

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Working Elephants by Maggie Heraty



Tiger pair at kill, Pench by Maggie Heraty



Jungle Cat by Laurence Rose



Indian Scops Owls by Laurence Rose

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Day 0

Wednesday 4th January

Departure from the UK

Day 1

Thursday 5th January

The clients arrived at 1715 hrs. On arrival we greeted the group at the airport and escorted them for a 1 night stay at the Tuli Imperial. After a brief for the next day we had dinner and retired for the evening.

Day 2

Friday 6th January

Tadoba

After an early morning breakfast we were off to Tadoba Tiger Reserve. En route we saw many birds like Black Kite, Indian Roller, Common Myna and swallows. On arriving at Tiger Trails we had a quick check in followed by lunch and were off for our first game drive. The park welcomed us with a male Sloth Bear! It was foraging amongst some *Ber* trees. After photographing it we carried on and lo and behold we saw a young tigress just casually walking out on the forest road! Tiger Direct had truly started with a bang! We saw her for nearly 10 minutes doing her daily round, patrolling her territory and even spray marking on one of the trees. With such luck on our side we knew this was going to be a great tour... Returning to the resort we did the checklist followed by dinner.

Day 3

Saturday 7th January

We all entered the park with renewed excitement. We were not disappointed. At 7:28 am we saw the dominant male tiger of Tadobawalking down the road. On hearing our car it stopped and turned around to give us some amazing photo opportunities! With hearts pounding we continued ahead and saw a large heard of Indian Gaur. Lots of birds were also seen - like Grey headed Fishing Eagle, Short Toed Eagle, three types of kingfishers and Orioles. The afternoon was quiet. Some Sambar alarm calls were heard but we had to make our way out as it was nearly sunset. With a definite plan for the next day we returned to the resort and had dinner

Day 4

Sunday 8th January

The day started with the regular wake up call at 5 30 am. After a cup of tea we left for the safari. Bumping along the roads of Tadoba we were greeted by a group of Wild Boar. Jungle myth says that seeing Wild Boar first thing in the morning brings 'tiger luck'. After some false alarm calls by the Chital Deer we rushed to an area just in time to catch a glimpse of a tigress. Returning to the resort we had lunch and set off with renewed enthusiasm. One of our jeeps was very lucky to see a tigress with her 4 cubs. Wow! Very excitedly we all discussed the prospects over coffee for the last drive in the park. One of the jeeps (with birders) photographed some lovely birds. A male Shikra, lesser Adjutant Stork, Black Stork, Coucal and Plum headed Parakeets were expertly captured. All in all it was a great day!

Day 5

Monday 9th January

The best day for most of the guests so far...a total of 7 tigers were seen in a single morning!!! The drive started with a Black-naped Hare scampering across the road. Further on we were greeted by a Wild Boar. Just as we were driving along we nearly 'bumped' into a male tiger. What a majestic animal in prime condition! He was just wandering in his territory scent marking. We could follow him for just about 4 minutes. As easily as we had seen him, that easily he disappeared. Just as we were recovering, we saw another female tiger crossing the road. Soon we thought we had seen it all. We were wrong. Jungle news told us that there was a mother and 4 cubs sitting in a clearing! All of us headed there and we were mesmerized again. We saw the tigress grooming one of her cubs. The other 3 were playing in the grass. What a sight! We headed out of the park hoping the next park would be just as good as this one. After lunch we headed off to Pench. On arriving there we had a quick dinner and hoped the next day would be just as good.

Day 6

Tuesday 10 January

Pench

The first day in Pench is always looked forward to as we had seen the movie 'Tiger - Spy in the Jungle'. With hopes high we all entered the park and saw some beautiful birds like Racket Tailed Drongos, Hornbills, Thick knees and 4 types of kingfishers! The advantage of birding is we can listen to the alarm calls made by the prey animals. We heard some Chital giving some alarm calls and we waited. Well luck was in store. The elephants had found the tiger. All of us availed of the elephant ride and we were glad to see 3 cubs just lazing around in the undergrowth in the teak forest. Some quick photo opportunities later we exited the jungle and went for lunch. After lunch we went birding in Pench along the Totladoh Dam where lots of Terns, Osprey, Fish eagles, Ruddy Shelduck and Storks were seen. Just before sunset we left the park and went back. A quick checklist was followed by dinner.

Day 7

Wednesday 11th March

The last day in Pench was cold. Winter had set in and the morning was 4 degrees Celsius. The animals were also very lethargic and the birds were seen perched on tree tops waiting for the first rays of the sun. We saw Nilgai and a large herd of Gaur. After an early lunch we left for Kanha. En route we stopped to see more than 100 Indian Flying Fox bats hanging on a big tree. Also the water body near the tree had many Indian Coots, Common Moorhens and some waterhens. On arriving at the Kanha Jungle Lodge we checked in and had an early dinner and slept.

Day 8

Thursday 12th January

Kanha

It was a fresh morning with temperatures nearing 3 degrees! We went straight to the meadow of Bishanpura after getting some information about a mating pair of tigers. The elephants were ready for us to board. The sight we saw was straight out of a BBC film. The male tiger had killed a huge male barasingha. The female tiger was feeding on it. After some time she went into the undergrowth and the male followed her and they began mating. We were all really amazed. What a great start to the Kanha safari! After a quick lunch we went to the same place where the tigers were seen last. There were a lot of alarm calls but the tigers did not come out. Some water birds like Gadwall, Garganey and Cotton Pygmy Goose were seen in the Sondarlake. The evening had something special in store for us. An Indian Flying Squirrel glided right in front of us on to a tree. It was a great sight. After the species checklist we had dinner and slept.

Day 9

Friday 13th January

This morning we left for a different zone: Kisli. The road towards Kisli is very dense. Animals like Gaur, Barking Deer and Sambar were seen. The elephants were also working towards finding a tiger. They found a tigress and we were the first to get on the elephants. The tigress was a young 4 year old mother of 4 cubs. After taking some pictures we left for Mukki and went back to the lodge. The afternoon we saw a male Sloth Bear going about its business of digging up of termite mounds. It crossed the road in front of us and went on digging and snorting. A little ahead we saw a male Jungle Cat sitting on a pile of mud. We could observe some very good cat behaviour and also got some good pictures. In the evening the flying squirrel was up and about gliding at the lodge again. We also had a cooking demonstration by Dimple. The guests learnt how to make "Masala Chai" and some Indian breads. After a traditional dinner we went off to bed.

Day 10

Saturday 14th January

The morning drive started with some very noisy Greylag Geese. They flew overhead and finally settled in a small pool of water by the road side. We had ample time for photographing them. We saw a male Sloth Bear digging a termite mound feverously. It dug a hole nearly 3 feet deep! The elephants had again located the tigers and we were amongst the first to get on the elephants and view them. After some more birding we were on the look out for wild dogs. We had heard that they had made a kill close to the gate, but we could not locate these 'whistling hunters'. After lunch we went to Bamnidadar for the sunset view. This is also the habitat for the Four-horned Antelope - we were very lucky not only to see the Four-horned Antelopes but also a great sighting of an Indian Courser! It was the bird of the tour for all of us. After a good cup of hot coffee and enjoying the scene of the setting sun we ended the day on a high.

Day 11

Sunday 15th January

The last game drive... With temperatures hovering near 1 degrees Celcius some of the guests did not venture out! They missed out on some wonderful sightings like the Asiatic Wild Dogs (Dhole). We saw them just as we were exiting the park. With a good lunch we left Kanha for Nagpur. On arriving in Nagpur we checked in at the Tuli Imperial and had a lavish dinner on this, our last full day of the tour.

Day 12

Monday 16th January

The guests bid us good bye and we dropped them at the airport at 7 30 am.

Summary: We had 20 tiger sightings (17 different tigers), 3 Sloth Bears and Asiatic Wild Dogs. All in all the tour was a great success!

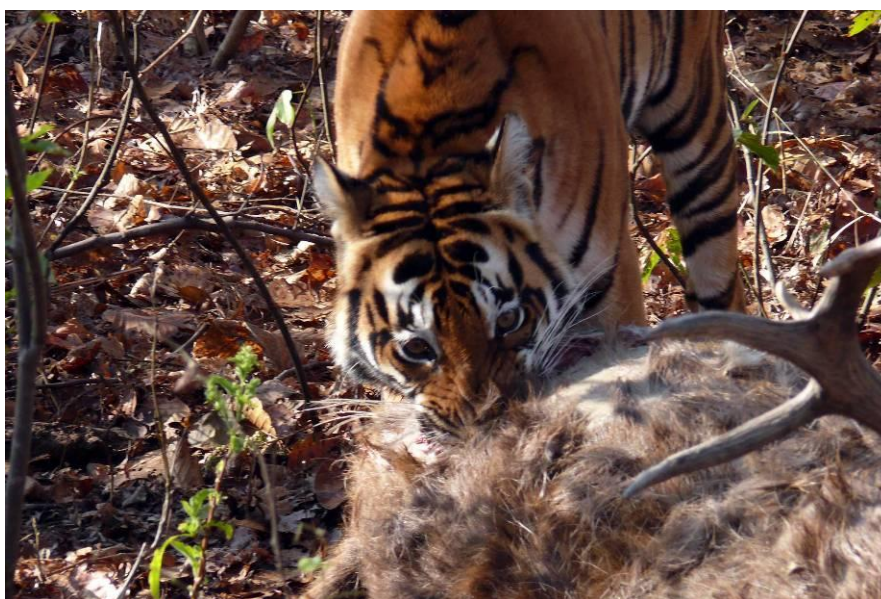
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Tiger female and Barasinga, Penchby Laurence Rose

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	January									
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
4	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>						✓				
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓				
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓			✓		✓				
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
9	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
13	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								✓		
14	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>				✓						
15	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>		✓					✓		✓	
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			✓			✓	✓			✓
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>				✓		✓				
18	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓	✓	✓						
19	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
20	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓							
22	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>							✓		✓	✓
24	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓				
25	Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
27	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
28	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							✓	✓	✓	
29	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>						✓				

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30	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
31	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>							✓		✓	
32	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							✓			
33	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					✓	✓				
34	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
35	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓			✓		✓				✓
37	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>		✓	✓	✓						
38	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓					
39	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓		✓						
40	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		✓		✓						
42	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
43	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				✓						
44	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
45	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>					✓					
46	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
48	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	✓									
49	Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>		✓								
50	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
51	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>		✓	✓							
52	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓
53	Grey Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
54	Red Jungle fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>							✓	✓		✓
55	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
57	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>						✓				
58	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓			✓	
59	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓				
60	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>						✓				
61	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		✓				✓				

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62	Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>										✓	
63	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓					✓				
64	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
65	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Little -ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓				
68	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>											✓
69	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						✓					✓
70	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	
71	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓			✓
72	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓								✓
74	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>							✓				
75	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓										
76	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	✓	✓					✓				
77	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	H	✓		
78	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>			✓								
79	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
81	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
83	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
84	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
85	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓
87	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>											
89	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Brown Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>											✓
91	Mottled Wood-owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	✓						✓				
92	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓

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94	Savannah Nighthawk	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>					✓	✓				
95	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
96	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓
98	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>			✓							
99	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
101	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Malabar Pied-hornbill	<i>Anthracoceeros coronatus</i>										✓
106	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>		✓			✓	H		✓	H	✓
107	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	H	✓		H						✓
108	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓
109	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>					✓					
110	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>					✓				✓	✓
112	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>			✓		✓	✓				
113	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>			✓							
114	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>					✓					
115	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
116	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓					✓	✓			✓
117	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
118	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>		✓								
119	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>										✓
120	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
121	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					✓	✓				
122	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓		✓	✓				
123	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
124	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓		✓							
125	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>			✓							

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126	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓	✓									
127	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>							✓		✓			
129	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>									✓			✓
130	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>									✓			
131	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>						✓					✓	
132	White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>						✓						
133	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>						✓			✓			✓
135	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>		✓	✓				✓		✓			✓
136	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>											✓	
140	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>		✓	✓									
141	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	✓											✓
142	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>			✓			✓			✓	✓		
143	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓			✓
144	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>						✓					✓	✓
145	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>							✓					
146	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
147	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						✓						
148	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>		✓										✓
149	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>								✓	✓			✓
150	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓				
151	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			✓			✓						
152	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
153	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
154	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>			✓					✓				
155	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>								✓				✓
156	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>						✓			✓			✓
157	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>						✓		✓	✓			

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158	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
159	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
160	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
161	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	✓	✓		✓						
162	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	✓				✓	✓			✓	
163	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
164	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	✓	✓	✓							
165	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>								✓		
166	Indian Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>							✓			
167	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>		✓								
168	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>								✓	✓	✓
169	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	✓									
170	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
171	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓
172	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
173	Fire-capped Tit	<i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>					✓					
174	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓
175	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>							✓	✓		✓
176	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
177	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>					✓	✓				
178	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>					✓	✓				
179	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
180	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			✓				✓		✓	
181	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
182	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓
183	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
184	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
185	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>		✓			✓					
186	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
187	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
188	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
189	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>							✓			

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190	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
191	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
192	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
193	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
194	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>					✓					
195	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓									
196	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
197	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
198	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
199	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓
200	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
201	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>			✓							
202	White-throated Munia	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	✓									

Mammals

1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</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 smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
7	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>										✓
9	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>	✓							✓	✓	
10	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>						✓				
11	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
12	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>							✓	✓		
14	Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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18	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>			✓							✓	
20	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Other fauna

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>					✓						
2	Unnamed Lizard	<i>Varanus griseus koniecznyi</i>		✓	✓								
3	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓								
4	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>		✓	✓								



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