

India - Assam, Darjeeling & Bhutan

Naturetrek Tour Report

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= Sunderbans Extension

Day 1

Sunday 3rd November

In flight

Departure from UK today, on a scheduled Emirates flight to Kolkata via Dubai.

Day 2

Monday 4th November

Kolkata, India

The day was spent at leisure.

Day 3

Tuesday 5th November

Flight to Paro, Bhutan

Today we set off early and reached the airport. After immigration we boarded our Druk Airways flight to Paro. Paro airport is negotiable by only eight pilots in the world. And what a spectacular flight we had – clear skies, superb mountain views and an amazing landing! We were greeted by our young guide, Jatsho, and ever-smiling driver, Phu Ndup, at Paro airport. On the way to our hotel, the Tashi Namgay Resort, we stopped twice to take some photos of the Paro Valley. We checked in quickly and went out for lunch. An archery club had prepared a great picnic lunch in its grounds. Before we started our lunch, a bout of archery started – some fared better than others, but it gave us immense fun to watch this at the beginning of our Bhutan journey.

After lunch we headed for the Paro Dzong. From its bridge we spotted our first Ibisbill. What a great bird! With scopes in hand we had great views of this bird feeding amongst the stones of the fast-flowing river. Next was Jatsho's turn to enlighten us with the ways of tantric Buddhism at the Paro Dzong.

Late we drove to get a view of the Tiger Monastery. As we were taking photos from the road, we began making strategies on how to negotiate the climb we would be making the following afternoon. Meanwhile we saw a few Rufous-breasted Accentors and Little Bunting at the farm edge. Then, as it was starting to cool down quickly, we called it a day.

Day 4

Wednesday 6th November

Paro; Chele La & Tiger's Nest Monastery

We had an early start. Carrying packed breakfasts, we headed for the 12,400-foot Chele La Pass. This is the highest motorable road in Bhutan and it leads to Ha. As we approached the pass we drove through pine forests. We reached the top in the dark and got great views of the first light on the Jomalhari Peak. At the pass we found a Moupin's Pika. After spending some time at the pass photographing the magnificent peaks, we headed down the track. We saw flocks of Collared Grosbeaks, White-winged Grosbeaks, Snow Pigeons, Red-headed Bullfinch, Golden Bushrobin Nutcrackers and a pair of Upland Buzzards. Due to road construction work, unfortunately we dipped on the Blood Pheasant and the Monal.

After lunch three of us went for the Tatsang Monastery trek, while the rest went for an exploration of Paro. The afternoon walk along the river produced Red-billed Choughs and Russet Sparrows.

Day 5

Thursday 7th November

Paro to Wangdue

Today we got up and set off in the dark for Do Chu La (3,100 mountains). At sunrise, as the vast mountain range came in view, all I could hear were gasps, and everyone was able to fully appreciate the reason for our somewhat early start! The golden light reflected off the snowy peaks. We walked on to our breakfast place, where a hot bowl of rice porridge, plus toast and jam went down well. We spotted a Nepal Grey Langur (*Semnopithecus schistaceus*) sunning itself on top of a distant tree-top. Later it disappeared in the foliage. We drove further down and stopped as we reached the broadleaf forests. We saw a Plain-backed Thrush and a Dark-breasted Rosefinch in a dark gully. Next we found a hunting flock comprising of shrike babblers, yuhinas, minlas and fulvettas. Next was a great find, a Fire-tailed Myzornis – a very rare and secretive bird of the high Himalaya.

After a sumptuous lunch at Wangdue, we drove to Punatshangchu Cottage. We dropped our bags and went after a very sought-after bird, the White-bellied Heron. We drove along Pho Chu and stopped to look at beautiful Crested Kingfishers and Great Cormorants and eventually came to a spot where we found not one, but two White-bellied Herons. They gave us great views and one even caught a huge fish and slowly gulped it down while we watched.

Day 6

Friday 8th November

Punakha (Tashitang Valley excursion)

After an early start today, we took off on the road to Jigme Dorji National Park. We drove up the valley through beautiful rice fields alongside a river.

We stopped at a suitable spot and were immediately rewarded by a flock of 6 Greater Yellownapes. What an incredible sight! Never in my birding life have I seen six of these woodpeckers together. They put on a great show for us. Next we had great flocks of yuhinas, barwings, warblers, fantails and black bulbuls. During breakfast more birds appeared. A tiny Himalayan Three-striped Squirrel entertained us for a while by scurrying up and down the branches like a wind-up toy. We then returned to Punakha for lunch. Jatsho had selected a superb site in the woods near the Punakha Dzong. We sat in the shade of the pine trees with the Dzong on one side and an archery competition on the other.

Next was the visit to the magnificent Dzong. On the return trip some of us spotted a mysterious animal scampering about on the river edge. It disappeared quickly and before we could get a good view of it. Determined to try and identify it, this led to a mad scramble down the slope and a dash to the spot where we'd seen it. Speculations went on for a long time about the animal's possible identity, and suggestions ranged from Wild Dog and Himalayan Palm Civet to a – it has to be admitted, rather feebly – Yellow-throated Marten.

Day 7

Saturday 9th November

Wangdue to Phobjika Valley

We had got into the habit of getting up early and by now everyone was used to the routine! We left for Gangtey/Phobjika Valley before breakfast, munching on biscuits as we travelled, and enjoying superb views of Little and Spotted Forktails. We also saw: large troops of Assamese Macaques sunning themselves on the rocky slopes; shy but elegant Nepal Grey Langurs; a very quiet Yellow-rumped Honeyguide and a stunning Wallcreeper. There were also laughing-thrushes and jays. A superb English breakfast was waiting for us at Nobding, which we ate to a backdrop of stunning snowy peaks and oak forest. Next we paid a visit to see the Yaks at 'Baby La'. The not-so-docile Yaks scuppered their chances of us posing with them in the style of 'Attenborough and the Mountain Gorillas'.

Next we went down the valley and saw our first Black-necked Crane family. We then drove on and spotted large flock of an estimated 130+ cranes foraging in the valley marshes. After checking in at the Dewachen, we drove down to get closer views. We also saw large flocks of Red-billed and Alpine Choughs, Oriental Skylarks, Hen Harrier and a Magpie. After a hot cup of tea in a scenically located local restaurant, we retired for the day. After sundown a dose of 'Dragon Warmer' kept us warm during the night.

Day 8

Sunday 10th November

Phobjika Valley to Thimpu

We went out early to try for another, closer, look at the cranes and were rewarded with a few fly-bys. The temperature was only -5.6°C and the crystallized grass along the marsh made the scenery look truly magical. We had a long journey ahead of us to get back to Thimpu, so we left after breakfast and drove down the valley via Wangdue, birding as we travelled. Before we reached Dochu La, a rea(!) Yellow-throated Marten ran across the road. This sighting led us to believe that this was indeed the most likely identity of the species we'd seen the previous day at Punakha. We finally reached Thimpu at 0430 in the afternoon.

Day 9

Monday 11th November

Thimpu to Phuntsholing

Early this morning, we visited the Motithang Takin Preserve. Jatsho had been confident that the centre was open all day long, but it wasn't, so we had to get the key from the guards to let us in. We enjoyed our visit, and seeing these Takin – strange goat-antelope species and the national animal of Bhutan – close up. Luckily it was their breakfast time and we got to see them as they all hung around for their soaked chickpea meal.

After breakfast we visited the Nunnery and finally the large Buddha Statute that adorns the mountain top near Thimpu. One of us found another Wallcreeper here amongst the concrete rubble. We then left for Phunsholing and had a bit of retail therapy in Thimpu town. We had a super drive down via the scenic route, reaching the Druk Hotel at sundown.

Day 10

Tuesday 12th November

Phuntsholing to Darjeeling

We departed Bhutan after saying goodbye to Jatsho and Phup, and were then met by our next guide, Kabir. After immigration on the Indian side, we drove along the Torsa River and the Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary. First stop was at Malbazar tourist lodge for a cup of tea, pakora snack and a comfort break. Next we stopped to see the Assamese Macaques and at Jorbunglow we had a rare view of Kanchenjunga, the third highest mountain in the world, in the middle of the day. Next stop was the New Elgin & Little Tibet Hotel. After a superb lunch we walked on the mall and had a stroll until sundown.

Day 11-12

Wednesday 13th - Thursday 14th November

Darjeeling

We spent two wonderful days in Darjeeling, with crystal clear days and superb views of the Kanchenjunga range, as well as some great sunrises and sunsets (a rare treat in these mountains). We saw a beautiful Red Leiothrix during a walk around the mall, visited the Tiger Hills and saw Nepal's most famous mountain trio: Everest, Lohitse and Makalu.

We then strolled down the road adding a few new birds to our list. Next stop was tea-tasting and tea shopping. Trying out various kinds of tea was not everybody's cup of tea, as some were hard coffee drinkers! Later in the day we visited the Tibetan Refugee Centre.

We took another birding walk the next morning along the beautiful Jorbunglow Road, during which we saw Bonelli's Eagle and had some great views of White-throated Laughing-thrushes. Later in the day we took a ride on the famous Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. It was a delightful journey, with the glorious snowy peaks of Kanchenjunga towering above us while the century-old steam train chugged along the tracks. We even got to be extras in a Tamil 'B' movie with a rookie artist, who made strange faces and pretended to be sad!! We spent the rest of the day at leisure and enjoyed watching the sun set over Kanchenjunga.

Day 13

Friday 15th November

Assam

Today we left Darjeeling and proceeded to the airport at Bagdogra to fly to Guwahati in Assam. We spent the night at a Guwahati hotel.

Day 14

Saturday 16th November

The Guwahati rubbish tip; Kaziranga

We left early and made a little detour to the famed Guwahati rubbish tip to see thousands of migratory Black-eared Kites and 100+ rare and endangered Greater Adjutant Storks. Everybody was in awe at the sight of the birds at the tip and, when it was time to leave, it took a lot of effort to tear everyone away. Next we drove for four and half hours to the Wild Grass Resort, with a stop en route for coffee and to look at a few Rhinos grazing in a marsh close to the road. We were entrusted into the hands of Nekib, our next guide, and in the afternoon we visited the Kohora in the central range of the reserve. Here we clocked up a list of 69 species of birds in one afternoon, along with Rhinos, Buffaloes, Hog Deer and Swamp Deer.

Day 15-16

Sunday 17th – Monday 18th November

Kaziranga

The next two days proved very exciting. We had great views of rhinos, elephants, buffaloes, Hog and Swamp Deer. We got great views of otters on the open banks at Sohola Lake, and we had two near sightings of Tigers, but unfortunately missed out on seeing them. Several eagle species and large numbers of ducks and waders filled our list to the hilt.

One morning we had an elephant-back ride which is a wonderful way to get close views of big game. On another morning we decided to visit the park in the Burrpahar range with the hope of seeing at least one new mammal for this trip; however, we managed to see lots of new mammals: Muntjac, Flying Fox, Malayan Giant Squirrel, Capped Langurs and a family of four Western Hoolock Gibbons outside the park. The Western Hoolock Gibbon is a rare Indian primate and we had great views and photo opportunities with the ones we encountered.

After a quick roadside breakfast we decided to bypass the park itself and go on to the Brahmaputra River – very soon after arriving we were rewarded with views of our first pod of Gangetic Dolphins. They were chasing fish and sometimes broke the surface, giving us great views. Some even jumped clear out of the water, much to everyone's delight!

Day 17

Tuesday 19th November

Transfer to Guwahati & flight to Kolkata

Today was our last morning in Kaziranga. Some of us went for another elephant-back ride while some stayed back to add a few more birds to our list, including Puff-throated Babblers and Little Spiderhunter. It was then time to head to Guwahati for our flight to Kolkata.

Day 18

Wednesday 20th November

Departures at end of main tour & start of Sunderbans extension

We said a sad farewell to those who were returning to the UK today, and there were now seven of us left for a new adventure in the Sunderbans.

The village highway has been newly tarred so we had a smooth ride through the myriad of villages en route and all their attendant activities. We moved slowly past the varied traffic, eventually reaching Godkhali in three hours (including a tea stop!). On arrival, we boarded our boat, the newly refurbished 'Baba Nabin', and were greeted by our captain, Nitai. With a hot cup of 'cha' in hand we set sail for the Dulki. We saw Pacific Golden Plover, Green Bee-eaters, and both Collared and Black-capped Kingfishers, and after an hour's sailing we reached the edge of Dulki village.

We had lunch and then at 3 pm we set sail for Sajnekhali, little knowing that this would be our most exciting afternoon in the Sunderbans! As we arrived, were informed that a Tiger had been sighted from the watch tower ... so we made a quick dash for the tower! We waited anxiously for some time, looking hard at all the muddy paths cut through the thick forest. The Rhesus Macaques were calling relentlessly and the Jungle Crows flew about calling loudly. Then suddenly the head of a massive male Tiger appeared from the left edge of the first path. We all stopped breathing as he walked royally across the open space and disappeared into the forest. After a few minutes we heard a muffled roar in the distance which convinced us that he was moving away from us. Within another few minutes he reappeared again on a different path and then walked away from us. We got our best views of the Tiger as he stood looking up, full height, at the edge of a pool. He then disappeared quickly from sight.

After a while, the macaques relaxed a bit and started to move around, feeding on the leaves. Meanwhile natural hallucinogens had kicked in and everybody found a Tiger in every movement and monkey they saw, even if they were clamouring to the top of a fence! We all waited in case we were lucky enough to get another view of this magnificent Tiger. Then I thought I heard the faint noise of crunching of bones very close to us, near a fence. I heard a soft moan ... and the macaques started up again ... we were in luck, it was another Tiger! And it was moving! A few seconds later we glimpsed another Tiger jumping over a muddy pool. What happened next was very special: two Tigers (a large male and a very well-fed female) appeared at the same time, moving in unison. Together they slowly walked across a path and disappeared into the forest, and that was the last we saw of them; it left us feeling as if we'd seen an apparition. Fantastic! The light was fading and our permits were done, so we took a look at the Interpretation Centre then sailed into a glorious sunset and returned to our camp.

Day 19-21

Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd November

Sunderbans extension

The next few days also proved to be very exciting. Every morning we started early and loaded the boat with breakfast and lunch. Then, as the tide was lowest in the mornings, we tried various different techniques for getting on to the boat, including climbing up a ribbed plank and a bamboo pole. Some of the things we saw were wonderful. In one of the wider creeks we spotted a pair of Short-clawed Otters. We had some very good views of them and managed to get some good photos.

We enjoyed a lazy cruise through the greatest mangrove system on Earth and saw at first hand how evolution has been governed by the rising and falling of tides! We also added a fantastic Buffy Fish Owl. Over the next few days of sailing, bird highlights included Peregrine, Osprey, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Brown-winged Kingfisher and Large-tailed Nightjar. A large semi-submerged Saltwater Crocodile and several sightings of Water Monitors kept the reptile count up, while fiddler crabs and the mudskippers entertained us too.

Day 22

Sunday 23rd November

Kolkata

This morning we took a short walk in the local village and met some of the village children. We also managed to get close views of Tailorbirds and Common Iora, among other species.

After lunch we sailed to Godkhali. We then drove back to Kolkata airport and said our final farewells...

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	November																							
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>													✓											
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>															✓									
3	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>													✓	✓	✓									
4	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓																							
5	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓				✓					✓	✓									
6	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>									✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
7	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>													✓	✓	✓			✓						
8	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>													✓	✓	✓									
9	White-bellied Heron	<i>Ardea insignis</i>				✓																				
10	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>													✓		✓									
11	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>													✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
12	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>														✓	✓									
13	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>													✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
14	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>		✓							✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
15	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
16	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>																		✓	✓	✓	✓			
17	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>																	✓							
18	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>														✓										
20	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>													✓	✓	✓									
21	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>													✓	✓	✓									
22	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
23	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>													✓	✓										
24	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>														✓										
25	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>												✓												
26	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>													✓											
27	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>														✓	✓	✓								
28	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓								
29	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓		✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓								

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30	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>																						✓		
31	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>																✓								
32	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				✓												✓	✓							
33	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>															✓	✓	✓							
34	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓				✓									✓							
35	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>																	✓	✓						
36	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>																	✓							
37	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>																		✓						
38	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>																		✓						
39	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>																						✓		
40	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓									✓				✓						✓			
41	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>																								
42	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>																						✓	✓	
43	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>																							✓	
44	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>																							✓	
45	Pallas' Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>					✓																	✓	✓	
46	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>																						✓	✓	
47	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>																							✓	
48	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>																							✓	
49	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>																							✓	
50	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>								✓																
51	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>																							✓	
52	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓																						✓	
53	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					✓																		✓	
54	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				✓				✓	✓														✓	
55	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>						✓	✓	✓															✓	
56	Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>				✓																			✓	
57	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>																							✓	
58	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>																							✓	
59	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>																							✓	
60	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>					✓			✓															✓	
61	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓																✓	

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62	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>														✓						✓				
63	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>																✓								
64	Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>						h																		
65	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>														✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
66	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>						✓																		
67	Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>							✓	✓																
68	Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>																✓								
69	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>															✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		
70	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>																	✓							
71	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>															✓		✓							
72	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>		✓	✓																					
73	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>																	✓							
74	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>																	✓							
75	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>					✓	✓												✓						
76	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>															✓	✓	✓							
77	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>															✓	✓	✓							
78	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>																				✓				
79	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>																					✓			
80	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>																						✓		
81	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>																		✓						
82	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>																	✓	✓						
83	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>																				✓	✓	✓		
84	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>																				✓	✓	✓	h	
85	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>																					✓	✓		
86	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>															✓									
87	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>															✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
88	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>															✓	✓	✓							
89	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>																	✓	✓						
90	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>																						✓		
91	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	✓	✓									✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
92	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>																		✓						
93	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>															✓	✓								

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94	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>															✓									
95	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>															✓									
96	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>																			✓					
97	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>															✓									
98	Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>			✓																					
99	Hill Pigeon	<i>Columba rupestris</i>							✓																	
100	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓											
101	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>									✓					✓				✓	✓	✓				
102	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>														✓										
103	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
104	Barred Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>					✓	✓																		
105	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>														✓		✓								
106	Green Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>															✓	✓								
107	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>														✓	✓	✓								
108	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓													✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
109	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>																✓								
110	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>																			✓		✓			
111	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓														✓			✓	✓					
112	Brown Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>														✓										
113	Buffy Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i>																			✓					
114	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>														✓		✓	✓							
115	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>															✓			h		✓				
116	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>																			✓					
117	Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>							✓																	
118	Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>														✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
119	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	✓																	✓						
120	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			
121	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis amauropterus</i>																			✓	✓	✓			
122	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>										✓														
123	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓									✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
124	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>																		✓	✓	✓	✓			
125	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>																		✓	✓	✓	✓			

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126	Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>				✓																				
127	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓					✓			
128	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>																	✓		✓	✓	✓			
129	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>										✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
130	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
131	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>															✓	✓								
132	Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓														
133	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>															✓	✓								
134	Golden-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>											✓													
135	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>															✓		✓							
136	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>														✓		✓								
137	Yellow-rumped Honeyguide	<i>Indicator xanthonotus</i>						✓																		
138	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>																		h	✓					
139	Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>					✓																			
140	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>																?								
141	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓																			✓				
142	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>																	✓							
143	Oriental Skylark	Oriental Skylark						✓	✓																	
144	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>																	✓							
145	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>															✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
146	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>																	✓							
147	Nepal Martin	<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>										✓		✓												
148	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		
149	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>														✓	✓			✓						
150	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>														✓	✓						✓	✓		
151	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓				✓			✓	✓						✓									
152	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>															✓									
153	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>				✓											✓	✓	✓							
154	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>																✓								
155	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>																	✓			✓	✓			
156	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>																						✓		
157	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>				✓		✓												✓						

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158	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>															✓	✓								
159	Striated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>									✓															
160	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>																✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
161	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
162	Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mcclllandii</i>					✓																			
163	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>					✓				✓			✓												
164	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>																✓	✓	✓						
165	Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>					✓																			
166	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>																	✓			✓	✓	✓		
167	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓																			
168	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓						✓															
169	Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophia</i>	✓																							
170	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓																			
171	Blue Whistling-thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓							
172	Plain-backed Thrush	<i>Zoothera mollissima</i>				✓																				
173	White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>			✓																					
174	Brownish-flanked Bush-warbler	<i>Cettia fortipes</i>											✓													
175	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>																	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
176	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>																✓				✓				
177	Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>						✓					✓													
178	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>																				✓				
179	Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>																					✓	✓		
180	Blyth's Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>					✓						✓													
181	Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistus</i>					✓																			
182	Slaty-backed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hodgsonii</i>																✓								
183	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophia</i>				✓																				
184	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>																✓	✓			✓				
185	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>															✓									
186	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>					✓															✓				
187	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>																	✓	✓						
188	Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>			✓																					
189	Golden Bush-robin	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>			✓																					

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190	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>				✓	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
191	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>																	h							
192	Hodgson's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓																
193	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>															✓									
194	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓																						
195	Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓										
196	White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarromis leucocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓																
197	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓																	
198	Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>						✓					✓													
199	Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>																✓	✓							
200	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>										✓														
201	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>						✓					✓													
202	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>				✓	✓									✓	✓	✓								
203	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>				✓	✓																			
204	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>																			✓					
205	Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>							✓				✓													
206	Black-faced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax affinis</i>			✓																					
207	White-throated Laughingthrush	White-throated Laughingthrush					✓	✓		✓			✓													
208	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>								✓			?		✓											
209	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>																	✓							
210	Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>														h										
211	Pygmy Wren-babbler	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>											h													
212	Rufous-capped Babbler	<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>				✓	✓								✓											
213	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>																				✓	✓			
214	Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>											✓	✓	✓											
215	Black-eared Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotis</i>				✓	✓																			
216	Hoary-throated Barwing	<i>Actinodura nipalensis</i>					✓																			
217	Blue-winged Minla	<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>					✓																			
218	Chestnut-tailed Minla	<i>Minla strigula</i>				✓	✓		✓				✓	✓												
219	Red-tailed Minla	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>					✓																			
220	Golden-breasted Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe chrysotis</i>												✓												
221	Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe castaneiceps</i>				✓	✓							✓												

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222	White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>										✓	✓													
223	Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓													
224	Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓														
225	Stripe-throated Yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>				✓	✓					✓														
226	Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>					✓																			
227	Rufous-vented Yuhina	<i>Yuhina occipitalis</i>					✓																			
228	Fire-tailed Myzornis	<i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i>				✓																				
229	Black-throated Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i>											✓													
230	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			✓	✓		✓																		
231	Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>				✓							✓													
232	Black-browed Tit	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>			✓			✓																		
233	Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>			✓																					
234	Grey-crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>						✓																		
235	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>																	✓							
236	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
237	Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Parus sibilonotus</i>					✓																			
238	White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>							✓		✓	✓		✓												
239	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>						✓	✓	✓																
240	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			✓				✓																	
241	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>					✓		✓			✓														
242	Brown-throated Treecreeper	<i>Certhia discolor</i>					✓																			
243	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>																			✓	✓	✓			
244	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓																		✓					
245	Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>					✓		✓			✓		✓												
246	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>																	✓							
247	Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>										✓														
248	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>																		✓						
249	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>																					✓			
250	Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>																		✓						
251	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>					✓																			
252	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>																		✓						
253	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>					✓																			

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254	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>													h	✓	✓	✓								
255	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>					✓																			
256	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>		✓							✓				✓	✓						✓	✓			
257	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓							✓					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			
258	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓									
259	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
260	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>									✓															
261	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>																✓		✓	✓	✓				
262	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>																✓								
263	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>															✓		✓							
264	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						✓																		
265	Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>						✓																		
266	Gold-billed Magpie	<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓																
267	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>									✓				✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				
268	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>					✓					✓	✓													
269	Eurasian Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓																
270	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓																
271	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						✓	✓																	
272	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓							✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓			
273	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓						
274	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos leuallantii</i>																	✓		✓	✓	✓			
275	White-vented Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>														✓	✓	✓								
276	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>														✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
277	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
278	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓	✓							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
279	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>															✓	✓	✓				✓			
280	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓				✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			
281	Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>		✓	✓			✓																		
282	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										
283	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>					✓																			
284	Nutmeg Mannakin	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>															✓						✓			
285	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>				✓																				

Other Taxa

Northern House Gecko

Rat Snake

Bengal Monitor

Assam Roof Turtle

Water Monitor

Saltwater Crocodile

Tucktoo (Tokek) Gecko

Red Fiddler Crab

Blue and Yellow Fiddler Crab