

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Royal Bengal Tiger

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Extensions Indrajit Latey (leader) with six clients on each.

Pre-tour extension Day 1

Wednesday 9th November

The group members were in flight to India.

Day 2 (extension)

Thursday 10th November

Delhi – Nagpur

The guests arrived at the Delhi International Airport, and after a quick transfer to the domestic terminal, we all boarded the flight for Nagpur. In Nagpur, we were transferred to the Radisson Hotel, where the guests had an early dinner and went off to bed.

Day 3 (extension)

Friday 11th November

Nagpur – Tadoba. Temp. - min: 18°C, max: 34°C

Everyone was excited in the morning as we drove from Nagpur to Tadoba. Driving through the Indian countryside, we saw a lot of fields where they were harvesting various crops like Millet and Cotton. En route we saw a Black-winged Kite hovering over some fields looking for prey. Parakeets nesting in tree hollows kept a vigil over us, when we made a bush stop! Spotted Doves, Indian Rollers and Red-vented Bulbuls kept our company all along till we reached Tadoba.

After arriving at the resort, we were welcomed and ushered in for lunch. The local naturalist informed us that morning safari had been good and, excitedly, we got into the jeeps and left for our first afternoon safari. We were received in the park by a troop of Langur monkeys foraging the forest floor for berries of the Indian Berry Tree. A small herd of Chital deer was making its way towards one of the artificial lakes. Some Grey Hornbills, Black Drongos and Hoopoes were busy on the shore of the lake. There were some frantic activities of the Langurs nearby, trying to show dominance over each other. Suddenly there were some alarm calls of Sambar deer and a Leopard just darted across the road, out of nowhere! Shell-shocked, the monkeys started giving alarm calls waking up the whole forest. It was a memorable scene. Tadoba had given us just a taste of what was to come in the next three days. We returned to the resort and post dinner did the first checklist and went off to bed.

Day 4 (extension)

Saturday 12th November

Temp. - min: 12°C, max: 34°C

Leaving for the park drive, we were all excited and looking forward to something exciting. Some drongos were doing an aerial display and landing on the Chital deer. Through some jungle information we heard that there was a sighting of a Tigress with her two cubs. We made our way towards that area and hoped that she would still be visible. On reaching there we not only saw her but also her four-month-old cubs sitting in the middle of the road! We were stunned. Pinching ourselves, we picked up our cameras and clicked away.

We hoped that she would be around in the afternoon when we went for the drive. Surprise, surprise.... we saw a male Tiger in the same place! It was the father of the cubs – just checking on them. We also saw a male Sloth Bear furiously digging a termite mound looking for termites – his favorite food. It was a wonderful day which we ended with over five Indian Nightjars while returning to the lodge.

After a sumptuous meal, we saw a documentary on Tadoba and went off to bed.

Day 4 (extension)/Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 13th November

Temp. - min: 13, max: 37°C

The morning was a cold one, and it helped. A big male Tiger had walked nearly five kilometres, sometime before the park opened. We were excitedly driving, hoping to see him on the road, when suddenly his tracks just disappeared! A bit disappointed, we went to a quiet place for breakfast, and no sooner did we put the first bite into our mouth – he appeared in front of us! We all froze, not knowing whether, when we moved, he would be alarmed. He was vocalizing a lot, presumably calling out for a female. As he disappeared into the stream, we quickly wrapped up our breakfast and tracked him to an adjoining waterhole. Waiting patiently, sure enough, he appeared and walked towards us. It was a wonderful sight.

Post lunch, we again went to the same waterhole only to find his tracks leading ahead. We patiently waited, and with a big growl he came onto the road and crossed it in a single stride. What a majestic animal! While returning, we spent some time looking at the Sloth Bear, which was being chased away by a female Sambar. It was a great end to the day. We did the checklist and after dinner went off to bed.

Meanwhile, the main group were in flight to India.

Day 5 (extension)/Main Tour Day 2

Monday 14th November

Tadoba – Pench, Temp. - min: 12°C, max: 35°C

It was going to be our last safari in Tadoba. We were hoping for a cherry on our cake! Lots of birds like ibis, herons and lapwings were seen going about their daily chores. A Hoopoe was pecking the ground looking for insects. One of our jeeps also saw a Nilgai or Blue Bull foraging in the forest.

We exited the park and, after lunch, left for Pench via Nagpur. The main tour group was going to arrive and meet us in the evening but, due to some issues, could not make it in time.

We arrived in Tuli Tiger Corridor just before sunset. There was a unique phenomenon of the Super Moon, which was visible, and we enjoyed the views. Meeting some of the other members of the main tour, we all settled in and, after dinner, went off to bed.

Day 3

Tuesday 15th November

Pench, Temp. - min: 16°C, max: 32°C

Our morning drive started on a very positive note. With all guests on board, we heard alarm calls just as we entered the park. After waiting for over 20 minutes, we decided that we were not going to be fortunate this time. Malabar Pied Hornbills made their presence felt by their loud vocal calls. We saw four of them, gliding effortlessly across the meadow. It was a sight to be seen and the photographers in the group had a great time. One of the jeeps also saw a two-year-old Tigress stalking in the grassland. Her target was Spotted Deer, which were aware her presence and kept a close eye on her and also gave their alarm calls.

After lunch, we went to the park at 2.30pm. Wild Dogs were high on the agenda and, finally, we saw them. A pack of eight were playing in the grassland and showed us some amazing behaviour. We observed some of them having some issue with their coats, which had lost hair. On further enquiry, we found out that there was some disease that had hit the wild dogs in Pench. Knowing this we felt sad, and left them to their fate. After the checklist, we had cocktails by the poolside, which were organized by the Tuli management, and after dinner, called it a day.

Day 4

Wednesday 16th November

Pench – Kanha, Temp. - min: 15°C, max: 33°C

It was our last drive in Pench. With renewed hope, we went into the park and looked for signs of the big cat. We got news from the forest guards that Wild Dogs had just made a kill of a male Spotted Deer. With excitement, we drove for over 20 minutes and saw the whole scenario. The pack consisted of six dogs and, sure enough, we saw them ripping apart a male Spotted Deer. With no fighting, they all took turns in feeding in a very organized fashion. We also spotted Ruddy Shelducks, a hunting Pond Heron (it actually caught a fish) and lovely White-browed Fantail. Ending on a high, with the Wild Dog sightings, we all departed from Pench and drive to Kanha.

On arriving at Kanha Jungle Lodge, we were warmly greeted by the staff and Dimple of Kanha Jungle Lodge. After updating the checklist, we had a quick dinner and went off to bed.

Day 5

Thursday 17th November

Kanha, Temp. - min: 9°C, max: 32°C

It was a really a cold morning. We all climbed into the jeeps with hot-water bottles and blankets. Kanha with its mist and grasslands was magical. The sun broke the horizon and warmed up the guests a bit. With plenty of sightings of Crested Hawk-Eagles, we also had great views of the Barasingha and the secretive Muntjac.

After lunch, one of the jeeps we had the first Tiger sighting, that of a female which had come to the lake to quench her thirst. The light just being perfect, and gave it a magical setting. The female was vocalizing, probably calling her mate. On returning to the lodge, we all saw the pictures from the one group with mixed emotions – some jealous, some excited – and hoped that the others would also have the same good luck. After the checklist, we had dinner and went off to bed.

Day 6

Friday 18th November

Kanha, Temp. - min: 7°C, max: 32°C

The mornings only got colder! It was 7 degrees and the mist weighed down on the meadow. The Barasingha, with its majestic antlers, was sniffing the air for any signs of danger. The Chital gave the first call of danger by giving out alarm calls. We knew that there was a predator around. Tracking the alarm calls to the closest road-head, she finally emerged from some thick foliage, and on to the road. The Tigress walked on the road with a bunch of cars following her at a safe distance. Scent marking, she called out for her cubs that were hiding some distance away. Just as she mysteriously came out, she did her disappearing act into the forest. One of the other cars stumbled on to a male Tiger. He was walking around, patrolling his territory, scent marking and vocalizing. It was a great morning!

On returning, Dimple, the camp host, also showed the guests how to prepare some Indian vegetable dishes in her cooking demonstration. Post lunch, we all went into the park with more excitement. By now all of us were becoming tiger experts! We could understand most of the alarm calls and that added to the confusion!! One of the jeeps saw a male Tiger, which was on the prowl. He sniffed the air with a sense of authority. We knew he was the dominant male of that zone. Birds like Racket-tailed Drongo, Marsh Sandpiper, Indian Vultures and Serpent Eagles were also seen. After a wonderful barbecue dinner, we all called it a day.

Day 7

Saturday 19th November

Kanha, Temp. - min: 7°C, max: 30°C

We woke up to another cold morning. The Parakeets were moving around a *Ficus* tree, feeding on the tender fruits and squabbling over the best branches having some ripe fruits. We saw the unique Barasingha and also had good viewing of the male Sambar and the mighty Gaur. We heard some alarm calls and drove straight there hoping to see the striped cat. But we were not in luck.

After lunch, we headed to a waterhole where we thought the Tiger would come to have a drink. En route we saw many pugmarks leading to the waterhole and we were all excited. We waited for a long time but not a blade of grass moved. The Red Munia flocks moved in the grassland, coming out every now and then. As we left the park, we had some excitement when we heard Sambar alarm calls. But with time not on our side we had to leave.

At the lodge, the ladies took part in a Sari-wearing demonstration and then had a farewell dinner since the main tour was departing.

Day 8/ post extension Day 1

Sunday 20th November

Kanha – Satpura, Temp. – min: 9°C, max: 32°C

We woke up to the calls of the Racket-tailed Drongos and Treepie. Since the group was departing for two separate destinations, we had breakfast together and split. The main tour bid goodbye to everyone and left for Nagpur for their onward journey to London.

The other group left for Satpura. On arriving at the lodge, we had a quick briefing and dinner before going off to bed.

Day 9/ post extension Day 2

Monday 21st November

Satpura, Temp. – min: 12°C, max: 34°C

Those not taking the post-tour extension arrived in London, after their Tiger Direct adventure.

For the others, the morning started at 5am, crossing the Denwa river which itself was an experience. En route we saw the Mottled Wood Owl sitting on an electrical post, intently looking down. On further investigating, we saw a Rusty-spotted Cat dart out from the undergrowth and across the road into a nearby thicket! Terns and cormorants guided us to the other bank, keeping our boat company all along. The safari started with a distant sighting of the Sloth Bear. It looked like a rock from far but then it moved! Driving along the banks, we also saw waders including Black-winged Stilts, River Lapwings and Greenshank.

In the afternoon, the unexpected happened. We heard that the forest department was looking for a radio-collared Tigress for tranquilizing. The location was very close to the lodge and we hoped we could see the Tigress. And that's what exactly happened. She was walking parallel to our car for a good minute before disappearing from sight. With such an exciting start and with no idea what to expect, we boarded the boat for an evening safari on the river. Over 40 Bar-headed Geese flew overhead and settled on the island where we were heading. It was a magical experience. While returning to the lodge we saw Indian Nightjars doing their sorties after insects. After a hearty meal and the checklist, we all went to bed.

Post extension Day 3

Tuesday 22nd November

Satpura, Temp. – min: 13°C, max: 33°C

The morning drive started with fresh pugmarks of a male Tiger very close to the lodge! On entering the park, we were treated to some spectacular views of the Sloth Bear. This male Sloth Bear was going about his business of digging up termite mounds and sucking up termites. We also saw another Sloth Bear foraging under the Indian Berry Tree. During breakfast, we heard a lot of alarm calls of Sambar deer nearby. Hoping to see some predator, we waited, but in vain.

After lunch, we left for the evening safari. Small Minivets and Racket-tailed Drongos kept us busy with their antics. As the evening wore on we heard an alarm of a Langur, and on further driving there we sighted a Leopard! Huddled under a small bush, the camouflage was working at its best. We had to leave with just a glimpse since the park was closing.

During dinner, there was a lot of commotion as we had heard from our fellow guests that there was a male Leopard close by. It was a great way to end the day.

Post extension Day 4

Wednesday 23rd November

Satpura, Temp. – min: 13°C, max: 34°C

The wake-up call sounded at 4.45am, and all of us rumbled towards the forest with renewed excitement. We were going to the eastern part of the park, which was very picturesque. En route we had good views of Gaur and Muntjac. Our breakfast location was just dream-like: with huge boulders and meandering streams, it was a beautiful setting. While returning to the lodge we saw a lovely Rat Snake slithering across the road.

After lunch, we went for our greatly anticipated night drive. We saw the gigantic Dusky Eagle-Owls, nesting in a cliff face. Their disguise was so good that we had to really strain to first make ourselves believe and then finally convince ourselves that the Owls were actually there and alive! We also had alarm calls of Sambar deer near the waterhole. A Sloth Bear surprised itself and us by appearing right beside the jeep. With the spotlight on it, we had great photos of it. Driving through the dense undergrowth was very exciting. Some alarm calls of Muntjac (Barking Deer) broke the silence of the night. We did not see any other animals but the experience itself was exhilarating, after which we returned to the lodge for a well-deserved farewell dinner.

Post extension Day 5

Thursday 24th November

Satpura, Temp. – min: 12°C, max: 32°C

Today was the last day of our safaris, and we were hoping to end with a bang. A Sloth Bear was moving in the forest floor. We had great views of it, especially when it was digging a termite mound with great intensity. Snorting out the ants and then sucking them up was its hunting strategy. We also saw big male Sambar walking across the road, and one of them even gave a earth-shattering alarm call on being spooked by us. All of us jumped out of our skins on hearing it! We exited the park and had our lovely lunch and bid the staff of Reni Pani goodbye.

En route we visited the Bhimbetka caves to Bhopal. The caves, which are over 30,000 years old, were discovered only in the late 1900s. Some rock paintings are still intact and it is a must-visit location. On arriving in Bhopal, we had an early supper at the Jeha Numa Palace, after which the guests left for Mumbai.

Post extension Day 6

Friday 25th November

The group members arrived in the UK, having enjoyed an amazing trip, with plenty of Tigers!

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Species Lists

Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted; M = Male; F = female; C = cub; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	November													
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>		1F2C	2M1F					1F	1F2M			1F		
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	✓											✓		
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>				✓					✓					
4	Rusty-spotted Cat	<i>Prionailurus rubiginosus</i>												✓		
5	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
6	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓	✓	✓											
8	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		5				
9	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	5					
10	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>					✓	✓								
11	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>		✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>		✓			✓	✓								
13	Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓						
14	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓								✓	✓	✓	
15	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>						✓						✓		
17	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>							✓	✓	✓					
19	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	
21	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>														✓
22	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
23	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Gaur	<i>Bos gauras</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

Birds

1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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3	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓					
4	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓					
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓												
7	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Eastern Cattle Egret (a new split)	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>													✓	
12	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>								✓						
13	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓			✓									
14	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>					✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					✓				✓					
16	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>					✓	✓						✓		✓
17	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓					
18	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓		✓									
19	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		
20	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
21	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>											✓			
22	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓					✓			
23	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>							✓	✓						
24	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>							✓	✓	✓					
25	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							✓	✓	✓					
26	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							✓	✓	✓					
27	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>								✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
28	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>							✓	✓	✓					
29	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>							✓	✓	✓					
30	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>									✓					
31	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓					✓		✓	
32	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓		✓			✓							
33	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	
34	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓			✓		✓				✓				

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35	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>					✓	✓					✓	✓		
36	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>														✓
37	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓	✓				✓				
38	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>					✓					✓		✓		
39	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>					✓	✓								
40	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
41	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>										✓				
42	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓		✓			✓
43	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓			✓	✓							✓	
44	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓									✓			
45	Changeable (Crested) Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓					✓
46	Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>								✓						
47	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓				✓	✓			
48	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>											✓			
49	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		✓												
50	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	✓													
51	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>			✓	✓							✓			
52	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>							✓	✓	✓					
53	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>			✓										✓	
54	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
55	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
56	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓										
57	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓			✓			✓			
58	Eurasian Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>					✓	✓								
59	Great Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>						✓								
60	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>											✓			
61	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>					✓									
62	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>											✓			
64	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓												
65	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					✓						✓			
66	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								✓	✓					

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67	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>									✓	✓				
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
69	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>						✓	✓				✓	✓		
70	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>											✓			
71	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>										✓	✓			
72	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>										✓				
73	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓					✓				✓	✓		
74	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>														
75	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
79	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>							✓	✓	✓					
82	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>														✓
83	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>		✓										✓		✓
84	Southern (Greater) Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			✓			
85	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
86	Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>													✓	
87	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>		✓	✓	✓										
88	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>			✓								✓			
89	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
90	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>				✓	✓						✓		✓	✓
91	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	✓										✓	✓		
92	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>							✓							
93	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>												✓	✓	
94	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			✓
95	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>											✓			
97	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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99	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
101	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>					✓								✓	
102	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>								✓	✓	✓				
103	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>										✓		✓		
104	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>										✓				
105	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>											✓			
106	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>					✓									
107	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>												✓		
108	Black-rumped Flameback (L. Goldenb.)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
109	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>								✓						
110	Indian Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>		✓		✓										
111	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>														✓
112	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>														✓
113	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</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	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓				✓								
119	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						✓		✓						
121	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		
122	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓				
123	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>							✓							✓
124	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
125	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>									✓					
126	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>		✓							✓				✓	
127	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>		✓							✓					
128	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>								✓		✓		✓		✓
129	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>											✓			

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131	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>							✓		✓					✓
132	Blue-capped Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>							✓							
133	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>			✓				✓					✓		
134	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>			✓	✓										
135	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>				✓										
136	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>			✓				✓							
137	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>				✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>		✓				✓								
139	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>											✓			
140	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>								✓						
141	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			✓	✓				✓			✓	✓		✓
142	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>									✓					
143	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>							✓							
144	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>		✓				✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
145	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>												✓		
146	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
147	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>										✓				
148	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓
149	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
150	Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>				✓										
151	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicolus maurus</i>								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
152	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>				✓	✓	✓								
153	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>										✓				
154	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>		✓												
155	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
156	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	
157	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓	✓											
158	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>			✓										✓	
159	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓					
160	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
161	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>						✓			✓					
162	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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163	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>										✓				✓
164	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
166	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
168	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus {macrorhynchos}culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
171	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>						✓								
172	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>									✓					
173	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
174	Yellow-throated Sparrow (Ch-sh.Petr.)	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>				✓							✓		✓	✓
175	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>									✓					
176	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>			✓											
177	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>		✓												
178	Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Man.)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>									✓					
179	Tricoloured (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>									✓					
180	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>			✓											

Other fauna

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>												✓		
2	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓		✓
3	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>												✓		
4	Indian Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>													✓	

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