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Naturetrek Tour Report

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Royal Bengal Tiger - Mukki



Leopard - Satpura



Wild Dogs - Kanha



Sloth Bear - Mukki

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Summary

From our first drive, the group had some amazing experiences. We had Tiger sightings, almost on each drive. It was good for other wildlife too: the group had some great times watching birds, observing the interaction between the young and adult Langurs, and we spent quite a long time watching whatever was presented to us. We had a very interesting sight of Gaur chasing away Tigers resting in a pool, which made us realize how critical water is! Some of the most amazing Sloth Bear, Wild Dogs and Leopard sightings happened for this group.

Altogether, the 15 days of this holiday, were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests, as they had probably the best sightings these parks could offer. All in all, the group was lucky to have had a sighting of 19 Tigers, four Leopards, five adult and three baby Sloth Bears and three different packs of Wild Dogs. The diverse landscapes, and terrains provide a fabulous perspective of the diversity of wildlife ranges in India.

Overall it was a wonderful tour, and appreciated by all in the group. Multiple tiger sightings always make everyone happy, and on this holiday, the sheer number of tigers, just made it very special, and proved true to the name... Tiger Direct!

Pre-tour extension Day 1

Wednesday 28th March

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

Pre-tour extension Day 2

Thursday 29th March

Our overnight flight landed at Delhi, and then we took an afternoon connecting flight to Nagpur, arriving at 5pm. We received the guests and went to our cars waiting for us. We reached Radisson Blu Hotel in Nagpur and checked 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 30th March

We started for Tadoba after breakfast, around 10 am. Our lodge was couple of hours' drive from Nagpur. We enjoyed the countryside during the drive. We watched the cotton fields, various open-country birds and rural activities on the way as we drove. We reached the lodge by noon.

We headed for lunch as our rooms were being got ready. We had a park drive scheduled in the afternoon. We left by 2.30pm for the Park gate. After entering the Park, we saw some good mammals in the Park like Spotted Deer, Sambar, Wild Pigs, Langurs, and Gaurs etc. Birding also started well, and we saw Marsh Muggers and Crocodiles in the Tadoba lake area. We had a wonderful sighting of a male Tiger sitting in the water. And later, on our exit route we had a sighting of a sub-adult Tiger sitting in the grass. We came back to the lodge after the drive and went to our rooms. We met back at 7.30pm for our checklist and a briefing for the next day. We had our dinner after this.

Pre-tour extension Day 4

Saturday 31st March

Another clear and warm morning as we started for the park early. As we entered the park, and drove for about 20 minutes; then, our vehicle stopped with a jerk as there was a Tiger on the road, heading towards us..! it was a sub-adult Tiger, and he was just having a stroll. We had an excellent close sighting of this animal, before other jeeps arrived. So, we decided to move on, and went straight to the waterhole, where the big male Tiger, Matkasur, was relaxing in the water. We watched him for a very long time, before we went to check some other areas where we might see something else, and it would be quiet as well. And then we heard a low growl, and instantly realised it was a Tiger that made that sound. We waited very quietly for almost 40 minutes, and our patience paid off: the tigress, a very shy female, walked out across the road, and disappeared into the forest on the other side. On our way, we again went to check the waterhole where we found that, the tigress Maya and their two small cubs were relaxing in the waterhole. It was an excellent sighting..! She had a kill hidden inside the bushes. We left the spot, as she took her cubs back into the forest. Later we drove to Khatoda gate for breakfast, and then drove to exit the park.

Once back at the lodge, we met for lunch and then had our afternoon safari, when we went to Alianza zone; we checked all the waterholes in the park, and then decided to wait at one. We waited for quite a long time, then there were frantic alarm calls by the Spotted and Sambar deer, but the predator proved elusive. We then started our drive back to the lodge as we were short on time. Once back at the lodge we met for the checklist followed by dinner.

Pre-tour extension Day 5/Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 1st April

This morning we again set out on another early morning safari; today we were going to the Kolara zone, but the forest was very quiet. We checked the Junabai Waterhole area and found a lot of Tiger pugmarks around the waterbody, and also heard a few alarm calls. We had some fantastic views of the Chowsingha (Four-horned Antelope). We then proceeded to check the other waterhole and other areas, where while driving, we saw a Sloth Bear sitting in the open grassland. But before anyone could take a picture, the bear shot off into the forest! We then proceeded to one of the forest camps to have our breakfast. Everyone was very pleased with the sighting of the Sloth Bear!!

In the afternoon we visited the Moharli range of the park. We drove straight to Jamun Jhora, where we saw many vehicles parked by the side of the waterbody. We also parked up, and by the time we got to know what was happening, the tigress made her move and walked down the embankment, to have a drink, then walked out towards us, and then back into the pool. We enjoyed watching her till it was time for us to leave. The sighting was enjoyed by everyone. We then returned to the lodge and a short while later met for checklist followed by dinner.

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

Pre-tour extension Day 6/Main Tour Day 2

Monday 2nd April

This morning, with another early morning wake up call, we gathered for some refreshments and then started our last safari at Tadoba. We had planned another visit to Moharli range, and so we did. We first checked the Pandherpauni region and then drove to Moharli. By the time we got to Telia Dam, we were informed the tigress had crossed over with her cubs, and we were only able to have a glimpse of one of the cubs, before it climbed the dam wall disappeared into the forest onto the other side. We then headed straight for Khatoda gate. It was quiet everywhere and so we exited the park and returned to our lodge.

We had a short time for a shower and packing, before we met for lunch and then we left for Pench. Our drive to Pench was completed in four hours, with a comfort and refreshment break. We reached Pench by 5pm and then met for checklist. In the meantime, the rest of the clients arrived, with Dilip Saini, and joined the group, and then we all went for dinner together. We then briefed the group for the plans for the next day, before calling it a night.

Main Tour Day 3

Tuesday 3rd April

Today was our first drive in the park. It was quite refreshing to be in the forest. We had good views of Sambar, Langur and Rhesus Macaques. It was very quiet in the park. We later went for some breakfast, and on the way there we had good views of Golden Jackals. We also watched some interesting birds like Black-rumped Woodpecker (also known as Lesser Goldenback) and White-naped Woodpecker, to name a few. At the near end of the drive, just as we saw some crowd pointing, we had a fleeting glimpse of a Tiger, but it disappeared before everyone could see it.

The afternoon was rewarding as we drove straight to the place where we had the glimpse in the morning; we were able to watch a sub-adult Tiger for almost 45 minutes, but at a distance. The guests in our group's other jeep also had a sighting of another male Tiger. On returning to the lodge, we met for our checklist followed by dinner. Then we briefed the guests about the next day's programme before retiring to our rooms.

Main Tour Day 4

Wednesday 4th April

This morning was quite warm. After the early morning hot beverages, we got charged up for our last safari at Pench. We saw quite a few birds and mammals, but it was a very quiet morning on the Tiger front. Later, we went to have some breakfast and then returned to the lodge.

We had an early lunch and left Pench to drive through some towns and beautiful countryside, as we drove to Kanha. On reaching Kanha, we were welcomed by hospitable staff of Kanha Jungle Lodge. After checking in, we had refreshing cup of tea and coffee. We decided to meet at 7.30pm for the checklist followed by dinner. We briefed the guests about the next day's programme and then called it a night.

Main Tour Day 5

Thursday 5th April

In the morning it was quite warm! After having nice hot refreshments, we drove to the park. Kaustubh with two guests was booked on the Kanha zone, while our group's two jeeps were booked in the Mukki zone. As we drove towards Kanha, on the allotted roads, we crossed the district fire breaker, and suddenly heard the crackling

of leaf litter. When I turned around, I was filled with excitement and asked to stop the jeep.. it was the big male Tiger, walking out of the bushes; we reversed, and watched him have a drink and then reversed further back, to give him some space to walk out. Which he did... We watched him at peace for 10 minutes, before other jeeps arrived, and we then left to go to Kanha. Just before we reached the meadows, we heard a lot of alarm calls, so we waited and waited, but then we ran short on time. We then went to the meadows, where we had a distant view of Black bucks. We later returned to the gate and found that the other two jeeps in Mukki had had a good sighting of another male Tiger, sitting in a pool, almost at the end of the drive time.

On the afternoon drive we were lucky with another Tiger sighting: the Tiger was sitting in a waterbody close to the road. Everyone was quite pleased to see the Tiger so relaxed. Our group's other jeep had a fabulous sighting of a Jungle Cat. Back in the lodge we met for the checklist followed by dinner. We briefed the guest about the next day's programme and called it a night!

Main Tour Day 6

Friday 6th April

We woke up quite early in the morning for yet another exciting day. A hot cup of fresh brewed coffee was a boon. Today we explored the Kisli zone. We saw quite a few tracks of the tigress with the sub-adults. We also heard a few fanatic distress calls. One of our jeep had a sighting of a Sloth Bear. On the way back, we got the news about one of the dominant females with four sub-adults being sighted near Baba Thenga Waterhole. As we stopped we also heard a few distress calls of Spotted Deer. Since we were short of time we could not wait longer.

In the afternoon drive one jeep was in Kisli zone, while other two were in Mukki zone. Driving towards Kisli, we had some good sightings of birds like White-rumped Shama, Fantail and Scarlet Minivet, to name a few. We also had a good view of two big bull Gaurs having a drink, and then a Sloth Bear! Our guests in the other vehicle saw two Tigers in the same waterhole before reaching the Sloth Bear sighting spot. Once we returned to the lodge, we met for the checklist and then dinner.

Main Tour Day 7

Saturday 7th April

Today we explored the Kanha zone. The drive was long and interesting, and we saw quite a few birds in the Naktighati area. We checked all the places with possibilities of sightings, but it was quiet. We then went for breakfast, where we got the information of a sighting nearby. We quickly left for the spot, but the Tigers had moved away before we reached there. We started our return journey, as we were quite far from the gate and were short on time. On our way back, we had an excellent sighting of Wild Dogs, right in front of our jeep: it was interesting to watch them go about doing their business. Later, we returned to the lodge.

Our afternoon drive was very promising. After entering the park, we drove straight to the waterhole, where we watched the two male Tigers resting in the water. We watched them for quite a long time; they were just resting in the water as it was really very hot. Then there were Gaur, which wanted water, so we even got an opportunity of watching the Gaur chase away the Tigers! We then had to return to the gate as we had limited time. At the lodge we met in the evening for the checklist followed by a farewell dinner.

Main Tour Day 8/Post-tour extension Day 1

Sunday 8th April

Today, everyone had a leisurely wake-up, and a nature trail. After breakfast we left for our respective destinations, as the main tour was coming to an end. Kaustubh left for Satpura, for the post-tour extension, with seven clients whereas Dilip went to Nagpur with three clients, who were returning home.

The drive to Satpura, is through very picturesque landscapes. The vibrant markets and delicately arranged fruits and vegetables on the hand carts, look like pieces of art and call for photographs. The drive through these markets offer us a peek into the local culture! The drive lasts for about eight hours, as we drive through narrow winding roads, to reach the foothills of the Satpuda mountain range. On arrival at the lodge, we were briefed about the property and shown our rooms.

Later we met for checklist and dinner where the guests discussed about the activities planned for the rest of their stay at Satpura.

The guests going to Nagpur left the lodge in the afternoon, as they had a late-night flight to Mumbai.

Main tour Day 9 / Post-tour extension Day 2

Monday 9th April

Those finishing their tour today had an onward flight from Mumbai, having enjoyed a very successful Naturetrek tour.

The others had an early start for our morning drive in Satpura. On the way we saw many Indian Hare and heard Savannah and Indian Nightjars. After reaching the small stream, which is all that was left of the river, we left the vehicle and walked across the river. Our safari jeeps were waiting on the other side. We had a wonderful sighting of the Indian Giant Squirrel and Sambar during the drive. However, most of our time was spent watching the sheer elegance of a Leopardess feeding off a Langur monkey that she had killed. We watched her for more than an hour, and then she went behind the huge dead tree as she hid the Langur carcass, so it was time for us to head for breakfast where we also watched the Common and White-throated Kingfisher in the stream and heard the Stork-billed Kingfisher. As we left, there was information of a Sloth Bear with her cub being spotted; we rushed the spot, as soon as we could, and were able see her. It was amazing to watch her.

Later we returned to the lodge and had our lunch. In and out of the Park, we had good sightings of Spotted Owlets, Common Babblers, Brahminy Starlings, etc. as well. In the afternoon, on the safari, we waited at the Leopard spot, where we were informed by some other guests that the Leopard had gone into a burrow sort of place under a boulder. We waited for a while as we were sure that she would come out, and we would have perfect light setting with the golden light of the evening. The guests in one of our group's jeep decided to move elsewhere. Nearly five minutes after they left, the Leopardess emerged, and our other jeep had a good view of her with excellent light! Meanwhile, those who had moved on enjoyed watching birds like Indian Roller, Lesser Whistling Ducks, Oriental Darter, etc. We also got to see a couple of Marsh Mugger crocodiles. We then returned to the lodge and then met for checklist and dinner.

Post-tour extension Day 3

Tuesday 10th April

This morning we again had an early morning wake up and a safari awaited us! As we left the lodge, there were a few alarm calls by Barking Deer and, as we drove to the park, there were fresh Leopard pugmarks in the soil, very close to the lodge. We followed them to the road, but the Leopard had gone into the forest across the road, where there was no access. After crossing the river, we settled in our designated jeeps, and our safari started. It was overcast, and that made it really gloomy. The park was very quiet. There had been a shower there, hence there were no tracks; there were no alarm calls either, so we decided to drive to the breakfast point. Just as we reached there we heard Langur alarm calls. We waited and waited, then there were Sambar Deer alarm calls, and then Nilgai alarm calls, but the predator proved too elusive. We watched an Indian Giant Squirrel feeding off seeds of a Crocodile Bark tree, before we headed for breakfast.

After breakfast, I decided to drive towards the gate using other route, and we had excellent views of a Crested Serpent Eagle having a drink. We watched the eagle till he finished and flew away, then the waterhole attracted a large herd of Gaur, at least 40 of them. There were also a lot of birds that were seen there, including Puff-throated Babblers, Black-naped Monarch, White-spotted Fantail and Tickell's Blue Flycatcher. Then, as it was getting quite hot, we decided to drive towards the gate, and after only about 20 metres' drive, we encountered a beautiful Sloth Bear mother with a cub on her back, standing on the road watching us! We reversed and waited by the waterhole and watched her as she approached. Then she and her cub had a drink, and then her cub started playing with a pebble on the large boulder by the water. Once she was done, and she left, we too left. It was not only exciting, but also very emotional experience for all of us!

On the afternoon safari, we had very good views of the crocodile in the pond and wonderful sightings of a Crested Serpent Eagle and Painted Storks. 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 park gate, we got to see the same mother and cub Sloth Bear, this time at a distance, foraging for termites under a dead log very close to the waterbody. We later returned to the lodge, and later met for checklist followed by dinner.

Post-tour extension Day 4

Wednesday 11th April

As we went for our morning drive in the park, we saw Indian Nightjar as we reached the entry gate. Once inside, there was plenty of activity of a Tiger and we followed pugmarks of a female on almost all the roads. There were also fresh footprints of a Sloth Bear. We scanned through every bit of road and, as we headed for breakfast, we got to know that someone saw fresh Tiger pugmarks, over the tyre tread-marks. We decided to go there and check again. We drove about a kilometre, before our driver suddenly pushed the brakes and reversed, pointed to a tree and said the magical word... "TIGER"!!! We were in absolute awe, as we never expected a Tiger sighting there, and also of how the driver spotted it! We then went on the other side, anticipating her movement, but it was getting quite hot, and she did not move out into the open. After waiting for a long time, we then went for breakfast. After breakfast, we slowly headed to the gate, and exited the park. Then we returned to the lodge and then rested during the day.

In the afternoon we started at usual time, we had a Buffer-zone safari. We proceeded towards the entry gate. We drove straight to a waterhole and waited there. Our wait was quite long, but we were rewarded with a sighting of a Sloth Bear and her two tiny cubs, who visited the waterhole for a drink. We watched their antics, before they

disappeared into the forest. As we enjoyed some iced tea, we got information about a Leopard being spotted nearby. We rushed there and waited, as the alarm calls were happening. And then suddenly I noticed a little movement quite deep inside the woods, and sure enough, it was the Leopardess with her two very young cubs!! We spent a long time watching them as they moved; they moved onto the road, went across and then disappeared. We then returned to the lodge and headed straight for dinner. After the briefing for the next day, and all the morning's activity, we ended an exciting day and called it a night!

Post-tour extension Day 5

Thursday 12th April

In the morning we drove to the Buffer zone of the park. We drove through small tribal hamlets, before reaching the park gate. As we waited at the gate, we had an amazing sighting of a Golden-fronted Leafbird, perched on a tree nearby. We then drove to the checkpoint to get information of the animal activity there; we also had a good time fighting off a young rescued Black Buck at the forest check-post! Later, we got good sightings of Gaur, Deer, and birds like Painted Storks Junglefowl, Common Kingfisher and Egyptian Vulture. We then enjoyed a wonderful breakfast, as we parked up on a cliff and enjoyed a view with the large reservoir in the distance and the magnificent Satpura mountain range. We then left for 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 had a quick 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 our dinner at 6.30 pm.

After dinner we went directly to the airport to board our flight to Mumbai, and then said goodbye to Kaustubh before catching our flight to Mumbai and then the overnight flight back to the UK.

Post-tour extension Day 6

Friday 13th April

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

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March/April														
			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>												✓		✓	
3	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>														✓	
4	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>														✓	
5	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>							✓					✓	✓	✓	
6	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>														✓	
7	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>													✓	✓	
8	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓				✓		
9	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>						✓									
10	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓					
11	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
12	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</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	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓			✓											
22	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>							✓								
23	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
25	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>															✓
26	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	
27	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>					✓			✓	✓				✓		
28	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

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30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>														✓	
31	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	
33	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
34	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</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	Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>		✓						✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
41	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>														✓	
42	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
43	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						✓				✓					
44	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>						✓	✓	✓			✓				
45	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓					✓		✓
46	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
47	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>													✓		
48	Indian Stone-curlew (split fr Eurasian)	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>		✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	
49	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	?			✓	✓	✓		
50	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>											✓	✓	✓		
51	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓					
52	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓										
54	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>										✓			✓	✓	
55	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>				✓							✓	✓	✓		
56	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>								✓			✓				
57	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					✓										
59	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>													✓		
60	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>											✓	✓	✓		
61	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>													✓	✓	

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62	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓			
63	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓			✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
64	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>								✓	✓					✓		
65	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓			✓		
66	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>					✓											
67	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
68	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓		✓	✓							?	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
70	Southern (Greater) Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
71	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>		✓							✓							
72	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>				✓												
73	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococyx varius</i>		?						✓	✓	✓	✓					
74	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>									✓							
75	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>							✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		
76	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>													✓	✓		
77	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			✓		✓			✓		✓	✓			✓		
78	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓				✓					✓	✓			
79	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>			✓				✓							✓		
80	Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>													✓			
81	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	✓						✓			✓			?	✓		
82	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>							✓								✓	
84	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>				✓										✓		
87	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓										✓				
89	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓							
90	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>					✓					✓						
92	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>				✓					✓							
93	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>															✓	

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126	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>														✓	✓
127	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓												✓	✓	
128	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>										✓					
129	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>										✓					
130	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>														✓	
131	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>												✓	✓		
132	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>												✓			
133	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>								✓		✓					
135	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>									✓						
136	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>					✓	✓									✓
138	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓	✓
139	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	
140	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>					✓										
141	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulvatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
142	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>								✓	✓	✓					
144	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>												✓	✓	✓	
145	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓					✓								
146	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>												✓			
147	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>															✓
148	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>		✓													
149	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
150	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
151	Yellow-throated Sp. (Chestnut-sh. Pet)	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
152	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>										✓					
153	Tricolored (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>			✓												
154	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					✓			✓							
155	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>								✓		✓		✓			
156	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>				✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
157	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>							✓	✓		✓				✓	

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1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>								✓						
2	Unnamed Lizard	<i>Varanus griseus koniecznyi</i>			✓		✓	✓								
3	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓			✓							✓	✓		
4	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓			
5	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus</i> or <i>Gehyra</i> etc sp					✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
6	Southern Indian Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus dorsalis</i>		✓										✓	✓	
7	Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>								✓						
8	Indian (Spectacled) Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>								✓						
9	Common Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>								✓						
10	Butho Scorpion	<i>Buthidae</i> sp.								✓						
11	Leaf-litter Skink	<i>Scincidae</i> sp.											✓			
12	Fan-throated Lizard	<i>Sitana</i> sp.														✓



Maya = cubs - Taboda



Sloth Bear with Cub - Satputa