

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

23 - 31 December 2018



Tigress & cubs



Inquisitive Langur



Oriental Honey-buzzard



Swamp Deer

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Pre-tour Day 2

Wednesday 19th December

Six clients taking the pre-tour extension to Tadoba flew to Mumbai, en route to Nagpur.

Pre-tour Day 2

Thursday 20th December

The guests arrived at the Nagpur airport and were ushered to The Radisson Blu. A welcome dinner was followed during which pleasantries were exchanged and expectations were discussed. Surprisingly, 50% of the guests were first timers in India. With a plan to meet up the next morning for breakfast, we all called it a night.

Pre-tour Day 3

Friday 21st December

Our drive to Tadoba was quite uneventful. We saw some Black Drongos and Indian Rollers on the electrical wires en route. On arriving at the lodge, we had a quick lunch, after which we left for our first safari. The formalities at the gate were duly completed and then we entered the park with high expectations. A Tigress with her two cubs had been seen in the morning and we were hoping we could get a glimpse of at least one of them.

After some anxious moments, we heard a Langur call. We knew we were close, and just as we were going to move ahead, we saw stripes! One of the cubs had just come out of the bush and was looking at us. All of us were thrilled! Lots of clicking with cameras, and 'Oohs' and 'Aahs' could be heard! We saw the other cub also, when he came and joined his sister. The brother definitely looked much bigger – though they were just about 14 months old. Our trip had started on a very positive note.

We returned to the lodge and, after the checklist, we all saw a film on Tadoba called 'Tiger Jungle', which was a part of a series called 'The Secrets of Wild India'. We all went to bed, knowing that the trip could only get better.

Pre-tour Day 4

Saturday 22nd December

An early morning wake-up call with a hot cup of tea was just the way we wanted to start the day. With temperatures hovering around 6°C, we went for our morning safari, driving in the same area where we had left the cubs the previous evening. The mother – Maya – had also joined them, and we spent the whole morning watching the family interact with other. A small herd of Gaur crossed the road, with steam-like breath coming out of their nostrils because of the cold winter morning.

After breakfast, on the way back, one jeep was lucky to spot a female Leopard and the other jeep saw a pack of Wild Dogs. It was indeed a great safari.

After lunch we went to the same lake where we had seen the mother and cubs, hoping to see them again. Lots of water birds like Lesser Whistling Ducks, Red-wattled Lapwing and Knob-billed Ducks were seen in and around the lake. On the way back, both the jeeps were fortunate to see a Tigress – Sonam – who was doing her rounds spray-marking her territory. She was roaring and calling out to her cubs – which were five months old – which were in the undergrowth, very well hidden.

With lots of photos to be downloaded, we returned from the park and after updating the checklist, had dinner and went off to bed.

Pre-tour Day 5/Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 23rd December

The morning started off really well as we saw a male Tiger with his two sub-adult cubs. This was the father of the cubs which we had been seeing for the last two days. Seeing the big male was a surprise, since males do not partake in parental duties. Seeing the three of them together, we knew that the cubs had a safe and secure future.

Two Wild Dogs later, we went to the northern part of the park, which had a big lake called Telia. Seeing Crocodiles was always special in this kind of surrounding, as they were introduced in Tadoba in the late 1950's. With the two top predators in the same forest, the interaction is always interesting to see them. On the way back, we came across a Tigress just sleeping on the side of the road. The Tigress got up and then went into the bush. One more Tiger with a radio collar was also seen by one jeep, just before exiting the park. This meant we saw five Tigers, Wild Dogs and also Crocodiles on a single safari. We just couldn't wait for the afternoon drive.

The safari after lunch was also another exciting one. We went to the big lake where we had seen and heard the Tigress roaring in the morning. Her cubs were in the bush and came out one by one. Within one call from their mother, both the cubs walked out into the open knowing that they would be the future rulers of this kingdom! An Oriental Honey Buzzard was trying to get to a beehive for its grubs and wax. The Wild Dogs also added to this excitement.

After so much of excitement, we needed some quiet time. Exiting the park, we had a long discussion about Tigers over the checklist and, after dinner, went off to bed.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the group left the UK, about to start their adventure.

Pre-tour Day 6/Main Tour Day 2

Monday 24th December

With heavy hearts, knowing it was our last safari here in Tadoba, we went to the lake to see the whereabouts of Maya and her cubs. They were not to be seen nor had left any pugmarks anywhere. We drove towards the north-west end of the park to a beautiful meadow for some grassland birding. We saw a Kestrel looking for lizards and making a couple unsuccessful attempts. As we exited the park, we thanked all the animals for letting us get a glimpse of their world.

After a sumptuous lunch we left for Pench. We arrived there after a straightforward four-hour drive. The main tour was to arrive and, just as we finished the checklist, they all arrived, tired after their travelling. A quick round of introductions were made and then we all had dinner, with lots of excitement expected for the next day's safari.

Day 3

Tuesday 25th December

With a wake-up call at 5.15am, and a hot cup of tea, we eagerly went for our first drive. We had just got into the park when we heard that a Tigress with her six-month-old cubs had just crossed the road. We waited for 10 minutes, and out she came on the road with her two little cubs. We saw her walk the road with so much

confidence, along with her two cubs, and we had ample photo opportunities. Just as she had appeared out of nowhere, she disappeared into the forest, with cubs in tow.

We also saw four Wild Dogs, which suddenly appeared in the area where the Tigress had gone in. Our birding list had a lot of new birds. A Peregrine Falcon perched high on a dry tree looked for prey around, a Common Kestrel hovered around the grassland and a Grey-headed Fishing Eagle watched intently into the river for some breakfast. We also saw a pair of Jackals basking in the sun.

After breakfast we made our way out of the park for a well-earned rest. On our afternoon safari we saw a pair of Mottled Wood Owls sitting high up on a tree, in some dense foliage. It was quite a difficult spot, especially for the guests who wanted to take photos. A Leopard had made a kill of a Spotted Deer and had pulled it up on a big rock. It was clearly visible from the road and all our guests enjoyed this view. It had truly been a great Christmas gift for one and all.

After the checklist we all had dinner and called it a night.

Day 4

Wednesday 26th December

Our last drive in Pench was filled with expectations. The Leopard, which had killed the Spotted Deer on the previous day, was the target for all of us. We were not disappointed, when one of our jeeps saw not one, not two, but three Leopards near the carcass! On further investigation, we realized that it was a mother and her two sub-adult cubs that were there. One of the cubs crossed the road right in front of the jeep! It made the whole safari very special with this sighting. Birds like Lapwings and Ruddy Shelducks were also ticked off by all of the guests.

After lunch we all said goodbye to the naturalist and staff at Tuli Corridor and headed to our next destination – Kanha. En route we saw Black Kites, Indian Rollers and Long-tailed Shrikes perched on electrical posts. On arriving at Kanha Jungle Lodge, we were welcomed by Tarun, Dimple and Jai. After updating our checklist, we all had dinner and went to bed early.

Day 5

Thursday 27th December

A cold morning greeted us on the morning in Kanha. The mist with sunlight piercing through made a picture-postcard photograph. The Barasingha was the highlight of our morning safari. We also heard some alarm calls of the Langur indicating to us that there was a predator close by. Puff-throated Babblers were involved in hunting some insects in the undergrowth of the bamboo clumps. We were surprised by alarm call imitations by a Greater Racket-tailed Drongo. He was sitting on top of a dead tree and mimicking a Spotted Deer giving alarm calls!

After lunch we all went to the park again and were eager to see some predators. In the evening, we were all waiting near the lake for some alarm calls. A Sambar Deer gave an alarm call, which sounded promising. The Langur also joined in the cacophony of alarm calls, which got us excited. We waited for over 40 minutes, but there was no sigh of the striped cat. We had to exit the park, which was a shame, since we knew that the Tiger was going to come out.

On the way back, we saw a big male Barasingha, with grass on his antlers, showing them off to the females. A Spotted Owlet on the wire near the lodge was also seen. A checklist followed by a candlelit dinner was enjoyed by one and all.

Day 6

Friday 28th December

The cold mornings continued and hence we were all wrapped up in blankets. The rutting calls of Barasingha were heard all over the meadows. It was their breeding season and the males in their prime were displaying their antlers with grass as decorations. Some mock fights broke out, but were quickly settled just by some aggressive displays. One of the jeeps had a good sighting of a pair of Wild Dogs, trotting down to the road towards the buffer zone.

After lunch we all went into the park with high expectations, since a Tigress had been seen by the forest guard just before the park gates opened. We all drove to the location, but by then she had already crossed the river and moved towards the non-tourism zone. We also saw a sounder of Wild Boar digging the forest floor and helping the humus formation.

The evening temperature also dipped further and so did our spirits with the Tiger. Returning to the lodge we all did the checklist and snuggled into our warm beds!

Day 7

Saturday 29th December

The temperature further dipped. It was 1°C and the frost covered the grounds of the forests. Our luck was about to change. We drove into the park and saw some fresh pugmarks, leading to a small lake. Just as we were about to start the car, there from the mist she emerged like a Phantom. With her breath piercing the cold temperature, it was a splendid sight. She walked straight towards us, spraying particular trees as she walked into the undergrowth, only to reemerge on the other side of the forest where we all were waiting with baited breath. Our other jeep also joined us, and we all realized that this was such a privilege to watch such a charismatic cat in its natural surroundings.

Over a picnic breakfast, we all discussed the sighting, only to get information that a courting pair was seen some distance away. We all quickly went to that grassland and sure enough we saw them in the undergrowth enjoying the winter sun. The Tigress then stalked a Spotted Deer, and out of the blue, like a bolt of lightning she caught the deer. We were just stunned! We had seen a Tigress make a successful kill. Oh, what a day!

After lunch the last jeep went in search of this courting pair but had to return unsuccessfully. A pair of Spotted Owlets told us that it was time for us to exit the park. A beautiful setting for our farewell dinner was just the perfect end for the main trip. Tomorrow we would all split and go our own ways.

Day 8/Post-tour extension Day 1

Sunday 30th December

Our morning wake-up call was at 7am, which was totally unheard of during this trip. We had been waking up at around 5am everyday for our safari, in the dark! After having breakfast those taking the post-tour extension departed for Satpura while the main tour people left for Nagpur to catch their flight home.

The eight-hour drive from Kanha to Satpura was really nice. We stopped along the way in some villages to see their lifestyles and also to stretch some tired legs! Birds on the wires included Black-winged Kites, Green Bee-eaters, Black Drongos, Indian Rollers and even a Black Redstart! On reaching Reni Pani, we were welcomed by Ali and his team. After a quick orientation and briefing about the park and the lodge, we were escorted into our rooms. Our checklist followed and we all went to bed with lots of excitement about the next four days!

Day 9/Post-tour extension Day 2

Monday 31st December

The last day of the year! Those returning home landed back in the UK after an amazing trip.

Meanwhile, in Satpura, it was not as cold as Kanha, but still we were all wrapped in blankets as we went for our first drive into Satpura National Park. At the first small pool of water, some Pond Herons and Ruddy Shelducks were busy going about their business, and on the bank were some Crocodiles waiting for the morning sun! Lots of birds like Black-rumped Flameback, Brown Woodshrikes, Racket-tailed Drongos and Crested Serpent Eagle were seen. We also saw a beautiful Crested Hawk-Eagle looking for breakfast. Gaur, Sambar and Chital were all seen in plenty. One of the jeeps also saw a black rock moving - Sloth Bear! We were excited to see this Sloth bear female furiously digging into a termite mound. Seeing her in her natural surroundings was really amazing. We all went out of the park for lunch on a high, knowing that the Sloth Bear would not move too far from this location and we would have another chance to view her again.

After lunch we all went to the same place where we had seen the Sloth Bear last, but she had disappeared. One of the jeeps tracked a Leopard successfully, and just as it was about to come out, one of the other vehicles made some sound, because of which the Leopard did not appear. We did see another glimpse of a different Sloth Bear, but it was not as good as the morning one. We all had had a great day and returned to the lodge to celebrate and bring in the New Year.

Post-tour extension Day 3

Tuesday 1st January

Our new year started on a great note. After exchanging New Year pleasantries with all the guides and drivers, we all entered the park, only to be welcomed by a big male Leopard. He was just sitting by the side of the tree intently watching a small group of Spotted Deer. As soon as he knew he was noticed, he looked at us to acknowledge us and disappeared into the bush. We were not at all ready for this sighting. We also heard that there was a Sloth Bear seen, and we went to that area and got a small glimpse of the bear hidden in the bush. Only his rear could be seen!

After lunch we went to see the Blackbucks in the open fields around Satpura. We saw about 28 individuals, which were with a big male. They were 'pronging' when they were driven out from the farmlands. Lots of 'bird on the wire' birding was also done. We saw Indian Silverbill in large numbers. We also saw the mighty Eagle-Owl on the banks of a canal, which was very vocal. One of the jeeps also saw a Jungle Cat, which was out on a hunt. Irrespective of the size of the predator, we were all chuffed about seeing it. Returning to the lodge we had a lovely barbeque dinner and went to bed.

Post-tour extension Day 4

Wednesday 2nd January

It was our last safari inside the National Park for the trip, and we wanted to end it on a high. We went into the park with our focus on the Sloth Bear. We hunted high and low looking for a 'black rock', which also moved. We saw the Indian Giant Squirrel jumping from one tree to another, going about its daily business. One jeep was lucky to witness an Indian Hare in broad daylight. It is quite rare to see them active at that time of the day.

We all exited the park, only to be going out for a night patrol in the early part of the evening. The zone we went to promised to give us a different perspective of the buffer, where lots of nocturnal animals can be seen. Three Jungle Cats, an Asian Palm Civet, a Small Indian Civet, and lots of Hare rewarded us with their private lives. Spotting them in the torchlight was really something special. Returning to the lodge just after 8pm, we had dinner and straight went to bed.

Post-tour extension Day 5

Thursday 3rd January

Our very last safari was by boat on the waters of Denwa River. We covered many water birds, but the definite highlight was a 14-foot Muggler crocodile. She lay there basking in the sun. We even got close enough to it to be able to get very good pictures. The breakfast was had on the boat itself, watching Gaur and Nilgai close by. It was such a special moment. We all left Reni Pani with a heavy heart, promising that we would all return again and enjoy this pristine habitat.

After lunch, en route to Bhopal, we visited the Bhimbetka caves and were amazed in the rock paintings. A quick cup of coffee in Bhopal was followed by goodbyes at the airport. This was a great tour where we all met as strangers and departed as friends.

Post-tour extension Day 6

Friday 4th January

After an overnight flight, the rest of the Naturetrek group members arrived back in the UK.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	December/January													
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	2	3+1	5+3		3				3					
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		✓			3	3						✓		
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita/kutas</i>												✓	✓	
4	Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>													✓	
5	Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>													✓	
6	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	S. Plains (Common) Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Indian Small Mongoose	<i>Herpestes auro punctatus</i>			✓							✓				
9	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓											
10	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
11	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓						
12	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>											✓			
13	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>					✓								✓	
14	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>		✓										✓	✓	
15	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
17	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>											✓			
18	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
19	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>							✓	✓	✓					
20	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
21	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
22	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>							✓					✓		
23	Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>													✓	
24	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	
25	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
26	Gaur	<i>Bos gauras</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27	Pipistrelle bat sp.		✓													
28	Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>													✓	

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Birds

1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
2	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>													✓	✓
3	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>		✓												✓
4	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓							✓	✓
5	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>								✓						✓
6	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>									✓	✓				✓
7	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>													✓	
8	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>								✓		✓				
9	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>								✓					✓	✓
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>							✓			✓				✓
11	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								✓	✓	✓				✓
12	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>														✓
13	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdicula asiatica</i>							✓						✓	✓
14	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓				✓
15	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>														✓
16	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
17	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>		✓	✓	✓										✓
18	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>									✓	✓				✓
20	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>						✓							✓	✓
21	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓						✓	✓
22	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
23	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>						✓							✓	✓
24	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓			✓
25	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
26	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>														✓
27	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>														✓
28	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>														✓
29	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓

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			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
31	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	
32	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
33	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					✓			✓		✓			✓	
35	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓										✓	
37	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
38	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>		✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	
39	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>													✓	
40	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
41	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓	✓				✓						✓	
42	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>							✓						✓	
43	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
44	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓										✓		
45	Changeable (Crested) Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	
46	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	
47	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>													✓	
48	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				✓		✓					✓		✓	
49	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>					✓	✓		✓						
50	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
51	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
52	Indian Stone-curlew (split fr Eurasian)	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>					✓	✓								
53	Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>													✓	
54	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓	
55	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>											✓	✓	✓	
56	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>									✓					
57	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓		✓						✓	
59	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>													✓	
60	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓										✓		
61	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
62	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓		

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63	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>														✓
64	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>									✓					
65	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					✓									
66	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>									✓					
67	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>														✓
68	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>			✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
69	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>											✓		✓	
70	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>										✓	✓			
71	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
72	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				✓										
73	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>										✓				✓
75	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>												✓		
76	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
77	Southern (Greater) Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
78	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>				✓				✓		✓				✓
79	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓				✓				
80	Indian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>													✓	
81	Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>														
82	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>					✓									
83	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓					
84	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>					✓			✓						
85	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>														✓
86	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					✓									
87	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>												✓		✓
89	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓					✓					✓	✓
91	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓									✓				✓
92	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>							✓						✓	

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95	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
96	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>				✓				✓		✓				
97	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>		✓												
98	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>							✓							
99	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>												✓		
100	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>					✓									
101	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
102	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>										✓			✓	
103	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓							
104	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					✓									
105	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
106	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
107	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>					✓									
109	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	✓				✓			✓					✓	✓
110	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>					✓							✓	✓	
111	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>										✓				
112	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>								✓						✓
113	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>									✓	✓				
114	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>				✓		✓			✓	✓				✓
115	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>				✓										
116	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
117	Indian Golden Oriole (split)	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>								✓	✓			✓		
118	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
119	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
121	Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>						✓								
122	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	White-spotted Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>			✓											
124	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>													✓	
125	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>		✓							✓	✓				
126	Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>									✓					

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127	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
128	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓	
129	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
130	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>												✓		
131	Cinereous Tit (split fr Great)	<i>Parus cinereus</i>					✓					✓		✓		
132	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>							✓						✓	
133	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				✓										
134	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
135	White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>		✓					✓	✓						
136	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
137	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>													✓	
138	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>		✓								✓				
139	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
140	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					
141	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>				✓								✓		
142	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>							✓					✓		
143	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓			✓										
144	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓	✓			✓						✓		
145	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>			✓		✓				✓					
146	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>									✓					
147	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>								✓						
148	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>				✓								✓		
149	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
150	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>										✓				
151	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>				✓								✓		
152	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>												✓		
153	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>							✓							
154	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>														
155	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>							✓							
156	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
157	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓				
158	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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159	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>									✓	✓			✓	
160	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
161	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
162	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>					✓									
163	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	✓								✓	✓			✓	
164	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>			✓					✓				✓	✓	
165	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	✓							✓						
166	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>								✓		✓	✓			
167	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliosa</i>								✓						
168	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>				✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
169	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>				✓		✓			✓					
170	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>				✓		✓						✓		
171	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>										✓				
172	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓											✓	
173	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	
174	Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>				✓		✓	✓						✓	
175	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>						✓	✓							
176	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>													✓	
177	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>		✓												
178	Tricolored (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>			✓											
179	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>						✓								
180	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
181	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓							✓	✓	
182	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatisensis</i>											✓	✓	✓	
183	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>						✓	✓						✓	
184	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>				✓					✓					

Other fauna

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1	Marsh Muggger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
2	Common Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>			✓											