

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

7 - 15 January 2018



Sub adult male Tiger - Tadoba



Royal Bengal Tiger



Brown Fish Owl - Tadoba



Royal Bengal Tiger

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Summary

This report covers the India - Tiger Direct! nine-day tour and incorporates the Tadoba pre-tour extension and the Satpura post-tour extension.

Pre-extension Day 1

Wednesday 3rd January

The pre-tour extension started at London Heathrow Airport with an overnight flight to Mumbai.

Pre-extension Day 2

Thursday 4th January

Our overnight flight landed at Mumbai, and then we took an afternoon connecting flight to Nagpur, arriving at 5pm. Kaustubh met the group at Nagpur airport where, after transferring luggage to the vehicles, we drove straight to Tadoba. We were greeted on arrival at the lodge and then directed to our rooms. After a while to freshen up, we met for dinner and a briefing about the schedule ahead and necessary information regarding the tour. After dinner everyone retired to their rooms.

Pre-extension Day 3

Friday 5th January

The weather this morning was clear but chilly! We met for a hot breakfast under the sun. After breakfast we went on a birding walk within the resort and had good views of Taiga Flycatcher and Tickell's Blue Flycatcher. After a briefing about our afternoon activity we went to the rooms and later met for lunch. After lunch we went on our afternoon safari, during which we had good sightings of Gaur and other herbivores, and also Ruddy Mongoose and a few Marsh Crocodiles. We then returned to the lodge.

We later met for the checklist which was followed by dinner and then, after briefing the plan for the next morning, we retired to our rooms.

Pre-extension Day 4

Saturday 6th January

On a clear and hot day we started for the park early in the morning. We checked every possible waterhole and area before heading to Tadoba Lake. As roadworks were going on, it took us quite some time to reach Tadoba Lake and further to Khatoda Gate. We then drove to small grassland patches in search of Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope). Later we returned to Khatoda gate for breakfast and then drove to exit the park. As we drove to the Jamni meadows there was a long queue of jeeps which were waiting to watch two sub-adult Tiger cubs make a move, as they lay next to the road! We waited till the last and were lucky to watch these cubs get up and walk away from the road into some shade, to get some respite from the hot sun! We then proceeded to exit the park.

Once back at the lodge, we met for lunch. Then we had our afternoon safari, wherein we again had a great opportunity to watch these two cubs moving about in the grassland. We then returned to the lodge and later met for the checklist, which was followed by dinner.

Pre-extension Day 5 / Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 7th January

This morning we again set out on another early morning safari. We found the forest was very quiet. We checked the Pandherpauni area and found a lot of tiger pugmarks around the waterbody, and also heard a few alarm calls. We then checked the other waterholes and explored the forest for the other species. We had good views of fantails and monarchs, and then a most amazing Brown Fish Owl which perched by the side of the road and offered us some spectacular view! We then returned to the lodge.

In the afternoon we visited many waterholes and a few grassland areas. As we returned to the Jamni meadows, we again found vehicles waiting. There was a Tigress lying under a big tree, very far away. We watched her for a while before she disappeared out of view. Then a Jungle Cat emerged from the tall grass and walked about, displayed her hunting gimmicks, which was enjoyed by everyone. We then returned to the lodge and a short while later met for the checklist, which was followed by dinner.

Meanwhile, for the clients who were starting the main tour, today they set off on their overnight flight from London Heathrow to Mumbai.

Pre-extension Day 6 / Main Tour Day 2

Monday 8th January

Today started with another early morning wake up call. We gathered for refreshments and then started our last safari at Tadoba. We had planned to visit the Moharli range, and so we did. We drove around the Telia Dam, where we also had our breakfast. It was Annie's birthday, which we celebrated in the jeep as we had breakfast. We then proceeded towards our gate, expecting some tiger activity near Jamni meadows. As we reached Khatoda gate we had an amazing sighting of a pack Wild Dogs, going about and doing their territory marking and socialising. We watched them for quite some time before they disappeared into the forest. We then headed straight to the gate.

Eventually we returned to our lodge, where we had time for a shower and to pack before lunch, and then we left for Pench. Our drive to Pench took four hours and we arrived by 5pm. We then met to complete the pre-extension checklist.

At the lodge we met the rest of the group doing the main tour and went for dinner together. We again celebrated Annie's birthday with the new arrivals! After a briefing about plans for the next day, we called it a night.

Day 3

Tuesday 9th January

Today was our first drive in the park and we were in a couple of vehicles. It was quite refreshing to be in the forest. We heard quite a few distress calls of Sambar, Langur and Rhesus Macaques. Finally we were rewarded with the sighting of a Tigress with two sub adult cubs. We also watched some interesting birds like Spot-billed Duck, Ruddy Shelduck, Lesser Whistling Duck and Lesser Goldenback, to name a few. People in one jeep were

lucky with two different sub adult Tiger sightings, one of which even did a mock charge at the vehicle. Two of our jeeps also had the opportunity to watch a big Indian Rock Python, basking in the early morning sun.

The afternoon was also rewarding as we saw a sub adult Tiger for almost 15 minutes. People in another jeep enjoyed watching a lonely Wild Dog (Dhole), for a long time.

On returning to the lodge, seven of the group opted to do a night drive with Kaustubh, which is still a very new concept at Pench. They spotted Blue Bull, Jungle Cat, Indian Hare, Palm Civet and a Rusty-spotted Cat. Yusuf did the checklist with the rest. After dinner and a briefing about the next day's programme, we retired to our rooms.

Day 4

Wednesday 10th January

This morning it was quite chilly. After early morning hot beverages, we set off on our last safari at Pench. We saw quite a few birds and mammals, with people in one jeep watching a massive dominant male Tiger walk out through the bushes and then disappear into the vegetation on the other side of the road. We waited for him for a while to re-emerge, but he didn't, so we had breakfast and then returned to the lodge.

We had an early lunch and left Pench at 1pm to drive through some towns and beautiful countryside to Kanha. We reached our next destination before sunset and were welcomed by hospitable staff at Kanha Jungle Lodge.

After check in, we had refreshing teas and coffees before meeting again at 7.30pm to do the checklist before dinner.

Day 5

Thursday 11th January

The early morning was freezing! After hot refreshments, we drove to the park. We heard a few distress calls which confirmed the presence of the apex predator. Finally we saw the Tiger come out from the grassland and he seemed to be on the lookout for a hunt. The Tiger went towards the road which was parallel to us. We decided to try and intercept him on the other side, but it was quite a drive to reach the spot. When we reached the other side he was not there, but we saw the pug mark which indicated that he might have crossed the road and went on the other side into the grassland. There were herds of Spotted Deer and Swamp Deer in the grassland but no alarm calls. Soon after, the Tiger revealed his presence and stalked the Swamp Deer and ran behind them. The Swamp Deer were quick enough to escape, and then the Tiger walked on an embankment and again attempted a hunt; this time it was female Swamp Deer which also escaped - though narrowly. It was indeed a thrilling experience!

During the afternoon drive we got lucky with another Tiger sighting. The Tiger came out of the thickets and walked in front of us before disappearing in the grass. Everyone was quite pleased to see the Tiger so close. We also had a fabulous sighting of a Jungle Cat with a kill of a Jungle Bush Quail. Back in the lodge we met to do the checklist, which was followed by dinner.

Day 6

Friday 12th January

We awoke quite early for yet another exciting day. Hot cups of freshly brewed coffee were a boon. Today we explored the Kisli zone. We saw quite a few tracks of a Tigress with sub adults. We also heard a few frantic distress calls. The breakfast at Chimpta camp was an amazing experience, and we saw quite a few birds while having breakfast. On the way back we got news about one of the dominant females with four sub adults being sighted near Baba thenga waterhole. As we stopped, we heard a few Spotted Deer distress calls. Unfortunately, since we were short of time we could not wait longer.

On the afternoon drive we went straight to the Baba thenga side. We heard a few distress calls. Suddenly there was disturbance in the undergrowth - it was a sub adult Tiger, around seven months old. It appeared for a few seconds and then vanished in the undergrowth. Soon we saw another one on the same trail. Then yet another one appeared for a fraction of a second before disappearing. The first sub adult then came out on the dirt track in front of our vehicle and crossed. Group members in the other vehicle saw a different Tigress before reaching the site where the young cubs were spotted. This Tigress was seen with no disturbance and for quite a while, as she walked down the road, scent marking the trees!

Back at the lodge, we met to do the checklist around the fireplace before dinner.

Day 7

Saturday 13th January

Today we explored the Kanha zone. The drive was long and interesting, and we saw quite a few birds at the Naktighati area. After crossing Naktighati we reached the Kanha meadows. We stopped the vehicle and as soon as we had stopped, we heard the distress calls of Spotted Deer and Swamp Deer coming towards the Sheller hides. We reached that spot quickly, and soon after stopping we saw the dominant female Tigress come out of a patch of Sal trees, followed by three sub adults. It was an awesome sighting with the golden morning light falling on the Tigers, making them look more magnificent.

The afternoon drive was also quite promising. After following a faint distress call, we reached the fire line and saw a sub adult Tiger coming out in the open. It came a little closer and sat down for a couple of minutes before disappearing on the other side in the Sal patch.

Back at the lodge, we met in the evening to do the checklist, which was followed by a farewell dinner.

Day 7 / Post extension Day 1

Sunday 14th January

Today we had a leisurely start and a nature trail. After breakfast the group split with five of us going to Satpura with Kaustubh for the post-tour extension, whilst the five finishing the main tour set out for Nagpur with Yusuf.

The drive to Satpura was through very picturesque landscapes. The markets were vibrant and the delicately arranged fruits and vegetables on hand carts looked like pieces of art calling for a photograph. The drive through these markets offered us a peek into local culture! The journey lasted about eight hours as we drove through narrow winding roads to reach the foothills of the Satpura mountain range. As we stopped for lunch, we had an exceptionally good sighting of the Black Eagle soaring and attempting to hunt. Also interesting were the Crested Buntings. On arrival at the lodge, we were briefed about the property and shown to our rooms. Later we met for the checklist and dinner, and we discussed the activities planned for the rest of our stay at Satpura.

Day 8 / Post extension Day 2

Monday 15th January

Whilst those on the main tour were travelling back to the UK, those on the extension had an early start for our morning drive in Satpura. On the way we saw Indian Hare, Savannah and Indian Nightjars, and a Barn Owl. After reaching the park entrance office, we left the vehicle and went into a boat to cross the river. Our safari jeeps were waiting on the other side of the river. We had wonderful sightings of Indian Giant Squirrel, Gaur, Chital and Sambar during the drive. There were lots of alarm calls, which we followed for quite a while before it was time to move on. We had very good views of Puff-throated Babbler, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, White-bellied Minivet and many other birds. While at the Elephant camp, it was good to watch the Elephants drink water as the mahout pumped the hand pump while her very young calf played with us! We had our breakfast as we watched Common and White-throated Kingfishers in the stream, and heard Stork-billed Kingfisher.

Later we returned to the lodge and had our lunch under a Neem tree. In and out of the park, we had good sightings of Spotted Owlets. In the afternoon we went on a boat in the reservoir. It was good for birding as the banks housed large colonies of River Terns, plovers, stilts and redshanks. We were also lucky to spot a few large Marsh Crocodiles basking in the fading sunshine. As the water level had receded to quite low, we couldn't access the remote parts of the reservoir. We then returned to the lodge and then met for the checklist and dinner.

Post extension Day 3

Tuesday 16th January

This morning we again had an early morning wake up and a safari awaited us! With information of a Leopard sighting the previous evening, we scanned the entire range, but all we saw were fresh pugmarks. We followed the pugmarks of at least four different Leopards before driving to the breakfast point. People in one of our jeeps saw a pack of Wild Dogs.

In the afternoon safari we had very good views of a Crocodile in the pond. We also had wonderful sightings of Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Painted Stork and Eurasian Spoonbill. Gaurs were everywhere in the park and we saw some large herds, and also solitary bulls quite close by. On our way back to the lodge we watched Indian and Jungle Nightjars. Later we met for the checklist, followed by dinner.

Post extension Day 4

Wednesday 17th January

Today we went for a morning drive to the buffer zone area of the park. Two group members opted for a guided walk inside the park. We all started early and saw a Blue Bull on the road. We also saw Indian Nightjar as we reached the entry gate to the buffer safari. Once inside, there was plenty of Tiger activity as we followed the pugmarks of at least two males and two females on different roads. There was also the fresh footprints of a Sloth Bear. We scanned and had good sightings of Gaur, Crested Serpent Eagle, and Ruddy and Grey Mongooses.

We had our breakfast over a rocky cliff with a cave underneath, which offered us splendid views of the surrounding forest. Later we had a good time fighting off a young rescued Black Buck at the forest checkpoint. Then, as we went towards the wheat fields close to the village, we had good sightings of birds. We found Common Babbler, Jungle Babbler, Long-tailed Shrike, Eastern Cattle Egret, Paddyfield and Blyth's Pipits, and

Wire-tailed Swallow. Then we returned to the lodge for a rest. The two members on the walk closely trailed a Leopard with cubs, but unfortunately they were not seen.

In the afternoon we started late as we had a buffer safari to do. We searched for the Eagle-Owl, but it wasn't seen. Then we proceeded towards the entry gate. We checked the areas we had visited in the morning where we had seen Tiger pugmarks and Sloth Bear footprints. Later we drove further and found a Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope) very close to us and for quite a long time. One of the group was on his second trip to India just for Chousingha, and he saw one! As the light faded we started to hear Sambar Deer alarm calls. We went back to the area where the calls were from, but we couldn't find the predator. People in one jeep had a fleeting glimpse of a Sloth Bear as it scampered across the road into dense bushes! We then had good views of at least eight Palm Civets, and then Jungle Cats! We then returned to the lodge for dinner.

Post extension Day 5

Thursday 18th January

In the morning we drove towards the park for our last safari. As we were about to reach the gate, a large bird was spotted, perched on top a tree. At a distance and in the dark with a flashlight on it, we could see that it was an Indian Eagle-Owl! Once at the gate, we took the boat to the other side of the river, where our jeeps awaited us. We searched everywhere for Leopard and Sloth Bear but only found a few tracks. Then, after a quick breakfast in the park, went to check a patch of rocks where the mahouts had seen Wild Dogs; and we did too. A dog was sitting on the rocks and it was a good sighting, even though it was through the bushes!

We were intending to get back to the gate a little early as we had to pack and leave for Bhopal, but on the way out we got information of a Sloth Bear being spotted nearby. We rushed to the spot and found one digging and completely engrossed in its work. It was an amazing sighting, and we couldn't leave as we had planned. We watched it for almost 20 minutes, before it was time for us to leave the park. We then took the boat to the other side for the last time. We drove to the lodge to get ready to leave on our drive to Bhopal.

We left the lodge at 12.30pm and reached the rock shelters of Bhimbhetka at 2.30pm, where we stopped for a visit. After the Bhimbhetka visit we headed for Bhopal and reached Hotel Jehan Numa Palace at 5.30pm. After relaxing for a while, we did our checklist and then had dinner at 7pm.

After dinner we went to the airport where we said goodbye to Kaustubh before catching a slightly delayed flight to Mumbai, and then our overnight flight back to the UK.

Post extension Day 6

Friday 19th January

Our flight landed back at London Heathrow Airport where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

Key: ✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only; ? = possible; some old/alternative names in brackets

Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name	January													
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	Black-naped (Indian) Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>					✓						✓		✓	✓
12	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>														✓
14	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>											✓	✓		✓
15	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>							✓	✓	✓					
17	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
19	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>									✓				✓	✓
20	Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>													✓	
21	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>			✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	
22	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Gaur	<i>Bos gauras</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Pipistrelle Bat sp.														?	✓
25	Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>														✓
26	Mouse-tailed Bat sp.	<i>Rhinopoma sp.</i>														✓
27	Rusty-spotted Cat	<i>Prionailurus rubiginosus</i>					✓									

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Birds

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	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>									✓						✓
14	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓														
15	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	?					✓	✓	?			✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								✓	✓	✓					
18	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
19	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓		✓					
20	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
21	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>													✓	✓	✓
23	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	
24	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>								✓							
25	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>			?									✓			
28	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>									✓	✓					✓
29	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>									✓						
30	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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31	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>					✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
32	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			?		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
33	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>								✓						
34	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>									✓					
35	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓								✓		
36	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	?	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
37	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				✓		✓				✓				
39	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichhyaetus</i>	H					✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	
40	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>						✓	✓					✓		
41	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>						✓						✓	✓	✓
42	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>						✓								
43	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>											✓			
44	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
45	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>											✓			
46	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>						✓	✓							
47	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						✓					✓			
48	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓		✓
49	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>							✓							
50	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>											✓			
51	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>						✓								
52	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>								✓		✓				✓
53	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>			?											
54	Changeable (Crested) Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓					✓		✓	✓
56	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>												✓	✓	✓
57	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>										✓				✓
58	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
59	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓
60	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
61	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓				✓	✓	✓
62	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓		

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63	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>												✓	✓		
65	Great Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>												✓			
66	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
67	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
69	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>												✓	✓		
72	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>									?						
73	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								✓	✓						
74	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>												✓			
75	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓	✓		
76	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>										✓					
77	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			?			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						✓		✓				✓			
80	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>												✓	✓		✓
81	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>												✓	✓		✓
82	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>												✓			
83	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>						✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>				✓			✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
86	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>								✓	✓		✓		✓		
87	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>													✓		
88	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Orange Breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>												✓			
91	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
92	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

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95	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
96	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>										✓					
97	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>															?
98	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>								✓							
99	Southern Coucal	<i>Centropus parroti</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
100	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>												✓			
101	Oriental Scops Owl	<i>Otus sunia</i>										✓					
102	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>			✓												
104	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
105	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>				✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Indian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>															✓
107	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>								✓				✓		✓	✓
108	Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>												✓			
109	Savannah Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>												✓			
110	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>							✓								✓
111	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>								✓				✓			✓
112	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>															✓
114	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	✓
116	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
120	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>					✓								✓	✓	
121	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>									✓	✓				✓	
122	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>								✓			✓			✓	✓
123	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>							✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	?	
124	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>								✓							
125	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>								✓		✓					
126	Lesser Goldenback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓		?				✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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127	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		
128	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>		?				✓								
129	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>													✓	
130	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>												✓		
131	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								✓						
132	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>			✓										✓	
133	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
136	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>						✓	✓							
137	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓			✓	✓			✓					
138	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>					✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
139	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					✓	✓		✓						✓
140	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>									✓	✓	✓			
141	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
142	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
143	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>										✓				
144	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					✓	✓			✓			✓		
145	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>											✓	✓		
146	Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>						✓								
147	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
148	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>											✓			✓
149	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
150	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>							✓							
151	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>						✓								
152	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>					✓	✓						✓		
153	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>								✓						✓
154	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>											✓			
155	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
156	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>						✓			✓					
157	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓
158	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				

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159	Scaly Thrush	<i>Zosterda dauma</i>								✓						
160	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
161	White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygus</i>											✓			
162	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							✓							
163	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>		✓								✓			✓	
164	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>								✓	✓					
166	Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>					✓									
167	Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>												✓		
168	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					✓		✓		✓					
170	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>						✓		✓				✓		
171	Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>						✓				✓				
172	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>										✓	✓			
173	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
174	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>						✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
175	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>					✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
176	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>							✓							
177	Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>												?		
178	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>											✓			
179	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
180	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	✓				✓		✓							✓
181	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>					✓									
182	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	✓								✓				✓	
183	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
184	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>							✓					✓	✓	
185	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>											?			
186	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
187	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>									✓					
188	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
189	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
190	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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191	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
192	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>							?									
193	Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>													✓			
194	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	✓							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
195	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>																
196	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	✓									✓		✓		✓	✓	
197	Indian (Asian) Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>				✓						✓		✓				
198	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>								✓		✓		✓				
199	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>										✓						
200	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>											✓					
201	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>												✓	✓			
202	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>								✓			✓				✓	
203	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
204	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>											✓	✓		✓		
205	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
206	Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>														✓		
207	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>								✓	✓	✓						
208	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>										✓						
209	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
210	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>										✓						
211	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
212	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>									✓							
213	Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>										✓						
214	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
215	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>																
216	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>						✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			
217	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>												✓	✓			
218	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
219	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>									✓							
220	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>							✓								✓	✓
221	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
222	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>								✓		✓					✓	

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223	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
224	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>								✓						
225	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>				?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
226	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
227	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
228	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
229	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
230	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
231	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>								✓						
232	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>					✓					✓			✓	
233	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>							✓							✓
234	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
235	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
236	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>							✓					✓	✓	✓
237	Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>										✓				

Other fauna

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>							✓	✓				✓		
2	a Lizard	<i>Varanus griseus koniecznyi</i>					✓	✓								
3	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>					✓	✓								
4	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	
5	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>									✓					
6	House Gecko sp.	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra sp.</i>	✓					✓								
7	Leaf Litter Skink	<i>Scincidae sp.</i>	✓													
8	Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus dorsalis</i>					✓									
9	Tree frog	<i>Polypedates maculates</i>					✓									
10	Indian Bullfrog	<i>Hoplobatrachus tigerinus</i>					✓	✓								
11	Indian Skitter Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>					✓	✓	✓							
12	Wolf Spider							✓								
13	Giant Wood Spider	<i>Nephila pilipes</i>							✓					✓		
14	Signature Spider	<i>Argiope anasuja</i>							✓							
15	Three-banded Skink	<i>Eutropis trivittata</i>											✓			

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
16	Fan-throated Lizard	<i>Sitana ponticeriana</i>														✓

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