

# India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Tadoba extension 12th to 16th March

As it turned out it didn't matter (the Tiger-watching in Pench and Kanha was so very good), but this was a frustrating extension to Tadoba. I had been at the wonderful Svasara lodge for ten days before your arrival, enjoying excellent sightings of Tigers almost every day. The day I went to Nagpur to collect you there were tiffs among the Tigers (and the weather changed dramatically) so everybody moved, meaning there were almost no Tigers left in the tourist zone. Where the week before I had been seeing males, mothers and cubs, on our visit there was nothing to be seen. Not nothing. Both jeeps had great encounters with Sloth Bears, both learned the alarm calls of Chital, Sambar and Langurs (it used to be easier when these were Common Langurs, but now I'm supposed to call them Northern Plains Grey Langurs; no wonder they alarm call). Both jeeps also admired the beauty of Grey Junglefowl and Indian Peafowl, got to grips with the flight calls of Alexandrine and Plum-headed Parakeets, saw Muggers in the lake and Lesser Whistling-Ducks along its shore, and spent a lot of time wondering where the Tigers were.

Eventually one of the jeeps encountered a Tiger, briefly though magnificently, and the same jeep had a breathtaking encounter with a Leopard the following day, but the other jeep remained staunchly unlucky with big cats throughout the extension. You just never know with wildlife.

### Day 1

Tuesday 17th March

Bang! This morning, on the first drive of the main tour in Pench, everybody saw the same Tiger. Big sighs of relief were breathed (not least by me) and those newly arrived from the UK got the impression that there was nothing whatsoever to this Tiger-watching malarkey. This impression was confirmed in the afternoon when we all saw another Tiger. Never have I been so glad to be in Pench.

This morning's Tiger was Collar Wali, a female of thirteen years, heavily pregnant at the time with what must be her last litter. Leaving our breakfast stop at the elephant camp we heard the news that she was wandering along a road and, thrillingly, thus it was. Her name derives from the radio collar which she wears and, though still startlingly beautiful, she is very obviously a grande dame of the forest.

This afternoon's Tiger was one of her three two-year-old sons. He was lying flat-out in the sun on a patch of sand, occasionally rolling on his back just as a domestic cat might, and all of us had the chance to admire him as he rolled.

There was much more to be seen in Pench today too. This is a beautiful park in which Nilgai trot through the light forest, Chestnut-shouldered Petronias chip from every tree, Mottled Wood Owls sulk in tangles of vines and everywhere Three-striped Palm-Squirrels chime.

## Day 2

## Wednesday 18th March

It seemed almost an insult after yesterday that there were no Tigers today. No Tigers? All the same there was plenty to see. There were Gaur, chewing contemplatively, there were Common Mynas and Black Drongos balancing on the backs of Chital, there were White-eyed Buzzards scowling from dry trees, and there were brutish Rhesus Macaques. Despite the lack of Tigers we had a splendid morning in Pench.

In the afternoon we transferred to Kanha and were delighted to reach the welcoming, friendly, beautiful haven that is Kanha Jungle Lodge.

## Day 3

## Thursday 19th March

This morning most of us saw a small herd of Tigers. The eight-year-old Mahavir Tigress had been seen this week with four cubs of ten months and our search this morning focused on her. By breakfast time there was no sign so we all called at Sondar Camp to eat. During breakfast there was suddenly a flurry of activity from the road. The Tigress was crossing the maidan! She slipped into the forest and we heard her cubs calling to her. Emerging again, she looked back to her cubs and one by one, some more nervous than others, they joined her in the open grassland before crossing the road and moving to another patch of forest. Sensational!

Of course there was plenty of other glorious wildlife to be seen on this morning's drive and this afternoon's, as there always is in Kanha. There were Golden Jackals in the golden grass, there were Barasingha in the tanks, there were Boar trotting away with raised tails and there were, among countless other beautiful birds, Cotton Pygmy-Geese picking delicately through the vegetation on Sondar Talao.

## Day 4

## Friday 20th March

The highlight of this morning, for three of our jeeps, was a lengthy - and thrilling - encounter with a pack of five Asian Wild Dogs, a pair and their three full-grown pups. Of all the animals in Central India, the graceful, dagger-eyed dogs thrill me most. There is a taut energy to them that no other animal possesses. Our dogs today ambled calmly along the dirt road, occasionally rolling in the dust or trotting into roadside undergrowth. They crossed a streambed, each in turn dropping down the dusty bank and up the other side. And here they startled a herd of Chital which bounced away their white tails raised in alarm.

For some the day got even better in the afternoon when we encountered a splendid male Tiger, the father of the Mahavir female's cubs. He strolled confidently along the road, quite aware of his own power, and finally lost himself in the forest along a small stream. A magnificent day in Kanha. Another magnificent day.

## Day 5

## Saturday 21st March

This morning was quiet, inasmuch as forest throbbing with the calls of Brown-headed Barbets, Spotted Doves and Jungle Owlets, and grassland hunted by Black-shouldered Kites and Indian Rollers, can be deemed quiet.

In the afternoon there were cats. Beside the main road to Kanha Meadows my jeep heard alarm calls on both sides of the road. After much searching we spotted a Leopard high on the crest of the hill beside us, but sadly all my clients managed to see was a brief silhouette. The Leopard did not reappear but some of our jeeps stayed in the area and were rewarded with a superb sighting of a young male Tiger (the slender, female-featured brother of a celebrated Mukki Tigress called Chhoti Mada) coming to a waterhole to bathe. Amazingly the same jeeps then saw the same adult male as yesterday afternoon, continuing a run of Tigers which made this tour outstanding even by the standards of Tiger Direct!

Apart from cats there were many other wonderful things to be seen in the forest and grassland this afternoon: Red Junglefowl, Green Bee-eaters, White-throated Kingfishers, Rufous Treepies and a host of other colourful and charismatic birds.

## Day 6

## Sunday 22nd March

Even on our last shorter drive there were Tigers for most of you this morning. The forest was twitchy today, nervous in the way it is when Tigers are on the move. It was a courting pair of Tigers which was causing the upset and, separately and at different times, most of you managed to see them as they moved through the forest and across its intersecting roads.

In the afternoon some of you returned to Nagpur for your journeys home while five made the long journey with me to Satpura to begin a last adventure in Central India.

## Satpura extension 23rd to 26th March

After the fast, Tiger-focused pace of the main tour the Satpura extension came as wonderful contrast for those who took it. This is a wholly different park, as beautiful as Tadoba, Pench and Kanha in their different ways, but much more relaxed and with plenty of activities on offer besides jeep safaris.

The star animal of Satpura must be the Sloth Bear and of these we saw plenty, most notably a mother and her one-year-old cub which rooted for food right beside us, and a second mother with twin cubs of two months. This family we saw twice, the first time distantly and the second extremely well. We were delighted by the playfulness of the young cubs as they climbed trees and leaped onto their mother's back. We decided that the word cute had been used far, far too much on our tour to describe the antics of baby bears.

Of almost equal excitement in the park were two near-misses with Leopards, the second of which nearly cost me a toe! Outside the park, on one afternoon we took a buffer zone safari, searching for Blackbuck (which we saw) and listening to a Painted Francolin singing from a perch above a cereal field.

My own favourite afternoon was spent in canoes on the reservoir, visiting its bustling, ebullient colony of River Terns and Indian Skimmers, with lots of northern waders - Temminck's and Little Stints, Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers - still present in breeding plumage. A White-browed Wagtail was admired at its nest in a snag emerging from the water and superb photographs were taken of Pied Kingfishers.

It is a magical place, Satpura, and our trip was a beautiful full stop to a brilliant tour.

## Thanks

Far too many people work to make our tours a success to thank them all individually. Thanks, in general, must go to all the tireless staff, chefs and drivers of Svasara, Pench Tiger Corridor, Kanha Jungle Lodge and Renipani. In particular we thank our local colleagues Jignesh (Tadoba), Vinod (Kanha) and Amith (Satpura), all of whom were witty, knowledgeable, charming and generous to us.

The key person in our whole experience of Central India was our Indian Naturetrek leader Dilip, without whose tremendous knowledge, boundless good humour and huge influence our tour would not have been half so good.

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## Species Lists

Mammals (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	March													
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
2	Northern Plains Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Asian Wild Dog (Dhole)	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>									✓					
4	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
5	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>		✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	
6	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>		✓												
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	
8	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>			✓						✓			✓		
9	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
10	South Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>				✓										
11	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>				✓						✓	✓	✓		
12	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
13	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>													✓	
15	Chinkara	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>													✓	
16	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓			✓	✓								
17	Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		
18	Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Barasingha	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
21	Three-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Five-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓											h	h	h
23	Indian Giant Flying-Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>								✓						
24	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>											✓			

## Birds

1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
2	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>							✓	✓			✓			

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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	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
10	Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>						✓								
12	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>			✓	✓										
14	Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓						
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>											✓			
16	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>								✓			✓			
17	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>					✓			✓						
19	Cotton Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
20	Eurasian Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								✓	✓	✓				
21	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓	
22	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>									✓					
23	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
24	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓					✓								
26	Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	✓			✓		✓		✓						
27	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>														✓
28	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>													✓	
29	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>					✓									
30	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>							✓	✓	✓					
31	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	✓	✓												
32	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓	
33	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
34	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		

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35	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>				✓									✓	
36	Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
37	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓		✓	✓										
38	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>														✓
39	Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>							✓						✓	
40	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>											✓		✓	✓
41	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
42	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							h	h	h	✓
43	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>														✓
45	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>		✓		✓	✓						✓		✓	✓
46	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					✓	✓								
47	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓		✓										
48	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	
49	Indian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>									✓					
50	Great Thick-Knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>											✓			
51	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>			✓						✓					
52	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓								✓			✓
54	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>											✓			
55	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>											✓			
56	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>											✓	h		
57	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
58	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					✓			✓				✓	✓	✓
59	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓	✓								
60	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>											✓			
61	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>											✓			
62	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>											✓			
65	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓					✓								
66	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓	✓	✓					



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67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
68	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>											✓		✓	
69	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓		✓	✓
70	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>			h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	h	✓	h	
76	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓	
77	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓					h		h	h
78	Southern Coucal	<i>Centropus parroti</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	h	h	h
79	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>						✓			✓					
80	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>				✓										
81	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	✓			✓		✓								
82	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
83	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓					
84	Indian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>													✓	✓
85	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>													h	
86	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	✓	✓		h							✓	h	h	
87	Savannah Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>				h							h	h	h	h
88	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓			✓		✓								
89	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓			
90	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>					✓									
91	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
93	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓			
94	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓				✓	✓			✓			✓	
97	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Oxyceros birostris</i>	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
98	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>							✓	✓				h		

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99	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>		h		h	h	✓	✓	h	h	h	h	h	h	h
100	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>		h		h	✓	✓	h	✓	✓	h	h	h	h	✓
101	Brown-capped Pygmy-Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
102	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>						✓					✓		✓	✓
103	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
104	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>			h		✓		✓	✓	h					
105	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	✓					✓								
106	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>				✓										
108	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	✓			✓		✓								
109	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	
110	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓					✓			✓				✓	✓
111	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
112	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓									
113	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
114	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>											✓			
115	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					✓			✓						
116	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
117	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
118	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>									✓					
119	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	h	h	h	h		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
120	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
121	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
122	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>							✓	✓	✓					
123	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pyconotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
124	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>				✓				✓				✓		
125	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>					✓									
126	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓				✓					
127	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓							
128	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓					
129	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	✓			✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochuros</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								✓

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
131	Eastern Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>					✓				✓				✓	
132	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	✓		✓	✓										
133	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓	h	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>					✓									
135	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>					✓									
136	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>			h	✓	✓		✓		✓					
137	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>				✓									✓	
138	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			h	h			✓	✓	✓					
139	Asian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Tersiphone paradisi</i>					✓	✓								
140	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓	h	✓	h	✓	✓						h	h	
141	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							✓	✓	✓					
142	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>								✓						
143	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>								✓						
144	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
145	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓	✓			✓					✓	
146	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	✓	✓			✓									
147	Hume's Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>				h	h									
148	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓	h	✓	h	✓	✓						h	h	
149	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	✓	✓												
150	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperthya</i>												✓		
151	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>		✓								✓				
152	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>													✓	
153	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
154	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>							✓	✓	h					
155	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>							✓	✓	✓					
156	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
157	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
158	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			h	✓		✓
159	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>					✓									
160	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		h		h	h	h	✓
161	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>									✓					
162	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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163	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>								✓		✓				
164	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>													✓	
165	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	
166	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>		✓		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>									✓					
169	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
170	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentotus</i>									✓					
171	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
172	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
173	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓			✓		✓				✓				
174	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
175	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>				✓									✓	✓
176	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓									
177	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>									✓					
178	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
179	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
180	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
181	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
182	Indian Silverbill	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	✓	✓	✓										✓	

## Reptiles

1	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
2	Oriental Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>							✓							