came into India. The organised chaos of the India side was quite a contrast to the quiet countrysides of Bhutan. However in a shortwhile we were on our way to Darjeeling and we made our first stop at Malbazar. We had a good breakfast here and saw a few common garden birds like the Asian Koel, Common Myna, Asian Pied Starling and Coppersmith Barbet. Post breakfast we moved on towards Darjeeling. We stopped again higher up and tried for a few birds but the weather was clouding up and we decided to move on. Eventually we reached Darjeeling in time for late lunch. Post lunch some of us enjoyed a walk with our guide Gyalpo.

Day 10

Wednesday 10th March

Darjeeling

We were up early and headed to the Tiger Hill area where we had some decent birds – White tailed Robin, Dark rumped Rosefinch, Grey crested Tit, Brown throated Treecreeper, Striped Yuhina, Rufous fronted Babbler, Gold billed Magpie, Black faced Laughing Thrush, Chestnut crowned Laughingthrush, and Rufous Gorgetted Flycatcher – all showed well.

We returned to the Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary and here we were immediately rewarded with great views of Chest crowned Warbler, Black faced and Ashy headed Warbler, Goldcrest etc. We decided to head back to this place in the afternoon. Post lunch we first went to the Darjeeling Zoo and were rewarded with wonderful views of Little Pied Flycatcher. Then we were to head for the Senchal Sanctuary but the Darjeeling traffic made us waste a good hour and the weather played spoilsport. We had a very quiet forest and the only new bird was a Rufous breasted Bush Robin. We headed back to the comforts of the hotel.

Day 11

Thursday 11th March

Darjeeling – Guwahati – Kaziranga

We had an early start as we wanted to do some birding on our way down to Bagdogra but the Darjeeling traffic and road conditions stopped us doing that. We ended with one new bird – Himalayan Bulbul. We reached Bagdogra in time for our flight to Guwahati and arrived at Guwahati on time – we were received by our two drivers and we were on our way to Kaziranga. On the way we stopped to look at the Greater Adjutants and also added a White rumped Vulture and Red headed Vulture. After some extra minutes here we left for our lunch stop at Dichang Resort. Lunch was a lazy affair and this meant we were on our way to Kaziranga by 1600 hours. We would reach there by 2030 hours. The road was being widened and at 2100 hours we finally reached the Wild Grass.

Day 12

Friday 12th March

Kaziranga

I had suggested a late start – so we had breakfast at the lodge and then at 0700 hours we left for the first drive to the Central range. The Kohora range is named after the Kohora River which is a tributary of the Brahmaputra. The first drive produced the Asiatic Rhinoceros, Asiatic Wild Buffalo, Hog Deer, Swamp Deer, Wild Boar, and Rhesus Macaque. We had a far glimpse of Asiatic Elephant as well. We did see both Hoary and Orange bellied Squirrels here. The park is a haven for birds and we had good views of several interesting species like Red Jungle Fowl, White vented Myna, Jungle Myna, Gray headed Fish Eagle, Pallas' Fish Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, Great Hornbill, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Steak throated, Blue throated and Coppersmith Barbet and some smaller species as well. A Himalayan Rubythroat posed well, Jerdon's Babbler (2 birds) were seen by some. Rufous capped Babblers were calling but not seen today. Some people had glimpses of the shy Slender billed Babblers. We returned happy and contented.

This afternoon we left at 1415 and resumed our drive in the Central range – we decided to head further into the forest. It turned out to be a good decision. We added a few ducks as we drove in – Ferruginous Pochard, Common Pochard, Gadwall, Northern Shoveller, and Spot billed Duck were seen in quick succession. We also saw the Greenshank, Spotted Redshank, Black winged Stilt, Little and Temminck's Stint and then we headed for the forest. We also managed better views of Asiatic Elephant and some of us saw the Smooth coated Otter that was spotted by the sharp eyed Nick. He had traveled with me to Bandhavgarh in 2006 and I knew that his presence meant a few extra species and he was a delight to travel with again. We managed to pull in many species here starting with the Vigor's Sunbird, Small Niltava, Swamp Partridge, Greater Flameback, Green Imperial Pigeon etc. We did hear alarm calls of deer in the distance but we were certainly not close to any cats. The evening meal was good and we decided to retire early as we had an early wake up call.

Day 13

Saturday 13th March

Kaziranga

We decided to go for the 0600 hours elephant ride and this was the right thing to do in spring as the haze early morning is too strong and that means it is a struggle to see anything. As we reached the area in the Central range where from one boards the elephants, we saw a pair of Dusky Eagle Owls.

There were a few other fly bys but no one was able to get good views of them. I played tapes of Abbot's Babbler in vain and we decided to get on to the elephants; the ride produced Swamp and Hog Deer, Rhinos and a pair of Wild Boars. Some of us managed to get glimpses of Striated Babbler. We got down from the elephant back and after a short session of elephant/man chat and interaction we headed for breakfast. Post breakfast we headed to the Central range again. We added Spot billed Pelican, Little Grebe, Himalayan Griffon, Eurasian Marsh Harrier, Crested Goshawk, female Pied Harrier, Slender billed Babbler, Marsh Babbler, Rufous capped Babbler, Yellow crowned Woodpecker, Streak throated Woodpecker and Grey capped Pygmy Woodpecker. We did also manage to add one mammal to our list – the Asiatic Golden Jackal! The heat in Kaziranga is quite a factor and by 1000 – 1030 hours we beat a quick retreat after we had an excellent view of a group of 22 elephants. The females had several very young calves and it was a delight to see them enjoy their first sessions in the swamps.

We decided to head for the Western range today – named after the Baguri River this area gave us our first Common Green Magpie. This was a stunner. We then moved further in and among new birds we added Crested Hawk Eagle, White naped Flameback and we heard the Grey bellied Tesia. A few young Sambar were the only mammals that we saw. We returned very late today and while coming out we had a pair of Brown Fish Owls but no one had great views of them.

Day 14

Sunday 14th March

Kaziranga

We headed for the eastern range today. We had a split as some decided to try the elephants and one client stayed at the hotel for the day. Nick, Andrew and Mike and Gill decided to head off early with me. On way we stopped at Panbari and birded on the outskirts. We managed to sight the Greater Racket tailed Drongo, Lesser Necklaced Laughing Thrush, White browed Piculet, Sapphire Flycatcher (leader alone), and Tickell's Flycatcher here before moving on to the Sohola range. We had several good birds here but none that we could call a new one – we did have a bunch of Eastern Hill Mynas but they did not stay for everyone. This area is good for the Blue bearded Bee eater and we had some excellent views of this stunner finally. We also managed to get views of Black naped Monarch, Blue winged Leafbird, Small Niltava, Large billed leaf Warbler etc. We finally returned to the lodge for lunch.

We decided to return to the Central range to try for some of the skulkers. We did well – we had good views of the Grey bellied Tesia. The bird popped from one branch to another and even flew past the road a few times before finally disappearing in the thick forest. We also managed good views of Pied Avocet, River Lapwing, Little Stint, Common Redshank etc. The other good bird was the European Plover that Nick had spotted outside the park. There are very few records of this species and we had two of them, which showed well. We put them in the scope and saw all their features before being sure of the bird. We came back late and on the way back saw a Long or Large tailed Nightjar. No new mammals were added today.

Day 15

Monday 15th March

Kaziranga – Kolkata

This morning we left after our last good breakfast in Assam. Some of us went to bird at Panbari while others decided to meet up later.

We did have some wonderful birds at Panbari including Pale Blue Flycatcher, Blue bearded Bee eater, White browed Piculet, Spangled Drongo, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Red Whiskered and Yellow browed Bulbuls, Black crested Bulbul, Long tailed and Scarlet Minivets and Lesser Necklaced Laughing Thrushes. We did hear the Hoolock Gibbons but could not see them. The others joined us and then we proceeded to the Jorhat airport. Our flight was on time and in a couple of hour's time we touched down in Kolkata. Here we said goodbye to Roger and Sally and the rest of us headed for the hotel in Kolkata.

The Sunderbans Extension

Day 16

Tuesday 16th March

Kolkata – Sunderbans

Nick left early morning, and after breakfast we met and left for the drive to Gadkhali. Three hours later we boarded our boat to Sunderbans Jungle Camp at Bali. In a short while we had a Ruff which was interesting and we did manage to see a Pacific Golden Plover as well before reaching the camp. We saw the Little Pied and the Black capped Kingfisher before we settled down at the lodge. The Jungle Camp is a neat little set of cottages located not very far into the mangroves. Before the dinner we enjoyed a performance of 'jatra'. This is a folk theatre enacting the lore of banabibi. She is the protector of the people who enter this forest where the odds are against them. The man/animal conflict is high and the terrain is such that man is the loser. This is portrayed brilliantly by Amitav Ghosh in his book 'The Hungry Tide'. After dinner we retired early hoping over the next few days to see the elusive tiger and a number of birds that we had not seen so far.

Day 17

Wednesday 17th March

Sunderbans

We started at 0630 hours. The equation here is simple but needs to be understood well. Animal movement is dependent on the tides locally called kotal. When the water recedes the land is exposed and the animals come out. Then in three to four hours water starts to rise and animals go back deep in the forest. The waders and the ducks and other birds follow the water in as it brings in fish and molluscs which they feed on. This means that wildlife watching is best done during the low tide. We kept this in mind – we went out early during the low tide and had breakfast on the boat. Today we explored the Chora Gajikhali area and followed this by exploring Khonakhali and finished our morning at Gajikhali. We then returned to the Bali camp – our base. We added the Collared Kingfisher to our long list of birds. We did see Brahminy Kite as well. We also had Greenshank, and Common Sandpiper. We did hear the Mangrove Whistler but we could not see it well.

After lunch we headed for Sudhanyakhali where we very lucky to see the King Cobra – a female possibly - for quite some time. We did see the Loten's Sunbird and Purple rumped Sunbird, and heard the Mangrove Pitta for a long while and at least two birds responded to my tapes but apart from Mike who thought he had glimpses no one else could see it. We returned back to the lodge and as we came in, our boatman spotted a Jungle Cat. This was our first cat and we saw her well for more than a few minutes. She was resting on the banks and we were sure she had kittens as well as she kept looking inside all the while. After a while we came back to the lodge.

Day 18

Thursday 18th March

Sunderbans

We again started early – we reached Dobanki where we added the White bellied Sea Eagle and Blue tailed Bee Eater to our list. We also saw the Dog faced Water Snake and a Rat Snake. We spent quite a while at the watchtower here and saw Rufous Woodpecker a distant unknown Woodpecker and few other things here. We did see a few Irrawady Dolphins on our way to Dobanki. We carried on to the Netidhopani from here and then returned back to our lodge. Here we saw the first Pompadour Green Pigeon and a good view of the Striped Tit Babbler.

This afternoon we headed back to Dobanki and on our way we decided to go round the island first before heading for the watchtower. We managed to add the Indian Scimitar Babbler – our second scimitar babbler of the tour. We had good views of this beautiful endemic. Then we headed to Dobanki and as we were getting closer to the main tower our local guide went hysterical and nearly fell off the boat! He shouted – bagh, bagh. This needs no translation – we had hit the jackpot – all that remained was that all of us see this elusive beast. The boat turned back and we set our eyes on this beautiful ‘maharajah’. The tiger must have had a good feast and he was resting on the island for us. We were very lucky to see it for next 45 minutes yawning, lying down and stretching in front of us! After we had had our fill we just looked to the other side to find a Peregrine Falcon watching us watching the tiger! We finally headed back and as we came in we saw the kittens of the Jungle Cat. Two young cats looked at us from the safety of the forest for a while before moving away. It was a memorable afternoon!

Day 19

Friday 19th March

Sunderbans

This morning we headed back to Dobanki and tried for the Mangrove Pitta for a while – we had it but a Rhesus Macaque disturbed the bird and it flew away before anyone could have decent views. We then looked for other birds and had Orange breasted Green Pigeon. We also saw a few other birds that we had seen before. Then we finally headed back to the lodge. We did not go out in the afternoon.

Day 20

Saturday 20th March

Sunderbans – Kolkata

Early morning we walked round the lodge and managed good views of Pale billed Flowerpecker and Blyth’s Reed Warbler. We also saw the Clamorous Reed Warbler. We left after a heavy breakfast and reached the jetty to be transferred to the vehicle that brought us to Kolkata. From the boat we had pacific Golden Plover, Plain Prinia, Whiskered Tern and Ruff. On our way to Kolkata by car we had a huge flock of Larks and most of them were Greater Short Toed Larks. Thus ended a wonderful holiday – I wish to thank all those who were involved.

Day 21

Sunday 21st March

Arrival back in the UK

	Common name	Scientific name	March																		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>					✓								✓	✓					
31	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓							✓	✓	✓					
32	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						✓						✓	✓	✓					
33	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>																			
34	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>												✓	✓	✓					
35	Baer's Pochard	<i>Aythya baeri</i>												✓		✓					
36	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					✓														
37	Jerdon's Baza	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>												✓		✓			✓	✓	
38	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>													✓						
39	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>														✓					
40	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	✓							✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
41	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>	✓										✓								
42	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>																	✓	✓	
43	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>																	✓	✓	
44	Pallas' Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>													✓						
45	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>					✓							✓	✓	✓					
46	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>												✓	✓	✓					
47	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>												✓	✓	✓					
48	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>						✓	✓												
49	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>											✓								
50	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>																	✓		
51	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓						✓	✓						
52	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>						✓													
53	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>												✓	✓	✓					
54	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓						
55	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	✓																		
56	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						✓													
57	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				✓									✓						
58	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>										✓									
59	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓									
60	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>							✓	✓											
61	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>												✓							

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62	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>												✓		✓					
63	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>												✓							
64	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>													✓	✓					
65	Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>							✓		✓										
66	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓					
67	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>															✓		✓		
68	Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>													✓	✓					
69	Himalayan Monal	<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>			✓																
70	Satyr Tragopan	<i>Tragopan satyra</i>			✓																
71	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>								✓											
72	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
73	Grey Peacock-pheasant	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>									✓					✓					
74	Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>						✓													
75	Black-tailed Crake	<i>Amauornis bicolor</i>	✓												✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
76	Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana fusca</i>			✓																
77	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>														✓					
78	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓											✓		✓					
79	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>														✓					
80	Bengal Florican	<i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>														✓					
81	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓			
82	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>		✓	✓			✓													
83	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>																✓			
84	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓					✓						✓	✓					
85	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓											
86	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>													✓		✓				
87	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
88	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>													✓	✓					
89	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>																✓	✓		
90	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>													✓						
91	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>															✓	✓	✓	✓	
92	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>																✓	✓	✓	
93	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>													✓	✓					

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94	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>																	✓	✓	✓
95	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>												✓							
96	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>											✓	✓	✓			✓			
97	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>											✓	✓	✓						
98	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>												✓	✓						
99	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓					✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
100	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓									✓							
101	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>												✓	✓						
102	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>												✓							
103	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>																			✓
104	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>			✓														✓		
105	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>																			✓
106	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
108	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓														✓	✓	✓	✓	
109	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>												✓		✓	✓				
110	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
111	Barred Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>								✓											
112	Orange-breasted Pigeon	<i>Treron bicincta</i>																			✓
113	Pompadour Green-pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>																		✓	
114	Thick-billed Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>					✓														
115	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓			✓		
116	Green Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>												✓	✓	✓					
117	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓				
118	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓								✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓				
120	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>												✓							
121	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓											✓							✓
122	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>												✓	✓						
123	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
124	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>												✓							
125	Dusky Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>												✓							

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158	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>			✓						✓	✓									
159	Darjeeling Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>					✓														
160	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>																		✓	
161	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>					✓														
162	Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>					✓	✓							✓	✓					
163	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>												✓							
164	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓												✓	✓			✓	✓	
165	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>															✓			✓	
166	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>											✓								
167	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>									✓										
168	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>				✓		✓													
169	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>													✓	✓	✓		✓		
170	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
171	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>												✓				✓			
172	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>													✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
173	Nepal Martin	<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>						✓													
174	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓		✓							✓	✓			✓				
175	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	✓												✓	✓					
176	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>												✓	✓	✓					
177	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>												✓	✓	✓					
178	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>										✓								✓	
179	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>									✓		✓			✓					
180	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>													✓		✓		✓	✓	
181	Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>														✓	✓				
182	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>																	✓	✓	
183	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>						✓	✓		✓		✓								
184	Short-billed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>							✓												
185	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓						
186	Striated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>							✓		✓										
187	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>															✓				
188	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
189	White-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>												✓							

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190	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
191	White-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>															✓				
192	Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii</i>					✓	✓													
193	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										
194	Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>					✓	✓													
195	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
196	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>				✓	✓														
197	Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophia</i>			✓	✓			✓				✓								
198	Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>								✓											
199	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓	✓													
200	Blue Whistling-thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
201	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	✓																		
202	White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓											
203	Chestnut Thrush	<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>								✓											
204	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>												✓							
205	Swamp Prinia	<i>Prinia cinerascens</i>												✓							
206	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>														✓					
207	Grey-bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>														✓					
208	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>												✓					✓		✓
209	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>												✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
210	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>															✓				
211	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>												✓	✓						
212	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>															✓				
213	Tickell's Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>					✓									✓					
214	Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>												✓							
215	Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓									
216	Pale-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>					✓	✓													
217	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>					✓														
218	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓				✓							✓					✓	✓	✓
219	Large-billed Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>													✓						
220	Western Crowned-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>								✓											
221	Golden-spectacled Warbler	<i>Seicercus burkii</i>										✓									

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222	Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓									
223	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>										✓									
224	Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>							✓	✓											
225	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>											✓	✓	✓						
226	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophciata</i>										✓									
227	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	✓							✓								✓		✓	
228	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>					✓					✓		✓	✓						
229	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>										✓									
230	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>								✓	✓										
231	Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>											✓				✓				
232	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>															✓				
233	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓						✓					
234	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>												✓							
235	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓				✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
236	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>												✓			✓				
237	Hodgson's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>								✓	✓										
238	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus auroreus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓													
239	Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓									
240	White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
241	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓							
242	Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>								✓	✓										
243	Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>								✓											
244	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>				✓															
245	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>				✓															
246	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>		✓										✓	✓						
247	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>					✓														
248	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>										✓									
249	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>													✓		✓				
250	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>														✓	✓				
251	Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>					✓	✓		✓											
252	Spotted Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>					✓														
253	Scaly Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax subunicolor</i>										✓									

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254	Blue-winged Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax squamatus</i>									✓										
255	Black-faced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax affinis</i>			✓					✓			✓								
256	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>			✓						✓		✓								
257	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>							✓												
258	Rufous-capped Babbler	<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>					✓														
259	Striped Tit-babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>												✓			✓			✓	
260	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>														✓					
261	Jerdon's Babbler	<i>Chrysomma altirostre</i>												✓							
262	Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>															✓				
263	Slender-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides longirostris</i>															✓				
264	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>																✓		✓	
265	Black-eared Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotis</i>						✓													
266	Rusty-fronted Barwing	<i>Actinodura egertoni</i>						✓			✓										
267	Hoary-throated Barwing	<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>									✓										
268	Chestnut-tailed Minla	<i>Minla strigula</i>			✓							✓		✓							
269	Red-tailed Minla	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>										✓		✓							
270	Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>												✓							
271	White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>			✓						✓	✓		✓							
272	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>			✓																
273	Nepal Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>			✓			✓													
274	Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
275	Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>				✓	✓	✓													
276	Stripe-throated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>				✓				✓	✓		✓								
277	Black-throated Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i>											✓								
278	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓											
279	Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>								✓	✓		✓								
280	Black-browed Tit	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>			✓																
281	Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>			✓																
282	Grey-crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>			✓			✓		✓											
283	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
284	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
285	Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Parus spilonotus</i>									✓										

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286	Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>								✓											
287	White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>				✓				✓	✓		✓								
288	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>						✓													
289	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			✓																
290	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓										
291	Brown-throated Treecreeper	<i>Certhia discolor</i>											✓								
292	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>																✓	✓	✓	✓
293	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>													✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
294	Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>				✓			✓	✓											
295	Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>								✓			✓	✓							
296	Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>							✓		✓		✓								
297	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>											✓		✓						
298	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	✓																		
299	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>									✓										
300	Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>												✓	✓	✓					
301	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>		✓										✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
302	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
303	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>												✓							
304	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>						✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					
305	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
306	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>														✓	✓				
307	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	✓									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
308	Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>											✓								
309	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>															✓		✓	✓	✓
310	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>											✓								
311	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>													✓	✓					
312	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>															✓	✓			
313	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
314	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>										✓									
315	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>			✓					✓	✓		✓								
316	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>														✓	✓	✓			
317	Gold-billed Magpie	<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>	✓										✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓

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318	Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>				✓		✓													
319	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓		✓															
320	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓											
321	Eurasian Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	✓						✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
322	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
323	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos leuallantii</i>													✓	✓					
324	Spot-winged Starling	<i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓					
325	Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	✓								✓		✓	✓						✓	
326	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
327	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
328	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>										✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
329	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>	✓									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
330	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓											
331	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
332	Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>												✓	✓						
333	White-throated Munia	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>												✓							
334	Crimson-browed Finch	<i>Pinicola subhimachalus</i>										✓									
335	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>							✓												
336	Beautiful Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus pulcherrimus</i>				✓															
337	Dark-rumped Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i>						✓													
338	Grey-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>							✓												

Mammal

1	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>					✓	✓		✓										
2	Assam Macaque	<i>Macaca assamensis</i>								✓										
3	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
4	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>				✓			✓											
5	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Aonyx cinerea</i>												✓	✓					
6	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓																✓	
7	Fishing Cat	<i>Felis bengalensis</i>																✓		
8	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>																		✓
9	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>													✓	✓			✓	✓

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10	Muntjac (Barking Dear)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>					✓				✓										
11	Spotted Deer (Chital)	<i>Cervus axis</i>																✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Hog Deer	<i>Cervus porcinus</i>													✓	✓					
13	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>														✓					
14	Wild Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>													✓	✓					
15	Northern (five-striped) Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓																		
16	Orange-bellied Squirrel	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>			✓		✓								✓	✓					
17	Hoary- bellied Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>		✓											✓	✓					
18	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓																

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