

# India - Tiger Direct! (plus Tadoba pre-extension)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-faced Langur by Lesley Raines



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## Day 1

**Thursday 30th October**

Raghu and Nick found out the mettle of the extension group oh-so-early this morning; instead of shuffling bleary-eyed from the plane at Nagpur, you all strode into the terminal with a take-us-to-the-tigers look in your eyes! So we did just that, piling you into vehicles for the three hour drive to Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve. We settled into our charming lodge and immediately took a sun-baked stroll for our first common birds and butterflies – among the birds Green Bee-Eater, Common Iora, Long-tailed Shrike, Rufous-tailed Lark and Common Hawk-Cuckoo and amongst the butterflies Lime Butterfly, Blue Pansy, Lemon Pansy and Common Mormon.

Later, we headed for the park for our first afternoon drive. The highlight was undoubtedly a female Sloth Bear with her half-grown cub but we also saw a fine supporting cast of Sambar, Chital, Common Langur, Ruddy Mongoose and Common Mongoose. As we drove back through the dusk we watched Grey, Indian and Savannah Nightjars and Black-naped Hares scuttled from the road in front of us. One vehicle even had a fine encounter with an inquisitive Common Palm Civet. Not bad for the first day of our adventures among the incomparable wild creatures of India.

## Day 2

**Friday 31st October**

Dawn today saw us champing at the bit to get into the park again, after the success of the previous evening. And our two drives today were not to disappoint.

The ceaseless calls of Rose-ringed and Plum-headed Parakeets, Jungle Babbler and Red-vented Bulbul were a backdrop to encounters with Jungle Owlet, Sirkeer Malkoha, White-bellied Drongo and both Plain and Jungle Prinias.

On our return to the lodge for lunch we were treated to superb views of a Short-toed Eagle while in the lodge garden a family of Jungle Babblers fed their foster-chick, a Common Hawk-Cuckoo. Mammal highlights today included a languid pack of Asian Wild Dogs, a third Sloth Bear, our first magnificent Gaur, and a shy Chowsingha or Four-horned Antelope. Meanwhile the reptiles held their own, with one jeep seeing a beautiful young Indian Rock Python and another seeing a Common Cobra raise its hood.

### Day 3

### Saturday 1st November

Back into the park today: more Chital, more Sambar and more hunger to see the creatures that eat them! Two vehicles were lucky in this respect, one superbly encountering the same Wild Dog pack as was seen yesterday and another watching a Leopard, brilliantly found by their driver at a waterhole. And the birds did their best to delight us too: stately Intermediate and Little Egrets in the wetlands, a Lesser Adjutant soaring over the lake, flocks of Yellow-footed Green-Pigeons in the trees and motionless Brown Fish-Owls over streams. All this and we haven't mentioned the butterflies: Common Crows, Striped Tigers, Plain Tigers, Blue Tigers, Grey Pansies and countless others kept our interest during the sullen heat of mid-day.

### Day 4

### Sunday 2nd November

Our last full day in the delightful forests of Tadoba was an emotional one. For the three clients with Raghu in the afternoon, a twenty-five minute encounter with a dozing adolescent female Tiger was the culmination of years of dreaming. For everyone else the thrill of expectation only ran higher with the news. But things went pretty well for everyone today, even those yet to see a tiger. The same pack of seven Wild Dogs was seen again, as were Wild Boar and an Indian Tree Shrew. Bird favourites included another Lesser Adjutant, several encounters with Shikra and White-eyed Buzzard, Jungle Bush-Quail, a Mottled Wood-Owl (in the dusk, straight after the Tiger), and a Booted Warbler. Butterflies continued to delight, the highlight being our first Crimson Rose.

### Day 5

### Monday 3rd November

All too soon the extension group left Tadoba this morning, bound for Pench Tiger Reserve. Meanwhile the rest of the group, arriving from the UK, the USA, and Zambia, were also heading for Pench. At lunch we all got together, acquaintances were made and in some cases friends and former colleagues were reunited.

Needless to say, in the afternoon we headed for the forest in search of wildlife. The stately landscapes of Pench provided most people with their first Nilgai this afternoon and we added many new birds to the list including Black-shouldered Kite, White-rumped Vulture, Stone Curlew, Indian Scops Owl (the first of many at staked-out roost holes), Brown-capped Woodpecker and Black-hooded Oriole. Meanwhile one jeep had a seconds-too-late near miss with a Leopard, while another saw the first Golden Jackals of the tour. Delightful new butterflies today included Common Jezebel, Common Pierrot and Common Rose.

## Day 6

### Tuesday 4th November

Our full day in Pench was, as they say, a game of two halves. For the lucky two jeeps which made it to the 'tiger show' on time, there was the chance to watch a male Tiger chomping on his kill in long grass from an elephant. These two jeeps included all of the newly-arrived clients for the main tour. However, for everyone else, especially the one remaining jeep which had not seen a Tiger at all, the excitement mounted another notch. Nonetheless, the wait for a potential elephant ride was well-spent; we were visited here by a charming male Black Redstart, pairs of both Black and Woolly-necked Storks, and bands of Large Cuckoo-Shrikes and Brown-headed Barbets. Two fly-pasts by a Peregrine also added to the fun and all the while we watched great flocks of Red-rumped Swallows over the maidan. Forest birding today included Golden and Black-hooded Orioles, the tour's only Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher and a scattering of White-bellied and Greater Racket-tailed Drongos. Meanwhile, among the mammals, more Golden Jackals and Gaur were supported by the usual abundance of Chital, Sambar and Common Langurs.

## Day 7

### Wednesday 5th November

This morning our thoughts turned from Pench to Kanha Tiger Reserve, where we headed in the morning. Highlights of the journey included a perfect male Pallid Harrier and the roadside butterfly-show among the grasses on the drive up to Balaghat. The butterflies were mainly Common Crows and Striped Tigers but it was their sheer numbers which impressed us. Over lunch we settled into excellent accommodation at Kanha Jungle Lodge, while an immense Blue Mormon butterfly floated overhead and the Sal forest rang to the whistles and shrieks of Greater Racket-tailed Drongos.

The afternoon saw us on our first drive into the Mukki area of Kanha where two canids were seen: Wild Dogs and Golden Jackals. The favourite mammal of the day, however, was the hard-ground form of Barasingha or Swamp Deer which may only be found in Kanha. It's always good when an extremely rare animal is also both lovely and extremely obliging. A new butterfly today was the Plum Judy which spent a long while on Lydia's hat and new birds included Little Grebe, Lesser Whistling-Duck, Indian Pygmy-Goose, Red Junglefowl, Red-headed Vulture, Emerald Dove and Thick-billed Flowerpecker.

## Day 8

### Thursday 6th November

Today set the tone for our next three full days: a morning drive to the Kanha and Kisli zones of the park in search of Tigers and a more relaxed afternoon drive in the Mukki zone near our lodge. Black Ibis, Garganey, Common Snipe and Indian Scimitar-Babbler all made their debuts on the birdlist today while most people were also able to add Barking Deer, also known as Indian Muntjac, to the fine list of deer they had seen. In the trees we were entertained by Three-striped Palm-Squirrels and Common Langurs and in the under-storey placid herds of Gaur were commonly seen.

## Day 9

### Friday 7th November

Pochard, Teal, Green Sandpiper and Common Kingfisher were reminders of home today but Indian Peafowl, Long-billed Vulture, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Sirkeer Malkoha, Jungle Owlet and Malabar Pied Hornbill were definitely not (unless the UK has changed a bit since I was last there!).

Two Leopards and two Tigers were seen in a single day by one lucky group!! Most people saw at least one of the excellent Leopards and a couple of our vehicles saw the first Tiger. But it was the second Tiger that proved the highlight of the tour for those who saw her. After much tracking, we found her as she strolled nonchalantly onto a track in the Mukki zone and we followed her for several minutes until she finally took to the forest. Unforgettable! And now, at last, every single member of the group had seen a wild Tiger. Though almost an afterthought, today's new butterflies included dazzling Tawny Rajahs and Large Oakblues.

## Day 10

**Saturday 8th November**

Undeterred by yesterday's Tiger-success, we worked hard again today and once again saw many beautiful species over two drives – Brown Hawk-Owl, Crested Treeswift, Indian Grey Hornbill, Black-rumped Flameback, Olive-backed Pipit, Rosy Minivet, Scarlet Minivet, Long-tailed Minivet, Grey Bushchat and Sulphur-bellied Warbler to name but a few – but our luck with the big cats had run out. Mind you, no-one was complaining as we again saw Gaur, Chital, Sambar, Barasingha and Barking Deer and for a second evening some of the group saw an Indian Giant Flying-Squirrel emerge from its roost hole at the lodge and glide off into the dusk. Another Indian Rock Python was the herp-highlight of the day and Staff Sergeant made its way onto the butterfly list.

## Day 11

**Sunday 9th November**

Our last drive in Kanha this morning allowed some to see the first Spangled (also known as Hair-crested) Drongos of the tour and let everyone to say goodbye to the beautiful landscapes of the park and their delightful inhabitants, both human and otherwise. The rest of the day, and much of the night, were given over to getting you all back to Nagpur and onto your flight home with Tigers firmly under your belts and a thousand reasons to come back to glorious India still swimming through your minds.

## Summary:

What a wonderful tour! Its success is owed to many people: to the chauffeurs who took us comfortably between sites, to our hosts in Tadoba and their staff of cooks, waiters and drivers for their effortless hospitality and tremendous enthusiasm for wildlife; to the naturalists in Pench for superb guiding and to the staff of the hotel; to the staff of our lodge in Kanha for their warm welcome, flawless service and delightful grounds; to the local guides of each park whose eagle eyes and immense knowledge of the forest helped us to encounter many of its denizens; and to the Tiger and its forests for giving us all a reason to keep hoping, to keep fighting, to keep dreaming. And of course, thanks must go to you all too. Your tireless good humour, your fortitude in the face of occasional disappointment, your quick wit and easy bonhomie, and your tremendous respect for India and her spectacular wildlife made the holiday a delight for us to lead and a pleasure for everyone. Come back – the forests will be waiting for you.

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## Species Lists

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	October/November										
			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>						✓					
3	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>						✓					
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						✓				✓	
6	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓	✓						✓	
7	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓			✓
8	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓										
12	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		
13	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>						✓					
14	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>			✓	✓							
15	Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>							✓	✓			
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓								
17	Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓
18	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓						
19	Indian Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>						✓					
20	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>								✓		✓	
21	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>									✓	✓	
22	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>								✓			
23	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>									✓		
24	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓	✓		✓				✓		
25	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓				✓		✓				
27	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓		
28	Long-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>									✓		
29	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>							✓	✓	✓		
30	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓									
31	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
32	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>							✓				
33	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
34	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
35	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>	✓				✓						
36	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatous</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓										
38	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓			✓						
39	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						✓					
40	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓	H									
41	Jungle Bush-Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
42	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>		✓		✓		✓					
43	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>									✓		
44	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	H	✓	✓	✓							
46	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>							✓	✓	✓		
47	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauromis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓					

48	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							✓				
49	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>					✓	✓		H	✓		
50	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								✓			
52	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓					
54	Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>		✓									
55	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓						
56	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H		✓		✓
57	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
58	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
59	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indicus</i>								✓			
60	Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
61	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
62	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓		
63	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H		
64	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
65	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>										H	
66	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
67	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Indian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>			✓	✓							
70	Mottled Wood-Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>				✓							
71	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	
72	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athena brama</i>	✓	✓	✓								
73	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	✓	✓		✓							
74	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							
75	Savannah Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	✓	✓	✓								
76	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>					✓						✓
77	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	
78	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓			✓				✓	H	
79	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>				✓			✓				
81	Green Bee-Eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓		✓
82	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
83	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓		
85	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>									✓		
86	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	H				H	✓	H	✓	✓	H	
87	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>								H	✓	H	
88	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>	✓				✓						
89	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>	✓										
90	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓	✓	H	✓		✓	✓		
91	Ashy-crowned Finch-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>				✓							
92	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓					
93	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>					✓						
94	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
95	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>								✓			
96	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>						✓	✓		✓		
97	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>									✓		
98	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>						✓	✓				
99	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓			
100	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓

101	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓			✓	✓				
102	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓									
103	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>				✓		✓				✓	
104	Large Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓			
105	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>							✓		✓		
106	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>							✓	✓	✓		
107	Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus roseus</i>										✓	
108	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pyconotus jocosus</i>							✓				
109	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pyconotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	✓			✓		H					
111	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>		✓						✓			
112	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								✓			
113	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>								✓	✓	✓	
114	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>		✓	✓								
115	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>							✓				
116	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
117	Blyth's Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	✓	H			H	H					
118	Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>					✓						
119	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	H	✓	H	H					✓		
120	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus tristis</i>		H	H	✓					✓		
121	Hume's Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>					H	H			✓	✓	
122	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>					✓						✓
123	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		✓									
124	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
125	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>								✓			
126	Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher	<i>Cynornis tickelliae</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
127	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>						✓					
128	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
129	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>								✓	✓		
130	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
131	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochuros</i>						✓					
132	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>						✓	✓		✓		
133	Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>											✓
134	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>								✓	✓		
135	Brown Rock-Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>							✓				
136	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	✓			✓		✓					
137	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	H	
138	Asian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Tersiphone paradisi</i>		✓	✓		✓						
139	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>									✓	✓	
140	Indian Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>								✓	H		
141	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	✓										✓
142	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>								✓		✓	
144	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		H			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
145	Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>								✓			
146	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>											✓
147	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>											✓
148	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓				
149	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>							✓	✓	✓		
150	Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>						✓		✓	✓		
151	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		
152	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthomus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		
153	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓



154	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
155	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>							✓				
156	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>										✓	
157	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
158	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
159	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
160	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>											✓
161	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
162	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓				✓		✓				✓
163	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
164	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓				✓						✓
166	Brahminy Starling	<i>Tamenuchus pagodarum</i>	✓				✓						✓
167	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>					✓						✓
168	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthicollis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓					
169	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	✓										
170	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>			✓					✓	✓		
171	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>						✓		✓			

## Mammals

1	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>				H	✓		✓		H	✓		
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>				✓						✓		
3	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>							✓	✓	✓			✓
4	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓											
6	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithi</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓					
7	Common Palm-Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓			
9	Asian Wild Dog	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
10	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	✓	✓										
11	Indian Flying-Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>				✓								
12	Indian Tree-Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>				✓						✓		
13	Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								
14	Three-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
15	Five-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>					✓							
16	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>										✓		
17	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
19	Barasingha	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Chital	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
22	Chowsingha	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>		✓										
23	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				
24	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓		

## Herptiles

1	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>			✓									
2	Striped Keelback	<i>Amphiesma stolata</i>									✓			
3	Common Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>		✓										
4	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓		✓									
5	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus</i> sp.				✓								
6	Forest Calotes	<i>Calotes</i> sp.		✓								✓		

## Butterflies

Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>	Tawny Rajah	<i>Charaxes bernardus imma</i>
Crimson Rose	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>	Grey Count	<i>Tanaecia lepidea</i>
Common Mormon	<i>Papilio polytes</i>	Common Baron	<i>Euthalia aconthea</i>
Blue Mormon	<i>Papilio polymnestor</i>	Baronet	<i>Euthalia nais</i>
Lime Butterfly	<i>Papilio demoleus</i>	Commander	<i>Moduza procris</i>
Yellow Orange-Tip	<i>Ixias pyrene</i>	Staff Sergeant	<i>Pantoporia selenophora</i>
Small Orange-Tip	<i>Colotis etrida</i>	Danaid Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>
Common Jezebel	<i>Delias eucharis</i>	Blue Pansy	<i>Junonia orithya</i>
Common Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia crocale</i>	Lemon Pansy	<i>Junonia lemonias</i>
Mottled Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i>	Grey Pansy	<i>Junonia atlites</i>
Grass Yellow spp.	<i>Eurema</i> spp.	Chocolate Pansy	<i>Precis iphita</i>
Blue Tiger	<i>Tirumala limniace</i>	Common Leopard	<i>Phalanta phalantha</i>
Striped Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>	Tawny Coster	<i>Acraea violae</i>
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	Common Pierrot	<i>Castalius rosimon</i>
Common Crow	<i>Euploea core</i>	Angled Pierrot	<i>Castalius caleta</i>
Bushbrown spp.	<i>Mycalesis</i> spp.	Large Oakblue	<i>Arhopala amantes</i>
Common Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis leda</i>	Plum Judy	<i>Abisara echerius</i>

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