

India - Tiger Direct!

With pre and post tour extensions

Naturetrek Tour Report

4 - 12 February 2018



Tigress from Kanha



Wild Dog



Painted Sandgrouse



Tigress from Kanha

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Summary

The Tiger Direct tour in February 2018 was an exciting tour with fantastic sightings of Indian wildlife. The tour had 11 Tiger sightings in Tadoba, Pench and Kanha National Parks. Along with that there were five sightings of Leopards, three sightings of Asiatic Wild Dogs/ Dholes and one sighting of Sloth Bear. Due to presence of winter migrants still in the area, 189 species of birds were sighted. The group was lucky to see its first Tiger in Tadoba on the second day of the tour with a male Tiger sighted out in the open and a female Tiger seen walking on the dirt track in the Park. A similar sighting of the female Tiger on the road in the next drive was quite exciting, when the Tiger was followed for quite some distance. A Sloth Bear and multiple sightings of Wild Dogs were also there in Tadoba.

The lodge where we stayed had a big water body next to it which was a delight for birders in the group. In Pench, a family of Leopards (a mother and two cubs) was spotted on the first drive. It was a pretty good and long sighting, considering the shyness of this wild cat.

At Pench we had a few more Leopard sightings and a Tiger sighting, but its birdlife was equally exciting with its varied landscape. Drives in Kanha were very rewarding with Tigers sighted on almost every drive in the Park. The sighting of a dominant male Tiger in the Park in the very first morning was very exciting. In one of the Tiger sightings, the group had to wait for almost an hour for a sleeping Tiger to wake up; though it was lying very close to the jeeps it was hidden in the grass. It finally woke up and walked out of the grass. Everyone enjoyed this waiting game. Our last drive in Kanha was a highlight, as the tour participants got to see the interaction of a herd of Gaurs with a Tiger. After spotting the Tiger coming out of the waterhole, a group of Gaurs feeding nearby became alert and came together and started snorting at the Tiger. Seeing the herd united, the Tiger had no option but to change its direction multiple times to avoid getting into direct confrontation with these huge wild cattle. Apart from the wild cats, the group had the experience of multiple walks in the buffer areas of the Park to do some good birding and see often-ignored signs and wildlife during the drives. Being the tail end of the migratory season, lot of bird species were sighted. The tour was especially lucky with the Owls: Spotted Owlet, Jungle Owlet, Indian Scops Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Brown Hawk Owl and Spot-bellied Eagle Owl were sighted in the trip. Overall the tour was memorable for its participants with some great sightings to remember.

Pre-tour Extension Day 1

Wednesday 31st January

Cold morning & clear day

The group left London by an overnight flight to reach Mumbai the next day.

Pre-tour Extension Day 2

Thursday 1st February

Cool morning & hot, clear day

The guests reached Mumbai in the morning and took a flight to Nagpur in the afternoon. They reached Nagpur by 5pm. We received the guests and went to our cars which were waiting for us. We reached Radisson Blu Hotel

in Nagpur and did the check in. Later after some rest we all met for dinner. We discussed our plan for the coming days and left for our rooms to retire for the day.

Pre-tour Extension Day 3

Friday 2nd February

Cool morning & hot, clear day

We started for Tadoba after breakfast, around 10 am. Our lodge was couple of hours from Nagpur. We enjoyed the countryside during the drive. We saw the cotton fields, various open-country birds and rural activities on the way. We reached the Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge by noon. We quickly went to our rooms and met back for lunch.

We had a park drive scheduled in the afternoon. The Park gate was 20 minutes away from the lodge and we had to complete some entry formalities before entering, so we left by the lodge 1.30pm. After entering the Park, we saw some good mammals like Spotted Deer, Sambar, Wild Pigs, Langurs, Mongoose, and Gaurs etc. Birding also started well, and we saw Marsh Mugger Crocodile in the Tadoba lake area. No Tiger or Leopards were sighted in the drive today, but we got a good understanding of the park. We came back to the lodge after the drive and went to our rooms.

We met back at 7.30pm to do our checklist and for a briefing. We had our dinner after this.

Pre-tour Extension Day 4

Saturday 3rd February

Cool morning & hot, clear day

We started early for the Park after having a quick tea or coffee. We saw a good number of Tiger tracks on the road and at a few place heard good alarm calls of Spotted Deer and Langurs, indicating presence of some big cat in the area. Birding was very good once the sun came out. Two out of three jeeps in the group saw their first Tiger behind the Pandarpuni waterhole, around 9 am. We all waited at the waterhole after the Tiger disappeared in the grass, but nothing came out. We came back to the lodge as we had a break before the afternoon drive.

After lunch we started for the Park. Half an hour after entering the Park we saw a female Tiger walking on the road towards our jeeps, in the Ainbodi-Jaamni junction area. We enjoyed the sighting till the Tiger went out of sight. Later a jeep of ours saw Sloth Bear in the Park. Brown Fish Owl, Crested Hawk-Eagle, White-eyed Buzzard, Shikra and good number of forest birds were also spotted in the drive.

Main Tour Day 1 / Pre-tour Extension Day 5

Sunday 4th February

Cool morning & hot, clear day

This morning again started in an exciting way in the Tadoba when, after 45 minutes of the drive, we saw a female Tiger walk out of the Ainbodi waterhole and walk towards the Pandarpauni waterhole. All our jeeps were present at the sighting.

We later went for breakfast and explored the Kosecanal and Jaamni area of the Park. Our lodge had a good water body next to it. We enjoyed watching some good birds during the idle hours there. In the afternoon, we

tried for Tiger in a different area of the Park. We waited at a waterhole for an hour and saw Ruddy Mongoose, Barking Deer, Sambar and did good birding. No Tigers were sighted this afternoon, though. Close to the gate we saw a Painted Sandgrouse dust-bathing near to the Jaamni area.

The clients on the main tour left the UK today for Mumbai.

Main Tour Day 2 / Pre-tour Extension Day 6

Monday 5th February

Cool morning & hot, clear day

It was our last drive in Tadoba this morning. We did some good birding and alarm calls kept us busy looking for wild cats in the Park. A couple of jeeps saw Wild Dogs close to the breakfast stop. While waiting for a Tiger, we did some good birding and enjoyed the forest. No cats were sighted in the Park and we came back to the lodge after the drive. We went to our rooms to pack and met for lunch.

After lunch we started for Pench by 1.30pm. The drive to Pench took us four hours, with a comfort stop mid-way. We saw good number of Langurs and Rhesus Macaques on the way. We reached our lodge, Tuli Tiger Corridor, by 5.30pm and checked in. After some rest, we met back at 7.30pm for the checklist and briefing.

We had five more guests joining us for the main tour and they arrived by 8pm. We all had dinner and retired to our rooms.

Day 3

Tuesday 6th February

Cloudy, cold morning & warm day

We had a late start for the safaris this week, as the state-wide Tiger-census exercise was being carried out in Parks of Madhya Pradesh, so the Parks were only opening up at 8am for drives. We met at 6.15am for a quick birding walk before breakfast. We saw some scrubland birds near to the lodge and also a Wild Boar today.

We came back for breakfast and started for the Park by 7.40am. We reached the Park gate to complete the entry formalities and went in the Park at 8am. After entering Pench National Park, we saw a good number of Spotted Deer and couple of Nilgai. We stopped at Junewani waterhole for birding. As we went ahead we saw couple of jeeps watching a Leopard, and we saw a Leopard cub looking at us from behind a rock. We heard alarm calls of Langurs going on. We then saw another cub close to it. After some time, the cubs started moving to the right. We reversed our jeep and saw the mother of the cubs walking along with them. Later they crossed the road in front of us and went to the other side of the hilly patch. We went ahead towards Bijematta area and saw a couple of our jeeps waiting for a Tiger to come out of the grass. It was spotted earlier walking in the grass but had settled down now. Later it went away but the sighting was quick. We then went to check the riverside area of Pench and did some good birding. After the morning drive we stopped at the spot where some Flying Fox were roosting outside the Park.

We went to the lodge for the mid-drive break and after lunch we again started back for the Park. In the afternoon a couple of our jeeps saw Leopards in the Park. A good number of Nilgai were also spotted on the drive.

Day 4

Wednesday 7th February

Cloudy, cold morning & warm day

We went for our morning bird walk and had breakfast before leaving for the Park. We didn't see any more Tigers or Leopards in the Park this morning. We explored the riverside area of Pench and the submergence area. Good birding along with the usual mammal sightings kept us busy during the drive. Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Openbill (a Stork), Woolly-necked Stork, kingfishers, Grey Hornbills, Indian Scops Owl, Peacocks and Red Junglefowl were also spotted. We came back to the lodge and got ready to leave for Kanha.

We started for Kanha after lunch. It took us close to 5 hours to reach Kanha Jungle Lodge in Mukki. After reaching our lodge we went to our rooms and met back for the checklist and a briefing. We had our dinner and went to rest.

Day 5

Thursday 8th February

Cloudy, cold morning & warm day

We started early for our bird walk after having a quick tea or coffee. We saw good activities of Racket-tailed Drongo, White-eyes, Rufous Treepie, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and woodpeckers during the walk.

We came back to the lodge for breakfast and left for the Park gate. We scanned the river side area of Banjar to check for any Tiger movement. A distant alarm call heard from there made us to rush towards the Jarrakhutta area. The alarm calls of Spotted Deer and Langurs made us scan the forest area and we could see a Tiger walking inside it. It came out in the small grass patch and went inside the forest again. We were quite close to the animal and it was really thrilling to see this big male Tiger code named T50 for a brief while. We later followed the alarm calls of Spotted Deer and Sambar, but the Tiger didn't come out. We later went to the Sondar grassland where we enjoyed close sightings of Barasingha. One of our jeeps by this time had a great sighting of a female Tiger code-named T31, near the Belkundri-Minkur area. It was an exciting morning for everyone in the group. In the afternoon we scanned the Park for Tiger, but none were sighted. We did see some good mammals and birds in the Park otherwise.

Day 6

Friday 9th February

Cloudy, cold morning & warm day

In the morning we went birding towards the Banjar River before breakfast and left for the Park after that. We had a great start in the Park when we came across a female Tiger on the road just 15 minutes after entering the gate. The Tiger crossed the road and went into the forest. We explored the Kisli area of the Park and had our breakfast at the Chimta camp area. Birding was really good this morning as we covered a lot of area in the Park. There some good sets of tracks and alarm calls but no cat sighting happened in the morning. We saw a pair of Brown Hawk-Owls in their roosting spot near the Zilla line on the main road. We spent some time photographing landscapes and birds during the drive.

In the afternoon we were busy scanning the Mukki area and got some really promising alarm calls near to the Dhawajhandi - Babathenga area. No cat sightings happened for any of our jeeps in the drive. We saw a Spot-

bellied Eagle-Owl close to Lapsi Kabar area where it gave us a long sighting. Alarm calls near the Sondar grassland made us wait for some time. One of the jeeps saw a Jungle Cat in the grassland.

Day 7

Saturday 10th February

Cloudy cold morning & warm day

We did our quick morning bird walk and left for the Park after breakfast. During the walk we saw a Rufous Woodpecker and some Velvet-fronted Nuthatches. We were going to explore the Kanha zone of the Park today. We came across some alarm calls in Mowala junction area and waited. We saw a female Tiger at a distance walking on the road and then she vanished into the grassland patch. We then proceeded towards Kanha and did some birding at the Naktighati Bridge. After reaching Kanha meadows we quickly scanned the grassland area. We saw a small group of Blackbucks with an impressive male grazing in the Bison road junction. We went towards Shravan Tal and came back to the Schaller hide road and were heading towards the Barasingha fencing area when we spotted a female Tiger lying in a Ground Palm patch. A lot of jeeps came and waited in the area after this. We had to wait for an hour for the Tiger to move from its resting spot. As the sun got stronger, the Tiger decided to wake up and we all had a good view of the big cat.

We came back to the lodge after the drive and had our lunch before leaving for the afternoon drive. After 20 minutes into the Park on the Naupathra road we saw a female Tiger coming out from the Ghorella anicut. It started walking towards our jeep and then it spotted a herd of Gaurs grazing nearby. Sensing the presence of Tiger, the herd came together and started snorting at the Tiger. The big bull and dominant female took charge of the situation and were determined to protect their calves. Seeing this, the Tiger had to change its path multiple times to avoid any direct confrontation. Later it went off the road and disappeared into the jungle. One of our jeeps saw a male Tiger near to the Banjar River side also. We all came back happy from the Park as it was our last drive.

Day 8 / Post-tour Extension Day 1

Sunday 11th February

Cloudy morning & rainy, cold day

We started for our walk in the morning at the lodge. It was getting really cloudy and we didn't see a lot of bird activity today. To our pleasant surprise we saw a Streak-throated Woodpecker and got a good view of it. We also saw some butterflies waiting on the forest floor to get active. Racket-tailed Drongo, Rufous Treepie, Black Drongo, Little Cormorant, Scarlet Minivet, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Jungle Owlet and Indian Pond Heron were also spotted. We came back to the lodge for breakfast and got our luggage ready. The main tour was ending today and the group was splitting into two. Seven participants went with Kaustubh to Satpura and rest went to Nagpur to catch their flight back home. We left by 10am and headed towards our respective destinations. The main tour ended after the group reached Nagpur airport.

The group doing the Post-tour extension, left the lodge by 10.45am and proceeded towards Satpuda. It was overcast, and drizzly, and almost halfway there, it rained heavily! We had our lunch as we drove to Satpuda. We had a couple of comfort breaks, on our way there. We were extremely lucky to spot two Sloth Bears, together under a tree, right besides the road. It was an amazing sighting; we left as the bears vanished into the forest. As we reached the lodge, Deepankar and his team very happily welcomed us at Forsyth Lodge. We straightaway

went to the allotted rooms, and then met for dinner, and all the briefing happened at dinner. After dinner, we had an early night as everyone was really tired with the long drive!

Day 9 / Post-tour Extension Day 2

Monday 12th February

Cold and foggy morning

The main-tour clients returning to the UK arrived in London today, after a great trip.

Those in Satpuda had an early morning start for their safari in the park. We went to the spot, where we would get onto a boat to travel across the huge reservoir, to enter the park, but we were shocked to see that the reservoir was almost completely dry... we actually walked across, to find our safari jeeps waiting for us. It was quite a foggy morning and the rain the previous evening made it hard to spot any animal tracks. The morning was very quiet; we returned to our jeeps on the other side, and drove back to the lodge, as we watched a large number of birds in the fields. There was quite a good activity there!

Once we reached the lodge, we met for a brunch and then met later for some cake and tea, before we left for our evening/night drive into the buffer zone. It was a bit cloudy, but later opened up. We spent quite a while waiting at the waterholes, and during one of the wait, a few of us had a brief glimpse of a Wild Dog, just for a second! We had good sightings of Sambar Deer, Barking Deer and nightjars before we returned to the lodge, to do our checklist, have dinner and call it a night.

Post-tour Extension Day 3

Tuesday 13th February

Rain and thunder in the morning; thunderstorm in the afternoon.

We had an early morning start for the walk in the park. The vehicles dropped us at the drop-off point, where we got the guides allotted to us and we walked across the river, and into the forest. It was very damp, drizzling and clearing alternately. We had a good sighting of a Jungle Nightjar, some Wild Boar, Gaur at a distance and a lot of deer. We enjoyed watching a Giant Squirrel scamper across branches of a tree, and then going about its feeding routine! We had a nice long walk for about three hours, before returning to the lodge.

In the afternoon, we had a safari inside the main reserve. After we had driven for about 45 minutes, there was roaring thunder, and we rushed to the elephant camp, which was located very close by. We ran for cover once there, as it had started raining heavily. We had to wait there for 30 minutes, before the clouds cleared. We rushed to the spot where there had been a Sloth Bear sighting, but it wasn't there anymore. But then we heard a lot of strong alarm calls by Sambar Deer. We waited for a very long time for some action, but then it all went quiet; also, it was time for us to get back to the gate. Later we returned to the lodge and met for the checklist and dinner.

Post-tour Extension Day 4

Wednesday 14th February

Cold and foggy morning

We had another early morning start for our safari in the park. As we walked across and set off on the safari, we saw very fresh tracks of a Leopard. We were very quick in following those. We followed those tracks till they

disappeared into the hills. We also got the foul smell from an old kill made by the Leopard. But the predator proved elusive. We had a good time watching the bonding between a small elephant calf and its mother and aunt, while we had some breakfast. We also had some good sightings of an Indian Giant Squirrel, and large herds of Gaur.

We then returned to our jeeps on the other side and drove back to the lodge. On the way out, we watched large group of vultures feeding off a dead cow. Mostly they were Indian Vultures. Once we reached the lodge, we met for a brunch and then met later for some cake and tea, before we left for our evening/night drive into another buffer zone. It was quite a clear and sunny afternoon. We drove into the park, and checked a few waterholes, and a dry stream bed. We had good sightings of Indian Palm Civets, Ruddy Mongoose, Gerbil, Sambar Deer, Barking Deer, Chinkaras and Blue Bulls and Indian Nightjars. One of our jeep had a good look at the Sloth Bear for moments before it disappeared into the forest! Later we returned to the lodge, to do our checklist and have dinner, before calling it a night.

Post-tour Extension Day 5

Thursday 15th February

Cold and clear morning

As usual, we had an early morning start for the safari in the park. As we walked across and set off on the safari, we got very fresh tracks of a Tigress. We were very quick in following those. We also got to know from the forest guards that they had seen the Tigress early in the morning and they pointed towards where she had moved! We followed those tracks till they disappeared into the non-tourism area of the park. That morning, there were tracks everywhere in the park. The other jeep, from our group, had a sighting of a Sloth Bear quite close to the jeep, but by the time we reached there, the bear had disappeared into the forest. We decided to drive across the small stream, which was revived due to the rain, and unfortunately our vehicle got stuck. But our spotter managed to get the jeep out and we checked the areas where the bear might have had crossed, but to no avail. We went for some breakfast, and then drove back to the lodge. On the way back, we had a good sighting of a pair of Egyptian vultures, feeding off the carcass.

After some time to pack up and change, we left Satpuda, to head to Bhopal. We had some wonderful lunch packed for us by the lodge, which we enjoyed as we drove. We visited the Bhimbethka Rock Shelters, on the way to Bhopal, which was quite a nice and relaxed experience. We then proceeded towards Bhopal, and then had a relaxed evening at Jehan Numa Palace, where we did our final checklist and then proceeded for a sumptuous Farewell Dinner. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, and we left for the airport, to board the flight to Mumbai. Once we reached the airport, we said good bye to Kaustubh, and then boarded the flight. On reaching Mumbai, we had to wait a while till we boarded the flight to London.

Post-tour Extension Day 6

Friday 16th February

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The flight arrived in London, and the Tiger Direct tour extension came to an end.

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	February														
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
4	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo 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	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
14	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>			✓	✓							✓		✓		
15	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓						
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
18	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓			✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
19	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				
20	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓														
22	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
27	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓							
28	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
29	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>					✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	

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			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
30	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
31	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
32	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓			✓		✓				✓					
34	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
35	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓													✓	
36	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓	✓			✓						
37	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>					✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
38	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓						
39	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
41	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓	
42	Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			✓	
43	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
44	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				✓										✓	
45	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>									✓						
46	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					✓	✓									
47	Red Spurfowl	<i>Gallus spadicea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		
48	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
49	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
50	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓										
53	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓									
54	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>														✓	
55	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓								✓		✓		
56	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓												
57	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>												✓			
58	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Indian Stone-curlew (split fr Eurasian)	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>						✓			✓		✓				
60	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>											✓			✓	
61	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	

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62	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓							
63	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>												✓			
66	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓					
67	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				✓			✓	✓							
68	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓			
69	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				✓	✓		
70	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			
72	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓													
73	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>											✓				
74	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>					✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>											✓		✓		
76	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>											✓	✓	✓		
77	Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>			✓												
78	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	
79	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓		✓		✓				
80	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓		
81	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
83	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
88	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>									✓						
89	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>							✓								
90	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>					✓										
91	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>							✓								
92	Southern Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
93	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>											✓				

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94	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				
95	Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>								✓							
96	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	✓	✓							✓						
97	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
98	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>					✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	
99	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>								✓	✓						
100	Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>													✓		
101	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>														✓	
102	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>							✓		✓						
103	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>							✓								
104	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			
105	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
106	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>				✓		✓								✓	
107	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓					✓				
109	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
112	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
113	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
114	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓			✓				
115	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>					✓		✓		✓			✓			
116	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>					✓							✓			
117	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>							✓	✓							
118	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>											✓			✓	
119	Black-rumped Flameback (L.Goldenb.)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
120	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓				
121	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓									
122	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>		✓		✓											
123	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	✓												✓	✓	
124	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>											✓				
125	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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126	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>					✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			
128	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓								
129	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>			✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
131	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
132	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
133	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	✓	✓												
134	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓	✓	✓								
135	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>		?		✓	✓	✓					✓			
136	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>								✓	✓					
138	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>											✓	✓		
139	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>								✓	✓	✓			✓	
140	White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i>											✓			
141	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>								✓			✓			
143	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>				✓								✓	✓	
144	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓									
145	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
146	Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>						✓								
147	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓			✓				✓			✓		✓
148	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>		?							✓					
149	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				✓	
150	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
151	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>			✓											
152	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
153	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	✓													
154	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓													
155	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>									?					
156	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>					✓	✓					✓			
157	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>				✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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158	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	✓														
159	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula supercilii</i>								✓				✓			
160	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>						✓	✓	✓							
161	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	✓			✓								✓			
162	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>										✓		✓			✓
163	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
164	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>										✓					
165	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
166	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		
167	Siberian Sonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
168	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>			✓	✓		✓					✓	✓		✓	✓
169	White-spotted Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
170	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>		✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	
171	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>												✓			
172	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>		✓		✓				✓	✓						
173	Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>			✓					✓	✓						
174	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>										✓					
175	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>								✓	✓	✓					
176	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>										✓					
177	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudata</i>												✓			
178	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>				✓										✓	✓
179	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
180	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>								✓		✓					
181	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>										✓		✓			
182	Cinereous Tit (split fr Great)	<i>Parus cinereus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
183	Indian Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus aplonotus</i>														✓	
184	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>								✓	✓						
185	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
186	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparrajai</i>		?													
187	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>				✓								✓			
188	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>													✓		
189	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

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190	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
191	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
192	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>					✓										
193	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
194	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓								✓		✓		✓	
195	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
196	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>							✓						✓	✓	
197	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
198	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>								✓							
199	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
200	Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>								✓	✓						
201	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
202	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>					✓	✓									
203	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
204	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>				✓		✓				✓				✓	
205	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
206	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
207	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
208	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>								✓							
209	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
210	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>		✓				✓					✓			✓	
211	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
212	Yellow-throated Sp. (Chestnut-sh. Pet)	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
213	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>									✓						
214	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>			✓	✓							✓				
215	Scaly-breasted. Munia (Nutmeg Mann.)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>					✓										
216	Tricolored (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	✓														

Mammals

1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓					
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>					✓									
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>								✓						

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4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	S. Plains (Common) Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri (spl fr entellus)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				
9	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>			✓	✓		✓					✓				
10	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>		✓									✓		✓	✓	
11	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				
12	Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>						✓		✓							
13	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>											✓		✓		
14	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓		✓				✓							✓	
16	Indian Giant 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	Khincara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>													✓		
23	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	
24	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Pipistrelle bat sp.		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		
27	Fulvous Fruit Bat (Leschenault's Rousette)	<i>Rousettus leschenaulti</i>			✓												
28	Mouse-tailed Bats	<i>Rhinopoma spp</i>														✓	
29	Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</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	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus</i> or <i>Gehyra</i> etc sp			✓	✓	✓						✓		✓	

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			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5	Tree Frog sp.			✓		✓										
6	Fan-throated Lizard	<i>Sitana</i> sp.					✓									
7	Common Indian Toad	<i>Duttaphrynus (Bufo) melanostictus</i>												✓		
8	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>												✓		
9	Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>													✓	

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